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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
November 23, 2014

dear Padre

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Did Jesus exist before his earthly birth?

I want to know whether Jesus existed before his earthly birth. I realize nothing is impossible with God, but this certainly adds to the mystery.

Jesus explains his relationship with God the Father in John 14:10-11 when he asks Philip, "Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own.

The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me."

But how did Jesus exist before he was born of the Virgin Mary? Origen, one of the early Church Fathers said,

That there was never a time when he did not exist is to be taken with a certain allowance. For these very words 'when' and 'never' are terms of temporal significance, while whatever is said of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, is to be understood as transcending all time, all ages, and all eternity" (*The Fundamental Doctrines*, 4:4:1).

Jesus was physically born into this world and Jesus is fully human, but he is also fully divine. We cannot equate Jesus' birth with our birth. Jesus transcends the limits of time and space.

So how did Jesus exist before his birth? We cannot know. Is that part of the mystery? It most certainly is.

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Saturdays at 5:00 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 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 our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

By appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643-4466) 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 860-643-4466.

THIS WEEKOUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 22– 23, 2014

USHERS GROUP IVTHANKSGIVING FOOD DISTRIBUTION (Confirmation Class)2nd COLLECTION FOR THE SALVATORIAN FATHERSSATURDAY, NOV. 22

5:00 P.M. — Mass offered for +Wanda Aubey
request of Joanna Wilson

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, NOV. 23

7:30 A.M. — Mass offered for +John Murphy
request of Mary Anne Murphy & Barbara
Michaud

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

8:30 A.M. — **BREAKFAST FOR FAITH FORMATION**

9:00 A.M. — **FAITH FORMATION**

10:00 A.M. — Mass offered for +Matteo Quagliano,
+Giuseppina and + Giovanni Quagliano
request of Mr. & Mrs. Silvio Maratta

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

6:00 P.M. — **ADULT FAITH FORMATION** *in the Parish Center Library*

MONDAY, NOV. 24

9:00 A.M. — Mass offered for +Lynn McCollum
request of Kurt O'Brien

TUESDAY, NOV. 25

9:00 A.M. — Mass offered for +John Swart
request of Lou and Cloutier.

7:30 P.M. — **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26

9:00 A.M. — Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

THURSDAY, NOV. 27 — NO MASS**HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY**FRIDAY, NOV. 28 — NO MASSSATURDAY, NOV. 29 — MASS TIME CHANGE

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

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: Nov. 16 — \$2,767

Projected Amount needed \$3,370

"...as you did it to one of the least of my brethren, you did it to me" — MATTHEW 25:40

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness, mercy when it's not convenient; when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's schedule.

NEXT WEEK1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29– 30, 2014

USHERS GROUP ISATURDAY, NOV. 29 (Mass time change)

4:00 P.M. — Mass offered for +Wanda Aubey
request of Joanna Wilson

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea

Lectors: Georgette Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, NOV. 30

7:30 A.M. — Mass offered for all departed souls from
Anna Czercowy Family

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. — Mass offered for +Samuel Gugliemino

Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer

Lector: Rita Sheetz

Eucharistic Minister: Rita Sheetz

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

MONDAY, DEC. 1 — NO MASSTUESDAY, DEC. 2 — NO MASS

7:30 P.M. — **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3 — NO MASSTHURSDAY, DEC. 4 — NO MASSFRIDAY, DEC. 5 — NO MASS

7:00 P.M. — **MOVIE NIGHT** *IN THE PARISH CENTER*
'God's Not Dead' — rated PG

SATURDAY, DEC. 6

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

Readings for the Week of November 23, 2014

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11--21:2/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36

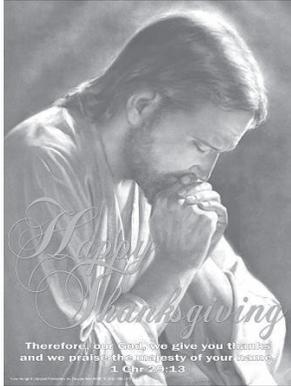
Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

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ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE

Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line, especially the new requests for this week. Thank you. Carol and Mary Ann.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL PARISHIONERS



The Bolton Ecumenical Council will host its annual *Community Thanksgiving Service* on Tuesday, November 25th at 7:00 p.m. at United Methodist Church, 1031 Boston Turnpike (Rte. 44). Donations of nonperishable food items will be appreciated, and given to local pantries. Refreshments will follow the service. Come and join in the spirit of Thanksgiving, worship, offering gratitude to God as a Christian community, and enjoy the singing of the combined church choir.

