

# The Catholic Community Of Saint Maurice



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
FEBRUARY 16, 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 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, Wednesday, & Thursday  
11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

#### Website:

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

Parish Email Address

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

Faith Formation Email Address

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### Parish Staff

Reverend Michael Phillippino, Administrator  
Reverend Richard D. Breton, Jr., Parochial Vicar  
Marie Conshick, Parish Secretary  
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:

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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 15 — FEBRUARY 23**

**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  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17**  
**9:00 A.M.** NO MASS  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**  
**9:00 A.M.** NO MASS  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19**  
**9:00 A.M.** A Mass For Thanksgiving  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20**  
**9:00 A.M.** For all Souls in Purgatory  
**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21—St. Peter Damian, Bishop**  
**9:00 A.M.** Peace in the World  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 — (Vigil Mass)**  
**4:00 P.M.** Parishioners of St. Maurice  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 — 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**7:30 A.M.** Parishioners of St. Maurice  
**10:00 A.M.** Fr. Rick Ricard

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

I craved four things as a teenager: success in sports, food, fun and the attention of popular people. However, I noticed that as I acquired them, I was more unsatisfied than before. So, I'd strive even more energetically, achieve more, and the sense of emptiness was greater still. These four things started to feel like burdens or even curses. Soon after, I encountered Christ in my high school youth group. Experiencing his love was totally different than anything those four things previously produced. It produced a lasting happiness.

Jesus utters a kind of four-fold curse in this week's Gospel of Saint Luke's "woes": **"Woe to you who are rich...who are filled now...who laugh now...who are well-spoken of"** (cf. Luke 6:24-26). How marvelous that these correspond perfectly to the four things that obsessed my teenage soul: riches, food, laughter and good reputation. The "woes" the Lord speaks are warnings: when those things are the *purpose* of your life, you'll be miserable. He is saying, "You'll be happy, or blessed, in the measure that these things do not determine the shape of our lives, and the kingdom of God does."

To some degree, we're all spiritual teenagers, addicted to one or more of those four "woes." How splendid that the Lord wants his to bless us — that is, to satisfy us, make us laugh with joy, and in the kingdom of God, offer us what will truly satisfy us. But first let's admit what is causing our "woes."

— *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: Loretta, Kris, David who has died, Jean

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**

**JOIN THE PARISH CHOIR**

**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 9 — \$2,586.36**

**Projected Amount needed — \$3,670**

*"Blessed are you when people hate you...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man."* — LUKE 6:22

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

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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 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.



**STEUBENVILLE 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

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**

**The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, March 1 at 8:30 A.M.** Please join our celebrant **Rev. Walter Nagle** at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rachel Rosary will be prayed at the Cathedral. Refreshments in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.

**SACRED HEART ON THE LAKE RETREAT CENTER  
194 Candlewood Hill Rd., Higganum, CT 06441  
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**THE SIGNATURE OF JESUS** by Brennan Manning  
Six Wednesdays from February 5 to March 19  
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**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 LENT RETREAT DAY  
FEBRUARY 29, 2025 9:30 to 3:00  
"TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME"  
Matthew 16: 24-26**

During this day of retreat, we will pray with the above words of Jesus and the following words of Pope Francis, asking God to help us understand and live well what is God's Will for each of us as we live our daily lives. "A fundamental rule of being a Disciple of Christ is the necessity to make sacrifices and deny one's self." One must, "Courageously follow Jesus in seeking out the poor and sinners and in making difficult sacrifices in order to help and heal others." Pope Francis

Retreat Presenter- Sr. Lany Jo Smith, ASCJ.  
This Retreat is open to all men & women of Faith  
Offering asked, \$35

Includes a Continental Breakfast & a Full Lunch  
Registration is necessary- register online at-  
[www.sacredheartonthelake.org](http://www.sacredheartonthelake.org)

**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

GOD BLESS AMERICA  
**PRESIDENTS' DAY**

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**

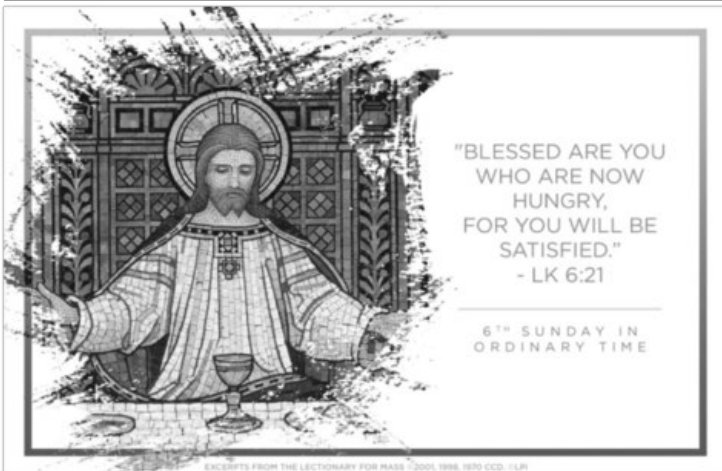
Retreat: The Holy Spirit - Awaken!

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](mailto:faithevents@norwichdiocese.net); (860) 848-2237 x304



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