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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD — JANUARY 3, 2016

Good News!

January 3, 2016

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (C)

Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

Several years ago, our family's longtime neighbor died. She had no children. My mom had helped her in her later years, so we weren't surprised when she received some money from the estate. What was shocking was that a check arrived at my house as well. I hadn't done anything to deserve this money, I had always been polite and kind to our neighbor and had visited her sometimes, but I was amazed at her generosity. Without knowing it, I had become an heir to this lovely woman.

On this Solemnity of the Epiphany, we celebrate our own unexpected inheritance—the quite undeserved gift of Jesus. Saint Paul writes that the Gentiles are “co-heirs” to this great gift, but what have we done to deserve such grace? Our culture tells us how much we “deserve” (clothes and so on).

But in the simplest of places—the tiniest of towns, this little hamlet of Bethlehem—comes a gift we could never do enough to deserve. The Magi recognized this—they prostrated themselves in homage and were changed by their encounter with Jesus. They “went home a different way”—not just physically but spiritually.

As the Christmas season winds down and the long-awaited gifts are unwrapped and put away, maybe we can look at the gift of Jesus with Epiphany eyes. May we welcome Jesus today like an unexpected inheritance check—with delighted hearts, humble spirits, and grateful souls.

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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 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 WEEK

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 2 — JANUARY 3, 2016
USHERS GROUP II

SATURDAY, JAN 2

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for †Justina, †Jennie & †Frances Quagliano
 request of Silvio & Josephine Maratta

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea
Lectors: Patti Cinea
Eucharistic Minister: Patti Cinea

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, JAN 3

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

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck
Lector: Judy Knox
Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

8:30 A.M. — 8:50 A.M. **YOUTH CHOIR** *in the Church*

NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Jason Bates & †Rudy Schuster
 request of Donna Bradford

Altar Servers: Emilia & Marta Herasimowicz
Lector: Jessica Merry
Eucharistic Minister: Janusz Herasimowicz

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

MONDAY, JAN 4

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Mario Persechino
 request of Silvio & Josephine Maratta

TUESDAY, JAN 5

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Lena C. Bloznalis
 request of The Dean and Bloznalis Families

7:15 P.M. **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

WEDNESDAY, JAN 6

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Samuel Guglielmino

THURSDAY, JAN 7 — NO MASS

FRIDAY, JAN 8 — NO MASS

SATURDAY, JAN 9

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

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: December 25 and December 27 — \$ 5,613
Projected Amount needed \$3,370

"...the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel." (Ephesians 3:6)

Today we celebrate that Christ came to all of us, not just the Hebrews. He made us all one body with Him. We were all given different gifts; we all have different yet equally valuable roles to play in the Body of Christ. Ask God how He wants you to use your gifts so that we may all "be one" in this Year of Mercy.

NEXT WEEK

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 9 — JANUARY 10, 2016
USHERS GROUP III

2ND COLLECTION — ST. MAURICE FUEL FUND**SATURDAY, JAN 9**

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for †Jerry Chemerka
 request of Sheila Chemerka

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea
Lectors: Bert Flynn
Eucharistic Minister: Georgette Pelletier

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, JAN 10

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for †Raymond and †Lilyan Hunt
 request of Jane and Bob Hunt

Altar Servers: Lynn Mancino
Lector: Lynn Mancino
Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

8:30 A.M. — 8:50 A.M. **YOUTH CHOIR** *in the Church*

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

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

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for †John and †Dorothy Snuffer
 request of The Snuffer Family

Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer
Lector: Lee Snuffer
Eucharistic Minister: Lou Cloutier

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

MONDAY, JAN 11

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for Mae Mancino
 request of Lynn Mancino

TUESDAY, JAN 12 — NO MASS

7:15 P.M. **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

WEDNESDAY, JAN 13 — NO MASS

THURSDAY, JAN 14 — NO MASS

FRIDAY, JAN 15 — NO MASS

SATURDAY, JAN 16

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

Readings for the Week of January 3, 2016

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
 Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7-8, 10-12/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14-15, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Jn 3:22-30

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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. Thank you. Carol and MaryAnn.

ALL YOUTH

are invited to join the new choir. Practices are Sunday mornings from 8:30 - 8:50 in the church. Come when you can, all voices are welcome!

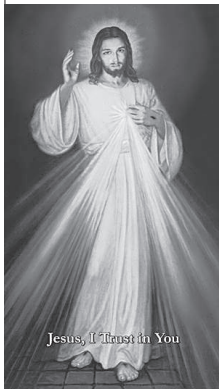


**The Epiphany
of the Lord**

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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Jesus, I Trust in You

**DONATIONS
FOR DIVINE MERCY
PAINTING**

January 10 will be the last possibility to become part of the Divine Mercy painting. Contributions must be in by next Sunday. Please put your contribution in the collection basket with name and the amount. Thank you.

GIVE ELECTRONICALLY

Forms and offertory cards are on the ushers tables at the back of the church. You can also Donate Online via the website at www.saintmauricebolton.org.

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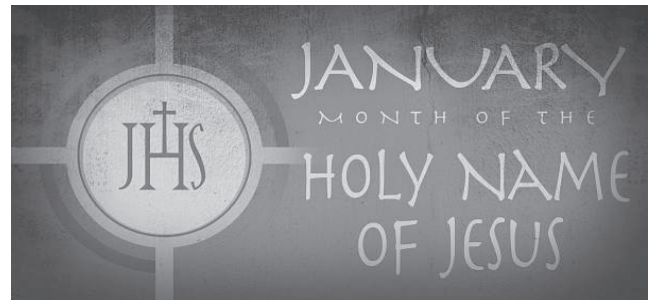
I am writing to you to inform you of the results of the recent Catholic Elementary School Campaign that was conducted in your parish and at your weekend Masses on September 19 and 20. With your help and cooperation, the schools received a total of almost one-hundred nine thousand dollars. Seventy-six thousand of that was received from parishes with schools, parishes yoked to parishes with schools and the deanery parishes that are part of the regional, diocesan school in Middletown. The remaining parishes in the diocese not included in the above description generated another thirty- three thousand dollars.

Over and over again you have heard me say how important Catholic schools are to the Church and her Mission of evangelization. Your help allows our schools to continue to do their extremely important work. On behalf of the students, parents, teachers, school principals and your brother pastors, I want to thank you for your inspiration and the tremendous support you provided to produce these results.

Catholic Education Week is scheduled for the last week in January. We need to fill every seat in our schools. I look for your help in publicizing that special week and to a special effort from you to encourage parents to enroll their children in one of our 12 elementary schools and 5 high schools.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Norwich



Defending Our Religious Liberty

We must remember that when the Supreme Court rendered its decision about the federal health care mandate, it upheld it as a tax, and did not rule on the First Amendment aspect of the mandate. This is why the Supreme Court has agreed to hear seven cases challenging the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) mandate. Let us pray that when they hear these cases they preserve our right to religious freedom.

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445, and your elected representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

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