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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 6, 2020

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30, 9:15 and 11:00 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 3:25 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643- 9553) 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.

People knew over a year in advance that the Pope was coming for a visit to America and the preparations began. Security, space limitations and requirements, protocols, crowd management, itineraries, invitations, regulations, and so much more was necessary to pull this event off effectively. It's not every day that we get a visit from such a prominent dignitary. Thought, effort, meticulous attention to detail and vision all are necessary to make this thing work. After all, he can't just show up in the ordinary and normal daily routines of life and catch people unprepared! Tickets have to be purchased, buses rented, hotel rooms reserved, and travel arrangements made early because it will be impossible to see him if we wait too long!

We do this kind of preparing not only for prominent religious figures but for political dignitaries, notable sports figures, people of fame, and even actors. If an individual intrigues us, we are going to want to do all we have to do to get a "good seat" in the house. Does Jesus Christ captivate this much of our attention? We are asked to prepare the way of the Lord and to do so not with frantic frenzy but patient enthusiasm. We do not have to stand on a street corner making profound announcements about God's coming or become overly zealous in our embrace of the Good News. Our task is quieter, more interior, captivating, and consuming. We are asked to change. We have to conduct our lives with holy devotion.

Is the cost of that ticket too much for you? Don't you want the "best seat" in the house? You don't want to miss Our Lord's arrival when he comes, do you? After all, if he comes while you are going about your daily routines without you even knowing, he may catch you off guard. Or, he may come in disguise looking like a beggar, a prisoner, migrant, refugee, or someone who is lost. Would you be ready to recognize him then? Preparing for the coming of Christ requires a change of mind, heart, and behavior. It is not adequate to simply do the things we always do. We want our lives to speak of the exciting news of Christ's coming and the joy that the Gospel brings. It has to do with our demeanor, values, priorities, choices, and how we structure daily routines. Of course, it involves sacrifice. All anticipations do! Are you excited, captivated, enthusiastic, and sitting on the edge of your seat eager to celebrate his coming among us at Christmas, and waiting for him to come again? If not, why not?

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT****DECEMBER 5 — 6, 2020**

Usher Group III

**SECOND COLLECTION
FUEL FUND COLLECTION****SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5**

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Souls of David Caruso, Jr. and Mary and Steve Caruso request of Charles and Shirley Brown and Shirleyanne Johnson

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

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

9:15 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

11:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7 — No Mass**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8** (holy day of obligation)

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Souls of Felix and Victoria Maciora and Helen Marion request of Joseph Maciora

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11 — No Mass**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12**

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Souls of Rocco and Helen Fiano — request of Larry Fiano Family

Livestream Masses:**From the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich**<https://www.norwichdiocese.org/Masses>

Sunday 9AM

Daily Mass from Blessed Sacrament Parish<https://www.blessedsacramentct.org/>

Monday 8 AM / Tuesday 9 AM / Wednesday 8 AM /
Thursday 9 AM / Friday 8 AM / Saturday Vigil 5 PM /
Sunday 10 AM

**ADVENT****HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.****FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH****ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE**

Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line and Faith Formation Students Prayer Requests.

New requests this week: Simone, Maria, Joe, John, Eileen. Thank you, Mary Ann

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
NEEDED**

If you are interested to serve in the Ministry of the Eucharist please call Linda Richardson at 860-965-6288 for information.

**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES**

with the bells for Bolton Families in need are in the church and outside of parish center. If you can help by purchasing a requested gift for a Bolton resident in need this

Christmas take a bell of the tree and return unwrapped gifts with the bell attached by **Sunday, December 13th**.

If you can't shop at this time, please send a check to St. Maurice with "Seasonal Sharing" in the memo line, and we will do the shopping for you.

If you have any questions please call:

Dorli Cloutier Beth Haney Sharon Scorso
860-649-6255 860-649-1331 860-729-4399

**SLEIGH BELLS RING****SEASONAL SHARING**

Our town has identified 30 families who need extra help and support this Christmas. As we have done in the past, this year the St. Maurice faith community will support the less fortunate in Bolton too. Please drop off non-perishable food donations at the church or parish center by **Sunday, December 20th for Christmas**.

We need a few volunteers to help sort and package the food for each family on that Sundays. If you can help please contact **Tom Manning** at 860-990-4698.

**USHERS NEEDED**

Anyone interested in being an usher please contact Kathy Perlitz kcperlitz@comcast.net or by phone at 860-649-1210.

^ 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



2020 Annual Catholic Appeal update as of November 20th Saint Maurice Parish has donated \$9,498.31 or 96.45% of its goal of \$9,848, and 31.61% of our parishioners have donated. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible. If you have not pledged before, consider giving \$5 to increase our participation rate.

Thank you to everyone for your support!



Seasonal Sharing – Thanksgiving

A successful collaboration between St. Maurice and Bolton Senior & Social Services benefited 87 persons in 25 families. Sorting and packing was done over several days by a few people at a time due to COVID. Town employees made deliveries, also due to COVID. ShopRite gift cards were purchased from our Poor & Needy fund. There was so much food that three other families signed up only for Christmas also received food packages and gift cards purchased by others. ShopRite of Manchester donated the meat.

The Families thank all of you who donated food and money for their Thanksgiving.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of MARY



East Catholic High School

We are excited to offer another Virtual Parent Information Session on December 3rd at 5:30 pm. We look forward to sharing why East Catholic is so special, as well as answering questions families may have about ECHS, the admissions process, tuition assistance, and much more. To pre-register for the session, please go to:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeZyKXu9BCUcSY5cZVESrgtS9nB68Kt1dODyPDKxuo-pZY04A/viewform>

We will send a Zoom invitation prior to the event. We are also pleased to offer *in person tours*, by appointment only, please make your appointment today at:

<https://calendly.com/echstours>.



STEWARDSHIP

Projected Amount needed — \$3,130

Offertory: November 22 — \$3,442

Offertory: November 29 — \$2,192

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - MARK 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well.

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH

Fall cleanup by the Scouts on Saturday 11/21



The grounds look great. Thank you Scouts!

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



The Office of Faith Events and the Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference Committee are looking for donations of unwanted **BASKETS**. If you have a basket or baskets you would like to part with, please contact **Marianne at 860-848-2237 ext. 304** or manicholas@norwichdiocese.org Thank you!

Diocesan Advent Mission

The Office of Faith Events is offering a virtual **Diocesan Advent Mission**. It will take place the **first three Thursdays in December at 7 P.M. beginning on December 3rd**. The mission will focus on three of the themes of Advent: Patience, Love and Peace. There is no cost to participate in the Advent Mission, but registration is required.

You can do so by emailing Marianne Nicholas at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net or calling Marianne Nicholas at 860-848-2237, 304



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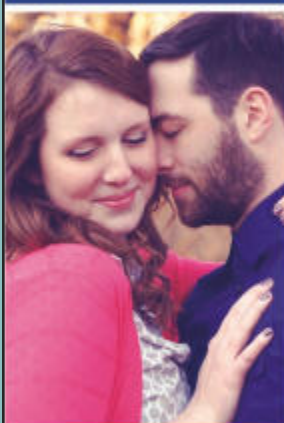
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