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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 24, 2019

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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.



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SUNDAY OF LENT

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down.'" - Lk 13:7a

"There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it [he] found none." We live in a results-driven society. It can be easy to put pressure on ourselves to succeed. If we're not keeping up with the perceived "good life" of those around us, we feel anxious and disappointed. Some of the Gospel stories about fruitfulness can seem to play out in this fashion. "For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down." The message seems to be clear. Abide in God and bear fruit! Stand apart from God and be barren. But what happens when we're trying, but the growth we wanted doesn't seem to be coming our way? What if it feels like life just isn't bearing fruit?

This Sunday, Jesus gives us a sign of hope. "[The gardener] said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also? it may bear fruit in the future.'" How quick we can be to judge! Perhaps you started out Lent with high hopes and big ideas for getting closer to God. Maybe things haven't gone exactly like you thought. It can be easy to lose patience with our failures or slow growth. We shouldn't be too quick to assume that God has given up on us. He hasn't.

The same ideas apply to those around us. Perhaps we're the planter of the fig tree. We expect a certain amount of growth from someone in our life, and they just aren't measuring up. Let today's Gospel be a gentle nudge for mercy. As Lent continues to unfold, be patient with yourself and those around you. Wait for God to provide the growth.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 23 — 24, 2019

USHERS GROUP II

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL LAUNCH WEEKEND

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Sharron Caruso — request of The Cinea Family

ST. PATRICK'S DAY POTLUCK DINNER AFTER 5:00 P.M. MASS

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Keith Depathy — request of Catherine Depathy

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 Nancy Stopplesworth request of The Cinea Family

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

NO EVENING PRAYER

MONDAY, MARCH 25

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

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 28

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

4:30 P.M. **ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS**

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Raymond Lemaire — request of Parise Lemaire

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



EASTER FOOD COLLECTION

HELP FEED 30 FAMILIES IN BOLTON

As we look forward to Easter we do want to think of those residents of Bolton who need our help to prepare a joyous Easter dinner for their family.

Non-perishable food can be left in the church vestibule

Bring perishable items on the morning of 4/14

Monetary donations can be put in the collection basket

Please write Easter Food in the subject line

Cash donations may be given to Lee Snuffer or Dorli Cloutier

Food will be delivered on Palm Sunday

Any one who wishes to join us for the sorting, packing and driving is welcome. This year we need additional volunteers to help us with sorting and packing the food on Palm Sunday at 9 am. Drivers, please come to the Parish Center after 10 am Mass.



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.**

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: March 17 — \$2,431

Projected Amount needed \$2,980

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" (LUKE 13:7)

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts and return with increase.

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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.

Prayer Line Intentions: Kathleen, Caroline, Margaret, Brianna, Ray, Mary, Viola, Olga, David, Kyle, Laurie, Grace, Bob, Arlene, Francis, Linda, Irene.

Candle Intentions: Joshua, Beth.

Special prayers for Dorothy Whitehead who has died recently and prayers for her family.

For a greater recognition of the Spirit's gifts: that we utilize the gifts that we have been given and encourage one another to build up the Body of Christ and to serve those who are in need.

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

That we invest equally in our heavenly home as we do in our earthly home.

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

THE 2019 BIBLE SERIES

NEXT SESSION WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27th at 7:00 pm



On **Wednesday, March 27th, Fr. Leon** will summarize the **Book of Isaiah**. What a great opportunity for a newcomer to jump into this group and gain some knowledge of this Major Prophet. Isaiah is the most referenced prophet in the *Gospels* by Jesus and his disciples. Next on the agenda....the **Book of Jeremiah**. See you at **7 pm!**



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Is your marriage bearing fruit? Don't wait until it is too late; make time for 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://wwmectw.org/>.

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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



**Annual Catholic Appeal
Launch Weekend**

NEW!!! This year the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal Video and Pledging process will be held next weekend, March 30/31.

Please prayerfully contemplate how you can help others in need within our Diocesan communities by pledging generously to this year's ACA campaign,

"Hand in Hand with All God's Children".

Please come prepared next weekend to make your pledge by either taking home a pledge envelope today or by completing the pledge card you received in the mail. Your generous donations will allow our Diocesan ministries to make their programs available to everyone. **Our goal this year is to have as close to 100% parishioner participation as possible.** Please remember every gift is important and appreciated, no matter its size. For more information about the ACA, or to make your pledge online, please visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

24 Hours for the Lord

In the Norwich Deanery, **24 Hours for the Lord**, will be held at SS. Peter & Paul Church, 181 Elizabeth Street, Norwich, beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 29, through 9:00 p.m., and resuming at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 30, through 12:00 Noon.

The monthly **Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich

Saturday, April 6 at 8:30 A.M.

Please join our celebrant **Rev. Walter Nagle** at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed both at the Cathedral and Planned Parenthood. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.

Don't miss the 2019 Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference!

Join us on April 6 at Mercy High School in Middletown from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. to help us shine **Light in a Darkened World.**

Our uplifting day offers enrichment workshops, mass with Bishop Cote, basket raffle, vendors, and much more! Lunch is included in \$40 registration fee. Go to www.norwichdiocese.org to register now.

The Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti invites you to our **12th Annual Gala, Saturday, April 27, 2019, 6pm cocktails, dinner, silent auction, at the A Villa Louisa, Bolton, CT.** Come meet Bishop Cote and guest speaker Yamille Perez education recipient, now a medical student in her residency. The price, \$100/person, is to benefit the children of Haiti. We are also in need of ad sponsors and auction items. For more information visit www.outreachtohaiti.org Thank you for your generosity."



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