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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."
- Mk 1:7-8

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We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?

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.



**THE BAPTISM
OF THE LORD**
January 9 — 10, 2021

Usher Group IV

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of Marie Konicki request of Gloria Holbrook

9:15 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

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 11 — No Mass

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12 — No Mass

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15 — No Mass

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Souls of Jerry Chemerka and Sheila Chemerka request of The Chemerka Children

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 FATHER BILL



Thank you to all who sent me cards for Christmas and gifts also. Thanks to all for your good and generous donations for the offertory, flowers and our poor & needy collection which was a great help for the 30 families in need in Bolton. – Amount \$4,542.

Thanks to everyone for your good donations during the Christmas Season. A year ago we were paying off the 2011 loan for the church roof, much through the fundraisers of pens and CD's for \$10,500. Thank you. Now I just signed a contract for 12 thousand dollars for repairing the church roof where the water has been coming down over our main church entrance. Apparently, we had the roofers 5 years ago but only temporarily patched a little. We need to redirect the water to drains so it doesn't rot the structure or become the freezing hazard it is now. Thanks to Lou Cloutier for taking care of this and the roofing company (Allied Roofing) for determining what we need. We will get a 20 year material warrantee as well for an extra \$800. Lou and Allied have worked together before and have figured it out. Thanks for your support.

STEWARDSHIP



Projected Amount needed — \$3,130

Offertory: January 3 — \$3,770

Poor & Needy — \$5,954

Christmas — \$2,730

New Year's — \$495

Christmas Flowers — \$839

"And a voice came from the heavens, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" — MARK 1:11

Through our baptism, we too, are daughters and sons of God. We are disciples of Jesus. As true disciples we are called to actively participate in our Catholic faith, not just be mere bystanders. This means working in collaboration with Holy Spirit and discerning how we are being asked to use our gifts. Using our gifts for the benefit of others and not just for our own interests and comfort.

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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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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 and Faith Formation Students Prayer Requests.

New requests this week: John, Mary, Josephine, Gabby, George, Elaine, Michael,

Shirley, Rosa, Richard, Floyd.

Candle Intentions: Wladyslaw

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 saintmauricecd@gmail.com

or call (860) 212-3901.

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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.



Project Rachel Rosary – Please join the Office of Faith Events staff online the third Tuesday of each month as we pray the **Project Rachel Rosary** for

an end to abortion and healing for those who have been involved in an abortion. The next Rosary will be Tuesday, **January 19, 2021**. Contact Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net to receive a link for the Rosary.



2021: Beginnings that Look Very Different

A new year brings hope and expectation – the wonder and anticipation of many joy-filled moments yet to come. It gives us a fresh start and a different perspective that motivates us to try new things and be better people. This year, we have a slightly different attitude as we usher in 2021; the world is still grappling with a pandemic and all the uncertainty that goes along with it. We are all trying to stay positive and hopeful despite the constant barrage of negativity and a feeling of general exhaustion. This is not the best way to welcome a new year, but we know that God is journeying with us every step of the way and that gives us courage and fortitude. As the psalmist writes, *Our help is in the name of the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.* Psalm 124:8.

As we look forward with hope, we know that the 40-day journey of Lent will bring us the resurrection of Christ at Easter, the day where we celebrate Christ’s saving love and grace. It is a day that gives us new life and a renewed spirit. Until then, we will journey together in prayer and through our virtual offerings to support one another the best way we know how. May God continue to bless you and your families with health and a positive outlook for the future. God’s blessings and peace to all of you.

~Andrea Hoisl, director, Office of Faith Events

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