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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT — DECEMBER 10, 2017



"People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him." John the Baptist commanded quite a crowd. What was the attraction? Was it his unusual appearance-clothed in camel's hair? Perhaps it was his bizarre eating habits-feeding on locusts and wild honey. Or maybe people were captivated by the Baptist's remarkable humility in the face of such huge popularity-"I am not worthy."

Unlike our modern fascination with standing in the presence of superstars, the crowds who flocked to John weren't looking for a thrill. They weren't lining up for autographs. They were lining up for baptism. And they were acknowledging their sins at the same time. John was proclaiming "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." And people came because they were longing to experience the freedom of that forgiveness.

John called them to conversion. To convert means to turn, in this case to turn away from sin. And the crowds were anxious to do so in order to "prepare the way of the Lord." For these first-century Jews, the imminent approach of the Messiah came with a call for conversion and they took this call very seriously.

Now, for us, as twenty-first century Christians, the Church, like John the Baptist, calls us to prepare and repent during this season of Advent. Will we take the call seriously? Will we examine the areas of our lives that need to change? Will we pray for God's help to overcome our habitual sin and to make choices based on generosity instead of selfishness? Now is the time to heed the message. Now is the time to "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at a Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Saturday 4:15 p.m. — 4:45 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-748-4560) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

VISITATION TO THE SICK:

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 860-748-4560.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 09 — 10, 2017

USHERS GROUP III

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

8:00 A.M. **TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ BREAKFAST**
Parish Center from 8:00AM to 10:00AM

9:00 A.M. **FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

5:30 P.M. **EVENING PRAYER**
FROM THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

7:00 P.M. **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

7:15 P.M. **CHOIR REHEARSAL**
New members are most welcome

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

7:00 P.M. **BIBLE STUDY AT THE PARISH CENTER**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

6:30 P.M.— 8:00 P.M. **CUB SCOUTS** — *Church basement*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

3:30 P.M. **ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS**

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH

CHRISTMAS FOOD & GIFT DISTRIBUTION



We have 25 Bolton families to feed this Christmas.

We try to provide a holiday meal plus a couple of weeks of groceries to each family. Nonperishable items may be left in either vestibule any time the Church is open. **Bring perishable items on the morning of 12/17.** Don't have time to shop or don't know what to buy? Donate online or make your check payable to "Church of St. Maurice" with the memo "Christmas Food" and put in the regular collection. The Faith Formation students will be sorting and packing, but we can use some help with delivery.

If you can drive, come to the Parish Center right after the 10:00 Mass on 12/17. (tmanning818@sbcglobal.net)

Christmas Pageant



Saint Maurice will continue the long standing tradition of having a Christmas Pageant at the 4:00 p.m. mass on Christmas Eve; Sunday, December 24th. All generations enjoy seeing the children act out the story of the birth of Jesus at Mass. There are roles for all ages from sheep in the manger to Mary and Joseph. Sharon VanDine and Amie Tillmann will be coordinating the play, and parent participation is always welcome! We always appreciate your help guiding the children during the play.

If you or your child are interested in participating, please contact Amie Tillmann at saintmauriceccd@gmail.com.

Practice will be the Sunday prior to Christmas Eve, December 17, after 10:00 a.m. mass.



STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: December 3 — \$3,200

Projected Amount needed \$2,980

"Prepare the way of the Lord..."

- MARK 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, does just that – it puts us on the path to holiness and it invites others to be holy, too.

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Parish Membership Form

Drop in collection ^

Please enroll the following as members of the Church of St. Maurice:

Adults _____

Children (under 18) _____

Street Address _____ E-mail Address _____

City State Zip _____ E-mail Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Send offertory envelopes _____ Send form for EFT (electronic donation) _____ We will Donate Online _____

We can help out as: Altar server _____ Lector _____ Usher _____ Eucharistic Minister _____ Choir _____ Crafts workshop _____

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE

Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line.

Especially the new requests for this week: Jeanine, Mary, Angelena, Marge, Mary, Francis, David, Margaret, Kyle, Joe, Clare.

Candle Intentions - Tadeusz, Andy, Bob, Grace, Joe, Nicholas

For the spirit of understanding, compassion, and forgiveness in our relationship with others, that we may follow the action of Jesus in our daily association with those whom we meet on the path life.

May peace come to all parts of our troubled world and may all people welcome God into their lives and live together in peace.

Prayer shawls are available upon request

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann



**CYBER DEAL AT SAINT MAURICE
GIVE THE GIFT OF A MASS**

Since Jesus is the reason for the Christmas season, during the month of December, all weekend Mass placed requests for 2018 (and any available openings in December) will be discounted to \$10. Masses can be offered for the intention of a loved one, living or dead, or for a specific appropriate intention. Please contact Theresa at

saintmauricechurchbolton@gmail.com
or **860-643-4466** during office hours.



THREE KINGS TOY DRIVE

St. Maurice is continuing its tradition of assisting the Hispanic communities of St. Augustine and St. Anne Immaculate Conception in Hartford by gathering toys for their Three Kings Day celebration. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for a child of any age to any of the Christmas Eve, Christmas Day or New Year's Day masses. (If your toy requires batteries, kindly provide these too, as even batteries can be a difficult expense for these families.) Toys can be placed under the tree before or after the mass, or during the Christmas offertory. All gifts will be delivered by Three Kings Day, a Hispanic celebration which remembers the day the three kings brought their gifts to the infant Jesus. Thank you to our parish for your continued generosity! For more information, contact Sharon VanDine at 860-803-4478.

BIBLE STUDY

**A Comparative Review of the Gospels
with Father Leon
in the Parish Center
every other Wednesday.**

Next session December 13th at 7:00 p.m.

"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."

St. Jerome

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

Our Lady of Guadalupe! All are invited to join Bishop Cote and the Latino people of the Diocese in our annual bilingual celebration of the Feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Tuesday, December 12, 2017. The celebration begins with the Rosary and opportunity for confessions at 6:30pm, followed by Holy Mass at 7:00pm. Fiesta following.

We look forward to honoring Our Lady with you.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God." Let us learn to comfort each other better by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Feb 2-4, 2018 in Manchester, CT and Jul 6-8, 2018 in Manchester, CT.

For more information, call Dennis & Jane Lamondy at **860-481-3720** or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH

Baptism of Collin Patrick Crandall, 12/3/2017



Fr. Leon, mother Kara Crandall, father Edwin Crandall, godmother Stacey Pinto, godfather Joseph Crandall



THANKSGIVING FOOD SHARING

On Sunday, November 19th, all of our Faith Formation classes participated in St. Maurice's Thanksgiving Food Donation. Groups of students, led by Confirmation Candidates, sorted, packed, and delivered food to Bolton families in need.

Our Christmas Food Sharing will take place on Sunday, December, 17th.

A big thank you to all of our Faith Formation families

Father Leon is available at all times for any Spiritual needs, to call or meet with him personally, you're always welcomed. Reach him direct at (860) 748-4560.

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