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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 1, 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.



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

Life can easily spin us out of control. While there are so many wonderful opportunities before us, we can also get easily distracted and exhausted. There is always something to do, respond to, or check. The clutter of our lives can take us off course, and the best remedy for getting back on track is the experience of the desert. Here we can face our demons square on, resist them, and get back on course. We desperately need the season of Lent. This simple time of year forces us into greater awareness and grounds us in what is good and true.

What weighs you down and keeps you trapped? Maybe you are trying to do too much and please too many people. It could be that your fragile self-image is always pushing you to prove yourself and find success. Anxiety and worry, ultimately due to a lack of faith, can quickly tempt you with despair. It could be that you are listening to too many voices and allowing all of the negativity that is present erode the genuine goodness in your heart and in all of God's creation. Or maybe you struggle too much with fear. Perhaps so much so that you are far too preoccupied with your own agenda and goals and left with little psychological or spiritual room to consider and respond to the plight of your neighbor. Do anger, bitterness, stubbornness, and hatred have homes in your heart? How about greed, gluttony, pride, apathy, or lust?

For many, their passions and what can be found on the internet are their downfall, and they are robbed of their inner life and freedom. What is it, specifically, that tempts you away from a childlike trust in God? Define this and use the next few weeks to allow God to chart you a course away from them. Silence, being alone, grace, honesty, struggle, tears, and dryness are all found in the desert. You will also find God and your true self in this holy place. Ready to go?

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 29 — MARCH 1, 2020
USHERS GROUP III**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

3:30 P.M. **ROSARY BEFORE 4PM MASS**
4:00 P.M. Mass offered for intentions of Patti Cinea and Family — request of Laurie Chamberlain

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

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 the soul of John Sheetz request of Rita Sheetz

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

FIRST COMMUNION PARTENTS MEETING
after 10am Mass in the church basement

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

MONDAY, MARCH 2 — NO MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 3 — NO MASS

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

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

9:00 A.M. **CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP** after Mass

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



THURSDAY, MARCH 5

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

4:00 P.M. — 6:30 P.M.

FISH DINNER

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7:00 P.M. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND MASS**
Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION after Mass

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

10:00 A.M. — 6:00 P.M. **Confirmation Retreat for students in grades 9 and 10 at St. Bernard Church in Rockville**

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

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



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

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY
DINNER**



**ST. PATRICK'S DAY
POTLUCK DINNER**

In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, the Fellowship Circle is hosting a potluck dinner on **Saturday, March 21 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center.**

Several people have already signed up for the Potluck Dinner. We plan to have several corned beef dinners. A few people have agreed to prepare them and we need 4 more volunteers to prepare corned beef dinners. If you are interested, please indicate on the sign-up sheet or call MaryAnn 860-649-5449 / Marilyn 860-649-1282 (please leave a message).

A warming oven will be in use and we have power strips available. Once again, Amy will bake one of her special cakes for this event.

Sign-up sheets are in the back of the Church. Please sign up and support our Parish.

**Thank you,
The Fellowship Circle**



FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE FUNDRAISER

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.

Eucharistic



Adoration

**Eucharistic Adoration
First Friday, March 6th**

after 7:00 P.M.

Stations of the Cross and Mass
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

STEWARDSHIP

February 23 offertory: — \$3,246

Projected amount needed: — \$2,980

"It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." MATTHEW 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things. Ask God how he is calling you to serve.

^ 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 _____

City State Zip _____ E-mail Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Check enclosed ___ Envelope No. _____ We will Donate Online ___ (Customary donation \$10 weekday, \$20 weekend)

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:

Rick, Keith, Christine, Joshua, Grace, Bob, Mary-Jane, Grace, Viola, Anneddea, David, Francis,

Olga, Irene, Kyle, Laurie, Gloria, Mary, Irene, Maria, Jerry.

Candle Intention: Nicholas, Joshua .

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

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

There is a Parent Meeting for First Reconciliation/First Communion parents and students on Sunday, March 1, in the church basement immediately following 10 a.m. mass. During this meeting we will meet with Father Bill to go over the requirements for making the sacraments of First Communion and Reconciliation and how we will be preparing your children.

Bring the whole family! This is not just a meeting for parents. Children that will be making these sacraments should be present, but siblings are welcome too.



There will be a **Confirmation Retreat for 9th 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.

FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP



FAIR WORKSHOP LOOKING FOR ELVES! Join the "Sleigh Bells Ring" Christmas Fair Workshop team Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Parish Center. Do you like to work with your hands? (No special talent needed.) Do

you enjoy good fellowship? Then join us and bring your suggestions with you. Coffee is always brewing!

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 Center. 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

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



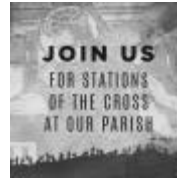
**Operation Rice Bowl:
Our Lenten Program:
For Lent For Life**

Lent is a time of opportunity for us to strengthen our faith through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These practices bring us closer to God and demonstrate our solidarity with those in need at home and around the world. This Lent make your sacrifices become opportunities to feed the hungry poor. Please participate in CRS Operation Rice Bowl and let the sacrifices you make for the hungry poor nourish them and may these sacrifices witness to the love that disciples of Christ have for all people, especially for the least of the Lord's sisters and brothers.



The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, March 7 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 THE FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE



**St. Maurice Parish
Stations of the Cross
will be prayed during lent
every Friday at 7:00 P.M.**



**LENTEN FISH DINNER
AT TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ
FRIDAYS OF LENT**

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Place: Parish Center
What: Dinner of baked fish and

chips, cole slaw, roll w/ butter, coffee, tea or lemonade.

Cost: \$10.00 (\$5.00 cheese pizza alternative)

Profits support a variety of charitable activities.

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Take out available



"At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil." If the devil tempted Jesus, who was God, how much more will he tempt us into sin. Bring the Father, Son and Holy Spirit into your marriage to help you resist temptations by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The next 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/>.



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