THANK YOU FORM THE CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP

Thank you to all who helped make this year's Fair a success by donating, creating and shopping!!! The proceeds will allow us to support many projects in our parish and town.

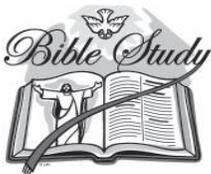
MINI FAIR

On December 14th there will be a mini Fair along with **Triple Play Café Breakfast**. Please come for some last minute shopping.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

REVELATION:

THE KINGDOM YET TO COME



The next session on the *Book of Revelation*, Chapters 12 and 13, will be on **Sunday, November 23rd at 6:00 P.M.** in the **Parish Center Library**.

Session is 55 minutes in length. All are welcome.

MOVIE NIGHT



God's Not Dead

Friday Dec. 5th in the Parish Center at 7:00 PM. Popcorn and soda will be provided. This movie is rated PG.

Our Musical Director, Mr. Don Benevides will begin offering a **guided guitar practice** on **Tuesday** evenings from **7:00-7:30** for teens. If you have a guitar and would like to join this group lesson, please come to the church and join in the fun!



It is not too late! **Faith Formation** classes for children in **grades 1 — 10** meet on **Sundays from 9:00 — 9:45 a.m.** in the Parish Center. Registration forms can be found online or in the back of the Church. Completed forms can be placed in the collection basket or brought to the child's first class.

SCHEDULES FOR ALTAR SERVERS, LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS are in the rack in the back of the church. Please pick them up.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

Home Buyers and Foreclosure Prevention Classes

For help with purchasing a home, fallen behind on mortgage payments or help with budgeting or filling out applications for **EMAP**. All services are provided free at Catholic Charities, a HUD approved Counseling Agency. The *ongoing* Foreclosure Prevention and 8 hour Home Buyers Education Classes are offered by Catholic Charities in Norwich, New London, Middletown and Plainfield locations.

For information: 860-889-8346 ext.271.

Catholic Charities

celebrates November as National Adoption month. Check out our website at www.ccfns.org and listen to our newly released song "A Family for You", written by Dot Reiser and performed by the Christian Youth band, The Cecelias!

Diocesan Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, December 6th — 8:30 a.m.

Please join us and 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 Rosary will be prayed both at the Cathedral and Planned Parenthood. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.

Natural Family Planning ~ For Married and Engaged Couples. NFP is scientific, safe, helps with fertility problems and 99% effective for conceiving or responsibly postponing a baby. No dangerous chemical or synthetic hormonal side effects of contraception or birth control. Classes are ongoing in the Diocese.

For information call the Collisons at 860-399-8265 or go to www.ccli.org. Virtual Online and Home Study Course in English and Spanish also available.

EnCourage Support Group ~ EnCourage is the Catholic spiritual support group for the family members of loved ones with same-sex attraction. For more information on the support group meetings held the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm at St. John Church, Montville, please call the Family Life Office at: 860-889-8346 ext. 283.

SAINT MAURICE PARISH

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE



Our gift tree for the needy of Bolton is up for your support. All gifts must be back by Dec. 13 unwrapped and gift tag visible. Gift bags are a help. Please enclose gift receipts from store.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

In this Thanksgiving season, let us give thanks for our God-given rights and stand strong in our opposition of the encroachments being made on our religious freedom. If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the mandate by calling President Obama at the White House at 202-456-1111 or U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.



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