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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 10, 2019



As we enter into this Lenten season of penance and self-denial, we're reminded that the God we follow is no stranger to these things. In this Sunday's Gospel, we see the temptations of Jesus which have parallels throughout Scripture and in our own lives. The apostle John warns against temptations to sensual lust, enticement of the eyes, and a pretentious life (cf. 1 John 2:16). Before Eve plucks the fruit from the tree, she hears it is good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom (cf. Genesis 3:6). The temptations of Jesus are our own.

"Turn these stones to bread." Here is the lure of bodily comfort, like good food or sensual lust. It's the simplest of temptations because it's instinctual. We want good for our bodies! But there may be times these bodily goods don't serve the higher good for our souls. The leap "from the temple parapet" would entice the eye of the person watching. A feat like this would prove Jesus' Messianic ability. His popularity could be a shortcut to the cross. We might not be daredevils, but we want people to like us and be impressed by us. Do we sacrifice our values along the way? To "bow and worship" the devil - and so claim power and a pretentious life - seems like a dramatic temptation. Not everyone may feel enticed by power in the professional sense, but all of us want control. A volunteer team can feel just as intense as the boardroom! How often do we prefer to be in control of our lives (and perhaps even the lives of others), rather than allow God to be God?

When we consider areas of temptation and sin, it's not to feel ashamed. The temptation in the desert reminds us that we are not alone and that the strength of Jesus can be our strength, too.

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 5:00 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 4:15 p.m. — 4:45 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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**MARCH 9 — 10, 2019****USHERS GROUP IV****SATURDAY, MARCH 9**

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the repose of the soul of
Barbara O'Neil — request of The Camposeo Family

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass**SUNDAY, MARCH 10**

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the repose of the souls of
Aniela & Joseph Kurys — request of The Family

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 soul of
Dorothy Snuffer — request of Sherry and Lee Snuffer

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass**NO EVENING PRAYER****MONDAY, MARCH 11**

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

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, MARCH 13

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

9:00 A.M. CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP**7:00 P.M. ST. MAURICE BIBLE STUDY** in the Parish Center**THURSDAY, MARCH 14**

7:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

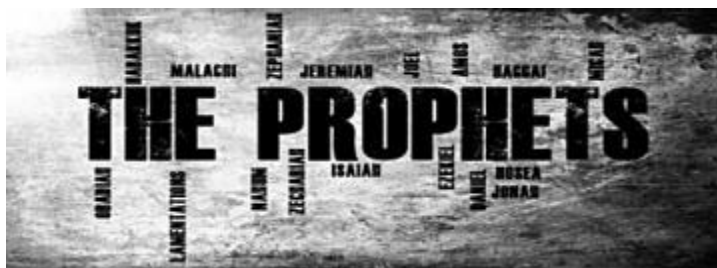
7:00 P.M. FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE MEETING
in the Parish Center

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

7:00 P.M. STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND MASS
Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 16**4:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS****FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH**
**ST. PATRICK'S DAY
POTLUCK DINNER —
MARCH 23, 2019**

There will be a St. Patrick's Day Pot-Luck Dinner on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 6:00p.m. in the Parish Center. Please join us with your family and friends for a fun night of good food, live band music and door prizes. A covered dish of Irish or "green" themed food, for 6-8 people would be appreciated.

THE 2019 BIBLE SERIES**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH 7:00 pm**

The Bible Study group began in June 2017. Growing to 9 members, we meet on Wednesday evenings in the Parish Center. This Lent, why not consider joining? We are blessed to be directly taught by Fr. Leon, and not having to rely on videos. Studying the Bible as a community of believers is transformative. We have learned to read the Bible with improved clarity and understanding. Start reading the Book of Isaiah, and come for a round table discussion. It will be a spiritual game changer for your life!

STEWARDSHIP**Last week's Offertory: March 3 — \$2,323****Projected Amount needed \$2,980**

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." (DEUTERONOMY 26:10)

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits", the best that you have to offer, or do you give from what is leftover? Second, do you recognize that everything you have has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

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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.

