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SAINT MAURICE
A TITHING PARISH



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

All things came to be through him,
and without him nothing came to be.
What came to be through him was life,
and this life was the light of the human race.

- Jn 1:3-4



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 23 — 24, 2017

USHERS GROUP I

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for †Eva and †John Wachowski request of Irene Kehl

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for †Father Sean McMahon request of Tony and Kathleen Conneely

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Frank Hilbie request of Chris and Kate Armstrong

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD — CHRISTMAS EVE

2ND COLLECTION FOR POOR AND NEEDY

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for Children and Youth of St. Maurice Church

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

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



MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 — THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

CHRISTMAS DAY

2ND COLLECTION FOR POOR AND NEEDY

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Frank Hilbie request of Chris and Kate Armstrong

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

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 28

10:00 A.M. Funeral Mass for Rocco Fiano

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29 — NO MASS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

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

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH

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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.

BIBLE STUDY



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

Next session December 27th at 7:00 p.m.

“Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.” St. Jerome

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: December 17 — \$2,760

Projected Amount needed \$2,980

“Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!”

— Luke 1:28

Faith is a gift from God. Take time in silence and thank Him for all the gifts He has given you. Try to set aside any anger or resentment you have and really open your heart to receive the gift of God's mercy and forgiveness. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first be-

^ Tear off

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 _____

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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: Marge, Mary, Francis, Grace, Bob, Joe, Rachel, Theresa, Nick, Arthur, Juan, Margaret.

For Pope Francis, successor to St. Peter: that he will faithfully proclaim the Good News, be guided by the Spirit to promoting unity in the Church and leading us to grater love and service.

For all who are searching for the keys to new life: that God will help those who feel bound by addiction or destructive habits to recognize the key that will liberate them to wholeness of life.

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann

ATTENTION PRAYER LINE VOLUNTEERS

Prayer Line calendars for 2018 are ready to be picked up. They are in the back of church on the confessional side. Please take any book and the letter with your name on it. Thank you, Carol and MaryAnn

Calling for nurses who would participate in Parish Nursing, please contact Rita Sheetz at 860-646-1176

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.

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.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

SUPPORT THOSE IN NEED!

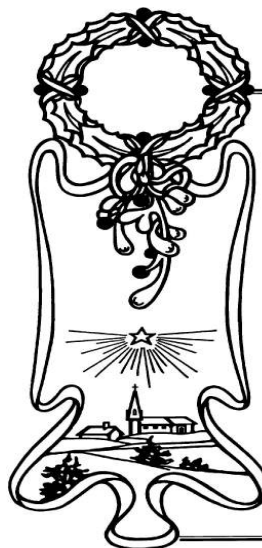
The end of the calendar year also marks the end of "Our Faith Calls US To ACTION", the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal. Bishop Cote wishes to thank all who have answered the call and made a gift. The ACA supports thousands of our neighbors in need through the work of over 25 ministries and programs which provide emergency services, housing assistance, food for the hungry, pregnancy and adoption services, and so much more. There is still time to make your gift. Year end gifts of stock and monetary donations to the 2017 ACA can be made through December 31st. Donations are fully deductible to the extent allowed by the law. Please visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org to donate online, send a check to 197 Broadway, Norwich CT 06360, or call 860-886-1928 for more information.

The monthly **Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, January 6 at 8:30 A.M.** Please join 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.

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH

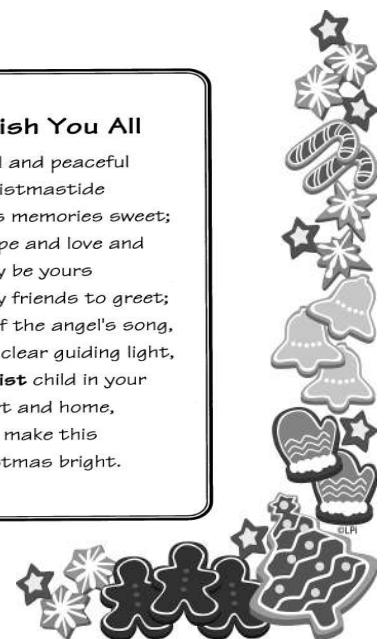
CHRISTMAS FOOD AND GIFTS SHARING

On Sunday, December 17th, all of our Faith Formation classes participated in St. Maurice's Christmas Food and Gifts Donation. Groups of students, led by Confirmation Candidates, sorted, packed, and delivered food and Christmas gifts to Bolton families in need. We provided a holiday meal plus a couple of weeks of groceries to 25 family in Bolton. **A big thank you to all of our Faith Formation families and our delivery drivers.**



We Wish You All

A glad and peaceful
Christmastide
With all its memories sweet;
May hope and love and
joy be yours
With kindly friends to greet;
The echo of the angel's song,
The star's clear guiding light,
The **Christ** child in your
heart and home,
To make this
Christmas bright.



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