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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT — DECEMBER 3, 2017



"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." On this First Sunday of Advent, Jesus gives us a wakeup call. This is no time for slumber. Now is the time to be on our toes, alert, attentive, ready. But for what? For the coming of "the Lord of the house."

During Advent, the Church does her best to help us get ready for the second coming of Christ. We don't know precisely when he will return, but we know that he will. And the fact is, even if it doesn't happen in our lifetime, each and every one of us will still have to face the Lord at an unknown hour—namely, the hour of our death. So let us be prepared! Let us be on the watch for anything that would threaten this most important of all encounters. We want to recognize the Lord as a friend and master, so that on seeing him we don't cower in fear at his awesome power and strength. Instead, we hope to rejoice in finally being able to behold him face-to-face. This of course is the result of a healthy and holy relationship with Christ. To nurture such a relationship this Advent season the Church urges us to recommit to a life of prayer, worthy reception of the sacraments, and a commitment to following God's loving laws through a life of virtue. With these priorities in order, we can wait for the second coming with joyful anticipation, just as we joyfully await the celebration of Christmas.

During these weeks as we prepare our homes for the festive holiday season, may we also set aside some time and effort to prepare our hearts. Then, not only will we appreciate the yuletide wonders around us, but we can also look forward to the eternal wonders that lie in store.

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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.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 02 — 03, 2017

USHERS GROUP II

2ND COLLECTION — ST. MAURICE FUEL FUND

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

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

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

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

Baptism of Collin Patrick Crandall *after Mass*

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Richard Cooke request of Lou and Dorli Cloutier

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5 — NO MASS

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6 — NO MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 — NO MASS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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

7:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

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



**SAINT MAURICE PARISH
CONSECRATION
TO THE IMMACULATE HEART
OF MARY**

Friday, December 8th

9:00 am and 7:00 pm

Feast Masses

of the Immaculate Conception

During this centennial year of Fatima, our parish will make an act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Our Lady of Fatima requested devotion to her Immaculate Heart, to recite the Rosary, to pray, to offer sacrifices for the conversion of sinners and in reparation for the many sacrileges against God. Reasons for parish and individual consecration: Mary was given to us as our spiritual mother by Jesus at the foot of his cross; she is the perfect model of holiness, she helps us follow Jesus more completely; she aids us in bearing good fruit, namely, the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self control-Galatians 5:22), and for protection against evil. Living the consecration means living the mission of Fatima to promote peace and to hasten the triumph of her Immaculate Heart.



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

is in the rear of the church and still has some bells for Bolton Families in need. We hope you will consider being a part of this worthwhile program of helping people of Bolton in need. All gifts due by Sunday, December 10th for Sunday, December 17th delivery.

If you have any questions please call me at 860-649-6255. Thank you for caring, Dorli.



**CYBER DEAL AT SAINT MAURICE
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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.**

^ Tear off

Memorial Mass Form

Drop in collection ^

Father Leon, please offer a weekend ___ (or) weekday ___ Mass for the soul ___ (or) intentions ___ (as applicable) of:

Name _____

Person requesting _____

Street Address _____ E-mail Address _____

City State Zip _____ E-mail Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Check enclosed ___ Envelope No. _____ We will Donate Online ___ (Customary donation \$10 weekday, \$20 weekend)

I will bring up the gifts at the Mass celebrated. Yes ___ No ___

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: Marge, Mary, Francis, Nick, Alex, Dot, Alie,

Vicki, Nicholas, Bob, Grace, Joe, Chris, Rachel.

Candle Intentions - Nicholas, Nick, Alex, Alie, Vicki, Dot, Bob, Grace, Joe

May all families strengthened be their faith in God and receive the courage and hope to face the difficulties they encounter in their families today.

Our parish community, enlightened by the light of Christ, may bring that light to others, especially those who stand most in need.

Prayer shawls are available upon request

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann



JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AT THE TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ

Time: 8:00 A.M. — 10:00 A.M.

Date: Sunday, December 10

Location: St. Maurice Parish Center

\$6.00 / Person \$18.00 / Family

Sponsored by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus

ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH IS PROUD TO PRESENT

Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle

EWTN HOST, AUTHOR, SPEAKER

"Our Lady of Fatima's Importance Today"

Come and hear Donna-Marie explain how the message of Fatima is a call from the Mother of God for a renewed fidelity to penance and prayer and continual conversion of heart.

SUNDAY, DEC. 3RD 1PM

ST. EDWARD CHURCH

59 HIGH ST. STAFFORD SPRINGS

Following Donna-Marie's presentation - all are invited to a meet-and-greet reception with refreshments in our Hall.

The Bolton Ecumenical Council hosted its annual Community Thanksgiving Service at St. Maurice Church. The four Christian Churches, including their combined choirs, joined together in praise and thanksgiving for the benefits of the year.



FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

Praise, Worship, and Healing Prayer Service

Nothing uplifts the soul like praising and worshipping God! Come and rejoice for answered prayer, seek prayer for yourself or for a burden you're carrying for someone else. Join us on Thursday evening, December 7, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew Church. 128 Norwich Ave. in Colchester, CT, for an evening of praising and worshipping God with music, teaching, witnessing, and prayer. If desired, you may also meet with a prayer team for personal, intercessory, or healing prayer.

This service is held on the first Thursday every month.

36th Annual Convocation

For the Priests in the Diocese of Norwich

NEWPORT, RI.—The Annual Convocation for Priests will be held from December 4-6, 2017, at Gurney's Newport Resort on Goat Island in Newport, RI. It will be a time for all priests to gather with their bishop for spiritual renewal, support, education and rest. No parish, school or institutional activities will be scheduled during these days. Please pray for your priests, as they will be praying for you.

The theme of this year's Convocation is "Paul as a Model for Pastoral Ministry." The key presenter will be Very Reverend Ronald Witherup, SS, Superior General of the Society of the Priests of Saint Sulpice (Sulpicians) and resides in Paris, France. A former academic dean and professor of Sacred Scripture at St. Patrick Seminary & University in Menlo Park, CA, he holds degrees in Old Testament and spirituality, as well as a licentiate in theology (STL), and a doctorate in biblical studies from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA, (PhD). He is a frequent lecturer on biblical and theological topics and has written many articles for various scholarly and popular journals. Fr. Witherup has written over twenty books. His latest books from Paulist Press are to appear next year, What the Bible Says about Mercy (and why it matters!), and Life in the New Creation: A Spiritual-Pastoral Reading of Galatians.

Bishop Cote emphasized the importance of this annual gathering in his letter inviting each priest to the Convocation, "Your presence and commitment to this time together is important to me. This year we celebrate the 36th year of gathering as a presbyterate for the Convocation."

The Convocation is coordinated by the Norwich Diocesan Continuing Education and Formation Commission: Very Rev. Dennis M. Perkins, Very Rev. David P. Choquette, Reverends John Antonelle, Gregory P. Brozonowicz, Peter B. Liszewski, Walter M. Nagle, and Michael Smith.

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: November 27 — \$2,235

Projected Amount needed \$2,980

"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come."

- Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. Our lives are so busy, many of us are planning our time - our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to what God is saying to you.

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