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**PALM SUNDAY**  
APRIL 5, 2020

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### WEEKEND MASSES: (temporarily suspended)

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):

by appointment only

### 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 860-643-9553.



## PALM SUNDAY

Human beings are united in their suffering. When we find ourselves in a painful moment, our first reaction is “why me?” as if we are the only person on earth who ever encountered this challenge. Going through life with a “why me” attitude only finds us wallowing in the mire of self-pity and never seizing opportunities or graces. We walk in solidarity with every human being in the experience of suffering. Believing that the goal of life is the elimination or avoidance of suffering is simply an illusion that keeps us entrenched in a collective myth. This myth distorts us and limits us.

There are living witnesses among us showing how courage and determination can overcome any degree of hardship, pain, loss, or tragedy. Folks finding the normalcy of their lives suddenly torn asunder are faced with options: opportunity or despair, stay or leave. Jesus stands before us as the prime example of endurance and perseverance. He is the One who showed humility through both the triumphs of life (by learning to be humble) and the tragedies and injustices (by learning how to be obedient). To secular ears, this may be perceived as nonsense. But to those with the eyes of faith, they are pearls of great price.

True humility tempers the temptation we have to become complacent and prevents an excessive relishing of life’s successes and affirmations. Learning obedience keeps us faithful to our relationship with God so that we can find the courage to endure any depth of hardship, disappointment, betrayal, or agony. While we may want our cup of suffering to be taken away, it simply cannot be. Somehow and somewhere in the seemingly opposing experiences life can deal us, God is present with His reassuring, compassionate, empowering, and persevering love. To be true to who we are and who God is, we must take up the cross of suffering, even when it’s the hardest and most apparently senseless thing to do.

Only our soul can understand these things, but our minds cannot, so they continue to run to secular ideas and solutions to pain and hardship. It goes without saying that we need to do all we can to eliminate as much senseless, unjust suffering as possible. Hunger, violence, abuse, exploitation, rejection, prejudice, homelessness, disrespect for life, and a whole host of other sins all result in suffering that is within our control. Then, when we face the uncontrollable kind of suffering or find ourselves the victim of injustice, what do we do?



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Please be advised the following events have been canceled or postponed until further notice due to the coronavirus pandemic:

- All public celebrations of Mass has been temporarily suspended in all churches of the Diocese of Norwich
- Faith Formation Classes
- Christmas Fair Workshops
- Bible Study Group meetings
- Stations of the Cross
- Choir Rehearsals
- Knights of Columbus Fish Dinner
- Knights of Columbus Business meetings

**FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH**

Public Masses at St. Maurice have been suspended for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic. Father Bill continues to offer private Mass daily for our intentions. A televised Mass is offered on Sundays and weekdays at 10 a.m. on Comcast/Cox Channel 11 and Direct TV/DishNet TV Local Channel 20 (WCCT-TV). Other alternatives for worship:

- Broadcast Mass Schedules posted on Diocese Of Norwich website: [norwichdiocese.org/Masses](http://norwichdiocese.org/Masses)
- Online Mass at 8:15 AM Daily at [wordonfire.org/daily-mass/](http://wordonfire.org/daily-mass/)
- Daily Mass Readings [usccb.org/bible/readings/index.cfm](http://usccb.org/bible/readings/index.cfm)

**WEEKLY PRAYER**



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- SUN 4/05** Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54
- MON 4/06** Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11
- TUE 4/07** Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- WED 4/08** Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25
- THR 4/09** *Chrim Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 | *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:* Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
- FRI 4/10** Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
- SAT 4/11** *Vigil:* Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10
- SUN 4/12** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

**STEWARDSHIP**

Father Bill asks that you mail in your weekly offertory.

Other options available on Parish website <http://www.saintmauricebolton.org/>

- Set up your profile to **Donate Online**
- Download and mail (one time) an **EFT Authorization Form**
- Set up a recurring weekly payment through your online banking.

**This will get St. Maurice through the current crisis.**

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

*“As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.”*

MATTHEW 27:32

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him “carry his cross”. These opportunities aren’t usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person’s needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

**OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 05, 2020**

- Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
- Wednesday:** Administrative Professionals’ Day
- Thursday:** Holy Thursday
- Friday:** Good Friday
- Saturday:** Holy Saturday
- Next Sunday:** Easter Sunday

**THE EASTER TRIDUUM**



**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.

Keeping you all in our prayers during this difficult time. Thank you, Mary Ann

**SEASONAL SHARING**

**HELP 32 FAMILIES IN BOLTON**

Throughout the year parishioners of St. Maurice donate food to those who need it in Bolton through the Food Pantry maintained at the Bolton Senior Center. We also have a program of Seasonal Sharing to provide holiday meals and additional groceries at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. Normally on Palm Sunday CCD students of St. Maurice sort and pack the food that had been given for the Easter holiday. Volunteer drivers would deliver grocery, gift cards and the food to thirty-two families in Bolton. Due to the current need for social distancing, the normal method of packing and delivery is not possible but the seasonal sharing will go on with most of the legwork being done by employees of the Town of Bolton. Food on hand at the Senior Center is being distributed. Meat is being provided by Shop Rite of Manchester. St. Maurice provided the list, gift cards, and maps for delivery if families cannot pick up at the Senior Center. Thank you to all for the cooperation that made this possible!

**FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP**

**FAIR WORKSHOP LOOKING FOR ELVES!**

I hope all are well and keeping busy at home. We are looking at our 50<sup>th</sup> church Fair and would like everyone to be a part of this event. We have kits that can be done at home along with stuffing, hemming and running stitch quilting. We would give you all the supplies in a plastic bag and either deliver it or hang on the Parish Center door for you to pick up. Let us know what you like and we can go from there: 860-649-6255. Most importantly, stay safe and keep in touch. If you have needs let us know and we will try to help. Dorli, Sharon and Beth



**SAINT MAURICE PARISH COMMUNITY**



- M**= Mass
- E**= Eucharistic Adoration
- R**= Rosary
- C**= Confession
- Y**= YOU Your commitment to your faith life

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**

*Remember in Your Prayers*  
ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD



*Compassionate and Loving Father,  
In the face of confusion and concern  
impart to us the calm of Your presence.  
In You allow us to find hope and healing.  
Be with those who serve the sick and  
give them Your caring hands.  
Be with those who lead and give them  
Your spirit of wisdom.  
Be with those who have fallen ill and  
give them Your comforting heart.  
Wrap Your arms around our world  
and hold us in Your love.  
Allow us at this time of trial to then  
serve as instruments of that love  
to all we meet.  
We ask this in Your Name.  
Amen*

**Broadcast Mass Schedules**

**Radio**

Mass is broadcast live from the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich every Sunday morning at 9 a.m. on WICH-AM 1310, which serves New London County

**Television**

WCCT-TV - The Mass from the Archdiocese of Hartford-Office of Radio and Television (ORTV) is broadcast at 10a.m. every day. Check your local cable or satellite company for the channel number.

EWTN - The Daily Mass is broadcast LIVE at 8:00am ET from Our Lady of the Angels Chapel on the EWTN campus in Irontdale, AL. It is re-aired at Noon ET, and again at 7:00pm ET. Check your local cable or satellite company for the channel number.



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