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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT — MARCH 18, 2018



"Now there were some Greeks among those who had come to worship at the feast. They came to Philip and asked him, 'Sir, we would like to see Jesus.'" It has begun. News of Jesus has spread beyond native-born, Aramaic-speaking Jews. We don't know if the Greeks mentioned here heard of Jesus from fellow travelers or if news of this intriguing rabbi had reached all the way to their home. What we do know is that this interaction spurred an interesting comment from Jesus: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." In other words, it has begun. The time has come for the message to move beyond the geographic bounds of Israel.

But what does this message require? The Gospel is clear: "he said this indicating the kind of death he would die." A grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies to its life as only a seed. A caterpillar takes on the appearance of temporary death in order to transform into a butterfly. In the Gospels, sacrifice and death are a way of becoming something more than you were before.

This Lent, new life can come from our sacrifices. When we enter into the season with Jesus, our difficulties can transform our perspective. "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

As we abstain from meat and fast from eating between meals, we can grow in compassion for the hungry. We can give alms of our time, sacrificially spending time with the lonely, the sick, and the marginalized. Our little Lenten "deaths" -- death to unnecessary preferences, death to selfish living, death to ignorance of other's pain -- can bring new life to the world long after the season is over. This is the invitation this Sunday and every Lenten season, to begin anew from death to life.

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[www.saintmauricebolton.org](http://www.saintmauricebolton.org)

## WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 5:00 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.

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT****MARCH 17 — 18, 2018****USHERS GROUP I****SATURDAY, MARCH 17**

**4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for special intentions of Marge Flynn  
request of Marge and Bert Flynn

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** *after Mass***SUNDAY, MARCH 18**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for †Aniela, †Michael, †Joseph and  
†Andrew Kurys  
request of The 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.** **CHILDREN AND YOUTH MASS**  
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, MARCH 19**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Carol Toomey  
request of Catherine Depathy

**TUESDAY, MARCH 20**

**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, MARCH 21**

**9:00 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 22 — NO MASS****FRIDAY, MARCH 23**

**7:00 P.M.** **MASS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church

**SATURDAY, MARCH 24****4:30 P.M.** **ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS****FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH**

**Outdoor procession of  
THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
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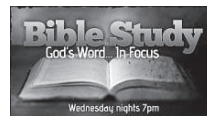
**PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 25TH, 1:00 PM**Sponsored by the **BOLTON ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

The four parishes in Bolton invite all who would like to  
participate during this season of Lent as we:

**PRAY** for TEENS & YOUTH, and an end to violence

*Please dress accordingly to weather conditions*

*Meet in the parking lot prior to the PROCESSION*

**LENT 2018****Next sessions: March 21st at 7:00 pm***In the Parish Center***Presented by Fr. Leon****STEWARDSHIP****Last week's Offertory: March 11 — \$3,295****Projected Amount needed \$2,980**

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..."*

*- John 3:16*

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop them and return with increase

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ST. MAURICE CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2018

### **Matthew Weir**

Confirmation Name: **Paul**

Sponsor:

Justin Thomas Weir

### **Melissa LeGeyt**

Confirmation Name: **Irene**

Sponsor:

Liane Irene Lussier-Smith

### **Marta Herasimowicz**

Confirmation Name: **Marta**

Sponsor:

Emilia Anna Herasimowicz

### **Alex Czercowy**

Confirmation Name:

**Sebastian**

Sponsor:

Iwona Wielgos



Pictured from left to right: Matthew Weir, Alex Czercowy, Bishop Cote, Melissa LeGeyt, Marta Herasimowicz, and Fr. Leon Susaimanickam



Drew Tillmann, one of five altar servers for our Confirmation Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

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Appeal

## **2018 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL COMMITMENT WEEKEND**

A heartfelt "Thank you" to everyone who has answered the call to participate in the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal, **"Standing Together to Build the Future"**. You have helped to continue the 'good works' performed by our Diocesan Ministries because of Your generosity. Every gift is valued! It's not too late to offer your support. Gifts to the ACA allow our ministries to help provide a better future for others by assisting them with social service, spiritual, educational and many other needs throughout our community. Please visit [www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org) to watch the 2018 ACA video and make your pledge today!



### **ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE**

Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line.

Especially the new requests for this week:

Vivian, Stephanie, Fran, Nancy, Annette,

Marge, Francis, Mary, Margaret, Viola.

Candle Intention: Nick, Noah, Joshua, Bozena, Grace, Bob, MaryJane, Joe.

Special prayers for our Confirmation Class.

For openness to the Spirit: that we may be attentive to the invitations of God to grow and change during this Lenten season.

For the grace of humility: that we may acknowledge all the good that God does for us and around us rather than glorifying our accomplishments or ourselves.

**Prayer shawls are available upon request**

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann



## **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. Please help us.

**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](mailto: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.



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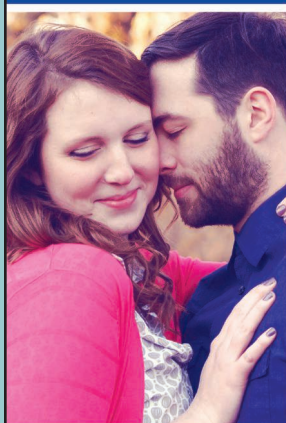
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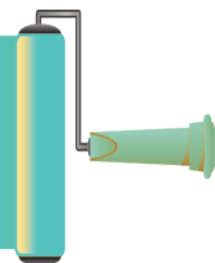
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