

# The Catholic Community Of Saint Maurice



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
FEBRUARY 9, 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 860-643-4466  
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)

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.

**St. Maurice Mass Intentions**  
**FEBRUARY 8 — FEBRUARY 16**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8 — (Vigil Mass)**  
**4:00 P.M.** For All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 — 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**7:30 A.M.** † Christine Carlone  
**10:00 A.M.** † Barbara & † Donald Sullivan

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10 — St. SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN**  
**9:00 A.M.** NO MASS

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 — OUR LADY OF LOURDES**  
**9:00 A.M.** NO MASS

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12—Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
**9:00 A.M.** Joline Nicholson

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13 — Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
**9:00 A.M.** Joline Nicholson

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14 — Sts. Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop**  
**9:00 A.M.** Joline Nicholson

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15 — (Vigil Mass)**  
**4:00 P.M.** For All Souls in Purgatory

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 — 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**7:30 A.M.** For a New Bishop for the Diocese of Norwich  
**10:00 A.M.** For All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

My parents’ garage is full of old junk that no longer serves any purpose in my life. As a 46-year-old man, I admit that’s pretty lame. Either due to my sentimentality or laziness (or both, probably), I just couldn’t get myself to throw things away. But a few days ago, by a grace of God, I thought: “I’ll hire my nephew Ryan to throw a bunch of my stuff away — he couldn’t care less about my junk!” And you know what? It worked. In one day, Ryan chucked the majority of his uncle’s useless stuff. I feel so free, ready for a new junk-free chapter in my life.

This kind of thing happens in this Sunday’s Gospel. Peter’s net is full of useless junk. Luke says he and the others are cleaning their nets after catching no fish. Imagine them dejectedly and impatiently removing a nasty assortment of seaweed, sticks and muck. The Lord teaches and calls them once their nets are cleared out. So it goes with us. Spiritual life begins by removing that which is useless and merely taking up space in our hearts, minds and lives. Then Jesus teaches and acts in a marvelous way in our lives, too.

So what’s junking up your net? What habits, attachments, possessions, preoccupations? If, like me, you struggle to clean your nets by yourself, ask the Lord to send you someone like my nephew to be your “Peter” and help you clean it out. It is well worth it. Once Peter’s net is clean, he is free to make a wonderful catch.

— *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: Dean Family, Ginny, Joyce, Ray, Juliett, Alexandra, Victims of aircraft tragedies (Potomac & Philadelphia.)

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.

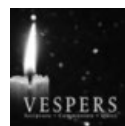
If you can help in any way in this Ministry, please call: Irene Zdrojowy (860) 533-1733



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



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



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

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Offertory: February 2 — \$3,068.42**

**Projected Amount needed — \$3,670**

*“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?’ ‘Here I am,’ I said, ‘send me!’”*  
— ISAIAH 6:8

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, “*Whom shall I send?*” Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say, “Here I am, Lord.”

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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.



**Young Catholic Professionals  
How to Manage Stress and Anxiety  
Panel Discussion - New Haven**

Are you a young adult who is feeling stressed and anxious about your work? Are you feeling burnt out? Would you like to know what a healthy mental health lifestyle should look like from a Catholic perspective. Come join Young Catholic Professionals Central CT for our next Executive Panel Discussion with Dr. Thomas Finn, Sr. Amaris Salata, FSE and Sr. Catherine Mary Clarke, FSE- psychologists and social workers from the Franciscan Life Center for a discussion around mental health and how to manage stress and anxiety in the workplace and in life from the perspective of our Catholic Faith. We look forward to meeting you there!

**Where:** 5 Hillhouse Ave, New Haven, CT 06511

**When:** Thurs, Feb 13th from 7 - 9 PM

**Who:** All professionals from 18-39.

**RSVP** via QR code or <https://ycp.glueup.com/event/managing-stress-and-anxiety-in-the-workplace-131356/>

E-mail [info@ycpcentralconnecticut.org](mailto:info@ycpcentralconnecticut.org) to learn more.



**STEBENVILLE EAST  
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WELCOME**

Join teens from across the U.S. for three days of fellowship, faith, and worship at Steubenville East in Springfield, MA, from Friday, July 25 to Sunday, July 27. **This event is open to 8th–12th graders**, with a cost of \$300, which covers the conference, meals, and transportation. Additionally, the cost of housing is \$150 for a 2-person room or \$75 for a 4-person room for two nights. A \$100 deposit is required by February 27 to reserve your spot with the Office of Faith Events.

**To register, please speak with Tom Manning or Amie Tillman.** Poster and registration are on the Other Links page of our Parish Website. For any questions, contact Liza Roach at [lroach@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net) or call 860-848-2237 ext. 305



**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**



January 28, 2025

**Diocese of Norwich**  
Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne  
Apostolic Administrator  
201 Broadway  
Norwich, Connecticut 06360  
(860) 887-9294

Reverend Michael Phillippino  
St. Maurice Parish  
32 Hebron Road  
Bolton, CT 06043

Dear Father Phillippino and Parishioners:

I thank the members of St. Maurice Parish for your kind gifts to the 2024 *One Faith, One Family* Annual Catholic Appeal. Your community has remained strong in your commitment to helping the many ACA supported ministries and programs do the work of Christ; to care for the hungry, homeless, the sick and elderly, to educate the young and old alike, and to uplift those in need of spiritual guidance and renewal, just to name a few.

Thank you to St. Maurice Parish for your donation of \$13,572.39 to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal. You have reached 108.19% of your goal. I am truly appreciative of your sacrificial giving. Please know that I am grateful for every single gift, no matter its size.

As we approach the new year and the start of the 2025 ACA campaign in March, I pray that you will continue to follow Jesus' commandment to "love one another" and again rise to the challenge of helping one another as best as you are able. I will continue to keep you and your families in my prayers and ask you to do the same for me. May God continue to bless you and those you love.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

*+ Christopher J. Coyne*

Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne  
Apostolic Administrator



**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

**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: [fai-thevents@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:fai-thevents@norwichdiocese.net); (860) 848-2237 x304



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