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Should we be a little easier on Thomas? The last few days have been a whirlwind. On Thursday, a Passover celebration went horribly awry as Jesus was betrayed and taken into custody for unstated crimes. Less than 24 hours later, the simple arrest has turned into a death sentence to be carried out that very afternoon. Most of the disciples fled, including Thomas. He would have heard of the events of Good Friday secondhand, in shock over the death of his Lord and Master. Then Sunday morning arrives with joy from a few disciples-Jesus is risen! But there is no persistent sight of him, only Mary Magdalene's quick moment in the garden and an empty tomb. Another day passes. The Apostles are gathered that Monday night, but Thomas is absent. He returns to a jubilant report of the risen Lord. Again, Thomas has seen nothing.

The experience must have been surreal. Did Jesus really appear raised from the dead? Did he really suffer and die? Has all of this been some strange hoax? Desperate for an answer, Thomas insists, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

After his resurrection, Jesus' body--mangled and bloody from the crucifixion--is restored. Did it need the scars? A perfected body would have taught us one lesson: everything is renewed as it once was, the past erased. Jesus chooses another lesson, however. He retains his scars that we might know him. In the whirlwind of our lives, we make our own mistakes, our own betrayals and compromises. In the resurrected Jesus, we see a God who does not forget his own sorrow. We are invited to meet him--wound for wound--and place our hand on his own nail-scarred palm, the eternal sign of his everlasting mercy.



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY — APRIL 8, 2018

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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.

ST. MAURICE CHURCH BOLTON, CT



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 7 — 8, 2018
USHERS GROUP IV

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

5:00 P.M. <u>Mass offered for †John Wachowski</u>

request of Irene Kehl

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for †Deceased Members of

the Ciscon Family — request of Theresa Ciscon

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Deceased Members of the

Jaworowski Family

request of Agata and Janusz Herasimowicz

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

FROM THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, APRIL 9

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners

of St. Maurice Church

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

9:00 A.M. <u>Mass offered for All Parishioners</u>

of St. Maurice Church

7:00 P.M. PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

7:15 P.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL

New members are most welcome

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Frances and †Jack Garvan

request of Linda Wiley

9:00 A.M. CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP

THURSDAY, APRIL 12 — NO MASS

FRIDAY, APRIL 13 — NO MASS

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

4:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



St. Maurice Knights of Columbus

Parish Spring Fling in the Parish Center on April 21 at 6pm. An evening of fun, food, and music for all parish members and their friends!

Come and get to know your parish!

Italian food will be catered by D&D Market. Soda and seltzer will be served; BYOW. Cost per adult is \$15

Children are free and will have pizza, juice, popcorn, and a movie in the downstairs classrooms. That way, the whole family can come. We will have parish teens watching the kids

Please RSVP by April 8 on the lists by the exits or call/ e-mail Tony Girasoli at 860-710-3255

aj@girasoli.org. Pay at the door.





In much appreciation and gratitude to Fr. Leon, for the countless hours he invested into preparation for our Lenten Bible Study. We are grateful for the opportunity to have learned about the Passion Narra-

tives in greater depth. Thank you for the giving of your time and expertise.

The Adult Faith Formation Group

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.

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: APRIL 1 — \$4,309 Projected Amount needed \$2,980

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..."

- Acts 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your talents, your abilities and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with.

^ Tear off	Parish Membership Form				Drop in collection ^
Please enroll the following as members	s of the Churc	ch of St. Mau	rice:		
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Children (under 18)				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
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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.

Prayer Line: Irene, Ortiv Family, Grace, Bob, MaryJane, Mary, Marge, Margaret, Francis,

Irene, David, Viola, Vivian, Connor, Dye, Jane, Kyle, John, Maria, Jerry, Keith.

Candle Intentions: Grace, Bob, a special intention.

Special prayers for Frances Garvan who has died and prayers for her family.

Special prayers for Corinne Chamberlain who has died and prayers for her family.

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

For a renewal of prayer: that God will guide us to quiet places where we can listen to God and respond with sincerity.

Thank you for using the Prayer Line. When requests are made, we know that they are prompted by concern and caring. Once submitted, be certain that the requested names are never removed from the Prayer Line list. We have always left that responsibility to God, in His wisdom and mercy. When you place someone's name on the Prayer Line, know that we are praying for them each day. If circumstances change for that someone, please resubmit their name as "continued prayers for (name)". If you have questions, please call Mary Ann (860-649-5449) or Carol 860-643-2837. Thank you.

Prayer shawls are available upon requestThank you. Carol & Mary Ann



OUTREACH TO HAITI

Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti Annual Fundraiser

Join Bishop Cote at the Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti annual Charity Gala,

Saturday, April 28, at A Villa Louisa, Bolton CT.

RSVP on-line www.outreachtohaiti.org. or call Outreach to Haiti 860 800 3601. Proceeds benefit the Diocese's long-standing mission in Haiti: nutrition & feeding programs, medical care, orphanages, and education program The evening features Dr. Jacquet, Outreach Clinic Director, a silent auction, cocktails and dinner. The price is \$100. Thank you for your support!

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The Administration has pledged that it will defend and protect religious liberty. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has urged the fulfillment of this promise, including an end to regulations and other mandates by the federal government that force people of faith to make choices that go against their religious principles.

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



All clergy and about 60 parishioners from all four parishes in Bolton participated in the outdoor procession of the Stations of the Cross at Bolton State Park Hop River Trail on Sunday, March 25th. We thank all who contributed, everyone who came and participated, including our local Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and youth who read or helped carry the wooden cross. We thank God for his goodness and to participate together as a Christian community.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND ~ If you are widowed, separated or divorced and want help in resolving the pain and grief of losing the marriage relationship and create a more peace-filled future, consider attending a Beginning Experience weekend May 4-6 at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, CT. The fee for the Catholic-based weekend is \$265, which covers food, lodging, materials and a follow-up event. For more information call Maureen at 860-285-8685 or Victoria at 860-993-2384, or visit www.beginningexperience.org.

On **Thursday**, **April 19**, **2018**, come join in praying with Bishop Cote a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations. This month the holy hour will be at St. Luke, Ellington, from 6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Come pray for those who are called to priestly or consecrated religious life. Pray for our seminarians and those in the process of applying to the Diocese. Join our Diocesan Prayer Team for Vocations by emailing the vocation office for more information at Vocations@norwichdiocese.net

and check out our website at god-calls.com!

Marriage Help – If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring, or, if you are divorced or separated but want to try again, the **Retrouvaille** program can help.

Retrouvaille provides tools to communicate better, resolve conflicts fairly and re-discover why you fell in love. The next local Retrouvaille weekend is **April 20-22, 2018**.

For information, call confidentially 1-800-470-2230, email cherylandsteve@cox.net, or go to the website www.helpourmarriage.com for information and registration.



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