

# The Catholic Community Of Saint Maurice

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD  
FEBRUARY 2, 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  
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#### Phone Numbers

Rectory 860-288-4129  
Parish Office 860-643-4466  
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)

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

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### 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 5:00 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.

**St. Maurice Mass Intentions**  
**FEBRUARY 1 — FEBRUARY 9**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1 — (Vigil Mass)**  
**4:00 P.M.** For All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2**  
**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

**7:30 A.M.** † Keith Depath  
**10:00 A.M.** For Vocations to the Priesthood

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3 — No MASS**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4 — No MASS**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 — St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr**

**9:00 A.M.** Living and Deceased Members of the Nadeau Family

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6 — St. Paul Miki**

**9:00 A.M.** Living and Deceased Members of the Marquis Family

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7 — First Friday Mass and Adoration**

**7:00 P.M.** Living and Deceased Members of the Nadeau and Marquis Families

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8 — (Vigil Mass)**

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

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**7:30 A.M.** † Christine Carlone  
**10:00 A.M.** † Barbara & † Donald Sullivan

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

What is the secret to sharing in God's power to overcome our difficulties? Mary teaches us this in the prophecy of her pierced heart. This Sunday, the old man Simeon prophesies that when her son faces opposition, Mary's soul will be pierced by a sword. The seemingly pointless agony of a mother helplessly watching her son be mocked, tortured, killed and then cruelly desecrated in death by a spear — somehow this piercing of her heart releases a power by which **"the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed"** (Luke 2:35). What to make of this?

Whatever problems we currently face, the deepest threat is finally that evil thoughts are hidden in the human heart: hatred, envy, pride, lust, greed and so on. Behind every tyrant's injustice, for example, is a heart unpierced by love. Evil hides in our hearts. Mary's pierced heart, and its suffering love for her son, reveals and scatters these evil thoughts, and replaces them with love, forgiveness, generosity and peace.

This week, I invite us to ponder Mary's pierced heart. Her heart is quietly at work for us in the Church and world, exposing our evil thoughts and making a path for her son's divine love. This is how she gently cooperates in our salvation. Closed hearts are our biggest problem; love-pierced hearts are the ultimate power to overcome every difficulty.

— *Father John Muir*

**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: Vivian, Beth, Eric, George, Dennis who has died, Carole, June, Noah, Nahua, Wanda, Jeanette, Jane.

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 ROSARY**  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> AT 3:30P.M.**

**Eucharistic**



**Adoration**

**Saint Maurice Church**  
**First Friday**

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
**FEBRUARY 7<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**"O Most Holy Trinity, I adore You; my God, my God, I love You in the Most Blessed Sacrament."**

*Our Lady of Fatima*

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Offertory: January 26 — \$3,325.99**

**Projected Amount needed — \$3,670**

*"Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested." — Hebrews 2:18*

When we join a support group, there is comfort in sharing our pain with people who have experienced the same thing; they understand what we are going through. The next time you experience suffering, talk to Jesus. He has experienced more suffering than most of us, He understands. Plus, Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. Only He can fill the hole you feel in your heart.

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**Parish Volunteer Form**

Drop in collection ^

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 Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

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 ST. MAURICE PARISH**



**Knights of Columbus Council 6199  
Valentine's Day Dinner**

**Time: 5:30pm — 7:30pm  
after the Vigil Mass Saturday 2/15/2025**

**Place: Ryba Hall, Parish Center**

Sign up in the back of the church or use the QR code to reserve online. Cost \$20.

Choose either chicken or salmon dinner.



