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PALM SUNDAY — MARCH 25, 2018



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Our humanity bleeds through today's Gospel passages in more ways than one. We see both elation and fall, hope in the midst of the darker sides of our natures. If we allow it, these Gospels hold a mirror to our own fickle hearts. The crowds cry "Hosanna" and the Apostles profess allegiance unto death. In a manner of days -- even hours -- Jesus is betrayed, abandoned, denied, condemned, tortured, and executed. As God, he could have stopped this horrific narrative from unfolding, but he doesn't. He allows free will to play itself out.

There are nearly two millennia between this spectacle and us. We can stand safely removed, if we choose. But Lent invites us to return to this story. Lent invites us to find ourselves in the people we encounter there. Are we the repentant woman at Bethany? Are we naysayers of such lavish piety? Have we acted in a way that betrays those we love or denies what we know to be good and true? Have we fallen asleep in our faith? Have we unfairly accused others of a crime or immorality we imagine, though perhaps they didn't commit? Do we help others carry their burdens? Do we stand in solidarity with those who suffer? Do we care for the dying?

This week, take up today's Gospel again. Look carefully at the Passion narrative and sit with it in silence. Find yourself in the story and ponder its meaning for your own life. Journey with Jesus to the foot of the Cross so that you too may say, along with the faithful centurion, "truly this man was the Son of God!"

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 5:00 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 4:15 p.m. — 4:45 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-748-4560) 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 860-748-4560.



PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 24 — 25, 2018

USHERS GROUP II

2ND COLLECTION — OPERATION "RICE BOWL"

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for †Keith Depathy
request of Catherine Depathy

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for †Henry Depathy
request of Catherine Depathy

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

8:30 A.M. BREAKFAST FOR FAITH FORMATION

9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Rocco Fiano
request of The Delatolla Family

*Procession with palms during the Mass*CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*11:00 A.M. EASTER FOOD DELIVERY *in the Parish Center*

1:00 P.M. BOLTON ECUMENICAL COUNCIL OUTDOOR
PROCESSION OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

5:30 P.M. EVENING PRAYER
FROM THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, MARCH 26

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

TUESDAY, MARCH 27 — NO MASS

10:30 A.M. Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick
in Norwich — everyone is invited

7:15 P.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL
New members are most welcome

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28 — NO MASS

9:00 A.M. CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP

5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. CONFESSIONS

THURSDAY, MARCH 29 — HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Priests
— especially for **Father Leon**

ADORATION AFTER MASS UNTIL MIDNIGHT

HOLY 8:00 to 9:00 P.M. last names S to Z

9:00 to 10:00 P.M. last names A to F

10:00 to 11:00 P.M. last names G to L

THURSDAY 11:00 to 12:00 P.M. last names M to R

FRIDAY, MARCH 30 — GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 P.M. SERVICE AND VENERATION OF THE CROSS

Washing of the feet during Mass of 12 volunteers.

Stations of the cross immediately after service

Confessions following Stations of the Cross

6:30 P.M.— 8:00 P.M. CUB SCOUTS — *Church basement*

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

10:00 A.M. BLESSING OF THE FOOD

3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. CONFESSIONS

8:00 P.M. EASTER VIGIL MASS

Mass offered in Thanksgiving
for Eric Olivieri and his Family



FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH

Outdoor procession of
THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FREJA PARK, BOLTON



(At the Bolton Notch State Park Hop River Trail Parking Lot off
Routes 44 & 6)

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 25TH, 1:00 PM

Sponsored by the **BOLTON ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

The four parishes in Bolton invite all who would like to
participate during this season of Lent as we:

PRAY for TEENS & YOUTH, and an end to violence

Please dress accordingly to weather conditions

Meet in the parking lot prior to the PROCESSION



SACRIFICIAL MASS OFFERING
DURING LENT

Holy Mass is Divine blessings upon the person or persons for whom the Mass is being offered, plus all mankind, including members of the Church and the souls in purgatory. During Lent, weekend Mass placed requests will be reduced to a \$10 offering.

Masses can be offered for the intention of the grace of conversion of a loved one living or deceased, or for a specific appropriate intention.

