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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel." - Lk 2:34a

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"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." Very often, having more light is not something we desire as it forces us to confront something we really do not want to see. There can be comfort found in darkness. It has an eerie sense of security to it. We do not have to challenge ourselves or be challenged and can simply exist in some fabricated state of self-fabricated blissfulness. Jesus came to bring light, and it is a light that is resisted by many and hated by some. It is a light that causes us to see things as they really are and not as we would want or need them to be.

It is no wonder then that Simeon boldly and honestly proclaims to Mary, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted and you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." We have to take the Gospel message as it is and not just use those parts that are useful to us or more palatable. Taking Jesus at face value can and will lead to turmoil and dissention. Hearts will be pierced. Whether we like it, Jesus' proclamation of what the world God created really ought to look like has real and absolute social implications.

It has a lot to say about how we treat our brothers and sisters: spiritually, personally, economically, and globally. It has everything to do with the poor, the immigrant, the scared, the unborn, the vulnerable, the sick, and the broken. The light opens us to a challenging, table-turning experience that may not be something we want to see but shows us where we need to be.



PRESENTATION OF THE LORD FEBRUARY 2, 2020

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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.

ST. MAURICE CHURCH BOLTON, CT



PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

FEBRUARY 1 — 2, 2020

USHERS GROUP III

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the soul of Raymond Lemaire

request of Parise Lemaire

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the soul of Martha Turner

request of Lynn Mancino

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

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, FEBRUARY 3 — No Mass

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4 — No MASS

7:15 P.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL

New members are most welcome

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the soul of Louis Cloutier, Sr.

request of Lou and Dorli Cloutier

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

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the soul of Daniel Dionne

request of Lou and Dorli Cloutier

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION after Mass

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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

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

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

Delicious Pancake (552) Breakfast

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AT THE TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ



Time: 8:00 A.M. — 10:00 A.M.

Date: Sunday, February 9th

Location: St. Maurice Parish Center \$6.00 / Person \$18.00 / Family

Sponsored by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus



Saint Maurice Church First Friday Eucharistic Adoration February 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



Save the Date!

Discussion sessions for the book "Rediscover the Saints" have been scheduled. Two sessions will be held, choose the one that works best for your schedule.

The first will be held Saturday, February 22nd after the 4:00 pm mass in the Church basement. Snow date, February 29.

The second will be held Sunday February 23 at 9:00 am in the parish center. Snow date March 1st.

Everyone is invited. Simply read the book, and come share your thoughts and impressions.

STEWARDSHIP

January 26 offertory: — \$2,976 Projected amount needed \$2,980

"...they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord..."

LUKE 2:22

How seriously do you take being a Catholic? Is "being Catholic" something I just do when I attend Sunday Mass or attend one of my parish functions? It's easy to be Catholic then, it's harder to be Catholic when I am out in the world. Would someone recognize you as a Catholic by the way you act, dress and talk? How do you present yourself to the Lord and to others?

^ Tear off	Memorial Mass Form	Drop in collection ^
Father Bill, please offer a weeken	d (or) weekday Mass for the soul (or) intentions (as a	applicable) of:
Name		
Person requesting		
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City State Zip		
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	We will Donate Online (Customary donation \$10 week	day, \$20 weekend)
I will bring up the gifts at the Mas	ss 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:

Kevin, Bob, Rose, Lauren, Autumn, Matt, Dominic, Kathleen, Grace, Bob, Grace, Mary-Jane,

David, Francis, Olga, Viola, Irene, Kyle, Laurie, Gloria, Mary, Irene, Maria.

Candle Intentions: Christine, Keith, Nicholas. Faith Formation Students Prayer Requests.

Prayer Shawls are also available by the prayer request box located near the candle stand on the rectory side of the church. Please read the information on the sheet above the prayer shawls.

Thank you. Mary Ann

FROM THE FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE



Save the Date: Saturday, March 21, 2020

For a St. Patrick's Day Potluck Dinner in the Parish Center after the Vigil Mass. There will be live music and good food.

