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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 16, 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.

In Christianity, we hear often about the "Good News." We might often associate it with Jesus' compassion to the poor, his healings and miracles, and the salvation he won for us. In today's Gospel, we read of John the Baptist. "Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people." Yet as we examine the rest of the reading, we see examples of John's preaching. If you have two cloaks, give one away. Don't cheat others out of their money, extort, or lie. And, of course, the warning that the Messiah is on the move and "his winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Merry Christmas?

Not only do John's listeners enjoy his message, but they seem to think he might be the awaited Messiah! To understand today's Gospel, it's important to understand the Jewish people. For most of their history, God's chosen people had been under someone else's heel. They were slaves in Egypt. Their kingdoms were ravaged first by the Assyrians, then the Babylonians. Now they were under the yoke of the Roman Empire. Familiar with being strangers in a strange land, welcoming the stranger, caring for the vulnerable, and enacting justice was incredibly important to them as a people. While John's words may seem odd or strong to our modern ears, this call to justice was welcome, even if it was directed at the hearer.

The truth is, no one is exempt from John's call to repentance. We all have further to go in the Christian life. We can all grow in virtue and love our neighbors more generously. The Church gives us the Advent season to examine our own hearts. Did any of John's warnings resonate with you? That could be a great thing to bring to Jesus this week!

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 15 — 16, 2018

USHERS GROUP IV

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

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



CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

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

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
Michal Czercowy
 request of Anna and Andrzej Czercowy

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

Christmas Pageant practice after Mass

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

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 19

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the repose of the soul of
Ronald Morra
 request of Denise Budrick — Mass in the Sacristy

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20 — NO MASS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21 — NO MASS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

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

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the repose of the souls of
John and Eva Wachowski
 request of Irene Kehl

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH

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 December 16th, after 10:00 a.m. mass.

CYBER DEAL
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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 hours.

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: December 9 — \$3,087

Projected Amount needed \$2,980

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."

(PHILIPPIANS 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

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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 _____

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 for Rony, David, Viola, Mary, Francis, Joe, Kyle, Tom, John, Bert, Rose, Lauren, Autumn.

For Candle Intentions: Beth, Amy, Debbie.

Special prayers for Katherine Fruke who has died and prayers for her family.

Special prayers for James Maneggia who has died and prayers for his family.

For transformation of our hearts: that we may recognize our greatest weakness, surrender it to God, and allow God to work within us for his glory.

For acceptance of others: that God will help us to be open to the stranger and their gifts as they enter our lives so that we may be nurtured and enriched by them.

That we may resist the lure of holiday advertising and instead concentrate on the message of simplicity and trust that is found in the Christmas manger scene.

Prayer shawls are available upon request

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann

**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

**THREE KINGS TOY DRIVE**

St. Maurice is continuing its tradition of assisting the Hispanic communities in Hartford by gathering toys for the Three Kings Day celebration. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for a child of any age to any of the Christmas Eve, Christmas Day or New Year's Day masses. (If your toy requires batteries, kindly provide these too, as even batteries can be a difficult expense for these families.) Toys may be placed under the tree before or after the mass, or during the Christmas offertory. All gifts will be delivered by Three Kings Day, a Hispanic celebration which remembers the day the three kings brought their gifts to the infant Jesus. Thank you to our parish for your continued generosity! For more information, contact Sharon VanDine or Lee Snuffer.

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH**SAVE THE DATE
FOR A WINTER
FESTIVAL DINNER**

**January 26, 2019 after Mass at 5:00 p.m.
in the Parish Center.**

Snow date: February 2, 2019

Organized by the Fellowship Group

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**MONDAY, DECEMBER 24 — CHRISTMAS EVE**

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the repose of the souls of Joseph G. and Mary A. Maciora and daughter Mary Maciora—Jacobs request of Joseph Maciora

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Children will act out the story of the birth of Jesus at the 4 PM Mass.

10:00 P.M. Mass intention is for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas)**

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Frank Hilbie request of Chris and Kate Armstrong

There will be a second collection for the Poor and Needy

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

"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Light a spiritual fire in 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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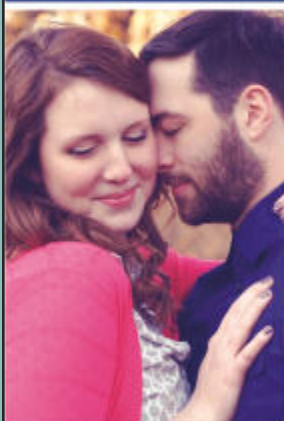


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