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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 12, 2020



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A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

The Catechism of the Catholic Church gives four reasons for the Incarnation, why God became man in Jesus Christ. The third reason is "to be our model of holiness." All of Jesus' words and actions model for us what we ought to do. He also shows us how we're meant to *be*. Jesus' baptism ought to remind us of our own baptism and of the importance of baptism in the Christian life.

The Baptism of the Lord reminds us of our Trinitarian identity. When we are baptized, we stand in solidarity with Christ, bathed in the waters he sanctified. There, the Father proclaims our adoption into the family of God. "*This is my beloved son [this is my beloved daughter], with whom I am well pleased.*" And the Spirit, too, descends. We are filled with the Spirit's grace and power to continue Christ's mission on earth. We received these gifts in the sacrament, and they continue to dwell within us through sanctifying grace. We can — and should — invite God to stir up these graces of our baptism and consider them in our own lives.

Does Christ feel like a distant relative two thousand years in the past? Or do you see him as someone who can be encountered here and now? Ask yourself where you find your sense of dignity and worth. Do you still search for it in success, social status, and selfish pursuits? Or are you able to rest in being a beloved child of God? Remember, baptism gives us a call and a charge to change the world. Do you pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you? Or are you so focused on your own life that you miss the mission? This week, let's do as Jesus did. Let's live in our baptism!

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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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JANUARY 11 — 12, 2020
USHERS GROUP IV

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

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, JANUARY 12

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass
8:00 A.M. TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ BREAKFAST
Parish Center from 8:00AM to 11:30AM
Blood pressure screening available in the library during breakfast
8:30 – 8:50 A.M. Youth Choir Rehearsal. All youth are welcome
9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
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
5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours

MONDAY, JANUARY 13 — NO MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14 — NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory
6:00 P.M. PARISH COUNCIL MEETING at the Parish Center
7:10 P.M. BIBLE STUDY GROUP WILL BE SHOWING THE MOVIE “PAUL, APOSTLE OF CHRIST” at the Parish Center. Please come and enjoy the film.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

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

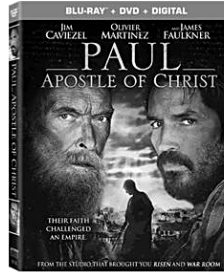
SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

3:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 4PM MASS
4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the souls of Jerry Chemerka (15th Anniversary) and Sheila Chemerka (2nd Anniversary) request of their children and family

SNOW DAYS

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

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



2020 BIBLE STUDY

St. Maurice Bible Study Group begins its third year in joining a growing number of parishes participating in revival of Catholic Scripture Study. We have evolved to reading the Bible aloud, referring to authentic Catholic commentaries, and discussing how **God's Word** is

alive in our everyday life experiences. Before beginning our next Book: *Acts of the Apostles*, there will be a showing of the 2018 theatre critically acclaimed movie, **Paul, Apostle of Christ**, on **Wednesday, January 15th**, at **7:10 pm** in the **Parish Center**. 1 hour 48 minutes. Please come and enjoy the film! **"PAUL, APOSTLE OF CHRIST is not just a film, it is a gift... offering modern Christians a real and rare glimpse into the life of the early Church and calling us all to live more boldly for Jesus Christ.**

Few films do justice to sacred Scripture or the characters within it... **PAUL, APOSTLE OF CHRIST** is a noticeable and joyful exception. **PAUL** combines incredible performances, exquisite writing, and a powerful story, offering every viewer the opportunity to encounter Christ's message of love and mercy in a bold way.

PAUL is inspiring and convicting; this film will strengthen families and parishes, challenging all to live as even stronger witnesses for Christ and His gospel."

Mark Hart, Executive VP, Life Teen Inc.

STEWARDSHIP

December 29 offertory: — \$2,803
January 5 offertory: — \$3,575
Poor and Needy Collection: — \$1,869
December Fuel collection: — \$1,365

And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." *MATTHEW 3:17*

Two thoughts come to mind when reading this. First, God, Our Father, is so generous, that he gave his only son, whom he really loves, to us so that we can have eternal life with him in heaven. God, Our Creator, really loves us, too! Second, Jesus was obedient to his Father's will, even to the point of death. This is a reminder that our own lives are pure gifts from God and meant to serve God and others.

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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: Nicholas

Special prayers for Leah who has died and prayers for her family.

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann

On Christmas Eve, during the 4 p.m. Mass, St. Maurice Parish children presented the story of the birth of Jesus.



Centurion/Prophet: Elijah Postell
 Angels: Mya Postell & Ryan Young
 Mary: Braelyn Young
 Joseph: Drew Tillmann
 Wise Man: Reid Tillmann
 Sheep: Juliana, Isabella, & Valentina Mendoza; & Cami Duffy



Children's choir, led by Choir Director Don Benevides, sang at the Christmas Vigil Mass. Pictured above (from left to right): Cami Duffy, Gabriella Chamberland, and Mya Postell



JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AT THE TRIPLE PLAY CAFE



Time: 8:00 A.M. — 10:00 A.M.

Date: Sunday, January 12th

Location: St. Maurice Parish Center

\$6.00 / Person \$18.00 / Family

Sponsored by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus



WAIM Grinder Sale

Tom Manning will be in the back of the church after all Masses next weekend January 18th and 19th to take orders for grinders, sale to benefit the Windham Area Interfaith Ministry.

Grinders are \$9 each; varieties include tuna, veggie, turkey, ham, and salami. Grinders are made fresh early on Sunday, January 26th and will be available for pickup after both Masses that day.

To arrange for delivery later in the day, contact Tom by text at (860) 990-4698 or by e-mail at tmanning818@sbglobal.net.

You may also order and pay online through the links on our website.

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



SAINT BRIDGET SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

74 Main Street Manchester, CT



St. Bridget School is now enrolling students for Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, elementary and middle school for the 2020-2021 school year. We invite you to our **Open House on Sunday January 26th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**. Our Open House gives families the opportunity to tour the school, meet our caring, professional staff, and learn more about our exceptional programs. Our daily curriculum offers students a challenging academic schedule and participation in Spanish, art, music, gym and a wide variety of clubs and sports. In addition, our school offers before and aftercare and a summer camp program.

Those unable to make the Open House are invited to drop in on Mondays from 9:00 am- 11:00 am, or you can call the office to arrange for an individual tour at (860)649-7731 ext. 200.

Information also available at our school website:

www.saintbridget-school.com.

Amazon Services Associates Program

Use the  link on our website. When you use the  link to Amazon on our website (www.saintmauricebolton.org/). 4% of the purchase goes to St. Maurice.

FROM THE FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE

The Fellowship Circle 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.

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



Is your marriage tearing you apart? Is there little or no meaningful communication? Are you considering separation or divorce? For serious marriage building and repair: Retrouvaille is a lifeline. At a **Retrouvaille** weekend, couples are given tools to re-establish communication, work on their issues, gain new insights and heal. The weekend is presented by three married couples and a priest. A series of 6 post sessions follow the weekend phase. For more information or to sign up for the **January 17-19, 2020** weekend in the Hartford area, call 413-525-1634, or 203-710-6207, or visit the Website at www.retrouvaille.org.



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