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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH  
DECEMBER 29, 2019



## THE HOLY FAMILY

“Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” - Mt 2:20

“Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you.” 725 kilometers. That’s the distance on modern roads from Bethlehem to Cairo. Assuming one covered 40km a day on foot — ambitious for two young parents and their infant son — the journey would take well over two weeks. Of course, the Holy Family didn’t have modern roads. They would travel through wilderness, fear bandits, run low on water, and cross the vast Sinai Peninsula in a reverse of their forefathers in Exodus. Here, in struggle and sacrifice, are the beginnings of the forging of the Holy Family.

“Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod.” Large Jewish communities existed in most major cities of the ancient Mediterranean world, after the collapse of their kingdoms chronicled in the Old Testament, and Joseph could likely find work as a carpenter. All the same, today’s Gospel reminds us that the first formational years of Jesus as a babe-in-arms were spent in a strange land. The members of the Holy Family were foreigners, outsiders, immigrants.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. God took on our humanity. He is in solidarity with our own trials and difficulties. On the feast of the Holy Family, we honor the special place of the family within society. We are invited, too, to recall those families who share in the struggles of the Holy Family in a particular way. We pray for immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. We pray for all parents who sacrifice their own well-being and comfort so their children may have a better life.



## SAINT MAURICE PARISH COMMUNITY

M= Mass

E= Eucharistic Adoration

R= Rosary

C= Confession

Y= YOU Your commitment to your faith life

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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.



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OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

**DECEMBER 28 — 29, 2019**

**USHERS GROUP II**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28**

**3:30 P.M.** ROSARY BEFORE 4PM MASS  
**4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for the soul of Lois Dunham  
request of Linda Wiley

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass in Thanksgiving  
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*  
**8:30 – 8:50 A.M.** Youth Choir Rehearsal. *All youth are welcome*

NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

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

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 30 — NO MASS**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31**

**4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1**

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

*Holy day of obligation*

**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church



**THURSDAY, JANUARY 2 — NO MASS**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 3**

**7:00 P.M.** Mass offered for the soul of Stephen Olesik  
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION *after Mass*

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 4**

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

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**FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH**



**Saint Maurice Church  
First Friday  
Eucharistic Adoration  
January 3<sup>rd</sup>  
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*



**ATTENTION PRAYER LINE VOLUNTEERS**

Please pick up your 2020 Prayer Line desk calendars on the chairs by the confessional.

**SNOW DAYS**

Weekday morning Mass will be cancelled if Bolton schools are closed or postponed 2 hours because of weather or road conditions .

**STEWARDSHIP**

**December 15 offertory: — \$2,875  
Projected Amount needed \$2,980**

*“Wives, be subordinate to your husbands...Husbands, love your wives...Children, obey your parents in everything...Fathers, do not provoke your children...”*

*COLOSSIANS 3:18-21*

Pope Francis said that families, through their life of prayer and love, become “schools of true human growth.” Being credible witnesses of Christian love, especially that of family members, exerts the most positive influence on our children. We are all children of God, let us pray and love each other as God, Our Father, does for us.

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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**

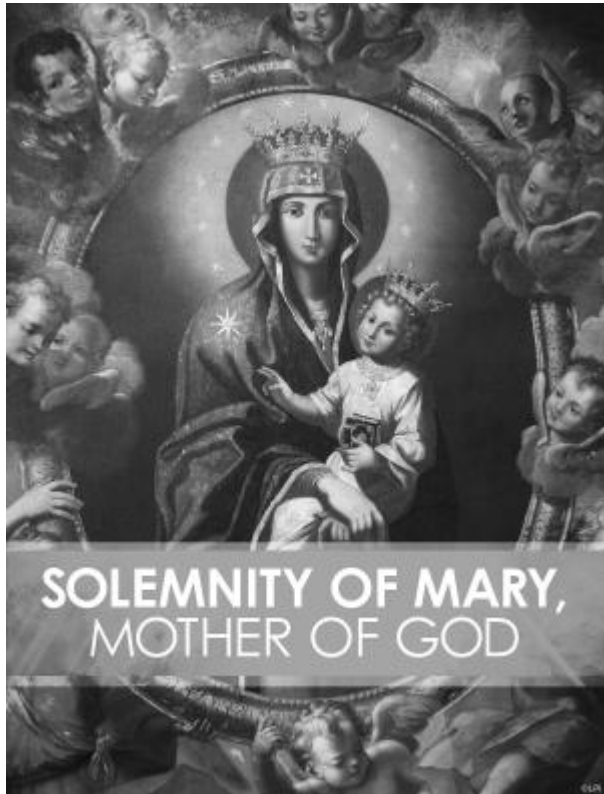
Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line, especially the new requests for this week:

Sharon and her family, Marie, Carol, Irene, Grace, Bob, Mary-Jane, Grace, David, Francis,

Olga, Viola, Annedda, Irene, Kyle, Laurie, Gloria, Mary.

Candle Intentions: Joey, John, Kim, Pat, Nancy, Helen, Steven, Jeanne, O.J., Nicholas

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann



**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.

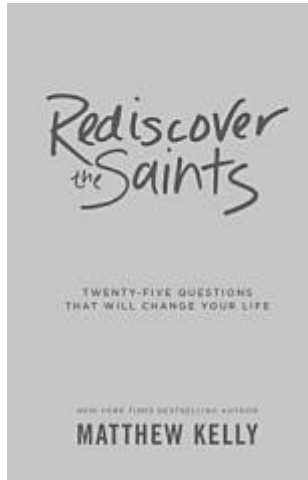
Pens are being offered for a minimum donation of \$1.50 each. Donations will go to the church account to lower our deficit. These attractive pens with an inscription of our church are available in the back of church after Masses from members of the Fellowship Circle.

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**



The monthly **Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at **The Cathedral of St. Patrick** in Norwich on **Saturday, January 4 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.

**FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH**



The book "**Rediscover the Saints**" were distributed at all Christmas Masses. There are some books left on the ushers' tables. Please feel free to take an extra to share with family or friends.

From the publisher:

This is not just another book about the saints. Both personal and practical, this book proves the saints are not long gone, but alive and well-- and ready to join you on your journey! Discover how inviting the saints into your everyday life will open your eyes to the amazing possibilities God has in store for you!

A book discussion will be held, date and time to be announced, allowing enough time for a reading pace of about three Saints per week. Everyone is invited to participate. Simply read the book and come prepared to share your thoughts and impressions.

**SAINT MAURICE BIBLE STUDY**

Saint Maurice Bible Study group finished the Book of Sirach. As per many requests to prepare for the holidays, Bible Group will resume meetings in January.

There first will be a showing of the limited theatre released movie "Paul, Apostle of Christ."

Afterwards, we will begin reading the Acts of the Apostles with a study guide.

Please look for more details in the bulletins in January.



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**Call (860) 677-8519 for more information or to register.**

Available Dates:

January 10-12, 2020; January 17-19, 2020

February 21-23, 2020;

February 28-March 1, 2020

March 6-8, 2020;

March 13-15, 2020

March 27-29, 2020; April 17-19, 2020

July 17-19, 2020; July 24-26, 2020 (Silent)





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