**The Theology of the Candle**

*Dear Parishioners of St. Maurice,  
Have you ever wondered why we use candle in the liturgy and for other devotionals?*

*Candles are used at Mass and in our churches for a very important reason.*

**THE FLAME** - represents Christ as the Light of the World.

**THE WICK** - symbolizes Christ's divinity which is hidden by His humanity (symbolized by the wax).

**THE WAX** - of the candle symbolizes Christ's humanity which hides His divinity (symbolized by the wick).

*As the candle burns, it gets smaller and smaller, in a sense, it sacrifices itself, symbolizing how Christ sacrificed Himself on the cross of our salvation.*

*The wax itself is made by female worker bees who never mate (virgins) and further symbolizes Christ's perfect purity.*

*As Lent approaches, the time to think about our new Paschal Candle is here. Each year the parish purchases a new Paschal, or Easter Candle, symbolizing Christ.*

*This year, I invite any parishioner who wishes to donate the Paschal Candle in memorial of a loved to please speak to me. By doing so, your loved ones will be remembered each time the paschal candle is lit for Baptisms and Funerals.*

*In addition, I would like to begin offering the Sanctuary Candle as another memorial opportunity for parishioners. The Sanctuary Candle will burn for 14-days in memory of your deceased loved ones, or for another special intentions. The cost of the 14-day Sanctuary Candle Memorial Gift will be \$25.00*

*These are just two ways we can remember our deceased loved ones.*

*If you would like to memorialize either the Paschal Candle or the 14-day sanctuary candle, please speak to me and we can make it happen.*

*Fr. Richard Breton*

**Delicious Pancake Breakfast**



**Knights of Columbus Council 6199  
Breakfast Buffet**

**Time: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday 2/9/2025**

**Place:** Ryba Hall, Parish Center  
**What:** Breakfast Buffet with pancakes, sausage, 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

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**

The Sisters of Charity of Our Lady, Mother of the Church will be holding a Marian Discernment Retreat on February 7th-9th at the mother-house in Baltic. The retreat is open to single young women, aged 18-33, who are discerning or are interested in the vocation to the religious life.

There will be an opportunity for daily Mass, the sacrament of reconciliation, prayer, conferences on discernment alongside our Lady, and recreation with the sisters.

To register, please contact Sister Gabriella at vocations@sistersofcharity.com or (860) 964-0468.

**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**

Great Neck Country Club, 28 Lamphere Road, Waterford, CT  
Tickets are \$70

**SACRED HEART ON THE LAKE RETREAT CENTER**

194 Candlewood Hill Rd., Higganum, CT 06441

**SPIRITUAL BOOK STUDY**

**THE SIGNATURE OF JESUS** by Brennan Manning

**Six Wednesdays from February 5 to March 19**

**from 10:00 to 11:30**

Have you wished to make Lent more meaningful? Brennan Manning in his book "The Signature of Jesus" challenges us to live Christianity radically. Find out what it means to truly be a follower of Jesus. As Brennan Manning states: "I am not a follower of Jesus if I live with him only in Bethlehem and Nazareth and not in Gethsemane and Calvary." This is a powerful journey where only love can move us to change.

**To register either call Sr. Patricia at 203-606-4830 or**

**Email: [cigrandpatricia@gmail.com](mailto:cigrandpatricia@gmail.com)**

Or online at- [www.sacredheartontheLake.org](http://www.sacredheartontheLake.org)

Suggested donation for each session \$10.00

**OPEN RETREAT DAY**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2025 - 9:30 to 3:00**

**THE MEANING OF LOVE**

*This Retreat is open to all men & women of Faith  
What is real Human Love? What is Divine Love really?*

How far will both go for the "**Beloved**"?

How do they come together in the Incarnation?

Retreat Presenter - Sr. Lany Jo Smith, ASCJ.

Offering asked, \$35 - Includes a Continental Breakfast & a Full Lunch

Registration is necessary- register online

at [www.sacredheartontheLake.org](http://www.sacredheartontheLake.org)

**7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL YOUNG ADULT MASS**

**WITH ARCHBISHOP COYNE**

On Sunday, February 9th, St. Thomas Aquinas in Storrs is excited to welcome Archbishop Christopher Coyne for the 7th Annual Diocesan Young Adult Mass & Reception. Young adults (ages 18-39, both single and married) are invited to attend and encouraged to bring friends. The Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Coyne, will begin at 7:00 p.m., followed by a reception at the Catholic Center.

**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



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