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SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 7, 2024



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."
- Mt 2:1-2

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A stranger in a foreign land, I was exhausted and homesick as my summer Spanish immersion ended in Guatemala. The rusty minivan arriving outside my small residence filled me with joyful hope. I was flying home to the U.S. and would be, at long last, completely happy. Or so I thought. After about half an hour of being home, I thought to myself, "This place is boring. I want to go somewhere." So, I hopped in my car and left to see my friends. As I drove, I wistfully wondered, "Where am I *truly* at home?"

The feast of Epiphany has a lot to do with our notion of home. Where is our origin? Where are we going? When is our wandering done? Saint Matthew tells us of the Magi, "They were overjoyed at seeing the star." This star will bring them *home*, to a place where their questing will end, and they will be satisfied. Their real home is neither in the East nor in the earthly Jerusalem. Somehow, their home is wherever this boy and his parents are.

If you're a teenager or older, you probably know by now that every physical home we have is temporary. So, we look up at the countless stars in our proverbial skies: things which bedazzle and beckon us to follow toward peace. The Gospel invites us to behold that — at long last — God has sent us a star to follow home, one that whispers, "Follow me! I will take you home!" Perhaps that star is your spouse. A friend. An opportunity. A cause. An intuition about a new direction. A prayer group. What is it for you? How will you know? It will lead you to Mary and Joseph and their son, and you will be home.
— *Father John Muir*



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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 3:25 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.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
January 6 — 7, 2024**

Ushers Group IV

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

- 3:30 P.M. **Rosary** (in the Cry Room)
- 4:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

- 7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)
- 8:00 A.M. **TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ PANCAKE BREAKFAST**
Parish Center from 8:00A.M. to 10:00A.M.
- 9:00 A.M. **FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**
- 10:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)
- 5:30 P.M. **Evening Prayer** from the Liturgy of the Hours



MONDAY, JANUARY 8 — No MASS

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9 — No MASS

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

- 3:30 P.M. **Knights of Columbus Rosary** (in the Cry Room)
- 4:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

Ushers Group IV

- 7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)
NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
- 10:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)
- 5:30 P.M. **Evening Prayer** from the Liturgy of the Hours

MEMORIAL NOTE:

A Memorial gift in Memory of Catherine Billiel, received with gratitude.

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: Brian, Sister Mary Martin, Mary Beth, John, Dan, Susan, Barbara, Erin.

Candle Intentions: Special prayers for the Intentions in the Candle Note Book.

Please call Carol Zabielski at (860) 643-2837

ST. MAURICE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



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

If you can help in any way in this Ministry, please call: Irene Zdrojowy (860) 533-1733



JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AT THE TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ



Time: 8:00 A.M. — 10:00 A.M.

Date: Sunday, January 7th

Location: St. Maurice Parish Center

\$6.00 / Person \$18.00 / Family

Sponsored by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: December 24 — \$3,994

December 31 — \$4,667

Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

"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!

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Parish Membership Form

Drop in collection ^

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FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH

**St. Maurice Council 6199
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This coming Saturday, January 13, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. in the Cry Room we will pray the **Second Saturday Knights Rosary**. All are welcome to join. If there are too many to fit in the Cry Room, we will shout Hallelujah! and work out another location on the spot.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Step Into the Light

How strange it is to think that if not for Herod's directions, the magi would not have known where to find Jesus. They were not Jews, they knew nothing of the old prophecies. It was Herod who convened the scholars. It was Herod who pointed the way — for ulterior motives, certainly, but nonetheless, this is the part he played. It was Herod who made the Epiphany possible.

"Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance," writes the prophet (Isaiah 60:3). A king may keep to the shadows, suspicious of the light — he may foolishly imagine he can snatch it from the sky to keep as his own possession, and, upon finding the light cannot be governed, grow to loathe it, and even seek to extinguish it once and for all.

But all his grand designs will come to nothing because there is no king so powerful that he can see in the dark. And even a man like Herod — a man so jealous that he sought to kill God — cannot prevent the breaking of day.

The Epiphany marks the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. It is a celebration of truth reaching places it was not expected to reach, of brightness illuminating corners of the world long ago consigned to shadow. It is a reminder that the battle has already been won, the night is over. All that remains is for us to decide: will we step into the light?

"See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory." — Isaiah 60:2 ©LPi

BROTHERS IN CHRIST
WITH DEACON TOM CASEY

Brothers in Christ would like you to join us on Thursday, January 11th from 7pm – 7:45pm for our virtual session with Deacon Tom Casey speaking on evangelism.

Brothers in Christ is a gathering of men who share faith, personal experiences, and discussion. Brothers in Christ fellowship meetings are held the second Thursday of the month either virtually or in -person. If you are interested in developing fellowship and discipleship with other men devoted to Christ, please register for the group by email Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or call (860)848-2237 ex. 305.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

Calling All Young Adults! Ages 18-39, Are you a young adult seeking authentic community? Are you looking for a place to deepen your relationship with Jesus and increase your understanding of the Catholic faith? Join one of **Crossroads for Christ** seven chapters today! Meeting in the greater Hartford area, Stamford, Middletown, Mystic, New Haven, Waterbury and Watertown. For more information go to www.crossroads4christ.org or email info@crossroads4christ.org



**DEEPENING OUR FAITH
THROUGH THE SACRAMENTS**

Join us on Tuesday, January 9th

from 7 – 8:15 PM virtually for a deepening of our faith through the Sacrament of Vocation- Marriage. Our keynote is Sr. Elissa Rinere, C.P. the former Diocesan Chancellor. When the Catholic Church teaches that marriage is a Christian vocation, it is saying that the couple's relationship is more than simply their choice to enter a union which is a social and legal institution. In addition to these things, marriage involves a call from God and a response from two people who promise to build, with the help of divine grace, a lifelong, intimate and sacramental partnership of love and life. Let's explore Marriage together. To register, please contact Marianne at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net or call 860-848-2237 ext.304.

Please share your e-mail address with The Office of Faith Events of the Diocese of Norwich! Be the first to know about all the faith enriching programs, virtual and live, that we offer throughout the year. This will also enable you to receive our bi- weekly Hope and Faith Video series. Email Marianne at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net to be added to the list today!


**6TH ANNUAL YOUNG ADULT MASS
WITH BISHOP COTE**

On Sunday- January 21st, St. Thomas Aquinas in Storrs is delighted to host Bishop Michael Cote for the 6th Annual Diocesan Young Adult Mass & Reception. All Young Adults (ages 18 - 39, single and married) are invited and encouraged to attend and are encouraged to invite friends to join us! Mass with Bishop Cote will begin at 7:00pm and following the liturgy there will be a small reception in the Catholic Center.

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 7th 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 will be great fun with lots of gift certificates for prizes! The cost is \$6 per card for the whole Bingo event! To purchase your Bingo cards, go to: <https://bit.ly/2Laol7Y> or call Marianne at 860-848-2237 ex. 304.

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