

# The Catholic Community Of Saint Maurice

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
MARCH 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 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

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

**MARCH 1 — MARCH 9**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 1 — (Vigil Mass)**

**4:00 P.M.** Irene Santana and Katie Marino  
Requested by Joanne Auger

**SUNDAY, MARCH 2 — 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**7:30 A.M.** Father Richard on his birthday  
Requested by Patti Cinea

**10:00 A.M.** Parishioners of St. Maurice

**MONDAY, MARCH 3 — St. Katherine Drexel**

**9:00 A.M.** NO MASS

**TUESDAY, MARCH 4 — St. Casimir**

**9:00 A.M.** NO MASS

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 — Ash Wednesday**

**9:00 A.M.** Parishioners of St. Maurice

**7:00 P.M.** Parishioners of St. Maurice

**THURSDAY, MARCH 6 — Thursday after Ash Wednesday**

**9:00 A.M.** For all Souls in Purgatory

**FRIDAY, MARCH 7 — Friday after Ash Wednesday**

**9:00 A.M.** Peace in the World

**SATURDAY, MARCH 8 — (Vigil Mass)**

**4:00 P.M.** Parishioners of St. Maurice

**SUNDAY, MARCH 9 — 1st Sunday in Lent**

**7:30 A.M.** Patricia Mello requested by Fr. Richard Breton

**10:00 A.M.** Steven Gerdo requested by Patti Cinea

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

One of the things that older pastors and younger priests occasionally quarrel about is the proper balance between work and prayer. I know one pastor who complains that his younger associate ignores the people and the parish because he wants to spend more time in prayer. And the young priest complains that the pastor gives him too much work to do and no time to pray. The Lord's words this Sunday speak into this tension with an image that can help us find a proper balance between life and prayer.

Jesus says, **"For every tree is known by its fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles"** (Luke 6:44). When we are deeply rooted and cultivating our relationship with Jesus, we are going to bear the fruit of that love in our lives. No fruit, no good prayer. How do we know that we are praying well? We are experiencing concrete fruits of love for others in our lives.

Someone who prays well will, sooner or later, burst forth the "figs" and "grapes" of acts of love. But without concrete commitment to deeds of selfless service to others, our prayer time is as useless as thorn bushes and brambles. Let's recommit ourselves to be men and women of prayer *and* service. And hopefully the pastors will help their associates to pray *and* serve fruitfully...with minimal quarreling.

— *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**

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

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Offertory: February 23 — \$4,485**

**Projected Amount needed — \$3,670**

*"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." - LUKE 6:43*

Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

^ Tear off

**Parish Volunteer Form**

Drop in collection ^

I am \_\_\_\_\_ You may contact me at:

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City State Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**

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

On Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025, our parish with parishes across the Diocese of Norwich is beginning a program of prayer and sacrifice called Operation Rice Bowl (ORB). For 52 years, Operation Rice Bowl has helped to feed the hungry poor. Through our participation in this program, we bring hope and healing to another person or family living halfway across the globe. Money saved during Lent is then brought to the parish family Rice Bowl on Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025, 75% of Operation Rice Bowl funds will feed the hungry poor overseas, the remaining 25% will be used in the diocese to feed the needy. This Lent, gather in prayer and sacrifice as a family to pray and to care for the hungry poor. Rice Bowls are on the ushers' tables in the back of the church.



**Full Irish Breakfast for St. Patrick's Day  
Knights of Columbus Council 6199**

This St. Patrick's Day, enjoy Black and White pudding, Back Bacon, Irish Bangers, Mushrooms, Roma Tomatoes, Eggs, Hash-browns, Potato Bread, and Beans. Irish Music by Ted Lloyd and Dennis Sheridan.

St. Maurice Parish Center, 32 Hebron Road in Bolton on Sunday March 16, 2025, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$15 per person, \$12 if paid in advance. To pay in advance, go to our website, Donate Online in the left menu, and scroll down to Payments. Use St. Maurice Council 6199 Event.

Scan QR code to respond to this invitation via Sign-Up Genius:



**Knights of Columbus Council 6199  
Lenten Fish Dinners**

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Fridays 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28,  
4/4, & 4/11  
Place: Ryba Hall, Parish Center

What: Dinner of baked fish and chips;  
Shrimp appetizer;  
Cole slaw, roll w/ butter, and  
Coffee, tea, or lemonade

Cost: \$10.00 (\$5.00 mac & cheese alternative)

Contact: Ted Lloyd, Grand Knight  
(860) 512-0251

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**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**

**For Current Events from the Diocese of Norwich**  
Visit the St. Maurice website  
Select Other Links from the left menu

Topics of interest:

- Retreats and Faith Events
- Hope and Faith Podcast
- Brothers in Christ
- Papal Encyclicals and other documents

**The Way of the Cross**

The Diocesan Office of Faith Events invites you to join us virtually Friday nights during Lent as we pray together the Stations of the Cross with a different focus/lens each week.

- ◆ March 7: Through the eyes of social justice
- ◆ March 14: Through the eyes of the suffering, ill and disabled
- ◆ March 21: Through the eyes of immigrants, refugees
- ◆ March 28: Through the eyes of seniors
- ◆ April 4: Through the eyes of the bereaved
- ◆ April 11: Through the eyes of Mary
- ◆ April 18: Through the eyes of Jesus

The stations will begin at 7 P.M. Participation requires an internet connection. Registration is also required to receive a link. To register, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin, at 860-848-2237, Ext 312 or e-mail her at:

[mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net)

You can register for just one evening or all five.

**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

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TREE DOES NOT  
BEAR ROTTEN FRUIT.**  
— LUKE 6:43 —



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