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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 31, 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:

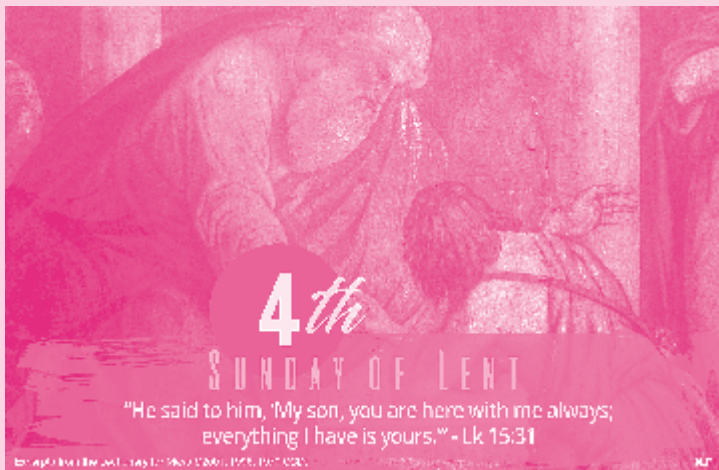
Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

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.



Repentance. Envy. Joy. Hope. Have you felt these human emotions? Today's Gospel offers a rich story, one we can all find our place in. As we reflect on our own spiritual lives this Lenten season, it can be helpful to imagine ourselves in the story of the Prodigal Son.

"I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers." The younger son has sinned greatly, betraying his father's trust and squandering his money in sin. Yet the parable turns on his deep repentance and humble return to his father. Is there any area of your life you have been wandering from God or you've squandered good gifts? This Lent, return to the sacrament of Confession! God, a merciful Father, waits for you there.

"While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him." The father in the parable sees his son's selfishness, perhaps even suspects what he might do, but gives him the inheritance anyway. After his son's departure, the father waits with hope for his son's eventual return. Has someone you love left the Church, made poor decisions, or abused your trust? This Lent is a time to let go of bitterness and to live in hope. Prepare your heart to be merciful!

Not all in the parable invite the mercy of God into their hearts. The self-righteous older brother dishonors his father with his pettiness. "My son, you are here with me always, everything I have is yours." Do you covet what others have? Do you feel as if you've been taken advantage of or that your work goes unseen? This Lent is a time to grow in gratitude. Take a close look at the blessings in our life that you might be missing.

We are all called to repentance. Open your heart to God's personal invitation to growth!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 30 — 31, 2019

USHERS GROUP IIIANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL COMMITMENT WEEKENDSATURDAY, MARCH 30

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*SUNDAY, MARCH 31

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the repose of the soul of
Clifford Hebert — request of Rita and Gilbert Begin

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 souls of
deceased from Herasimowicz Family
request of Agata and Janusz Herasimowicz

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

NO EVENING PRAYER

MONDAY, APRIL 1

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

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, APRIL 3

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, APRIL 4

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

10:00 A.M. First Communion Retreat *in the Church Basement*

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

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the repose of the soul of
Arthur Kehl — request of Irene Kehl

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

On April 7th during CCD students will be sorting and packaging non perishables. Everyone is welcome to help on April 14th at 9:00 A.M. We will be adding the meat and veggies for delivery. Drivers, please come to the Parish Center after 10 am Mass.

THE 2019 BIBLE SERIESNEXT SESSION WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3rd at 7:00 pm

If Lent is a season of sacrifice and preparation, why not sacrifice a little of your time and prepare yourself for Easter by gaining a deeper insight into God's Holy Word. If your schedule allows, an easier way to achieve this is through group study with a learned teacher. Wednesday, April 3rd's one hour session, Fr. Leon will begin with the Book of Jeremiah. Reading from the Old Testament gains us a better understanding of the fall of Israel and of the coming of the Messiah. Learn more about this prophet and his message. Come.

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: March 24 — \$2,502

Projected Amount needed \$2,980

"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." (JOSHUA 5:12)

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

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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: Kathleen, Lauri, Loraine, Lillian, Mary, Viola, Olga, David, Kyle, Laurie, Grace, Bob, Francis, Linda, Irene.

Candle intentions: Keith, Christine, Dominic, Gary.

