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Saturdays at 4:00 PM

Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 AM

Holy Days - 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Saturday from 3:15 P.M. to 3:45 P.M.

Also by appointment.

BAPTISMAL INITIATIONS:

Please call the rectory (643-4466).

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.

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.

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 our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor your parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

VISITATION TO THE SICK

We are most anxious to help anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us in church because of illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call.

January 9, 2011
dear Padre
**When should babies
be baptized?**

My daughter had a baby on January 3, but she's not planning to have him baptized until May to coincide with a visit from her in-laws. Is it OK to wait that long?

Regina

Dear Regina,

The Catholic Church's Code of Canon Law says, "Parents are obliged to take care that infants are baptized in the first few weeks; as soon as possible after the birth or even before it, they are to...request the sacrament for their child and to be prepared properly for it" (867).

Funny, we would never be careless about a birth certificate, which establishes citizenship on Earth. We don't delay what is important to us. Yet we can be so careless about citizenship in the City of God, which baptism establishes.

Yet, without meaning to, we do delay important matters. A little time goes by, and then suddenly it's been months and months. And yes, it is important to choose godparents, to settle on a time when family and friends can come to the baptism and to the party that goes with it. By the way, do invite them to the baptism rite itself, which is beautiful and moving.

A suggestion for parents-to-be: Before the baby's birth, attend the classes or meetings required for baptism. You'll be very busy once the baby gets here, and preparing for the baptism before the baby is born will help you avoid delay once he or she is here.

John Hamrogue, CSsR



Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. - Mt 3:13-15

Readings for the Week of January 9, 2011

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17
 Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17
 Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

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NEXT WEEK

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, January 15:

4:00 p.m. Mass offered for +Robert Varrick; and for +Giustina and +John D'Amato

Altar Servers: LeeAnn Snuffer and Ben Snuffer

Ministers of the Word: Georgette Pelletier

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Annedda Stiller or Ted Lloyd

SUNDAY, January 16:

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for +Emilie Williams

Altar Servers: Stephanie Labanowski

Ministers of the Word: Stephen Paul

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Arlene Giglio

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Helen Menard

Altar Servers: Ben VanDine and Elizabeth Foran

Ministers of the Word: Paul Brown

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Kathleen Smythe or Betty Aitkin

GOD'S PLAN FOR TITHING

**January 2, 2011
Epiphany of Our Lord**

Last Week's Collection was: \$5,200

Last Year's Collection was: \$2,260

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Matthew 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to embrace. Each of us is called to open our gifts before Jesus, offering Him what He needs. We can remember that we are called to share our gifts by keeping one of the Magi from our Nativity set on our desk or dresser as a year-round reminder to bring our gifts to Jesus.

2011 NATIONAL COMBINED COLLECTION PROGRAM

Today we will take up the National Combined Collection which benefits: The Retirement Fund for Religious, The Annual Appeal for the Holy Father, The Catholic Communications Campaign, and Catholic University of America. Your generous support is greatly appreciated. This week in the mail you should have received information about this collection and a gift envelope. If you forgot to bring your envelope to Mass today or you did not receive the mailing, extra envelopes are available at the rear of the Church. Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you.

THIS WEEK

January 8th and January 9th

USHERS GROUP II

FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**SECOND COLLECTION FOR
2011 NATIONAL COMBINED COLLECTION PROGRAM**

SATURDAY, January 8: THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

4:00 p.m. Mass offered for +Jerry Chemerka (6th Anniversary) requested by Sheila Chemerka

After Mass Youth Choir Rehearsal Resumes

SUNDAY, January 9: THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for +Cecile Lavoie requested by The Family

After Mass Pray the Rosary

After Mass Coffee Social including Update of Vernon Deanery Pastoral Planning

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Jason Bates requested by Stephanie Labanowski

After Mass Youth Choir Rehearsal Resumes

After Mass Coffee Social including Update of Vernon Deanery Pastoral Planning

9:15 - 10:30 a.m. Faith Formation Classes (K-5) at Sacred Heart

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours

6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Faith Formation Classes (6-8) and Confirmation Preparation Sessions at Sacred Heart

7:30 - 8:45 p.m. Youth Group at Sacred Heart

MONDAY, January 10:

No Mass

TUESDAY, January 11:

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for Edward Bott requested by the Edward Murphy Family

After Mass Pray the Rosary

7:15 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, January 12:

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for All Parishioners

3:00 - 7:00 p.m. **NO** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:00 p.m. Mass for All Children including Faith Formation Classes (1-8), and All Parishioners (Lector: Amanda Baum)

THURSDAY, January 13:

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for Intentions of Joseph Tindal requested by Anne Tindal

7:00 p.m. St. Maurice Knights of Columbus Business Meeting at Parish Center

FRIDAY, January 14:

