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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
MARCH 3, 2019

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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 3:15 p.m. — 3:45 p.m.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

Please call the rectory (860-748-4560) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**

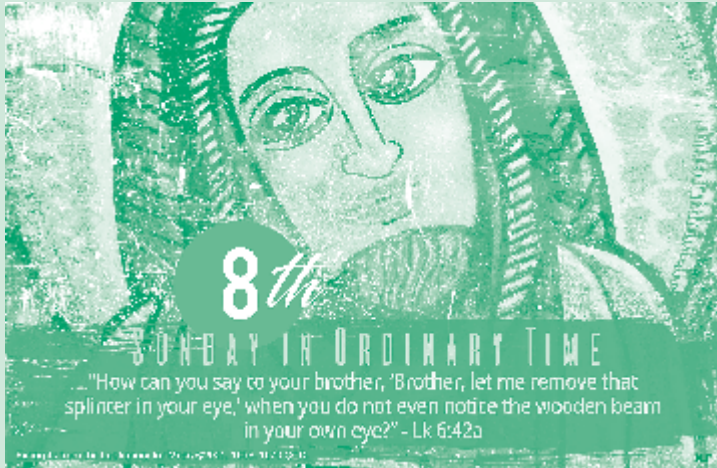
Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

**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.



Emails. Carpools. Shopping lists. Home repairs. It can seem like we move so quickly from one thing to the next. Our news comes in sound bites and headlines. How often do we take time for silence, for prayer, for reflection, for wisdom? Jesus warns us of stumbling through life without an adequate sense of where we're going. "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?" This Sunday's Gospel isn't about fumbling along but offers a self-check on our own motivations.

"Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?" Without adequate self-reflection, it's easy to become blind to our own faults. We go through life's motions as our bad habits linger or even increase. We may become increasingly impatient, we may avoid important tasks, we may neglect the emotional needs of our spouse. Perhaps, in the process, we find fault with those around us. In the words of Jesus, "remove the wooden beam from your own eye first."

So how do we know? How can we notice the hidden faults in our lives? "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of store of evil produces evil." Do you notice certain relationships that have become strained, or situations where you know you don't act your best? Perhaps this is an area where you are acting out of sin, rather than virtue. The truth is, all of us are a mixture of light and dark, vice and virtue. We can't pretend we're perfect! But we also need to take time to pause and prayerfully examine the fruit we're bearing.

**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MARCH 2 — 3, 2019**

**USHERS GROUP III**

**2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION — ST. MAURICE FUEL FUND**

*Rice Bowl distribution*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2**

**4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Dave White — request of The Camposeo Family

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** *after Mass*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for the repose of the soul of John Ciscun — request of Theresa Ciscun

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** *after Mass*

**8:40 A.M.** **YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL** *in the church*

**9:00 A.M.** **FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Eileen Bassler — request of Mary Mumford

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** *after Mass*

**NO EVENING PRAYER**

**MONDAY, MARCH 4**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church — Mass in the Sacristy

**TUESDAY, MARCH 5**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church — Mass in the Sacristy

**7:15 P.M.** **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

*New members are most welcome*

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6— ASH WEDNESDAY**

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

**9:00 A.M.** **CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP**

**7:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church



**THURSDAY, MARCH 7**

**7:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

**FRIDAY, MARCH 8**

**7:00 P.M.** **STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND MASS**  
Mass offered for the repose of the soul of John Sheets — request of Rita Sheets

**SATURDAY, MARCH 9**

**10:00 A.M.** **Confirmation Retreat** at St. Bernard Church, Rockville

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

**4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Barbara O'Neil — request of The Camposeo Family

**FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH**

*Delicious*  
**Pancake Breakfast**

**JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AT THE TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ**



**Time:** 8:00 A.M. — 10:00 A.M.

**Date:** Sunday, March 10

**Location:** St. Maurice Parish Center

\$6.00 / Person \$18.00 / Family

**Sponsored by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus**

*Blood pressure screening available in the library during breakfast*

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

**POTLUCK DINNER — MARCH 23, 2019**



There will be a St. Patrick's Day Pot-Luck Dinner on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 6:00p.m. in the Parish Center. Please add your name to the sign-up sheets and join us with your family and friends for a fun night of good

food, live band music and door prizes. A covered dish of Irish or "green" themed food, for 6-8 people would be appreciated.

