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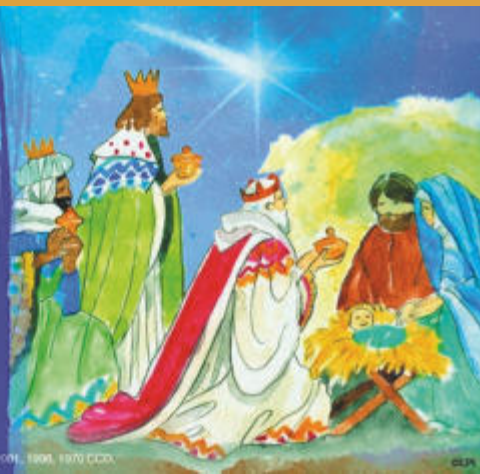
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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 3, 2021

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They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11



“Where is that thing?” mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. “I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!” Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, “Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear.” The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

“And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.” The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God’s tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God’s salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God’s healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!

Prayer Line

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Note: during the pandemic office hours are not regular as stated above, but you can continue to call the telephone number and leave a message.

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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.



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January 2 — 3, 2021

Usher Group III

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

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, JANUARY 4 — No MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5 — No MASS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8 — No MASS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

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

SNOW DAY NOTICE

Reminder: on weekdays when schools are closed due to snow etc. there will be no morning Mass at St. Maurice.

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

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.

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: Karen, Louise, Cecile, Susan, Darlene, Ronald.

Thank you, Mary Ann

ST MAURICE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry for our long term care parishioners are making full size prayer shawls and mini pocket prayer shawls available for everyone. If you can help in any way in this ministry please call

Linda Wiley at 860-643-8684 or MaryAnn Murphy at 860-649-5449.

Thank you.



VIRTUAL YOUTH EXPLOSION

The Diocese of Norwich invites Grades 6 – 12 to VIRTUAL YOUTH EXPLOSION.

National singer, song writer, composer, and speaker - John Angotti presents through lyric and witness how God is Forever Faithful.

Youth Explosion is ONLINE Sunday, January 31st from 1pm – 3pm. There is no cost.

Please contact your Catechetical Leader to register.

Questions? Feel free to email

Amie Tillmann at saintmauriceccd@gmail.com

or call (860) 212-3901.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



STEWARDSHIP

Projected Amount needed — \$3,130

Offertory: December 20 — \$3,573

"..they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him

gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh..." - MATTHEW 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

^ 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:

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Person requesting _____

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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 ___

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USHERS NEEDED

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



Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace."

There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.



East Catholic High School

Our Admissions Office is hard at work completing student files and just days away from sending the very first batch of acceptance letters.. Also, we welcome participants of family tours. For scheduling a tour, please go

to: calendly.com/echstours

An Act of Spiritual Communion



My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

SUNDAY OBLIGATION

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to be dispensed for all the faithful in the Diocese of Norwich until further notice. Those who are considered "high risk" due to age or underlying health condition, are encouraged to stay home. Stay home also if you are experiencing symptoms of illness or not feeling well. Since Sunday is still the Lord's Day, the faithful are encouraged to do one of the following while unable to attend Mass: Read and reflect on the Sunday scriptures; Pray the rosary reflecting on the Glorious Mysteries; Watch the Sunday Mass on TV, or via the internet.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

Marriage Preparation Classes to Meet Virtually



With the uncertainty surrounding Covid-19, the Catholic Family Services Office will be offering virtual or one-on-one marriage preparation classes for engaged couples. All formal live classes have been suspended through July 1, 2021.

Couples getting married in 2021 or beyond, should contact Mary-Jo McLaughlin at the Catholic Family Services Office to establish class dates. She can be reached Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 860-848-2237, Ext 312 or by email at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.



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!

Catholic Charities would like to **THANK** you for your **generosity** in assisting us to care for those who are in need. Your donations of prayers, monetary donations, much needed baby & personal care items, food donations and volunteering at our locations are greatly appreciated, especially during this year of uncertainty. Because of the pandemic, we have experienced a huge increase of people looking for a helping hand, and because of your donations, we are able to assist everyone who comes to us in need. Catholic Charities would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a healthy & Happy New Year! Visit ccfsn.org for more information on how you can help!



Please share your e-mail with The Office of Faith Events of the Diocese of Norwich. Be the first to know about all the virtual programs we are offering throughout the coming year, and also receive our own Advent and Lenten reflections! Send your e-mail address to: manicholas@norwichdiocese.net to be added to the list!

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