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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — JANUARY 14, 2018



"He first found his own brother Simon and told him, 'We have found the Messiah.'" After spending the day in the company of Christ, Andrew took action. He shared the good news! Instead of keeping his newfound friendship with Jesus all to himself, Andrew invited his brother into the fold. Andrew found Simon and "brought him to Jesus." This was no small matter because Simon would become Peter, the first pope! How important it is to bring others along with us to meet Christ!

Yet, how often do we reach out with the kind of confidence that Andrew had? Are we ready and willing to share our faith with our family and friends? Do we consider our relationship with Jesus a gift to be shared, or a fact to be safely hidden away in our personal prayer corner?

Part of our call as Christians is to evangelize others, to share with them the good news of salvation. Loving Jesus and following his moral commands is essential, of course, but it is not the end of the story. The Gospel message is meant for all people, and we are meant to be its messengers. Sometimes this requires us to step out of our comfort zone. It may mean speaking up when we'd rather be silent. It may mean inviting someone to Mass when they might say no. But it might also mean a conversion for someone we care about. It might mean a new minister for the Church. Ultimately, it might mean another saint in heaven.

None of that is up to us, however. What we can control is only whether we share our faith joyfully and extend the invitation to others to experience the peace that comes from knowing Christ.

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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.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 13 — 14, 2018

USHERS GROUP IV

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for †Ingrid Tangarone request of Gloria Holbrook and Family

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Barbara and †Donald Sullivan request of Patrick and Daniel Sullivan

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

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

7:00 P.M. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUSINESS MEETING

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18 — NO MASS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19 — NO MASS

6:30 P.M.— 8:00 P.M. CUB SCOUTS — Church basement

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

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 always welcomed. Reach him direct at (860) 748-4560.

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH

CHRISTMAS VAN

On the evenings of December 16th & 17th, Fr. Leon and members of the St. Maurice Choir traveled around Bolton singing Christmas Carols and sharing Scripture.



STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: January 7 — \$2,634

Projected Amount needed \$2,980

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'" - JOHN 1:38

What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.

^ 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: Margaret, Ann, Diane, Kathy, Marge, Mary,

Margaret.

For the husbands and wives may always be aware of the special bond they share with Jesus and thereby develop their mutual love.

For our Youth in particular; that they be given the encouragement and the guidance to resist the immoral and sinful presence of current pagan culture.

Prayer shawls are available upon request

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann

YOUTH MASS

We will be having a Youth Mass on January 28 at 10 AM. Any and all participation from our parish youth is welcome, even if it's just being present in the church. Opportunities are available to read, sing, or help usher; and we'll be happy to help prepare children for any job they may want to take on.

If interested, please contact Amie Tillman at saintmauriceccd@gmail.com.

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.



Saint Bridget School of Manchester

invites you to our **January 28th open House from 9:00 am. until 12:00 noon.**

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We offer Drop in Monday open houses throughout the year from 9:00am to 11:00am., or visit our web site at www.saintbridget-school.com.

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.

On Sunday, February 4, 2018, the 21st

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Gift of Consecrated Life

will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Norwich. All are invited to join Bishop Cote in thanking God for the gift of consecrated life and for the sisters, brothers, and religious priests who enrich the Church and build up God's Kingdom with the witness of their religious commitment. The homilist will be Father Peter Grover, O.M.V., Rector of Saint Clement Eucharist Shrine in Boston.

All are invited to participate in the Mass.

East Catholic High School

Eagles After Hours: Wednesday, January 17th from 4-5pm Stop by East Catholic anytime from 4pm-5pm. Hear student testimonies, go on a tour of our campus and meet with members of our Leadership Team.

Entrance Exam: Saturday, January 20th at 8 a.m.

Pre-registration for these events is not required but will be greatly appreciated. You may reach out to Ms. Devlin at 860-649-5336 ext 6238 with any questions or requests.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT ~ If you are in need of consolation after the loss of a loved one, consider attending Seasons of Hope, a new Bereavement Support group that will meet Thursday evenings from 7-9 P.M. at St. Andrew Church Library, 128 Norwich Ave, Colchester. The program, which consists of four, six-week sessions, will explore issues of mourning through Scripture, prayer, reflection and faith-sharing. For more information, contact Cheryl Laporte at 860-537-4463 or e-mail her at calaporte48@gmail.com.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

As Dignitatis Humanae, which was adopted by the Second Vatican Council in 1965 states, religious freedom means that not only individuals, but also families, communities, and institutions enjoy the space to live out religious convictions. As parents have a fundamental right to teach their children their faith, companies should also have the right to contribute to the common good by expressing their religious practices. Ultimately, religious freedom belongs to groups as well as individuals.

Let us pray that legislators who work to replace the federal health care mandate will read and be inspired by Dignitatis Humanae.

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