

The Catholic Community Of Saint Maurice



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 23, 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
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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

Parish Email Address

saintmauricechurchbolton@gmail.com

Faith Formation Email Address

saintmauriceccd@gmail.com

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:

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 22 — MARCH 2

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 — (Vigil Mass)
 4:00 P.M. Parishioners of St. Maurice

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 — 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 A.M. Parishioners of St. Maurice
 10:00 A.M. Fr. Rick Ricard

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24
 9:00 A.M. NO MASS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25
 9:00 A.M. NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26
 9:00 A.M. For our new Bishop, Richard Reidy

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27—St. Gregory of Narek
 9:00 A.M. For all Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28
 9:00 A.M. Peace in the World

SATURDAY, MARCH 1 — (Vigil Mass)
 4:00 P.M. Irene Santana & Katie Marino

SUNDAY, MARCH 2 — 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 A.M. Fr. Richard on his birthday
 10:00 A.M. Parishioners of St. Maurice

GOSPEL MEDITATION

One of my favorite new singers/songwriters is Noah Kahan. I'm a little biased because, like me, he is originally from Vermont. In a fine song entitled "Stick Season," he sings of his hope to "cancel out the darkness I inherited from dad." This lyric articulates his painful recognition of a dark spiritual "inheritance" from his father, and his hope to be free of it. We all inherit some degree of evil from our earthly forebears. It's easy to feel doomed to repeat their darknesses.

But we're not so doomed, thank God. This week's Gospel proclaims this. Whatever good or bad we received from our parents, we have a more definitive and perfect inheritance in God. Jesus commands us, "**Be merciful just as your Father is merciful**" (Luke 6:36). We have a perfect Father in heaven and are destined to inherit and reflect *that* perfect and merciful love. We have an inheritance of light, not darkness, and thus a whole new possibility of magnanimous love. Like any inheritance, this is a free gift to us.

What are we destined to repeat? Not the darkness of our earthly parents. We are destined to be a reflection of *God's* life. Jesus liberates us from the inevitability of repeating whatever evils and imperfections are in our familial or cultural upbringings. It's time to claim that perfect inheritance.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPi

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: Megan, Vivian, Geraldine, Nahara, Wanda, Bruce, Doreen, Fr. Mike, Cliff, Jim, 60-year-old man, Carolyn, Christopher
 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

No Evening Prayer in the Church this Sunday February 23 - see link on website

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: February 16 — \$1,969
Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back..." - LUKE 6:35

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

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Parish Volunteer Form

Drop in collection ^

I am _____ You may contact me at: _____
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I would like to build the kingdom of God at St. Maurice as:

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 Parish Council ___ Finance Council ___ Property Management ___ Evangelization (publicity) ___ Stewardship ___

FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH

**Operation Rice Bowl: Our Lenten Program:
For Lent For Life**

For 52 years, Operation Rice Bowl has helped to feed the hungry poor. Through Operation Rice Bowl --- a program of prayer, fasting, learning, and giving --- what you give up for Lent can give hope to the poorest of the poor. Make this Lenten season one of awareness, compassion, and reflection. Operation Rice Bowl is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services and the Diocese of Norwich. Details of this program will appear in next Sunday's Bulletin. Rice Bowls are on the ushers' tables in the back of the church

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.

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**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**

Or online at- 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

**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

**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 or call 860-848-2237 ext. 305




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