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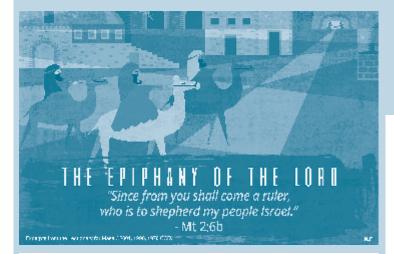
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"Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying 'Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." How strange to journey so far for perhaps so little. Of course the magi go to the capitol city. Of course they entreat with King Herod. Of course this is where they expect newborn royalty to be. But where is the child? "In Bethlehem of Judea," the scribes say. And so the magi go on to what is yet another Christmas miracle.

We don't know where the magi met the Christ Child, but it cannot have been lavish. Perhaps it was the stable. Perhaps it was a small hovel Joseph had found to wait out the census. But it would have been the home of a laborer, worn and threadbare. Here, in this unassuming abode, the magi are still "overjoyed...they prostrated themselves and did him homage."

Have you ever gotten to the end of a great work and found the results to be underwhelming? How did you respond? Were you disappointed or elated at God's providence and your upended expectations? The magi journeyed hundreds of miles over treacherous terrain to pay homage to royalty they have seen prophesied in the stars. They encountered an ordinary family displaced from their home. This Sunday, the magi are an example for us. Can we see God in the unexpected? Do we encounter Him in the person who doesn't fit our expectations of propriety? Do we revere Christ's presence in the poor? Or do we expect to meet God only in places of honor and esteem? This week, ask God for the grace to honor Him in the unexpected places and unassuming people. He is waiting for you!



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 6, 2019

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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.

ST. MAURICE CHURCH BOLTON, CT

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 5 — 6, 2019 USHERS GROUP III



SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Marguerite Flynn request of Catherine Depathy

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

8:00 A.M. TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ BREAKFAST Parish Center from 8:00AM to 10:00AM

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

Gasprin and Eva Morra request of Denise Budrick

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

MONDAY, JANUARY 7

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

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

7:00 P.M. PARISH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING in the Parish Center

7:15 P.M. **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

New members are most welcome

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Joseph Budrick

request of Denise Budrick

7:00 P.M. ST. MAURICE WINTER BIBLE STUDY

KICKOFF SESSION

SHOWING OF HOLY LAND PHOTOS BY FR. LEON

in Parish Center

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10 — NO MASS FRIDAY, JANUARY 11 — NO MASS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

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

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

Paul and Louisa Robotto request of Denise Budrick

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AT THE TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ



Time: 8:00 A.M. — 10:00 A.M.

Date: Sunday, January 6

Location: St. Maurice Parish Center \$6.00 / Person \$18.00 / Family

Sponsored by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus

Blood pressure screening available in the library during breakfast



HOLY LAND

JESUS CHRUST

SAVE THE DATE FOR A WINTER **FESTIVAL DINNER**

Saturday, January 26, 2019

after 4:00 P.M. Mass in the Parish Center.

Snow date: February 2, 2019

Organized by the Fellowship Group



WINTER BIBLE STUDY **SESSION KICKOFF!!** WEDNESDAY JANUARY 9TH, 7:00 PM PARISH CENTER

Looking for a spiritual boost to start the New Year? Before the official start of the Winter Bible Study Program, Fr. Leon first will take us on his personal pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Come and view his collection of slide show photos with biblical reflection. Witness the region of Jesus' life: his ministry, death and resurrection. We will conclude the hour with refreshments, personal sharing and opportunity for questions/answers.

STEWARDSHIP

"...the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel." (EPHESIANS 3:6)

Today we celebrate that Christ came to all of us, not just the Hebrews. He has given each of us unique gifts. We all have different yet equally valuable roles to play in the Body of Christ. Pray daily and ask God how He wants you to use your gifts so that we may all "be one".

^ 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	
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Home phone	Cell phone	
Check enclosed Envelope No	We will Donate Online (Customar	ry donation \$10 weekday, \$20 weekend)
I will bring up the gifts at the Mass celeb	rated. 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:

Bill, Jennifer, Mary, Viola, David, Francis,

Kyle, Joe, Tom, John, Ron.

Candle Intentions: Beth, Joshua, Bob, Grace, Sebastian. For a new beginning: that God will free us from our mistakes and failures, and help us to start again through 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 as grateful children of God, we remember to tell family and friends that we love them every day.

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 Y fervor, uniting Christians, and leaving vour 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.



CHRISTMAS FOOD AND GIFTS SHARING

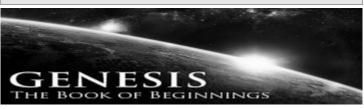
31 Bolton families send their appreciations for the donations of food and gifts they received for Christmas and the Holi-

days season last year. They would like to thank St. Maurice Church parishioners, Knights of Columbus Council No. 6199, Town of Bolton, Resident State Trooper, and several other people who donated, sorted, shopped, and delivered groceries and Christmas gifts to them for the Holidays. It was a very fulfilling and satisfying experience for all who were involved.

Thank you so much for taking the time and contributing to the last year Christmas Food and Gift Sharing program. Your generosity, your help, and your dedication to this program has made a big difference in the celebration of Christmas for those families.

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



Beginning Wednesday, January 16th, 7:00 pm, the BIBLICAL COMMISSION will commence the 2019 GREAT ADVENTURE with a Bible Study on the **BOOK of GENESIS**. Love. Creation. Salvation History. It is your story. Too often it is misinterpreted as "bad science". Fr. Leon will help us to better understand it through the lens of theology, mysticism, spirituality. God's relationship with the universe and mankind.

Learn to connect the teachings of Jesus back to God's Creation Story. Read Genesis. The first session will be questions/answers.

Whatever your level of understanding — **COME**. Why? It will help you better understand Genesis and Catholic teaching for yourself, your children, as evangelizers.

Results from the 2018 St. Maurice Parish Survey

Dear parishioners,

Thank you for participating in the 2018 St. Maurice Parish Survey. The survey had two sections: an assessment of the parish's health and an opportunity for parishioners to provide written feedback. Below are the summaries for these two sections. The demographics section will be kept confidential with the council. The parish council and Father Leon have reviewed these results and will inform the appropriate parties for any follow-up actions.

Survey of Parish Health

Parishioners are connected to the parish through opportunities to participate in parish events, support, and communications (e.g., the bulletin and web site).

Parishioners have primarily positive attitudes towards the parish community through prayer development, faith connections, and sacrament preparation.

Parishioners primarily have a positive relationship with the church as the majority would recommend the pastor, parish, and parish community to friends.

From the written feedback, the following themes emerged. The themes with the most frequent feedback are at the top of

Homilies need to be succinct, shorter, appeal to children and adults, and relate the Gospel to everyday life.

The Choir's music needs to be more uplifting and joyful, children need to participate, and other soloists should be given opportunities to sing.

Father Leon's leadership is a blessing to our church.

We have a wonderful parish and there needs to be more social opportunities for parishioners to meet one another for fellowship.



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