**CONFIRMATION**



**Confirmation Retreat:** Our first and second year Confirmation candidates will be attending an all-day Confirmation retreat on **Saturday, March 9** at **St. Bernard's in Rockville.**

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Last week's Offertory: February 24 — \$2,542**

**Projected Amount needed \$2,980**

*"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit."* (LUKE 6:43)

Are you using your God-given gifts in the way God intended? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

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**Memorial Mass Form**

Drop in collection ^

Father Leon, please offer a weekend \_\_\_ (or) weekday \_\_\_ Mass for the soul \_\_\_ (or) intentions \_\_\_ (as applicable) of:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Person requesting \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Check enclosed \_\_\_ Envelope No. \_\_\_\_\_ We will Donate Online \_\_\_ (Customary donation \$10 weekday, \$20 weekend)

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, especially the new requests for this week:

Prayer Line Intentions: Mary, Viola, Olga, David, Kyle, Francis, Laurie, Bob. Grace, Mary-Jane, Grace, Janina, Joshua, Arlene, Thomas.

Candle Intentions: Lauren, Autumn, Rose, Michael.

For the spirit of hospitality: that God's generosity to us may be expressed in welcoming the stranger and reaching out to those who are in need.

For all political leaders: that God will help them to understand the greatest needs of those whom they serve and work to promote the common good.

That we practice mercy and compassion more frequently and pray for those that annoy us.

**Prayer Shawls are also available by the prayer request box located near the candle stand on the rectory side of the church. Please read the information on the sheet above the prayer shawls.**

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann



Liturgy of the Hours

**EVENING PRAYER FROM THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

There will be no Evening Prayer in Church on Sunday until May 19.

**2019 SAINT MAURICE PARISH**

**LENT**



**CHALLENGE**

**Make Sunday Matter.** Set aside the Lord's Day with INTENTION.

If your schedule allows, **attend one daily Mass per week.** Set aside \$1.00 per day for the **Operation Rice Bowl Collection.**

**Sacrifice.** Give up a favorite food/beverage or a bad habit. Make a **morning offering** to give your day to GOD.

At bedtime, **review your day with Jesus.**

Attend the **Sacrament of Reconciliation.**

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**



**FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT** — Saturday, April 6, 10:00 a.m. in the church basement. Parents and children will make banners to mark their pews at the First Communion mass.

**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 THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**



**Operation Rice Bowl: Our Lenten Program: Encounter Lent**

On Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019, our parish with parishes across the Diocese of Norwich is beginning a program of prayer and sacrifice called **Operation Rice Bowl (ORB)**. For 46 years, Operation Rice Bowl has helped to feed the hungry poor. Through our participation in this program, we bring hope and healing to another person or family living halfway across the globe. Money saved during Lent is then brought to the parish family Rice Bowl on Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019. 75% of Operation Rice Bowl funds will feed the hungry poor overseas, the remaining 25% will be used in the diocese to feed the needy. This Lent, gather in prayer and sacrifice as a family to pray and to care for the hungry poor.



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

"Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord." Be firm, steadfast and devoted to your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The next Weekends are Apr 26-28, 2019 in MANCHESTER, CT and Jul 12-14, 2019 in MANCHESTER, CT. For more information, call Pat & Mary Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://wwmectw.org/>.

**FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH**

**THE 2019 BIBLE SERIES COMING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm**



The Bible Study group began in June 2017. Growing to 9 members, we meet on Wednesday evenings in the Parish Center. This Lent, why not consider joining? We are blessed to be directly taught by Fr. Leon, and not having to rely on videos. Studying the Bible as a community of believers is transformative. We have learned to read the Bible with improved clarity and understanding. Start reading the Book of Isaiah, and come for a round table discussion. It will be a spiritual game changer for your life!

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