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### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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



### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 2, 2022

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[www.saintmauricebolton.org](http://www.saintmauricebolton.org)

#### 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 3:25 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.

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 1 — 2, 2022

Ushers Group III

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1 — No MASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

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

9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church

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

6:00 P.M. Rosary

MONDAY, JANUARY 3 — No MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4 — No MASS

7:15 P.M. Choir rehearsal in church.  
New voices are always welcome!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

7:00 P.M. First Friday Mass and Adoration  
offered for All Souls in Purgatory  
Rosary after Mass

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

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

## 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

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JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AT THE TRIPLE PLAY CAFE



Time: 8:00 A.M. — 10:00 A.M.

Date: Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>Location: St. Maurice Parish Center  
\$6.00 / Person \$18.00 / Family

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## 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: Albert, John, Candace, Steve, Anette, Jana, Kenny, Dom, Matt, a woman with cancer, Tiffany.

Candle Intentions: Nick, Noah, Joshua, Adam.

Thank you, Mary Ann

## ST. MAURICE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry are making full size prayer shawls for our long term parishioner. Also, mini pocket prayer shawls are available for everyone.

If you can help in any way in this Ministry, please call:

Linda Wiley at 860-643-8684 or

Mary Ann Murphy at 860-649-5449

Thank you.



## EAST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

East Catholic has rolling admissions, so prospective students have plenty of opportunities to begin the admissions process. Our **Entrance Exam** will take place on Saturday, January 22nd @ 8:30 a.m. To pre-register, please go to [https://www.echs.com/Visit\\_ECHS](https://www.echs.com/Visit_ECHS).Our **Shadow Day** program is back!!! If your 8<sup>th</sup> grader would like to discover the "taste of East", please go to[https://www.echs.com/Visit\\_ECHS](https://www.echs.com/Visit_ECHS)

to begin the process of scheduling a visit.

It's also a perfect time to fill out the admissions application by visiting our website, the Admissions tab.

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## STEWARDSHIP

Projected Amount needed — \$3,330

Offertory: November 21 — \$2,369

November 28 — \$4,150

December 5 — \$3,422

*"...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh."*

(MATTHEW 2:11)

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold — we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense — represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh — is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

^ Tear off

## Parish Membership Form

Drop in collection ^

Please enroll the following as members of the Church of St. Maurice:

Adults \_\_\_\_\_

Children (under 18) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Send offertory envelopes \_\_\_\_\_ Send form for EFT (electronic donation) \_\_\_\_\_ We will Donate Online \_\_\_\_\_

We can help out as: Altar server \_\_\_\_\_ Lector \_\_\_\_\_ Usher \_\_\_\_\_ Eucharistic Minister \_\_\_\_\_ Choir \_\_\_\_\_ Crafts workshop \_\_\_\_\_

**FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH****Baptism of Jack Lucas Crandall — 12/12/2021**

Parents: Edwin Crandall  
and Kara Pinto Crandall  
Godfather: Andrew Polzella  
Godmother: Stacey Pinto

**SAINT BRIDGET SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am -11:00am

St. Bridget School offers our students a safe and disciplined environment steeped in Catholic tradition, and academic excellence. We invite you to our open house on January 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. At our open house families will be able to tour our school and learn more about our exceptional programs. Our daily curriculum offers students a challenging academic schedule and participation in art, music, gym, Spanish and library. We also support a variety of sports and clubs.

Those unable to make our open house may call to schedule an individual tour. Visit our website, [www.saintbridget-school.com](http://www.saintbridget-school.com) or call our school office at (860) 649-7731 Ext 217. We look forward to meeting you!



**Saint Maurice Church  
First Friday**

**Eucharistic Adoration**

January 7<sup>th</sup>

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*

**ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED**

The role of the server is to assist with liturgical celebrations, including the preparation of the Lord's Table and to assist the priest during Mass.

**Needs/Opportunities:** Youth who have made their First Holy Communion are invited to serve.

**Commitment required:** Each Altar Server is assigned a Mass time of their choosing, and is placed on a rotating schedule.

If you are interested to serve as an Altar Server please call Shirley Holbrook (860) 742-1829.

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH****4<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Adult Mass with Bishop Cote**

On Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, St. Thomas Aquinas in Storrs is delighted to host Bishop Michael Cote for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Young Adult Mass & Reception. All Young Adults (ages 18 - 39, single and married) are invited and encouraged to attend! Young Adults are welcome to invite friends to join us! Mass with Bishop Cote will begin at 7:00pm and there will be a small reception in the Catholic Center following the liturgy.

**VIRTUAL BINGO FOR ALL AGES**

The Office of Faith Events invites people of all ages to participate in Virtual Bingo! Bingo will take place on Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 5pm. You will receive your cards online, mark them and even remark them for the next game or you can print them and play. Through video conferencing, we will call the numbers and play different BINGO games from regular bingo, double bingo, picture frame, and finally black out! It is always great fun with lots of gift certificates for prizes! We are only selling 200 cards, so act fast! The cost is \$6 per card for the whole Bingo event! To register for your Bingo card, go to:

<https://bit.ly/2Laol7Y>

or call Marianne at 860-848-2237 ex. 304.

This coming Spring, during the 2022 Virtual Women's Conference, the Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference Committee will vote on and name the recipient of the second annual Our Lady Queen of Hope Award. This award honors a woman in the diocese for her vision and leadership in the Catholic Church. She displays strong faith, and is committed to living out Catholic values, displaying leadership, love and service, and has been a part of successful initiatives that benefit the Church and has helped to move parish communities forward.

You can nominate a woman of the Norwich diocese for this award by visiting [www.norwichdiocese.org](http://www.norwichdiocese.org) and downloading the nomination form or contacting Marianne at [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net)

To our gifted and talented Knitters of the Norwich Diocese, please join the Office of Faith Events in reaching out to the community during the cold winter months by donating handmade scarves. Whatever you could do to help support our new "**Street Ministry**" to the poor would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be brought or sent to the Bishop Flanagan Ministry Center, 199 Broadway, Norwich. We will be accepting donations until February 28. Thank you so much for donating your time and talent!

Questions? Contact Marianne at 860-848-2237 ext. 304 or [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net)

Please Save the Date and join us **March 26, 2022** for the Virtual Spring **Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference**. Key-note speaker, author, and certified spiritual director Liz Kelly will present ideas from her book *Love Like A Saint*. The morning will also include a message from Bishop Cote, the naming of this year's Our Lady Queen of Hope Award recipient and much more all from the comfort of your own home! For more information, please contact

The Office of Faith Events at 860-848-2237, or [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net)



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