Please contact Theresa at 860-643-4466 during office hours or saintmauricechurchbolton@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: March 18 — \$2,239

Projected Amount needed \$2,980

"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'"

— MARK 15:12-13

Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Pray for the strength and courage to stand up for those in need of our help.

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ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE

Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line.

Prayer Line: Vivian, Marianne, Pete, Jamie, Lucy, Frances, Nancy, Corin, Fran, Mary, Margaret, Viola, Marge, Francis, David.

Candle Intentions: Nicholas, Noah, Nick, Joshua, Gary, Margaret, Joyce, Margaret, Grace, Bob, MaryJane, Anna.

For openness to the Spirit: that we may be attentive to the invitations of God to grow and change during this Lenten season.

For guidance on our Lenten journey: that as we participate in sacrifices during this Lenten season, we may recognize everything as a gift from God and be free to place our time, knowledge, energy and possessions at the service of God and our neighbor.

Thank you for using the Prayer Line. When requests are made, we know that they are prompted by concern and caring. Once submitted, be certain that the requested names are never removed from the Prayer Line list. We have always left that responsibility to God, in His wisdom and mercy. When you place someone's name on the Prayer Line, know that we are praying for them each day. If circumstances change for that someone, please resubmit their name as "continued prayers for (name)". If you have questions, please call Mary Ann (860-649-5449) or Carol 860-643-2837. Thank you.

Prayer shawls are available upon request

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann



Easter EGG HUNT

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children on Easter Sunday following the 10:00 a.m. mass.

Children can bring a small basket or bag to collect their eggs. Please join us for this fun event!



St. Maurice Knights of Columbus

Parish Spring Fling in the Parish Center on April 21 at 6pm. An evening of fun, food, and music for all parish members and their friends!

Come and get to know your parish!

Italian food will be catered by D&D Market. Soda and seltzer will be served; BYOW. Cost per adult is \$15

Children are free and will have pizza, juice, popcorn, and a movie in the downstairs classrooms. That way, the whole family can come. We will have parish teens watching the kids.

Please RSVP by April 8 on the lists by the exits or call/e-mail **Tony Girasoli at 860-710-3255 / aj@girasoli.org**. Pay at the door.

Father Leon is available at all times for any Spiritual needs, to call or meet with him personally, you're always welcomed. Reach him direct at (860) 748-4560.

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



The Rite of Election of Catechumens and the Continuing Conversion of Candidates who seek to Complete their Christian Initiation Celebration was held on Sunday, February 18, 2018 at St. Patrick Cathedral in Norwich. **Pictured in the photo from left to right are Sherry Snuffer, RCIA Coordinator, Eric Olivieri, RCIA Candidate, the Most Reverend Michael R Cote, Bishop, Diocese of Norwich, and Lee Snuffer, Eric's Sponsor.** This rite marks a solemn turning point on ones journey of faith in preparation for receiving the sacraments at the Easter Vigil Mass. Following the liturgical ceremony a celebration was held in Cathedral Hall where Bishop Cote greeted catechumens, candidates, their families and friends.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

Tuesday, March 27, 2018: Chrism Mass Celebrated at **The Cathedral of St. Patrick at 10:30 AM.**

Bishop Cote will be the main celebrant.

Following the Chrism Mass the oils of catechumens, the sick and chrism will be distributed to parish representatives.

The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich, will join with clergy of other Christian Communities from the Norwich area in leading a public

Way of the Cross on Good Friday, March 30, 2018,

from Chelsea Parade to Central Baptist Church.

This service will begin at 6:00 p.m. In case of inclement weather, it will be held at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich.

The details for the Way of the Cross are:

- All will assemble at 6:00 p.m. at the north end of Chelsea Parade. A prayer will be recited and the procession will begin.
- The Bishop and leaders of other Christian Communities will lead the procession down Broadway and Union Street. The procession will conclude at Central Baptist Church. Clergy, religious, and parishioners will take turns reading Scripture, praying, and carrying a plain wooden Cross.
- Along the way, fourteen reflections based on Scripture will mark Jesus' Passion.



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