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## CLEARING OUT OUR HEARTS



We all have things in our lives that don't belong there. Maybe it's the poor way we allow someone to treat us, maybe it's a habitual sin, maybe it's a pattern of thought or attitude that traps us in a cycle of regret, anger, or an inability to forgive. Jesus has bold words for us today: "Take these out of here."

When we hear the story of the Cleansing of the Temple, it can be easy to look down on the animal-sellers and money-changers. However, they set up shop in the Temple for a very practical purpose. People needed to buy animals to sacrifice, they were going to sacrifice them in the Temple: ergo, quite a convenient, successful marketplace! For many of us, the negative influences in our lives don't come out of nowhere. We might have considered them quite practical and reasonable initially. We wanted to keep the peace, so we allowed someone to talk to us disrespectfully. A person hurt us deeply and we weren't prepared to let go of our resentment right away. Over time, these can fester and corrupt our inner life in a way we didn't expect.

The response of Jesus is a strong one. "He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area." God wants us to be whole, healthy human beings. He knows how destructive it is for our souls to be caught up in sin -- our own sin and those of others. God's love for us is startlingly fierce. In a few short weeks we will celebrate the culmination of that courageous love as Jesus goes to his death on the cross.

In the meantime, Lent is an opportunity for cleansing and renewal. If we've allowed into our lives things that don't belong, let today be the day we ask Jesus to clear them out. It's not always easy or pretty, but it's necessary for our hearts to function the way they were made. God will turn our tables over if we ask Him to.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT — MARCH 4, 2018

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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 (CONFESSON):**

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.



## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 3 — 4, 2018

USHERS GROUP III2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION — ST. MAURICE FUEL FUNDSATURDAY, MARCH 34:00 P.M. Mass offered for †John Dietz  
request of Marge and Bert Flynn**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** *after Mass*SUNDAY, MARCH 47:30 A.M. Mass offered for †James Hurst  
request of the Hovey Family**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** *after Mass*

8:30 A.M. BREAKFAST FOR FAITH FORMATION

9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for †John Sheetz (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
request of Rita Sheetz**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** *after Mass*5:30 P.M. EVENING PRAYER  
**FROM THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS**MONDAY, MARCH 59:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Fr. Anthony Gruber  
request of Lou and Dorli CloutierTUESDAY, MARCH 69:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Louis, Sr. & †Lucienne  
Cloutier — request of Lou and Dorli Cloutier

7:15 P.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL

*New members are most welcome*WEDNESDAY, MARCH 79:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church

9:00 A.M. CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP

7:00 P.M. BIBLE STUDY IN THE PARISH CENTER

THURSDAY, MARCH 8 — NO MASSFRIDAY, MARCH 97:00 P.M. MASS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
FOR CHILDREN*Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church*SATURDAY, MARCH 1011:00 A.M. CONFIRMATION MASS AT THE  
CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK IN NORWICH

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

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## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Send offertory envelopes \_\_\_\_\_ Send form for EFT (electronic donation) \_\_\_\_\_ We will Donate Online \_\_\_\_\_

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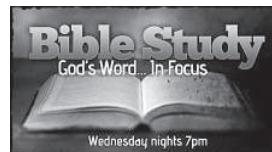
## FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH

SACRIFICIAL MASS OFFERING  
DURING LENT

Holy Mass is Divine blessings upon the person or persons for whom the Mass is being offered, plus all mankind, including members of the Church and the souls in purgatory. During Lent, weekend Mass placed requests will be reduced to a \$10 offering.

Masses can be offered for the intention of the grace of conversion of a loved one living or deceased, or for a specific appropriate intention.

Please contact Theresa at **860-643-4466** during office hours or [saintmauricechurchbolton@gmail.com](mailto:saintmauricechurchbolton@gmail.com)



## LENT 2018

**Next sessions: March 7th, 14th  
and 21st at 7:00 pm  
In the Parish Center**

Presented by Fr. Leon

**Next: Passion narratives of the Gospels of Luke and John. Refreshments served. Please come!**

*"Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name."* (John 20:30)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND MASS FOR THE CHILDREN

On **Friday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m.**, bring the whole family to celebrate mass and go through the Stations of the Cross. Special booklets for the children will be provided.

## STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: February 25 — \$2,954

Projected Amount needed \$2,980

*"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..."* - Exodus 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health.

**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:

Bonnie, Dodi, Irene, Francis, Margaret, Mary, Marge, David, Viola, Jane.

Candle Intentions: Grace, Nicholas, Bob

For openness to the Spirit: that we may be attentive to the invitations of God to grow and change during the Lenten season  
For a renewal of prayer that God will guide us to quiet places where we can listen to God and respond with sincerity.

**Prayer shawls are available upon request**

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann

**CONFIRMATION**

**Confirmation Mass** will take place at the **Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich** on **Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.**

Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Cote.

Please join us for this special celebration!

**Seasonal Sharing**  
**Easter Food Donation**

As we look forward to Easter we do want to think of those residents of Bolton who need our help to prepare a joyous Easter dinner for their family. Maybe as a Lenten lesson we could have our children pick out some grocery items each week to give to those in need. Just one way to show concern and sacrifice during Lent.

**Time:** Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 A.M.

**Place:** Parish Center, Ryba Hall

**What:** Sorting, packing, and delivery of food and other groceries to Bolton families in need.

**Cost:** To donate, make your check payable to "Church of St. Maurice" with the memo "**Easter food**" and put in the regular collection or mail. Nonperishable items may be left in either vestibule any time that the Church is open. Bring perishable items on the morning of 3/25.

**Contact:** Tom Manning - tmanning818@sbcglobal.net  
(860) 990-4698

Any one who wishes to join us for the sorting packing and driving is welcome. Please come to the Parish Center after mass on Palm Sunday.

**Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation****A Day of Reconciliation**

**—Friday, March 9th—**

6:00am to 10:00pm

Saint Bernard Church-Rockville  
Priests from the Vernon Deanery

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**

DIOCESE OF NORWICH

**2018 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL LAUNCH WEEKEND**

Annual Catholic Appeal This weekend we launch the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) campaign,

**"Standing Together to Build the Future"**

We all hope for a bright future and many of us have been blessed with gifts that allow us to live comfortably. Others may need help in building their future as struggles prevent them from achieving a better life. That's where your stewardship can help! During this Lenten season, please consider giving from your heart to the "**Standing Together to Build the Future**," campaign, joining with your brothers and sisters in Christ to help make a difference across the Diocese. Your contributions to the ACA support our Diocesan ministries, whose programs are available to everyone. Please make your pledge to the 2018 ACA next weekend or visit [www.norwichdiocesedev.org](http://www.norwichdiocesedev.org) for more information.

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Marie and Ed Fusco would like to thank all who have supported them during the last 21 years.

**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, March 11

**Location:** St. Maurice Parish Center

\$6.00 / Person \$18.00 / Family

**Sponsored by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus**

**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.**

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