

The Catholic Community Of Saint Maurice



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 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 a part of our family!

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Music Director 860-871-0752

Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday
11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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www.saintmauricebolton.org

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saintmauricechurchbolton@gmail.com

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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 8 — MARCH 16**

SATURDAY, MARCH 8 — 1st Sunday of Lent Vigil Mass

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 9 — 1st Sunday of Lent

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

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

MONDAY, MARCH 10 — Lenten Weekday

9:00 A.M. NO MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 11 — Lenten Weekday

9:00 A.M. NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12 — Lenten Weekday

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 13 — Lenten Weekday

9:00 A.M. Peace in the World

FRIDAY, MARCH 14 — Lenten Weekday

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 15 — 2nd Sunday of Lent Vigil Mass

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 16 — 2nd Sunday of Lent

7:30 A.M. Parishioners of St. Maurice

10:00 A.M. Katherine Frankl requested by Patti Cinea
Sanctuary Candle week of 3/15 – 3/28 — In memory of Mary Louise McManus Lloyd requested by Ted Lloyd

GOSPEL MEDITATION

One of the most fascinating moments in American history is when George Washington could have become the king of the newly liberated United States and didn't. At the height of his power and fame, on Dec. 23, 1783, he resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief, and went home. The astonished King of England remarked that in doing so, Washington was "the greatest man in the world." Greatness is often defined by what we could do but don't. Greatness is measured by the temptations we overcome.

Jesus' greatness is revealed in his victory over temptations, too. The three offered him by the devil contain, we might say, all potential possible temptations: food, power and fame. They correspond to the triple human needs of body, soul and spirit. In overcoming these three, he says "no" in essence to every and even the greatest temptation. We see that every desire of his humanity — body, soul and spirit — is perfectly united to God, to love. This is a power available to each member of his body. It is the path to true greatness. How can we, who so easily fall into even small temptations, find the power to overcome large ones? By entering into the great dynamics of Jesus' temptations.

Lenten challenge: This first week of Lent, list some concrete ways you can overcome temptations that correspond with your desires. For example, you may give up snacks between meals, choose not to participate in an activity of which you are an expert, and decide to reduce social media posting by 50%. It may not seem like much, but by saying "no" to the tyranny of food, power, and fame (in this example), you'll discover true greatness.

— 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: Anne, Graham, George,

Pope Francis, Geraldine, Bianca, Loretta, who has died, Greta, Carolyn, Dick, Megan, Beth, Pope Francis, continued prayers, Marie

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



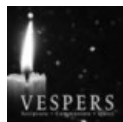
Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry are making full size prayer shawls for our long term care patients. Also, mini pocket prayer shawls are available for everyone.

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, MARCH 8TH AT 3:30P.M.**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
BUSINESS MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 13 AT 7:00 PM.**



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

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: March 2 — \$3,447

Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." - DEUTERONOMY 26:10

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits" - the first and best that you have to offer? Or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? We aren't owners of anything, we are merely stewards of God's gifts. Pray for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

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Parish Volunteer Form

Drop in collection ^

I am _____ You may contact me at: _____
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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

The Shroud of Turin - The Most Holy Cloth

It is said to have been brought from the Mideast to Europe by the Knights Templar, and it is purportedly the most studied artifact in history.

But the greatest claim made for this cloth is that it is the actual burial cloth of Christ.

What is it, where did it come from, can it really be the burial cloth of Christ – wasn't it proven a fake?

Come hear Deacon Ben LoCasto answer these questions on **Thursday, April 3, 7PM.**



**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, Hashbrowns, 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

Profits support a variety of charitable activities.



**Young Catholic Professionals
Executive Speaker Event in Manchester**

Come join Young Catholic Professionals Central CT for our next Executive Speaker Series Event! Come enjoy light refreshments and networking along with a talk by Jack Schirra, former Program and People leader at Pratt & Whitney. Let's be inspired by Jack's journey and how he has worked in witness for Christ and continues to do so even in retirement through various means of outreach in the community and Church. We look forward to meeting you there!

Where: 45 Ludlow Rd, Manchester, CT

When: Thurs, March 20th from 7 - 9 PM

Who: All professionals from 18-39.

RSVP via QR code or <https://ycp.glueup.com/event/executive-speaker-series-jack-schirra-135051/>



E-mail info@ycpcentralconnecticut.org to learn more.



**ST. MAURICE CHURCH EVERY FRIDAY
AT 6:30 P.M.**

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



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

Lent is a time of opportunity for us to strengthen our faith through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These practices bring us closer to God and demonstrate our solidarity with those in need at home and around the world. This Lent make your sacrifices become opportunities to feed the hungry poor. Please participate in CRS Operation Rice Bowl and let the sacrifices you make for the hungry poor nourish them and may these sacrifices witness to the love that disciples of Christ have for all people, especially for the least of the Lord's sisters and brothers.

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 You can register for just one evening or all.

**FROM SAINT MAURICE SLEIGH BELLS RING
CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP**



It's that time of year and once again, the Christmas fair group will be meeting at the **Parish Center every Wednesday morning from 9:00 AM till noon** to begin crafting projects to sell at our **54th** annual fair scheduled for November 22, 2025.

These weekly workshops are generally held thru the end of June, take a break during the hot summer months and then resume again after Labor Day. If there is enough interest, we are also considering holding evening sessions this year, most likely from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Day of the week is still TBD based on Parish Center availability. There are also plenty of opportunities to pick up materials and to work at home if that is a better option to fit into your busy schedules!! Your help, new skills and ideas are ALWAYS welcome and greatly appreciated.


However, no prior crafting experience is required — just a willingness to try something new and share in some fun and fellowship with other parishioners and friends.

Donations of items that can be used in our Take a Chance raffle baskets are always welcomed as well, so as you do your "spring cleaning" and "decluttering" projects in the coming months, please keep the fair in mind. We are also in need of the following items:

- Jars, especially Mason jars—any size
 - Old Christmas wreaths that have potential to be refurbished
 - Christmas tree ornaments—any shape
 - Larger baskets and trays that can be used as base for our Take a Chance baskets that are heavier or include multiple items
- All items may be left in the Church vestibules for transfer to the Parish Center.

If you have any questions or are interested in joining our potential evening workshop sessions, please contact:
Sharon Scorso @ 860-729-4399 or Basia Caya @ 860-716-5432

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