

# The Catholic Community Of Saint Maurice

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
JANUARY 5, 2025



## WELCOME!

Welcome to the parish of Saint Maurice.  
If you are new, please introduce yourself to the priest after Mass.  
We are always looking to meet new parishioners.  
While you are here, you are a part of our family!

### Parish Information

#### Mailing Address

32 Hebron Road  
Bolton, CT  
06043

#### Phone Numbers

Rectory 860-288-4129  
Parish Office 860-643-446  
Parish Center 860-643-8374  
Faith Formation 860-646-6314  
Music Director 860-871-0752

#### Office Hours

Tuesday & Friday  
10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

#### Website:

[www.saintmauricebolton.org](http://www.saintmauricebolton.org)

Parish Email Address

[saintmauricechurchbolton@gmail.com](mailto:saintmauricechurchbolton@gmail.com)

Faith Formation Email Address

[saintmauriceccd@gmail.com](mailto:saintmauriceccd@gmail.com)

### Parish Staff

Reverend Michael Phillippino, Administrator  
Reverend Richard D. Breton, Jr., Parochial Vicar

Amie Tillmann, Director of Faith Formation  
Don Benevides, Director of Music

#### SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

##### Mass Schedule

Vigil Mass - Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday Masses - 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.  
Holy Days - 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Saturday 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. (Or by appointment)

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

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

#### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

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

#### PASTORAL CARE TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

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.

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**JANUARY 4 — 5**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 4 — Epiphany (Vigil Mass)**  
**4:00 P.M.** For All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 — The Epiphany of the Lord**  
**7:30 A.M.** † All Souls in Purgatory  
**10:00 A.M.** † Carolita Carla Lat  
Requested by Carl Girasoli

**MONDAY, JANUARY 6 — No Mass**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 7 — No Mass**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8**  
**9:00 A.M.** For increased Vocations to the Priesthood in the  
Diocese of Norwich

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 9**  
**9:00 A.M.** For a new Bishop in the Diocese of Norwich

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 10**  
**9:00 A.M.** For Living & Deceased of the Marquis Family  
requested by Paulette Marquis

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 11 — (Vigil, Baptism of the Lord)**  
**4:00 P.M.** For All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 — The Baptism of the Lord**  
**7:30 A.M.** † All Souls in Purgatory  
**10:00 A.M.** † Barbara and Donald Sullivan

**RESOLUTION FOR 2025**

**LORD, may all that we do this year  
 Begin with your Inspiration,  
 Continue with your Help, and  
 Reach Perfection under your Guidance.**

- adapted from prayer for the Thursday after Ash Wednesday



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**Parish Volunteer Form**

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I would like to build the kingdom of God at St. Maurice as:

Altar server \_\_\_ Lector \_\_\_ Usher \_\_\_ Eucharistic Minister \_\_\_ Choir \_\_\_ Prayer Line \_\_\_ Flowers & Linens \_\_\_  
 Crafts workshop \_\_\_ Christmas Fair \_\_\_ Fellowship Circle \_\_\_ Knights of Columbus \_\_\_ Faith Formation \_\_\_  
 Parish Council \_\_\_ Finance Council \_\_\_ Property Management \_\_\_ Evangelization (publicity) \_\_\_ Stewardship \_\_\_

**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: Michael, Nick, Noah, Joshua, Kathleen, Rachel, Katherine, Krystal, 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



**Sunday Vespers — Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours**

Sunday at 5:30 p.m. in the Church duration 30 minutes



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



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

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Offertory: December 29 — TBD  
 Projected Amount needed — \$3,670**

*“...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” - MATTHEW 2:11*

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ’s wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

Have you ever wondered *why* the magi had gold, frankincense, and myrrh? Matthew's Gospel tells us, "**Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh**" (Matt. 2:11). Why are these things their "treasures"? One possible answer is they were magicians and astrologers, and these three items were the tools of their questionable trade. In offering them to Christ, they demonstrate that they will cease using such items to predict or control life. They place this baby-king, the God of Israel, at the center of their lives, and not their own devices of control, manipulation and prediction.

Isn't that what we need to do, too? Consider, for example, the magical power of money, symbolized by the magi's gold. Seemingly whatever we ask of money, it does. It wields a god-like power over the world. It can predict the future by guaranteeing better outcomes for us — which is why it is such a tempting alternative to trusting in God. The problem is such absolute trust in money enslaves us to the economic forces that make money so powerful. In paying homage to Jesus with "gold" (i.e., tithing), we participate in his authority over (and therefore freedom from) the magical sway of money.

What things in your life do you use to predict or control your future? What in your life seems to give you power over the world? Those are your treasures. Are you tired of feeling enslaved to them? Find a way to open them and give them to Christ, and you will be freer.

— *Father John Muir*

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**FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH**

**Knights of Columbus Council 6199  
Breakfast Buffet**

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday 1/12/2025  
Place: Ryba Hall, Parish Center  
What: Breakfast Buffet with pancakes, scrambled eggs, fruit salad, etc.  
New items being added:  
Breakfast sandwiches, eggs to order  
Cost: \$6 per person, \$18 per family  
Contact: Ted Lloyd, Grand Knight  
(860) 512-0251

**Knights of Columbus Council 6199  
Cor is coming to St. Maurice!**

Cor (heart) is a program based on fraternity, prayer, and faith formation. The first monthly meeting is planned for Sunday, January 26, 2005 at 9 a.m. in the Parish Center (at the same time as faith formation for youth). Deacon David Imhof, Connecticut State Evangelization and Faith Formation Director, will lead us.

**Knights of Columbus Council 6199  
Upcoming Events**

Time: 5:00 p.m. after the Vigil Mass  
Saturday 2/15/2025  
Place: Ryba Hall, Parish Center  
What: Valentine's Day Dinner  
Time: 8:00 a.m. until Noon  
Sunday 3/16/2025  
Place: Ryba Hall, Parish Center  
What: Full Irish Breakfast for St. Patrick's Day

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**

Archbishop Christopher Coyne, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Norwich, shares a heartfelt message this Christmas. He reflects on the blessings of the season and the anticipation of a new chapter for the Diocese. He acknowledges this time of transition, encouraging prayers and preparation as we await the appointment of a new bishop.

Highlighting the importance of peace, Archbishop Coyne calls on the faithful to remember those affected by conflict and war. "Pray for peace, especially in places of Africa where war is raging, the Holy Land and Ukraine," he says, adding a wish for safety: "People who are there may have a safe day, at least during these Christmas days and Christmas season."

As we welcome the Prince of Peace, Archbishop Coyne urges reflection on our blessings and the opportunity to share them with others. "Take some time to consider how truly blessed we are and to pray for the same blessings for them," he says. Concluding his message, he warmly offers, "My name is Archbishop Christopher Coyne. Merry Christmas."

His words inspire hope, gratitude, and unity this Christmas as the Diocese looks toward the future with faith.

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**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults  
Retreat: The Holy Spirit - Awaken!**

Saturday, February 22, 2025  
9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mass 5:00 p.m.  
Cathedral of St. Patrick  
Norwich, Connecticut

Catechumens and Candidates are welcome to attend the day filled with prayer, witness talks, and more. To register, contact Alvania Tejada:

faithevents@norwichdiocese.net  
(860) 848-2237 x304

**The Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference  
invites you to  
Dinner with Jesus**

How are We the Image of Christ?  
Retreat Leader: Lisa Irish


Lisa is a chaplain, published author, retreat speaker, and spiritual director.

**Save the Date!  
March 19, 2025**

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