No Mass

SATURDAY, January 15:

3:15 - 3:45 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

National Vocations Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country January 9 through 15, 2011. Please pray for all those who are being called to the priesthood and consecrated life. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's invitation to live one of these vocations. Let us pray: **By the grace of Baptism we are created anew as children of God. May the young people of this community and our diocese hear the call of the Lord, respond generously with open hearts and willing spirits to live out their Baptismal graces more deeply as priests, deacons, religious, and consecrated persons. We pray to the Lord.**

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The contest will be held **Sunday, January 16th**, beginning at 4:00 p.m. at Bolton Center School. All participants must register at the event by 4:30 p.m. This competition is open to boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 14. All participants receive an award. For information, please call 860-645-6442.

VERNON DEANERY PASTORAL PLANNING UPDATE

Sunday, January 9, 2011, after the 7:30 a.m. Mass and after the 10:00 a.m. Mass, during the Coffee Social at the Parish Center, there will be an opportunity to meet with the St. Maurice members of the Vernon Deanery Pastoral Planning Committee. Please plan to attend. Thank you.

Thank you to all those who volunteered to prepare and serve dinner at the MACC Soup Kitchen on Sunday, December 5th: ten cooked, three served and one stayed overnight. Thank you Donna Bradford for coordinating this opportunity for St. Maurice Parish.

I delight to do thy will, O Lord, for I know Thy will for me is supreme good in my present and in my future. Psalms 40:8

STATEMENTS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS 2010
Statements for contributions to St. Maurice Church for the year 2010 will be mailed to those who requested them in the past. If you need a statement, please contact the rectory at 860-643-4466.

PRO-LIFE MASS

On Saturday evening, January 22, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., there will be a solemn Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick. Rev. Msgr. Robert L. Brown, Chancellor, will be the Principal Celebrant and Homilist. All priests are invited to concelebrate and all deacons are invited to participate. The theme will be: "The Measure of Love is to Love Without Measure."

PRO-LIFE RALLY AT THE NATION'S CAPITOL ~ MARCH FOR LIFE BUSES TO WASHINGTON ~

January 22, 2011 marks the 38th anniversary of the Supreme Court's infamous abortion-on-demand ruling. Because of that decision, millions of preborn babies have been denied their most basic right - their right to life.

On January 24, 2011, people from across the nation will assemble in Washington, D.C. to visibly express their opposition to abortion. On Sunday, January 23, 2011 at 9:00 p.m., buses will leave from the Norwich Municipal Parking Lot (Exit 80, I-395) and travel to D.C. for the March For Life on January 24, 2011. The first stop in Washington will be at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Bus fare is \$58 per person. If you are unable to attend the March For Life, please consider sponsoring a seat for clergy/religious/or students on the bus. For further information and/or to reserve a seat or to sponsor a seat, please call Margaret Becotte at 860-822-1362.

EAST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL MAKE-UP ENTRANCE EXAM

East Catholic High School will give a make-up entrance exam Saturday, January 22nd at 8:00 a.m. to all eighth graders who were unable to take the December exam. The exam will be given at the school. Pre-registration is recommended but not required. A fee of \$25, which covers the cost of processing the exam, is required. ECHS continues to accept transfer students from other high schools. Questions? Visit www.echs.com or call our Admissions office at 860-649-5336 x238 or x456 for more information!

EVENING OF PRAYER FROM THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS EVERY SUNDAY AT 5:30 P.M.

Evening Prayer from The Liturgy of the Hours will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. each Sunday. For more details, go online to: www.saintmauricebolton.org/other.html.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE GREETER? If so, please call Linda Wiley at 860-643-8684.

CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR WITH A "CHOOSE LIFE" TAG

You can help provide assistance for a young pregnant woman and her vulnerable, unborn child by purchasing a Connecticut "Choose Life" License Plate. It is so simple, so affordable, and it really does save babies' lives by promoting its positive message 24/7 wherever you travel and by raising much needed funding for the life-saving work of Connecticut's Pregnancy Care Centers including Catholic Charities. To order a "Choose Life" Tag please call The Children First Foundation toll-free at 1-877-386-3236 to request an official DMV Application Form; or you may download an application at www.TheChildrenFirst.org. Thank you for putting "children first" in Connecticut with a "Choose Life" License Plate.



Did you know Mrs. Theresa Ciscon has been the secretary of St. Maurice Parish since January 3, 1972? Thank you Mrs. Ciscon!

When the Third Edition of the Roman Missal is implemented in Advent 2011, which of the following prayers of the Mass will not be affected? (a) the Gloria; (b) the Nicene Creed; (c) the Lord's Prayer; (d) the Santus (Holy, Holy) ANSWER: (c) For more information about the Third Edition of the Roman Missal, see usccb.org/romanmissal.

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