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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 2, 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 (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.

Tribulation. Wildfires. Tsunamis. Moral corruption. Disease. War. We tend to associate these things with the end times, and perhaps for good reason! In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world." Not exactly putting us in the Christmas spirit, is it? During Advent, we anticipate a celebration of Christ's first coming. There is a quiet stillness about our waiting, or at least we try to encourage that in ourselves. Perhaps we have an Advent devotional or we take time to pray together as a family around the Advent wreath.

But Jesus did not come only once into history. During Advent, we remember that he will come again. You may remember the rapture craze in the early 2000s, when a series of books and movies envisioned a future where Jesus was coming soon and all the true believers had been whisked away. Everyone else had one more chance to repent before things really went to hell...literally, in this case!

But is that what Jesus is talking about here? The truth is, we don't know what Jesus' Second Coming will be like. The actual return of Christ - though sudden and perhaps frightening to some - should not frighten us. Despite all the stories we may have heard about the apocalypse, the advice of Jesus is not to hang our heads or cower in fear. "Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." In a certain sense, we are already living in the end times. We already encounter great tribulation. We all find it easy to get distracted or discouraged in the grind of daily life. Today's Gospel reminds us that vigilance for God's presence is needed now.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 1 — 2, 2018

USHERS GROUP II2ND COLLECTION — ST. MAURICE FUEL FUNDSATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the repose of the soul of
Marge Flynn — request of Laurie Chamberlain

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the repose of the soul of
Raymond Poniatoski
request of Ray and Jane Hunt

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*8:40 A.M. YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL *in the church*

9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the repose of the soul of
Stanislaw Jablonowski
request of Anna and Andrzej Czercowy

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3 — NO MASSTUESDAY, DECEMBER 4 — NO MASS

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5 — NO MASS7:00 P.M. ST. MAURICE BIBLE STUDY *in Parish Center*THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6 — NO MASSFRIDAY, DECEMBER 7 — NO MASS

7:00 P.M. FIRST FRIDAY
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

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

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the repose of the soul of
Marge Flynn — request of Laurie Chamberlain

**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
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JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AT THE TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ



Time: 8:00 A.M. — 10:00 A.M.

Date: Sunday, DECEMBER 9

Location: St. Maurice Parish Center

\$6.00 / Person \$18.00 / Family

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ST. MAURICE BIBLE STUDY FALL 2018

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

in Parish Center

The next Bible Study Class will be
Wednesday, December 5th.

All are invited to join.

45 minute sessions led by **Fr. Leon**

15 minutes of questioning/sharing

Focal topic this Fall:

The teachings of Jesus found in all 4 Gospels



Saint Maurice Church

First Friday

Eucharistic Adoration

December 7th

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

*"O Most Holy Trinity, I adore You; my
God, my God, I love You in the Most
Blessed Sacrament."*

Our Lady of Fatima

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: November 25 — \$2,109

Projected Amount needed \$2,980

*"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise
your heads because your redemption is at hand."*

(LUKE 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Je-
sus, His first coming, as we await his second coming. In this
Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen
your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late.

^ 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: George, Bernice, Kyle, MaryJane, Grace, Francis, David,

Viola, Rick, Joe, Philip, Bob, John, Mary.

For Candle Intentions: Bob, Grace, Hermie, Emiliana, Tadeusz, Andrzej, Tom, Joshua, Noah, Nick, Mike, Mess.

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

For the leaders of every nation: that God will give them wisdom and understanding as they develop policies so that all people may have the necessities of life.

That we help build God's kingdom on earth, but also invest our gifts in God's kingdom.

Prayer shawls are available upon request

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann

FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP



"SLEIGH BELLS RING" MINI FAIR

will take place in the Parish Center **on December 9th, 8 A.M. to 12 noon.** There

are still gift items available along with mixes for your Holiday giving. Come take a look for those last minute gifts.



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

with the bells for Bolton Families in need is in the rear of the church. We hope you will consider being a part of this worthwhile program and share your good fortune helping people of Bolton in need.

Please return unwrapped gifts by Sunday, December 9th for Sunday, December 16th delivery.

To donate, make your check payable to "Church of St. Maurice" with the memo "Share Christmas" and put in the regular collection or mail.

If you have any questions please call me at 860-649-6255.

Thank you for caring, Dorli.

CHRISTMAS FOOD & GIFT DISTRIBUTION

We have 30 Bolton families to feed this Christmas.



We try to provide a holiday meal plus a couple of weeks of groceries to each family.

Nonperishable items may be left in either vestibule any time the Church is open. **Bring perishable items on the morning of December 16th.** Don't have time to shop or don't know what to buy? Donate online or make your check payable to "Church of St. Maurice" with the memo "Christmas Food" and put in the regular collection. The Faith Formation students will be sorting and packing, but we can use some help with delivery.

If you can drive contact Tom Manning (860) 990-4698 cell or tmanning818@sbcglobal.net

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



Our Lady of Guadalupe! All are invited to join Bishop Cote and the Latino people of the Diocese in our annual bilingual celebration of the Feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Wednesday, December 12, 2018. The celebration begins with the Rosary and opportunity for confessions at 6:30pm, followed by Holy Mass at 7:00pm. Fiesta following. We look forward to honoring Our Lady with you.

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



Christmas Celebration Saturday, December 15th. 5 – 7 pm. Parish Center.

Following the 4:00 P.M. Mass on Saturday December 15th. All are invited to the St. Maurice Parish Center for a celebra-

tion of Christmas. There will be a small liturgical ceremony to commemorate the birth of Jesus. Choral music will be performed. Cake and coffee will be served. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this program in preparation for the holiday.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



Saint Maurice will continue the long standing tradition of having a Christmas Pageant at the 4:00 p.m. mass on Christmas Eve; Sunday, December 24th. All generations enjoy seeing the children act out the story of the birth of Jesus at Mass. There are roles for all ages from sheep in the manger to Mary and Joseph. Sharon VanDine and Amie Tillmann will be coordinating the play, and parent participation is always welcome! We always appreciate your help guiding the children during the play.

If you or your child is interested in participating, please contact Amie Tillmann at saintmauricecd@gmail.com.

Practice will be the Sunday prior to Christmas Eve, December 23rd, after 10:00 a.m. mass.



CYBER DEAL AT SAINT MAURICE GIVE THE GIFT OF A MASS

Since Jesus is the reason for the Christmas season, during the month of December, all weekend Mass placed requests for 2018 (and any available openings in December) will be discounted to \$10. Masses can be offered for the intention of a loved one, living or dead, or for a specific appropriate intention. Please contact Theresa at

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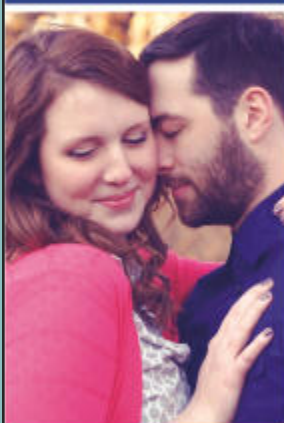
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