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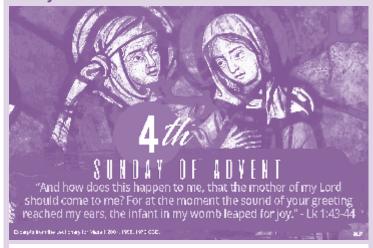
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Here we are, mere days from Christmas, and we hear a Gospel anticipating the birth of another child. Mary has received word that her cousin Elizabeth is with child. Pregnant as she is, Mary "set out and traveled to the hill country in haste." She has recently received the greatest news of her life - that she is to be mother to the Messiah by the power of the Holy Spirit - but her concern is for her cousin in need. Through God's grace, Elizabeth turns it into an opportunity to honor the coming Christ. "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Yet Mary's example of selflessness should inspire us.

As Christmas draws near, there is plenty of goodness to anticipate for many of us. We'll reunite with family and friends, uphold time-honored traditions, swap stories old and new, exchange gifts, and welcome Jesus at the Christmas liturgy. These are wonderful things! Of course, they probably all come with their own to-do list. Shop for last-minute gifts, pick up recipe ingredients, ready the guest room, or pack your own bags. Mary probably had things to do as well. She had a lot to consider, for one thing. How do you plan to tell your parents you're pregnant, but no man was involved? When Joseph finds out, who will care for the practical needs of you and your child? Into what may have been a chaos of questions, Mary receives news that someone is in need. She goes immediately.

In these final days before Christmas, stay watchful and awake! You never know when God might invite you to welcome, hospitality, and compassion. It might be tempting to reject the opportunity for your own needs. Follow the example of Mary! If God is providing you an opportunity to love, He will provide the means to accomplish all your other tasks. This Christmas season, may you too hear, "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 23, 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:

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 22 — 23, 2018

USHERS GROUP I

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

8:40 A.M. YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL in the church

NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the repose of the souls of Marion and Bill Miller request of The Family

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

FROM THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD — CHRISTMAS EVE

2ND COLLECTION FOR POOR AND NEEDY

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. <u>Mass offered for All Parishioners</u> of St. Maurice Church

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD — CHRISTMAS DAY

2ND COLLECTION FOR POOR AND NEEDY

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for Frank Hilbie

request of Chris and Kate Armstrong

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

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

of St. Maurice Church — Mass in the Sacristy

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27 — NO MASS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28 — NO MASS

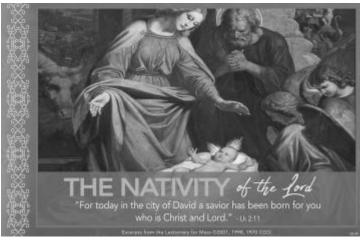
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

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

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the repose of the soul of

Sharon Caruso request of The Parishioners

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH







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 hours.

STEWARDSHIP

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (LUKE 1:44) When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading each Sunday, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect to be entertained? We are called to be active participants, not passive by-standers.

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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:

Linda, Grace, Mary, Viola, David, Francis,

Bob, Grace, Kyle, John.

For Candle Intentions: Joshua, Jean, Steven, Helen, Nancy, John, Kim, Frank, OJ, Joey, Grandma.

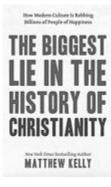
For healing: that the Spirit will renew us when we are misunderstood or unappreciated and inspire us to show God's love in every circumstance.

Our parish community, enlightened by the light of Christ, may bring that light to others, especially those who stand most in need.

That we may take time to be grateful to God, who is the ultimate giver of all gifts.

Prayer shawls are available upon request

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann



The book "The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity" will be distributed to all parishioners at Christmas Masses. From the publisher: Get practical tools to dispel the false promises the modern culture feeds you, and discover the single truth that is the key to regaining your fervor, uniting Christians, and leaving your mark on the world—and experiencing more happiness than you thought possible.

A book discussion will be held Sunday, January 27th (Snow date February 3rd) at 9:00 am in the parish center. Everyone is invited to participate. Simply read the book and come prepared to share your thoughts and impressions.



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 Christ-

mas 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.

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.

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

St. Maurice Parish Christmas Celebration

















On Saturday, December 15th St. Maurice parishioners gathered together in the Parish Center for liturgical ceremony to commemorate the birth of Jesus.







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