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SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD — JANUARY 7, 2018



"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." What a wonderful example the Magi give us in their visit to the infant Jesus. First of all, they demonstrate profound faith in God's word, spoken through the prophet Micah: "And you, Bethlehem ... from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel" (cf. 5:2). Embarking on a long and difficult journey, they trust that they will find this newborn king of the Jews in Bethlehem as the prophecy announced.

On their arrival at the home of the Holy Family, the Magi also give us an example of profound humility. These important men, to whom kings look for guidance and advice, do not hesitate to bow down, to "prostrate themselves" and give homage to a tiny babe. Putting their own position out of their minds, they reverently worship the infant Lord even as he sits on the lap of his mother.

The generosity of these three "kings" is also evident as they open their treasure boxes and give to the poor child the richest of gifts. Traditionally, we understand the gold to symbolize the earthly kingship of Christ, the frankincense to represent his divinity, and the myrrh to stand as a symbol of the anointing he will receive upon his death.

Finally, the wisdom of these men is evident in their decision to return to their country "by another way." Understanding the threat that King Herod posed to Jesus, they followed a plan that would help keep the divine child safe even though it meant inconvenience to themselves.

Faith, humility, generosity, and wisdom. These gifts are the real legacy of the Three Kings. Today, let us ask God for the blessing of having these gifts in our lives.

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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 3:15 p.m. — 3:45 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.



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OF THE LORD**

JANUARY 6 — 7, 2018

USHERS GROUP III

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for †Norman Preuss
request of The Holbrook Family

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

8:00 A.M. **TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ BREAKFAST**
Parish Center from 8:00AM to 10:00AM
Blood pressure screening available in the library during breakfast

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

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Paul and †Louise Robotto
request of Denise Budrick

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Gasperin and †Eva Morra
request of Denise Budrick

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Marie Williamson
request of Annedda Stiller

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11 — NO MASS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12 — NO MASS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

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

**Father Leon is available at all times for any Spiritual
needs, to call or meet with him personally, you're al-
ways welcomed. Reach him direct at (860) 748-4560.**

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH

Delicious
**Pancake
Breakfast**

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AT THE TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ



Time: 8:00 A.M. — 10:00 A.M.

Date: Sunday, January 7

Location: St. Maurice Parish Center

\$6.00 / Person \$18.00 / Family

Sponsored by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus

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

Looking for nurses to help with blood pressure screening at the parish K of C monthly breakfasts. Please contact Rita Sheetz at 860-646-1176.

Your response would be much appreciated.



2017-18 THEME RETREAT FOR WOMEN:

MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR PEACE

“Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace,” is a weekend women’s retreat that will take place at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat, in Farmington. It begins Friday evening on January 12, 2018 at 7:00pm to Sunday, January 14 at 12:00 PM. The powerful and timely theme is taken from the well-loved Peace Prayer of St. Francis. The Retreat concludes with Mass at 11:00 am followed by brunch. Families and friends may join retreatants for Mass and brunch. Offering is \$250.

To register and view our other available Theme Retreat dates: contact OLC at 860-677-8519, olcretreat@sbcglobal.net or visitwww.ourladyofcalvary.net.

STEWARDSHIP

Last week’s Offertory: December 31 — \$3,325

Projected Amount needed \$2,980

“..they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh...”

Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi’s visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

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Parish Membership Form

Drop in collection ^

Please enroll the following as members of the Church of St. Maurice:

Adults _____

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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:
Leo, Phil, Margie, Joanne, Joe, John, Marge,

Margaret, Mary, Francis

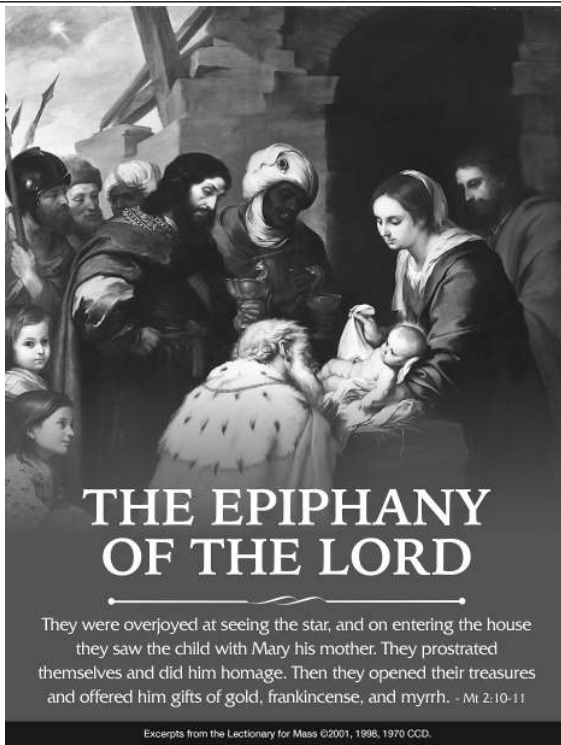
Candle Intentions - Gary, Grace, Bob, Joyce, George, Tom
Special prayers for Rocco Fiano who has died recently and prayers for his family

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

For all who exercise authority whether in religion, business, education or government: that they may recognize God as the source of all authority and use their power for promoting justice and the good of all.

Prayer shawls are available upon request

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann



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Please come for a tour, meet our staff and see what we have to offer.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

Celebrate Marriage – Now that the holiday rush is through, it's not too early to begin thinking of Valentine's Day. Give your Valentine something special this year – the gift of your time. Come celebrate your marriage at a day-long enrichment that will renew your dreams, increase your passion and refresh and celebrate your marriage. This marriage enrichment aptly entitled, **“Celebrate Marriage,” will take place on Saturday, February 10, 2018, from 9 A.M to 3 P.M. at Christ the King Parish, 1 McCurdy Rd., Old Lyme.** The cost is \$35 per couple, which includes workbook and lunch. Registration is required. To register, call the Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext. 306.

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest”.

Visit the **NEW Caregiver Spirituality Webpage** Sponsored by the Office of Faith Events. Resources for caregivers include prayers, articles, books and websites that offer both practical and spiritual support

www.norwichdiocese.org/caregiver-spirituality-support-group

Nominations are underway for the

Longest Married Couple

search sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Nominations are open to all husband and wife couples regardless of religious affiliation through **January 10, 2018.** Email the couple's name, wedding date and city and state where they reside to bkberland@gmail.com. Include your contact phone or email address. Or, visit the national website at www.wwme.org. For more information, contact the Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext 306.

Catholic Charities - Diocese of Norwich, CT

Employment opportunities

Part Time Clinician

Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW) and Licensed Master Social Workers (LMSW) are needed to provide fee for service clinical services for a diverse client population in our Norwich, Middletown, and New London Offices.

APRN

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich is seeking a consulting psychiatric APRN to provide psychiatric evaluations, medication evaluations, and medication follow-up appointments for clients served at our Norwich and Middletown behavioral health clinics. Experience working with children desired, but not required. Connecticut license to practice as an APRN is required.

To apply:

Please email resume, cover letter, salary requirements, and the contact information for three professional references to Laura Malone, Executive Assistant at lauramalone@ccfsn.org.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The Catholic Church is asking that lawmakers safeguard the rights afforded to us in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, so that we will have the freedom to serve the needy and most vulnerable without violating our moral principles and without being penalized with fines.

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