The Fellowship Circle fund raiser



The Fellowship Circle is pleased to announce that the St. Maurice Pen Fund raiser has been completed. We have received donations for 500 pens. A report will follow.

We will continue to accept donations for a limited number of CD's at a minimum \$20.00 donation. CD's will continue to be available after the weekend Masses.

FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP



The fair group will be starting soon.

If you have any jelly canning jars or pint jars from the Fair or hidden in your basement we can put them to good use. Just leave them in the vestibule at church or at the Parish Cen-

ter. If you bought products at the Fair we would love the jars to refill. We are thinking of spring and summer as the berries ripen and the large amount of sugar we need for these products....so anytime you find a sale on sugar think of us and drop it off at church or the center. We use over 100 pounds of sugar in a season just for jam not to mention the mixes, candy and baking that fills the Fair with goodies. We also need walnut shells and metal teaspoons. This is the Fair's 50th year so let us make it special. We want everyone to be involved.

Thank you for your support — Dorli, Beth and Sharon



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Come and celebrate 99 years of Providing Help & Creating Hope for our neighbors in need at our Hope Anchors the Soul Gala!



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For more information call 860-889-8346 ext. 285.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

Please join us March 28, 2020 at St. Bernard's School in Uncasville for the 10th Annual Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference, "Our Tapestry of Faith: Affirming Feminine Gifts and Strengths". The day will include keynote speaker Danielle Bean, mass with Bishop Cote, vendors, reconciliation, and much more! Lunch is included with registration fee. To print the registration form or register online go to www.norwichdiocese.org and follow the Office of Faith Events link. Questions, please contact The Office of Faith Events at 860-848-2237, or

faithevents@norwichdiocese.net



Please look for the Office of Faith Events' new column: "Faith Sparks" in the 4 County Catholic newspaper and online. This past month's column entitled "Pope Francis Calls Us to Bear Witness to Jesus", discusses how to come to learn who God is

within the framework of family life. MaryJo McLaughlin of Catholic Family Services writes, "There are many simple and subtle ways to give witness to your faith." To find these tips and read this entire article, visit: NorwichDiocese.org/FaithSparks

Looking for the perfect Valentine's Day gift for your spouse? Give your spouse the gift of your time by spending a day together celebrating the joy of your love. Come away for a day and reenergize and deepen your marriage and your faith with practical insights from Pope Francis' wisdom on marriage and family life. Join other married couples for a day-long enrichment entitled "The Joy of Love" on Saturday, February 8, 2020, from 9 A.M to 3 P.M. at St. Mary Parish Hall, 34 North Main St., Jewett City. The enrichment is based on Chapter 4 of Pope Francis' Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love and will feature four talks on: Daily Love, Conjugal Love, Passionate Love and Transformation of Love. This enrichment is for married couples of all ages and years married. The cost is \$25 per couple, which includes lunch and materials. Registration is required. To register, call the Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext. 312. or, send your first names (husband and wife), last name, address and telephone number with fee made payable to the Diocese of Norwich to: Catholic Family Services Office, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Youth Mass

On Sunday, February 9th, there will be a Youth Mass during the 10:00 a.m. mass and we are looking for volunteers. For this mass we ask children to be collection ushers, read the first/ second readings or Prayers of the Faithful, hand out bulletins, try altar serving, or any other ideas they may have. Readings can be sent home to practice and we will teach and practice before mass. Please contact Amie Tillmann at: saintmauriceccd@gmail.com.

Confirmation News



There will be a Confirmation Retreat for 9th onfirmation and 10th graders on Saturday, March 7, from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (ending with 5 p.m. mass) at St. Bernard Church in Rockville.

No Confirmation class will be held on Sunday, March 8, 2020. Confirmation for our 10th graders will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 16, at St. Bernard Church in Rockville. Practice will be at 9:00 a.m. the same morning (May 16), also at St. Bernard's.



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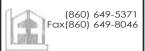
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