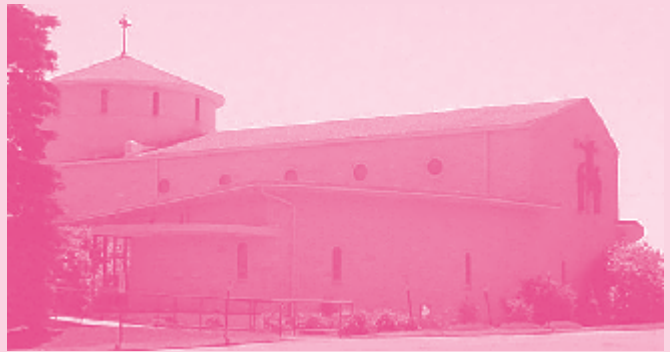


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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 15, 2019



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you." - Mt 11:10

Who did you come to see? A version of this question is posed by Jesus many times in the Gospels. He asks it of Andrew and John when they begin to follow him. He asks it of Mary Magdalene in the garden of the resurrection. He asks it in today's Gospel. "What did you go out to the desert to see?" There is something innately human about "seeing." Animals have eyes — some with much more powerful vision than our own — but that's not the kind of seeing Jesus is talking about. We could phrase the question several other ways. "What are you looking for?" "What are you longing for?" "Whom do you seek?"

It is in seeing for ourselves that our suspicions or hypotheses are confirmed, that our desires discover their fulfillment, and that we can rest for a moment in certainty. John the Baptist sought certainty of Jesus' identity. "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus sends word to him based on the testimony of sight, observations of the mighty deeds Jesus has begun to work. "Go and tell John what you hear and see."

God recognizes our desire to *see*. In the Incarnation, the Word is made flesh. The invisible is made visible. The supernatural is made manifest in an infant who can do little more than the most natural of movements as he feeds, cries, sleeps. We don't need to wait for Christmas to see God. The work of God is all around us. Those blinded by sin "regain their sight." People overcome backgrounds of poverty and violence to make world-changing contributions. Addicts grow and heal. Truth is spoken, and people listen. Let's pray for the grace to see God's movement in our lives this week. How have you seen the work of God?

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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.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 14 — 15, 2019

USHERS GROUP IV

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

3:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 4PM MASS
4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the soul of MaryAnn Flynn
 request of Bert Flynn
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the soul of Christine Carlone
 request of Catherine Depathy
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*
8:30 – 8:50 A.M. Youth Choir Rehearsal. *All youth are welcome*
9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
Students will be sorting and packing
Christmas food and gifts for Bolton families

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the souls of Barbara and Donald Sullivan
 request of Patrick and Daniel Sullivan



CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*
Christmas food and gifts delivery
5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16 — NO MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17 — NO MASS

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory
7:00 P.M. EAGLE SCOUT COMMITTEE MEETING
in the Church basement

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

3:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 4PM MASS
4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the souls of Eva and John Wachowski
 request of Irene Kehl

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH

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.



CHRISTMAS FOOD & GIFT DISTRIBUTION



We have 28 Bolton families to feed this Christmas.

We try to provide a holiday meal plus a couple of weeks of groceries to each family. **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, come to the Parish Center right after the 10:00 Mass on 12/15. (tmanning818@sbcglobal.net)**

STEWARDSHIP

November 24 offertory: — \$2,829

December 1 offertory: — \$2,976

Projected Amount needed \$2,980

“You too must be patient. Make you hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.” **JAMES 5:8**

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God’s will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

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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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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:

David, Francis, Olga, Viola, Monique, Annedda, Kyle, Irene, Laurie, Gloria, Irene, Mary, , Beth,

Nicholas, Grace, Bob, Grace, Mary-Jane.

Candle Intentions: Frank, Ragina, Keith, Christina, Dominic, Nicholas, Beth, Tadeusz, Andrej.

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 — CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 P.M. Mass intention is for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Children will act out the story of the birth of Jesus at the 4 PM Mass.

10:00 P.M. Mass intention is for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

10:00 A.M. Mass intention is for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church



There will be a second collection for the Poor and Needy



“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.”

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Weekends are Mar 27-29, 2020 in Albany, NY and Jul 10-12, 2020 in East Windsor, CT. For more information, call Pat & Mary Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://wwmectw.org/>.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



Please look for the Office of Faith Events’ new column: “Faith Sparks” in the 4 County Catholic newspaper. This past month’s column is about Advent. Diocesan youth minister Liza Roach says, “Advent is a time of patient waiting, and the Lord does not want us to be stressed out!”. To read this entire article and find 5 great tips for a meaningful and memorable Advent and Christmas, visit: NorwichDiocese.org/FaithSparks



One Heart Ministry!

The One Heart Ministry is a partnership on disability for individuals and the people who assist them in their daily lives. The group comes together to pray, socialize and work together on service projects. The veteran keychains being distributed after Mass were made by a member of the group. The heart and cross symbolize the hope that we hold as Catholics that God’s love accompanies us through every challenge.

To become involved in this ministry, please contact the Office of Faith Events at 860-848-2237, ext. 304, or faithevents@norwichdiocese.net. ALL ARE WELCOME!



FROM THE FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE

The Fellowship Circle fund raiser.



The Fellowship Circle has been working not only to establish a more social community within the Church but also to promote the awareness that the Parish Community of St. Maurice is in financial need. The “Circle” recently raised some funds through donations for pens. It was successful, thank you! We need to do more. 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.

Pens are being offered for a minimum donation of \$1.50 each. Donations will go to the church account to lower our deficit. These attractive pens with an inscription of our church are available in the back of church after Masses from members of the Fellowship Circle.



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