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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JANUARY 19, 2020



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Now I have seen and  
testified that he is  
the Son of God."  
- Jn 1:34

On the cusp of fame, power, or influence, would you turn it down? Today's Gospel again features John the Baptist. Controversial but popular, John has gathered quite a group of followers. He has disciples. People come from near and far to be baptized by him. Pharisees and government leaders are drawn to his preaching. If John was another man, a lesser man, he would have claimed his own greatness. Instead, John the Baptist is a witness to humility.

*"The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold the Lamb of God ... he is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me.' ... the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known.'"* Rather than point to himself, John points to Christ. John could have grasped at what he had accumulated. He could have seen Jesus as a Messianic competitor. Instead, John knows who he is. He knows his place as forerunner. Because John knows who Jesus is. *"I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."*

A life of humility, a life for others, can be challenging to live. So much of our culture is built around achievement and individualism. We can justify it, too, in pursuit of "greater goods" and higher ideals. In the process, however, we might miss our own participation in the kingdom of God. John, for all of his humility, was not an afterthought. In another Gospel passage, Jesus calls him "the greatest prophet," even the greatest of men. Why? Because he fulfills the mission given to him by God: to announce the coming of the Messiah. We too are prophets and forerunners. Our witness to the Gospel is meant to point people to Jesus. Consider your own mission this week. To whom are you called to announce the good news of the Son 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 860-643-9553.

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JANUARY 18 — 19, 2020**

**USHERS GROUP I**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 18**

**3:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 4PM MASS**

**4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the souls of Jerry Chemerka (15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) and Sheila Chemerka (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary) request of their children and family**

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 19**

**7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the soul of Mea Mancino request of Lynn Mancino**

**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, JANUARY 20 — NO MASS**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 21 — NO MASS**

**7:00 P.M. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUSINESS MEETING in the Parish Center**

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

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22**

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

**7:00 P.M. ST. MAURICE BIBLE STUDY in the Sacristy**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 23**

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

**7:00 P.M. EAGLE SCOUTS COMMITTEE MEETING in the Church basement**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 24**

**9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the soul of Keith DePathy request of Catherine DePathy**

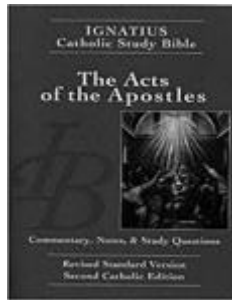
**6:00 P.M. CUB SCOUTS MEETING in the Church basement**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25**

**3:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 4PM MASS**

**4:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church**

**FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH**



The **BIBLE STUDY GROUP** begins 2020 with aloud reading of the first chapters of the **ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**. This book addresses the first thirty years of Christian history from **Jesus' Ascension** in Jerusalem to the **imprisonment of Paul**. The **Holy Spirit** descends upon the apostles and empowers them to begin the great mission of evangelization both to Israel and the Gentiles. How does this same Spirit help us to evangelize today? Our study will be enhanced by, Ignatius Catholic Study Bible Guide. During the winter months, please join every **Wednesday evening at 7pm in the Sacristy, starting January 22nd.**

**SNOW DAYS**

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

**STEWARDSHIP**

**January 12 offertory: — \$3,059  
Projected Amount needed \$2,980**

*“Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb...”*

*ISAIAH 49:5*

God have given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and generously share them with others.

^ Tear off

**Memorial Mass Form**

Drop in collection ^

Father Bill, please offer a weekend \_\_\_ (or) weekday \_\_\_ Mass for the soul \_\_\_ (or) intentions \_\_\_ (as applicable) of:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Person requesting \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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I will bring up the gifts at the Mass celebrated. Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**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

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann



**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](http://www.saintbridget-school.com).

“When ministry becomes performance, then the sanctuary becomes a theater, the congregation becomes an audience, worship becomes entertainment, and man’s applause and approval become the measure of success. But when ministry is for the glory of God, his presence moves into the sanctuary. Even the unsaved visitor will fall down on his face, worship God, and confess that God is among us.”



**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.

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**



Are you grieving from an Abortion? Trust in the mercy of God’s love. Consider these words from St. John Paul II to those suffering because of abortion:

“The church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope....The Father of mercies is ready to give you His forgiveness and His peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You will come to understand that nothing is definitively lost and you will also be able to ask forgiveness from your child, who is now living in the Lord.” (Evangelium Vitae, no. 99).

Call **Project Rachel**, the church’s post-abortion healing program, for a confidential referral to a priest who can help: 860-861-4439.

On **Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**, the annual **Mass of Thanksgiving for the Gift of Consecrated Life** will be celebrated at **10:30 a.m. in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich.** All are invited to join Bishop Michael R. Cote in thanking God for the gift of consecrated life and for the sisters, brothers, and religious priests who enrich the Church and the Diocese of Norwich by building up God’s Kingdom with the witness of their religious commitment. The homilist for the Mass will be Father Jacinto Chapin, FI. Father Jacinto is a member of the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate and is currently the delegate superior for the Marian Friary of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Griswold, CT.

**FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH**



**ST. JAMES SCHOOL  
OPEN HOUSES & ADMISSIONS**

St. James School in Manchester is now accepting new student applications for its Pre-Kindergarten, Elementary School, and Middle School for the 2020-2021 school year.

An informational Open House for families looking at **Pre-Kindergarten** and/or **Kindergarten through 8th Grade** will be held on Sunday, January 26th at 1:00pm at the school’s Park Street location. **Come see why this fully-accredited, award-winning school is consistently rated 5 Stars for its strong academic curriculum and traditional, faith-filled learning environment.**

A second Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 6:00pm.

To register for either Open House event or to schedule a personal tour of the school please e-mail [aguenter@saintjameschool.net](mailto:aguenter@saintjameschool.net), visit the school’s website at

[www.SaintJamesSchool.net/openhouse](http://www.SaintJamesSchool.net/openhouse),

or call the school at 860.643.5088.

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