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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 22, 2024



4TH SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

"Blessed are you who
believed that what was
spoken to you by the
Lord would be fulfilled."
- Lk 1:45

The Blessed Virgin teaches us the secret to being blessed, happy, and full of joy. When Elizabeth, her cousin, greets her, she calls Mary "blessed" for two reasons, her motherhood of Jesus, and Our Lady's belief that "there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord" (Luke 1:45). Mary is "blessed" entirely because of her relationship to the Incarnation of God in Jesus, and for no other. This of course makes perfect sense, because as the Lord, as God-in-the-flesh, her son is the source of all blessedness, life, and joy. Mary is blessed because of her contact with Jesus, and by her faith in him.

So, it is with us, too. We become blessed by our "motherly" contact with Christ in our souls through baptism. He lives in us and grows to maturity within us. We bear him to the world. This requires unshakeable faith that his promises to us will be fulfilled, despite all the problems and difficulties that plague us. We become blessed, happy, and joyful in the measure that we are in contact with Jesus and trust in him.

Advent challenges: 1.) This week go to someone who has borne the love of Jesus to you and tell her or him how they have been a blessing to you. 2.) Name someone in your life now to whom God has sent you to bring Jesus' presence. Pray: "Lord, thank you for the blessing of sending me to bring your presence to this person. Help me bear you faithfully to him/her."
— 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 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the Parish Office (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Please call the Parish Office (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 21 — 22

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 — 4th Sunday of Advent (Vigil)

4:00 P.M. † Loretta Rhynard
requested by Brian & Diane Rhynard

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 — 4th Sunday of Advent

7:30 A.M. For All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

10:00 A.M. † Deacon Ron Kitlinski

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23 — No Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 — Christmas Eve

4:00 P.M. For All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

10:00 P.M. For All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 — Christmas Day

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

10:00 A.M. For All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

9:00 A.M. For Living & Deceased of the Nadeau Family
requested by Paulette Marquis

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

9:00 A.M. For Living & Deceased of the Marquis Family
requested by Paulette Marquis

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28—The Holy Family (Vigil Mass)

4:00 P.M. For All Families

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 — The Holy Family

7:30 A.M. † Raymond & Gertrude Poncatoski

10:00 A.M. For All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church



Christmas Pageant

at the 4:00 p.m. mass on Christmas Eve.
Practice will be on Sunday December 22nd,
after 10:00 a.m. Mass.

FROM SAINT MAURICE SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP



A HUGE Thank you to all the parishioners at St. Maurice for their generosity during this holiday season. Our gift bags for Bolton's needy families were overflowing with warm, wonderful and thoughtful presents for over 80 recipients. It is so heartwarming to see the outpouring of love and care from our church family - Thank you once again for being such a caring community!



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: Denise, Asher, Ben, who has died, Deb, Mary Ann, John, Andrea, Mary Ann Murphy, who has died, Chris, Vivian, Bob, Debbie, Carolyn, Chris, Martin.

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

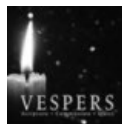
Please call Carol Zabielski at (860) 643-2837

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



Sunday Vespers — Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours

Sunday at 5:30 p.m. in the Church
duration 30 minutes



Rosary Every Saturday at 3:30 PM in the Cry Room



**Choir rehearsals every Tuesday at 7:15 p.m.
New members most welcome.**

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: December 15 — TBD

Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (LUKE 1:44)

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

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Parish Membership Form

Drop in collection ^

Please enroll the following as members of the Church of St. Maurice:

Adults _____

Children (under 18) _____

Street Address _____ E-mail Address _____

City State Zip _____ E-mail Address _____

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Send offertory envelopes _____ Send form for EFT (electronic donation) _____ We will Donate Online _____

We can help out as: Altar server _ Lector _ Usher _ Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion _ Choir _ Crafts workshop _



*Christmas & New Year
Mass Schedule*

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24th

4:00 P.M. Mass

10:00 P.M. Mass

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25th

10:00 A.M.


Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

8:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M.

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