

THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF
saint maurice
A TITHING AND M-E-R-C-Y PARISH

32 Hebron Road Bolton, Ct 06043

Parish Office 860-643-4466
Parish Center 860-643-8374
Prayer Line 860-643-2837
Rectory Line 860-288-4129



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 8, 2024

Administrator

Rev. Michael Phillippino

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Richard Breton

Prayer Line

Carol Zabielski 860-643-2837

Director of Faith Formation

Amie Tillmann

860-212-3901 or saintmauriceccd@gmail.com

Organist and Choir Director

Don Benevides 860-871-0752

Office Hours

Tuesday and Friday 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Telephone: 860-643-4466

Email: saintmauricechurchbolton@gmail.com

Ministry to the Homebound

Patricia Cinea 860-646-0564

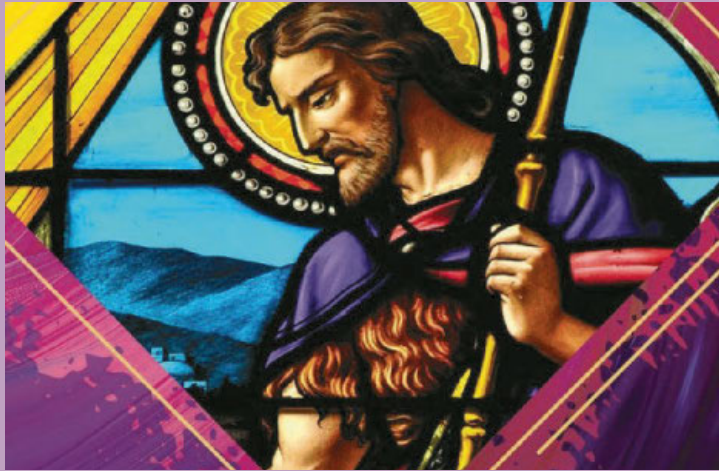
Fair and Workshops

Sharon Scorso 860-646-1423

Website

www.saintmauricebolton.org

**If you need a priest for an emergency
at St. Maurice Church, please call: 860-288-4129**



In the year 1995, in the seventeenth year of my life, when Fife Symington was governor of Arizona, Bill Clinton was president of the United States, Chuck Keiffer was pastor of St. Theresa parish in Phoenix, Arizona, and Ron and Mary were my parents, the word of God came to my youth minister Eric and through him I started to see the salvation of God. Soon, Christ came into my life never to leave. I'm thankful beyond words.

Why am I being so specific, you ask? Because in the Gospel this week we hear the specific names of people holding civic and religious authority in first century Palestine when **"the word of God came to John the Baptist:"** Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, Lysanias, Annas, Caiaphas, and Zechariah. All this is meant to help us see that God breaks into our *history*, into real human events. Jesus is no mere myth. He is the Word-which-breaks-in, in concrete moments, you might say. And now we anticipate his coming once again in our specific situations.

Advent challenge: Name as many civic and religious leaders who are in authority currently in your life. Now, name who the potential John the Baptists may be. A spouse? A friend? A podcaster? A work colleague who brings God's word to you? Spend a moment considering that this comprises the concrete, historical setting into which Christ wishes to come. Then, with these specifics in mind, pray: "Come, Lord Jesus. Come."
— *Father John Muir*



WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at a Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Saturday 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the Parish Office (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Please call the Parish Office (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-4466.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 — 2nd Sunday of Advent (Vigil)

4:00 P.M. †Esther Lipta — requested by Father Richard
†Linda LaChapelle — requested by Linda Armstrong

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 — 2nd Sunday of Advent

7:30 A.M. †Lillian Travaglone
requested by Shirley Holbrook

10:00 A.M. For All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 A.M. For All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 — No Mass

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 — ADVENT WEEKDAY

9:00 A.M. For Living & Deceased of the Nadeau Family
requested by Paulette Marquis

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12 — OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

9:00 A.M. For Living & Deceased of the Nadeau Family
requested by Paulette Marquis

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13 — Advent Weekday

9:00 A.M. †Robert Hunt — requested by Jane Hunt

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 — 3rd Sunday of Advent (Vigil)

4:00 P.M. For All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 — 3rd Sunday of Advent

7:30 A.M. †Frances Moseley

10:00 A.M. †Barbara and †Donald Sullivan



ST. MAURICE COUNCIL 6199
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROSARY
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH AT 3:30P.M.

Delicious
Pancake Breakfast

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AT THE TRIPLE PLAY CAFE



Time: 8:00 A.M. — 10:00 A.M.
Date: Sunday, December 8th
Location: St. Maurice Parish Center
\$6.00 / Person \$18.00 / Family

Sponsored by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus



Blessing of the Outdoor Nativity
Please join us on Saturday, December 14th
5:00PM for the Blessing of the Outdoor Creche.
Immediately following the 4:00PM Vigil Mass we will
gather outside to bless and light our outdoor manger.
Following the Blessing refreshments will be served in the
parish center.

