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# Good News!

January 4, 2015

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

Mary Chapin Carpenter's wonderful Christmas carol "Come Darkness, Come Light" calls all people, regardless of their situation or where they are in their faith, to come see the Christ Child. All are welcome to see that love has come to earth and to bring whatever they have to the Child who waits for them in a manger.

Whenever I hear this song, I'm moved to tears by its simplicity. For reasons of which I'm not entirely sure, I'm reminded of the beginning section of John's Gospel, which lays out so beautifully the coming of Christ to earth. "Through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race," John narrates; later he tells us, "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us."

What is our response? Do we come as the song invites us? Do we hold back, afraid that it's too late for us? Do we listen to the siren songs of other gods, who whisper that they have the key to our happiness?

Today's readings are an invitation to know ourselves as children of God, to know the hope of his call to us, and to know that this light cannot be overcome by any darkness the world has to offer.

The rush of the holidays is behind us, and a new year has begun. We have a little breathing space. In our liturgical calendar, though, the Christmas season is still with us.

There is still time to come, by whatever means we're able, and give our lives over to Christ.

Mary Katharine Deeley  
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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD — JANUARY 4, 2015

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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 our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both 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):

By appointment.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643-4466) 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 860-643-4466.

THIS WEEKTHE EPIPHANY OF THE LORDJANUARY 3 – 4, 2015USHERS GROUP IISATURDAY, JAN. 34:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Wanda Aubey*COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement*SUNDAY, JAN. 47:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice ChurchCHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Cecile Lavoie  
request of The FamilyCHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass**COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement*6:00 P.M. — ADULT FAITH FORMATION  
*in the Parish Center Library*MONDAY, JAN. 59:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Samuel GuglieminoTUESDAY, JAN. 69:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church

7:30 P.M. — CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 7 — NO MASSTHURSDAY, JAN. 8 — NO MASSFRIDAY, JAN. 9 — NO MASSCub Scouts Pinewood Derby *in the lower Church*SATURDAY, JAN. 10

3:30 P.M. — ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS

**STEWARDSHIP**

Last week's Offertory: Dec. 28 — \$4,283

Projected Amount needed \$3,370

*"..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!

NEXT WEEKTHE BAPTISM OF THE LORDJANUARY 10 – 11, 2015USHERS GROUP III2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION — ST. MAURICE FUEL FUNDSATURDAY, JAN. 104:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Jerry Chemerka —  
10<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
request of Sheila Chemerka & Family*Altar Servers: Maria Cinea**Lectors: Bert Flynn**Eucharistic Minister: Annedda Stiller**COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement*SUNDAY, JAN. 117:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Henry Leonard*Altar Servers: Lynn Mancino**Lector: Lynn Mancino**Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio*CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*8:00 A.M. — Triple Play Café Breakfast *from 8:00AM to 10:00AM*

9:00 A.M. — FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. Youth MassMass offered for +Michael Willette  
request of Clifford & Sharon Scorso*Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer**Lector: Evelyn O'Connor**Eucharistic Minister: Betty Aitkin*CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass**COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass*Parish Finance Report Review *after Mass**in the Parish Center. All Parishioners are welcome to attend.*MONDAY, JAN. 129:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Samuel GuglieminoTUESDAY, JAN. 13 — NO MASS

7:30 P.M. — CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 14 — NO MASSTHURSDAY, JAN. 15 — NO MASSFRIDAY, JAN. 16 — NO MASSSATURDAY, JAN. 17

3:30 P.M. — ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS

**Readings for the Week of January 4, 2015**

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22--4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19--5:4/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 55:1-11 or Is 42:1-4, 6-7/1 Jn 5:1-9 or  
Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11

**SAINT MAURICE PARISH**

**ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE**

Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line, especially the new requests for this week. Thank you. Carol and Mary Ann.

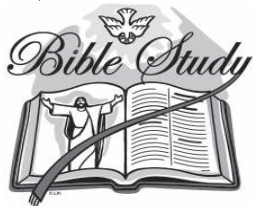
**ADULT FAITH FORMATION:**

**REVELATION:**

**THE KINGDOM YET TO COME**

The next session on the *Book of Revelation*, Chapters 16 and 17, will be on **Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.** in the **Parish Center Library**.

Session is 55 minutes in length. All are welcome.



**YOUTH MASS**



**Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 A.M**

**TOYS FOR KIDS:**

Thank you to all who brought toys for St. Ann's parish in Hartford! Your generosity will touch the hearts of many children on Three Kings Day.



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

**Defending Our Religious Liberty**

The Catholic Church's stand against the federal health care mandate isn't about access to contraception, which is widely available. It is about a government regulation that is forcing the Church to act against its moral principles, thereby, violating religious freedom.

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the mandate by calling President Obama at the White House at 202-456-1111 or U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**

**The March for Life in Washington, D.C. Bus Trip.**

January 22, 2014 marks the 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Supreme Court's legalization of abortion. From that decision, over 50 million pre-born babies have died from abortion. On January 22<sup>nd</sup> people from across our nation will assemble in Washington D.C. for the largest ProLife event in the world, to March for Life and end abortion. Consider attending if you have never experienced being a part of the March for Life. **On Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 9 P.M.,** buses sponsored by the Southeast Chapter of Connecticut Right to Life will leave from the Norwich Municipal Parking Lot (Exit 80, I-395) and travel to D.C. to attend the March. Bus fare is \$65 per person. (Reduced rate available for students) For information, to reserve a seat or if you cannot go, to sponsor a seat, please call Margaret Becotte at 860-822-1362. Reserve a seat by January 7, 2015.

**EnCourage Support Group**

EnCourage is the Catholic spiritual support group for the family members of loved ones with same-sex attraction. For more information on the support group meetings held the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm at St. John Church, Montville, please call the Family Life Office at: 860-889-8346 ext. 283.

**Marriage Preparation Class for Engaged Couples**

"God's Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage"

January 31, February 7, 21, 2015 9:30 am-12:00 pm

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**Director of Business Practices Catholic Charities, Norwich Position Available.**

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich is currently seeking to fill the newly created position of, Director of Business Practices. The successful candidate will report to the Executive Director, and work to create efficient processes and implement the infrastructure and systems needed to effectively support substantial program and financial growth. The successful candidate will build, modify and manage effective and streamlined administrative/financial systems. Areas of responsibility include financial, accounting, budget planning and adjustment, business practice report including payroll and file maintenance, legal, information technology, and physical plant maintenance and infrastructure.

Ideal candidates will have the following experience and attributes; CPA or an MBA with at least two years in financial management, or a Bachelor's degree in accounting and at least 5 years in financial management, including experience with third-party payments including Medicaid billing in a not-for-profit environment. The ideal candidate will have significant experience working with and creating reports for Federal, State and local funding sources including agencies such as DCF, CSSD, DMHAS, HUD and CHFA. Additionally, he or she will have experience in creating and driving the analytic framework for planning and managing departmental change in a fast paced environment.

**Interested Candidates should submit a cover letter and resume by mail to: Catholic Charities DBP Search Committee, 331 Main Street Norwich, CT 06360 or email [searchcommittee@ccfsn.org](mailto:searchcommittee@ccfsn.org)**





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