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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 DECEMBER 15, 2024



3RD SUNDAY
 OF ADVENT

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming."
 - Lk 3:16a

On a bright Spring morning, a passerby once saw St. Francis of Assisi hoeing a row of beans and asked him, "What would you be doing right now if you knew this was the last day of your earthly life?" The Saint responded, "I'd keep hoeing this row of beans." Preparing for this world to end — whether by our death or by Jesus' glorious coming — invites us to live not in the past or the present, but deeply in the present moment.

This same point is on display in the simple advice given by the wild and eccentric John the Baptist. He speaks of the one who is to come who will baptize "with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Luke 3:16). Despite the bizarre awesomeness of this announcement, he tells his listeners to engage in the present moment with simple acts of justice and love as their preparation for Jesus' coming, sharing their clothes and food, eliminating greedy and underhanded practices, being content with their wages. It's so undramatic. But how many actually did it? We don't know. How many of us will commit ourselves to these types of humble and demanding practices in our lives? That's what we should be doing now in our present moment, not worrying about the future.

Advent challenge: Name one way you are doing the bare minimum towards others in your daily life. Or name something you are doing because you are not content with your financial situation. Pray: "Jesus, if it is your will, help me to stop doing these things this week. Help me prepare for your coming." Then make the appropriate changes.

— Father John Muir



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 at St. Maurice Church, please call: 860-288-4129**

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 14 — 15, 2022

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16 — No MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17 — No MASS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18 — ADVENT WEEKDAY

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19 — ADVENT WEEKDAY

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20 — Advent Weekday

9:00 A.M. For the Faithful Departed

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 — 4th Sunday of Advent (Vigil)

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 — 4th Sunday of Advent

7:30 A.M. For All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

10:00 A.M. † Esther Lipta — requested by Father Richard

**Seasonal Sharing
Christmas Food & Gift Distribution**

Time: Sunday, December 22, 11:00 a.m. (Drivers)

Place: Parish Center, Ryba Hall

What: Delivery of food and other groceries to Bolton families in need.

Contact: Tom Manning (860) 990-4698 cell

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



**Sunday Vespers — Evening Prayer
from the Liturgy of the Hours**
Sunday at 5:30 p.m. in the Church
duration 30 minutes

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: Denise, Asher, Ben, who has died, Deb, Mary Ann, John, Andrea, Mary Ann Murphy, who has died, Chris, Vivian, Bob, Debbie, Carolyn, Chris, Martin.

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



**St. MAURICE COUNCIL 6199
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
BUSINRSS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, 7:00P.M.**

Prayer for the Third Sunday of Advent

Dear Lord, Give us boldness as we move through the motions of the holiday season, to reflect and remind those around us of Your deep and abiding love for them. Allow them to encounter Your love, through us. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: December 8 — TBD

Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."

(PHILIPPIANS 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

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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 ST. MAURICE PARISH



2024 ACA update: As of November 25, 2024, **Saint Maurice Parish, Bolton** has donated **\$12,387.39** or **98.74%** of its goal, and **27.50%** of your parishioners have donated. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE! Our campaign year ends December 31, 2024. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. If you have not made your contribution to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal, **“One Faith, One Family”**, or would like to make an additional gift, donation envelopes are still available within the church, or you can contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

Thank you to everyone for your support!

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 saintmauriceccd@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 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

Do you have season tickets? A vacation home? Or are you a local business that offers Gift Cards?

The Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference Committee is looking for **donations** for our 2025 Women's Conference Silent Auction.

All proceeds go to support the annual Women's Conference. The Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference has been going strong for 14 years and continues to provide exciting speakers and enrichment for the women of the Norwich Diocese and beyond.

Please contact Liza Roach @ 860-848-2237 ext. 305 or lroach@norwichdiocese.net if you are interested in giving your tax deductible donation today.

Thank you!!



The monthly Healing Masses that take place every third Sunday of the month at Holy Family Church in Hebron/Amston, are suspended until further notice, due to circumstances beyond our control. We apologize for any inconvenience.




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 there 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 hlds4marriage@gmail.com or go to our website www.helpourmarriage.org.

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