^ Tear off

Parish Membership Form

Drop in collection ^

Please enroll the following as members of the Church of St. Maurice:

Adults _____

Children (under 18) _____

Street Address _____ E-mail Address _____

City State Zip _____ E-mail Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Send offertory envelopes _____ Send form for EFT (electronic donation) _____ We will Donate Online _____

We can help out as: Altar server _ Lector _ Usher _ Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion _ Choir _ Crafts workshop _

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE

Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line and Faith Formation Students Prayer Requests.

New requests this week: Jodie; Geraldine; Katherine; Kaitlyn; Seva; Tiffany; Carl; Nick and Sam; Dom; Chris; Bob; Joe; Andy; Malcolm (Matt), who has passed away.

Candle Intentions: Special prayers for the Intentions in the Candle Note Book.

Please call Carol Zabielski at (860) 643-2837

ST. MAURICE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry are making full size prayer shawls for our long term care patients. Also, mini pocket prayer shawls are available for everyone.

If you can help in any way in this Ministry, please call:
Irene Zdrojowy (860) 533-1733

JOIN THE PARISH CHOIR

Choir rehearsals every Tuesday at 7:15 p.m.
New members most welcome.



Rosary Every Saturday at 3:30 PM in the Cry Room

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: December 1 — TBD
November 24 — Weekly Collection — \$2,423
Online Giving — \$859.81
Total: \$3,282.81

Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...” (PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that “gift” truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your “obligation” to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them and learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less “stuff” and spend more time with those you love.

FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH



“Are you a Catholic man, over the age of 18? Why not put your values into action and join the Knights of Columbus? We are a group of Catholic men supporting our Parish and building a bridge back to faith. Knights will be available after Mass and at the parish breakfast to answer any questions or accept applications. Or, join online for FREE at: www.kofc.or/join. QR code for the link:



St. Junipero Serra Parish – Christmas Choir Concert
We invite everyone to our annual free Christmas Choir Concert to be held on **Friday December 20, 2024 at 7pm at St. Margaret Mary Church, 80 Hayes Rd., South Windsor, CT**
The adult choir is accompanied by a 23-piece chamber orchestra and organ. New this year is a selection sung by our Youth Choir. We will be performing beautiful arrangements of many beloved Christmas carols and songs. Don't miss it!

Christmas Pageant



Saint Maurice will continue the long-standing tradition of having a Christmas Pageant at the 4:00 p.m. mass on Christmas Eve. All generations enjoy seeing the children act out the story of the birth of Jesus at Mass. There are roles for all ages from sheep in the manger to Mary and Joseph. Amie Tillmann will be coordinating the play, and parent participation is always welcome! We always appreciate your help guiding the children during the play. If you or your child is interested in participating, please contact Amie Tillmann at saintmauricecd@gmail.com. Practice will be the Sunday December 15th and 22nd, after 10:00 a.m. Mass.

FROM SAINT MAURICE SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP



“SLEIGH BELLS RING” MINI FAIR

will take place in the Parish Center on **December 8th, 8 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.** There are many gift items available along with mixes for your holiday giving. Come take a look for those last minute gifts.

SLEIGH BELLS RING SEASONAL SHARING



As we have done in the past, this year the St. Maurice faith community will support the less fortunate in Bolton too. Please drop off non-perishable food donations at the Church or Parish Center by **Sunday, December 22nd for Christmas food delivery.** If you prefer to give money, please make your check payable to “Church of St. Maurice” with the memo “Christmas food” and put in the regular collection or mail. **Thank you for your support. It does make a difference!**



THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

with the bells for Bolton Families in need is in the church. If you can help by purchasing a requested gift for a Bolton resident this Christmas, please take a bell off the tree and return unwrapped gifts with the bell attached by **Sunday, December 15th.** If you can't shop at this time, please send a check to St. Maurice with “Seasonal Sharing” in the memo line, and we will do the shopping for you. Thank you for your continued support. Questions? Please call Sharon 860729-4399

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



Celebrate with us!
The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Thursday, 12 December, 2024
Cathedral of St. Patrick
213 Broadway, Norwich
6:30pm Rosary and opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation
7:00pm Holy Mass (bi-lingual)
Principal Celebrant:

Most Rev. Juan Miguel Betancourt *Auxiliary bishop of Hartford*
Fiesta following in the Church Hall

YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS CENTRAL CT

A NIGHT ON THE ICE

FEEL THE SPIRIT OF WINTER THROUGH THE ICE!
FREE FOR YCP MEMBERS
\$15 FOR NON-MEMBERS

WHEN: SATURDAY DECEMBER 14
TIME: 7:00 – 8:00 PM
VETERANS MEMORIAL ICE RINK
56 BUENA VISTA RD
WEST HARTFORD, CT 06107

RSVP TODAY!



OUTREACH TO HAITI

“We pray for the staff of Norwich Outreach to Haiti, for all the people we serve and for all the people of Haiti, that the be an end to violence currently overwhelming that land. May peace and justice prevail there.”


