

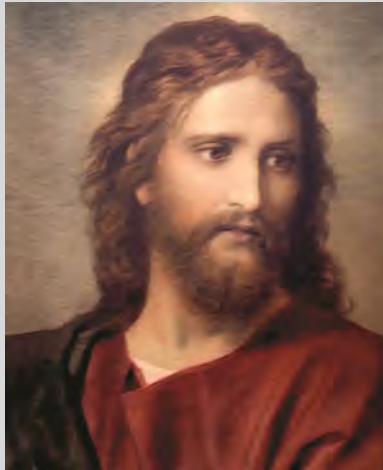
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 1, 2019



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”
- Mt 24:44

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. G.L.P.

“I’m never getting enough rest! How can I possibly be ‘asleep?’” In a world of jam-packed schedules and high anxiety levels, physical rest may be hard to come by. Yet relentless pursuit of our to-do lists and social calendars may keep our minds off of the things that really matter. Jesus knows all too well a pattern of busy, harried ignorance. *“In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage ... they did not know until the flood came and carried them all away ... two men will be out in the field ... two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left.”* When it comes to the spiritual life, we can be at work or at relaxation and still be spiritually asleep.

Each year, we are called back to remember the essential things. God comes to save His people. He becomes flesh to dwell among us. Supernatural light pierces the world’s darkness and our own. Advent wakes us up. *“Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.”* Every Advent, we prepare to celebrate Christ’s first coming at Christmas, and we anticipate his second coming at the end of time.

“At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” There’s another hour, too, both known and unknown. It’s the present moment. Whether it’s a lazy Saturday morning or a major business proposal, whether it’s attending a kindergarten play or an elderly relative’s bedside, at every moment the Lord wants to enter into our hearts. This Advent, let’s pray for the grace to stay alert. Christ is coming soon.

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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:

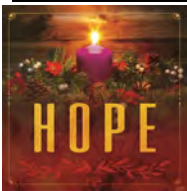
Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

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.



**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 30 — DECEMBER 1, 2019**

USHERS GROUP II

2ND COLLECTION — ST. MAURICE FUEL FUND

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

3:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 4PM MASS
4:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory
 CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

8:30 – 8:50 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal. *All youth are welcome*
NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES THIS WEEK



“We are inviting all youth of our church to form a choir to sing at the Christmas Vigil Mass. Rehearsals are Sunday mornings 8:30 to 8:50 at the church. All youth are welcome.”

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the soul of Stanislaw Jablonowski
 request of Andrzej and Anna Czercowy
 CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2 — No MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 — No MASS

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory
7:00 P.M. ST. MAURICE BIBLE STUDY *in the Parish Center*
Book of Sirach

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 — FIRST FRIDAY

7:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory
 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION *after Mass*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

3:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 4PM MASS
4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the soul of Marguerite Flynn
 request of Bert Flynn

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FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



**Saint Maurice Church
 First Friday
 Eucharistic Adoration
 December 6th
 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 “O Most Holy Trinity, I adore You; my God, my God, I love You in the Most Blessed Sacrament.”**

Our Lady of Fatima



JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AT THE TRIPLE PLAY CAFE

Time: 8:00 A.M. — 10:00 A.M.

Date: Sunday, December 8th

Location: St. Maurice Parish Center

\$6.00 / Person \$18.00 / Family



**ST. MAURICE BIBLE STUDY RESUMES ON
 Wednesdays, December 4th at 7:00 pm
 in Parish Center**



East Catholic High School

The Entrance Exam for eighth graders will be given on Saturday, December 7th at 8:30 a.m. Pre-registration for the exam is appreciated but not required. You may reserve your spot by calling our Admissions Office at 860-649-5336 ext. 6456 or

by pre-registering online at www.echs.com.

STEWARDSHIP

Projected Amount needed \$2,980

“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.”

MATTHEW 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given. You begin to see God’s active presence in your life.

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Parish Membership Form

Drop in collection ^

Please enroll the following as members of the Church of St. Maurice:

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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: David, Kyle, Monique, Francis, Olga, Viola, Annedda, Irene, Laurie,

Gloria, Mary, Irene, Nicholas, Bob, Grace, Mary-Jane, Grace, Jose.

Candle Intentions: Nichola Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann

FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP



"SLEIGH BELLS RING" MINI FAIR

will take place in the Parish Center on December 8th, 8 A.M. to 12 noon. There are still gift items available along with mixes for your Holiday giving. Come take a look for those last minute gifts.

CHRISTMAS FOOD & GIFT DISTRIBUTION



We have 29 Bolton families to feed this Christmas.

We try to provide a holiday meal plus a couple of weeks of groceries to each family. Nonperishable items may be left in either vestibule any time the Church is open. **Bring perishable items on the morning of December 22nd**. Don't have time to shop or don't know what to buy? Donate online or make your check payable to "Church of St. Maurice" with the memo "Christmas Food" and put in the regular collection. The Faith Formation students will be sorting and packing, but we can use some help with delivery.

If you can drive contact Tom Manning (860) 990-4698 cell or tmanning818@sbcglobal.net



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

with the bells for Bolton Families in need is in the rear of the church. We hope you will consider being a part of this worthwhile program and share your good fortune helping people of Bolton in need.

Please return unwrapped gifts by Sunday, December 15th for Sunday, December 22nd delivery.

To donate, make your check payable to "Church of St. Maurice" with the memo "Share Christmas" and put in the regular collection or mail.

If you have any questions please call me at 860-649-6255. Thank you for caring, Dorli.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



"Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord." Rejoice in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The next Weekends are Dec 13-15, 2019 in Duxbury, MA and Jan 31-Feb 2, 2020 in Huntington, NY.

For more information, call Pat & Mary Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



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

Saturday, December 7 at 8:30 A.M.

Please join our celebrant **Rev. Ray Introigne** 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.

YOUNG ADULT MASS WITH BISHOP COTE

On Sunday, December 8th, St. Mary's in Coventry is delighted to host Bishop Michael Cote for the 3rd Annual Diocesan Young Adult Mass & Reception. All Young Adults (ages 18 - 39, single and married) are invited and encouraged to attend! We encourage Young Adults to invite friends to join us! Mass with the Bishop will begin at 10:30am and following liturgy there will be a coffee social in the hall.

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH

The Fellowship Circle is organizing a fund raiser.



The leaders of the Fellowship Circle arranged for a CD of familiar Christian songs to be produced. The CD features our own Don Benevides on the keyboard with vocals by Elaine Byram who has been singing at the Saturday Vigil Masses for the past two summers.

In order to raise much needed funds for our Parish we are asking for your generosity again. For a minimum donation of twenty dollars (\$20) and as a thank you for your generosity we will happily give you the gift of a CD for your enjoyment. We will accept donations after all weekend Masses.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



Saint Maurice will continue the long standing tradition of having a Christmas Pageant at the 4:00 p.m. mass on Christmas Eve; Sunday, December 24th. All generations enjoy seeing the children act out the story of the birth of Jesus at Mass. There are roles for all ages from sheep in the manger to Mary and Joseph. Sharon VanDine and Amie Tillmann will be coordinating the play, and parent participation is always welcome! We always appreciate your help guiding the children during the play.

If you or your child is interested in participating, please contact Amie Tillmann at saintmauricecd@gmail.com. Practice will be the Sunday December 22nd, after 10:00 a.m. mass.



SAINT BRIDGET HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, December 7th 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
74 Main Street, Manchester

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