For family members and loved ones who have turned away from God: that our witness of faithful love and compassionate service may open them to the God who loves them.

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 are generous with all of our gifts and nurture and develop them to return with increase

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



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Mass will take place at St. Patrick Cathedral in Norwich on Saturday, April 13th at 10:00 A.M. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Cote. Practice will be prior to the ceremony at 9:15 a.m.

St. Maurice Faith Formation Commission invites our Confirmation Candidates to share a Mass together on Sunday, April 7th at 10:00 A.M. and will have a Coffee Social afterwards for them. First year candidates are welcome too. Please join us for this special celebration!



On Saturday, March 9, our Confirmation students attended an all day retreat at St. Bernard's Church in Rockville. The day consisted of personal faith testimonials, faith-building games, evangelization and prayer.



From Left to Right: Mila Alicea Medina, Joslyn Hoang, Madelyn Szatkowski, Amanda Simmons, and Emma Dutil

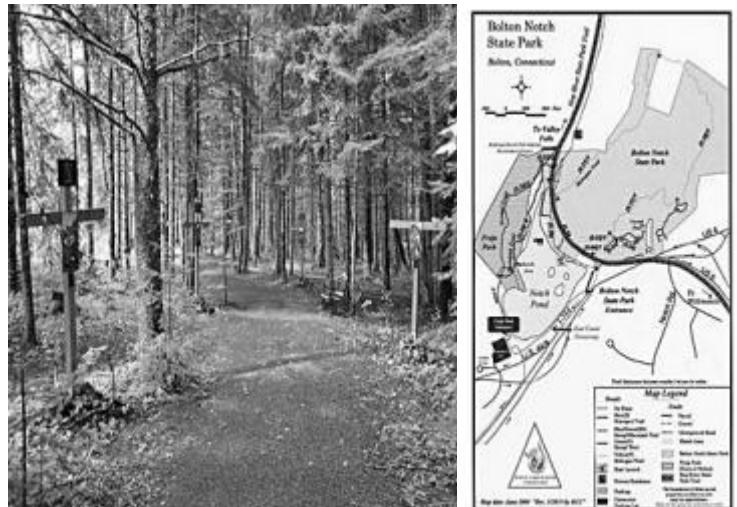
FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

**Annual Catholic Appeal
Launch Weekend**

Comfort! Support! Strength! Encouragement! Each of us has the ability to be there for someone. Whether they are in need of spiritual, emotional, educational or financial assistance, we can extend our hand to another and make a difference. The goal of the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA), **"Hand in Hand with All God's Children"**, is to provide funds to our Diocesan ministries so they may extend their hands to all our brothers and sisters and enrich their lives by providing food, counseling, spiritual renewal, sacramental preparation, faith events, and seminarian education...to name only a few of the ways our ministries positively impact us all. Your contributions to the ACA allow our ministries to be the hands of Christ. TODAY, as you make your commitment to the 2019 ACA, please give generously and join hand in hand with others from our Catholic community to make a difference in the lives of those in need of guidance, love and support. You may also visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org to learn more about the ACA and make your pledge.

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH

OUTDOOR PROCESSION OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**A WAY OF THE CROSS, A WAY OF PEACE**

The Bolton Ecumenical Council will sponsor the second annual **Community Stations of the Cross**, on **Palm Sunday, April 14th** at 1:00 pm, at Bolton Notch State Park. We are looking for youth from all four parishes, including Scouts, to assist in carrying the Cross. There will be clergy participation. For those unable to walk, the trail is accessible by car. Please dress according to the weather. **Together, as we process and meditate on Jesus's journey to Calvary, in the serenity of God's natural beauty, may we gain a sense of inner spiritual peace.**

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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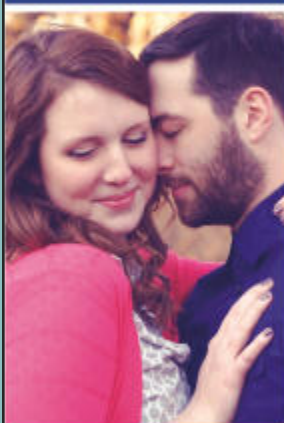
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