Prayer Line Intentions: Mary, Viola, Olga, David, Kyle, Francis, Laurie, Grace, Arlene, Bob, Grace, Joe, Thomas, Mary, Ron.

Candle Intentions: Dominic, Christine, Keith, Craig, Thomas, Kim, Joshua.

For a spirit of understanding: that Christ will free us from narrow thinking and help us take on the mind of Christ so that we may see and understand God's vision for life.

For all who are suffering, for children separated from their parents, those in need of healing, and for those recovering from natural disasters: that God will relieve their suffering, heal their pain and restore their lives.

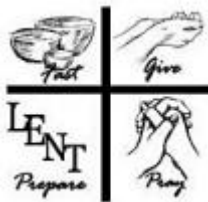
That we use God's gifts in the way He intended to bear good fruit and for the glory of His name.

Prayer Shawls are also available by the prayer request box located near the candle stand on the rectory side of the church. Please read the information on the sheet above the prayer shawls.

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann

2019 SAINT MAURICE PARISH

LENT



CHALLENGE

Make Sunday Matter. Set aside the Lord's Day with INTENTION.

If your schedule allows, **attend one daily Mass per week.** Set aside **\$1.00 per day** for the **Operation Rice Bowl Collection.**

Sacrifice. Give up a favorite food/beverage or a bad habit. Make a **morning offering** to give your day to GOD.

At bedtime, **review your day with Jesus.**

Attend the **Sacrament of Reconciliation.**

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OPEN HOUSE

MARCH 12th 6:00pm to 8:00 pm

We invite you to come meet our teachers and take a tour of our school.

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 THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



**Operation Rice Bowl:
Our Lenten Program:
Encounter Lent**

Lent is a time of opportunity for us to strengthen our faith through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These practices bring us closer to God and demonstrate our solidarity with those in need at home and around the world. This Lent make your sacrifices become opportunities to feed the hungry poor. Please participate in CRS Operation Rice Bowl and let the sacrifices you make for the hungry poor nourish them and may these sacrifices witness to the love that disciples of Christ have for all people, especially for the least of the Lord's sisters and brothers.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Are there times in your life or marriage relationship when you judge you are in a spiritual desert? Bring life to your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Apr 26-28, 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/>.



Please Join Us: 2019 ACA Ministry Fair – Reservations Required

The 2019 Ministry Fair showcasing our Diocesan ministries and programs will be held this year in Cromwell on April 7, 2019 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

We will offer a continental breakfast throughout this open house style event. If you would like to attend this event to learn how donations to the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal, **'Hand in Hand with All God's Children'**, support our ministries and programs please **RSVP by March 29th** to Rosela Precopio at 860-886-1928 ext. 10 or

dodadm@norwichdiocese.net.

Reservations are required due to space limitations.

LENT LENTEN REGULATION — FAST AND ABSTINENCE

These regulations unite the whole Catholic Church throughout the world in the Lenten journey of repentance and conversion of heart. Observed in a spirit of generosity, fast and abstinence remind us of our own frailty and make us more sensitive to the needs of others. Acts of penance find their completion in works of charity and justice.

Fasting: Those between the ages of 18 and 59 years old are obliged to observe the laws on fasting. Traditionally, to fast means limiting oneself to one full meal in the day and two smaller meals. The two prescribed days of fasting are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Abstinence: The law of abstinence obliges all those who are over the age of 14. On days of abstinence meat is not eaten at any meal. The prescribed days of abstinence are Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday.



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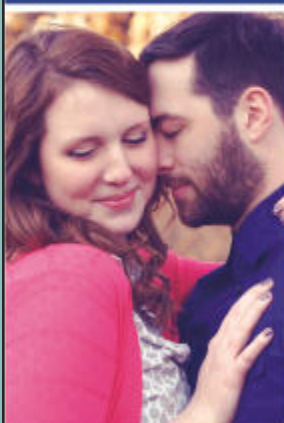


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