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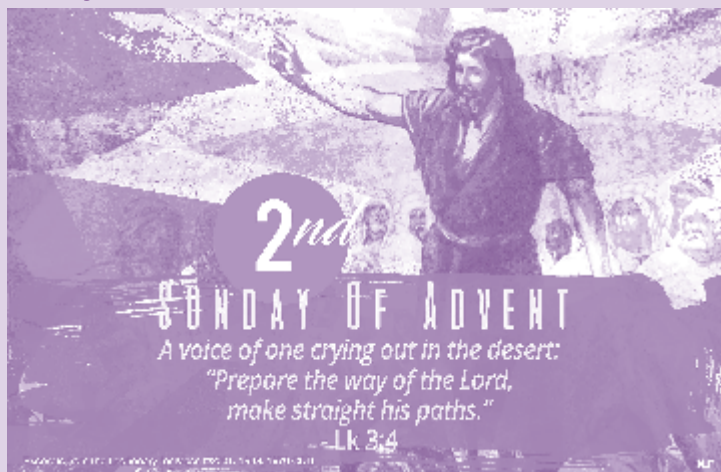
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"In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar...and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee...and Lysanias was tetrarch of..." Did you need to pinch yourself awake during the first few lines of this Sunday's Gospel? John the Baptist received quite a prelude today as Luke described the religious and political leadership of the time period. Scripture is divinely inspired, and we believe that everything that made it into the Bible is there for a reason. These lines remind us of an important truth. The Christmas story isn't a fairy tale or nursery rhyme. It's not a parable we say to give meaning to the holiday. At Christmas, God's presence is made tangible in a precise moment in time. The birth of Christ is a historical event. As precursor to Jesus' preaching, the ministry of John the Baptist is also a historical event.

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John's call to repentance and the forgiveness of sins happened in a particular time and place. But that does not mean it is limited to first century Palestine! God continues to move in our daily lives. What we hear in today's Gospel - and what we anticipate at Christmas - occurs in our daily lives. God works in concrete ways in time and space. He did that 2,000 years ago, and He continues to do so today!

This Sunday, examine your own Christmas preparations. Is there anything you need to repent of before the Christmas season? Are there low points in your life, valleys to "be filled" by the love of God? Are their mountainous obstacles in your spiritual life? How can they be "made low"? Are you making decisions that have moved you away from God? This Advent season is the time for them to "be made straight and ? made smooth." Prepare the way in your heart for Christ today!



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 9, 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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8 — 9, 2018

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4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the repose of the soul of
Sharron Caruso
 request of The Camposeo Family

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

7:30 A.M. Mass intention is for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

8:00 A.M. — 12:00 noon

SLEIGH BELLS RING MINI FAIR
 AND TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ BREAKFAST
 (8:00-10:00 A.M.) in the Parish Center



Blood pressure screening available in the library during breakfast

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 souls of
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, DECEMBER 10

9:00 A.M. Mass intention is for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church — Mass in the Sacristy

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:00 A.M. Mass intention is for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church — Mass in the Sacristy

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:00 A.M. Mass intention is for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church — Mass in the Sacristy

7:00 P.M. ST. MAURICE BIBLE STUDY *in the Parish Center*THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13 — NO MASSFRIDAY, DECEMBER 14 — NO MASS6:30 P.M. CUB SCOUTS *in Church basement*SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

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

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the repose of the soul of
Rocco Fiano — request of Nieces and Nephews



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION 5:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.
in the Parish Center. Everyone is invited

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 saintmauriceccd@gmail.com. Practice will be the Sunday December 16th, after 10:00 a.m. mass.

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: December 2 — \$3,801

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 Jesus, 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.

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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 _____ Cell phone _____

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

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, especially the new requests for this week: Alyssa, Amanda, Joe, Janina, David, Viola, Mary,

Francis, Joe, Kyle, Tom, John.

Special prayers for Bill who has died and prayers for his family, especially his father.

Special prayers for Marty who has died and prayers for his family.

For Candle Intentions: Amanda, Alyssa, Keith, Beth.

May peace come to all parts of the world and may all people welcome God into their lives and live together in peace

For all entrapped by loneliness: that God's love may break through their bonds and heal their deepest hurts.

That we strengthen our relationship with Jesus through the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Prayer shawls are available upon request

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann

**CYBER DEAL AT SAINT MAURICE
GIVE THE GIFT OF A MASS**

Since Jesus is the reason for the Christmas season, during December through the Epiphany of the Lord, all weekend Mass placed requests for 2019 (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

saintmauricechurchbolton@gmail.com
or 860-643-4466 during office

**ST. MAURICE BIBLE STUDY FALL 2018**

**Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
in Parish Center**

**The next Bible Study Class will be
Wednesday, December 12th.**

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

**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

Sponsored by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus

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 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

**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.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Welcome Christ into your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The next Weekends are Feb 1-3, 2019 in MANCHESTER, CT and Jul 12-14, 2019 in MANCHESTER, CT. For more information, call Pat & Mary-Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

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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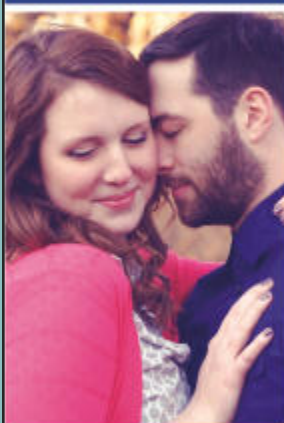


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