You Can Help Your Marriage – If you want to improve your marriage in the new year, consider attending a **Retrouvaille** marriage help program. The next local weekend will take place January 31 - February 2, 2025. **Retrouvaille**, a Catholic-based ministry, provides tools to help you communicate better, resolve conflicts, and rediscover a loving marriage. For information, call confidentially 1-800-470-2230, email helds4marriage@gmail.com or go to our website www.helpourmarriage.org.



VIRTUAL ADVENT MISSION

Join us on **Thursday December 5, 12, and 19 at 7P.M.** for the Virtual Advent Mission. The theme for this year's mission is, "The Hospitality of Advent," and invites participants to explore the profound significance of opening both our hearts and homes to welcome Jesus during the Advent season. Through engaging discussions and reflective activities, attendees will deepen their understanding of hospitality as a spiritual practice, fostering a spirit of generosity and love in their lives. To register, contact Alvania Tejada at faithevents@norwichdiocese.net or call 860-848-2237 ex. 304

SUPPORT
OUR
PARISH



Helping Hands Home Care

Providing high quality, yet affordable home care services to the elderly since 1996.

LIVE IN OR BY THE HOUR
860-645-7667
Bolton

HIGHLAND PARK MARKET

Manchester, 317 Highland Street
860-646-4277

Glastonbury, 1320 Manchester Road
860-659-1717

Your Local, Family Owned Market!

Family Owned & Operated Since 1972



AUTO REPAIR INC.
Foreign & Domestic Repairs

Paul Locicero
860-646-5036
FAX 860-646-1552
174 West Center St., - Manchester




(860) 649-5371
Fax(860) 649-8046

Lawrence F. Fiano
BUILDERS & DEVELOPERS

266 BOSTON TURNPIKE
BOLTON CT 06043

LAWN & GARDEN EQUIPMENT
COMMERCIAL TURF EQUIPMENT



Over 100 Years of Service

228 Boston Tpk. (860) 643-9492
Bolton, CT (800) 359-8810
(Route 6 & 44) www.whpreuss.com
Off I-384, Exit 5 w.h.p@comcast.net

Thomas J. Tierney Dalton J. Zahner
Thomas F. Tierney

Family Owned & Operated

John F. Tierney Funeral Home Inc.

Serving the Community for Over Sixty Years.

219 West Center Street • Manchester, CT 06040
(860) 643-1222
www.tierneyfuneralhome.com



CITYWIDE HOMES

FULL SERVICE REMODELERS

Sick of poor service and generic quality from contractors? We return every call, email, and text. We keep every appointment. We stay educated and on-trend. No job is too big or too small. We are trustworthy and honest.

FOR PICS AND REVIEWS GO TO OUR GOOGLE LISTING AND CITYWIDEHOMESCT.COM

SUPPORT
OUR
ADVERTISERS!



Annette
Pasek

2790 Main St
Glastonbury, CT
860-490-8357

Your Local Market Expert!
annettepasek@bhhsne.com
annettepasek.bhhsneproperties.com

BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY | New England Properties



FREE AD DESIGN
with purchase of this space

CALL
800-477-4574

Kitchens, baths, tile, flooring, drywall, paint, windows, doors, decks siding, roofs, and everything else.

Call us at 860-836-0297
ALL CALLS RETURNED GUARANTEED!

OWNED AND OPERATED BY
LIFETIME PARISHIONER OF THE
HARTFORD ARCHDIOCESE
CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED • LIC # HIC.0639110

WESTOWN PHARMACY



455 Hartford Road
Manchester
Phone 649-9946
Open 7 days

WE APPRECIATE OUR ADVERTISERS!

They allow us to print this bulletin. Thank you!



860-649-2871

HEATING - COOLING - PLUMBING

www.MMCOilCo.com

Heating Oil Furnaces Boilers Diesel Fuel
Air Conditioning Plumbing Well Pumps Water Treatment

ADT-Monitored Home Security

Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide

Authorized Provider SafeStreets

833-287-3502




LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Place Your Ad Here and Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME Tom Bergles

tbergles@4LPi.com
(800) 950-9952 x2454

SIMONIZ

FOR OVER 100 YEARS

Cleaning and protection products for auto dealerships, professional car washes and providers of professional housekeeping and building maintenance services.

800-227-5536
www.simoniz.com

201 Boston Turnpike, Bolton, CT 06043

IF YOU LIVE ALONE

MDMedAlert!™ STARTING AT \$19⁹⁵/mo.

At HOME and AWAY!

- Ambulance/Police
- Family/Friends
- GPS & Fall Alert

CALL NOW! **800.809.3570** md-medalert.com



SHORT STAFFED?

Place an ad here to find new local talent for your business.

CALL 800-477-4574



Ted's IGA Market

Rte. 66, Hebron
Save \$5.00

Present this Coupon and save \$5.00 off any purchase of \$50 or more

Thank You For Shopping
Ted's Your Hometown
Proud Supermarket
(Excluding cigarettes, Limit one) plu 250