



# SAINT MAURICE CHURCH

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## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25

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❖ FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JANUARY 31, 2021 ❖

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SUNDAY, 8:00AM AND 10:30AM

**WEEKDAY MASS** MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, 8:00AM

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** SATURDAY, 2:00-3:00PM OR BY APPOINTMENT

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## WORK BEING DONE AND OTHER PROJECTS

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As those of you who own, or have owned, a home know all too well, there is always work that needs to be done and repairs that need to be made; the same is true with a parish. It is also an unavoidable truth that, the older things get, the more frequent attention they require to keep them in good order.

2020 was a difficult year here at Saint Maurice in more ways than just the COVID-19 pandemic. As some of you may have noticed, we lost a couple of sections of roof shingles on the garage and over the office area of the rectory as a result of severe weather over the last two months. The loss of roof shingles puts both the rectory and the garage at risk of water damage and must be addressed quickly. We have reached out to several roofing companies to provide us with quotes to repair the damage so that we can be sure that the structures are sound. It is my hope that we can have the work done in the next few weeks.

Other work has been taking place on campus over the last month: Jim Stuart and Tony Recchia have replaced several old light fixtures on the outside of the rectory to provide better lighting for walkway along the side of the church and in front of the rectory. The two fixtures were no longer working and needed to be replaced. The new LED fixtures are much brighter as well as much more efficient and will help to make the area between the rectory and the church a safer place to walk at night. Better illumination of the parking lot and areas around the church is necessary, not only for the safety of our parishioners and staff, but also for the security of the campus and neighbors. Once we have the outside lighting taken care of, we will be looking into the installation of several security cameras to monitor all activity in our parking lot. It is important to remember that we share the parking lot with the residence of Augustana Homes and that means that we have a lot of people coming and going who are not members of the parish or here on parish business. We are working with Related Management, the owners of Augustana Homes, to keep the Saint Maurice Parish property safe, secure, and welcoming.

There are many other projects in various stages of planning and development that I will share with you in upcoming bulletins. Your support of these projects through the first Sunday, monthly Capital Expenses second collection offertory is essential to our being able to make these kind of necessary repairs and improvements. If you ever have questions about how this offering is being used, wish to make a special donation for a specific project, or would like to help in some other way, please do not hesitate to speak with me.

As always, thank you for the gifts of time, talent, and treasure, which you so generously offer for the support of our parish!

—Fr. Jim Bates, Parochial Administrator

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Christopher Anderson, Patrick Battinelli, Rosemary Bella, David Bodofsky, Sal Bonina, Aisha Bonny, Taylor Bova, Frank Carreiro, Mary Caruso, Daniel Caruso, Elena Cates, Toni Coe, Frank Colandro, Sandra Coppola, Sonya Correntee, Patti Crowley, Marge Denicola, Steven DiCiccio, Barbara Eilertsen, Carl Ezzo, Johann Fernando, Gerry Fraioli, John Gerardi, Adam Godlewski, Carol Happel, Marge Hogan, Rachel Hogan, Susan Jacobsen, Mary Joyce-McDonough, Carol Kane, Liam Kelly, Kathy L., Megan Lemoung, Gary Livia, Miguel Machado, Mark, Frank McNerney, Mary Montaine, Mary Palmer, Harper Pappas, Michael Pataky, Guillaume Paulemon, Sylvia Privil, Sandy Recchia, Rev. Alfred Riendeau, Julie Salce, Lois Scatton, Gina Stuart, Anthony Tomczyk, Lucille Tomzick, and Betty Vitti.

### SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The second collection for January 30-31 is for the Church in Latin America. Thank you for your generosity in support of this collection. May God bless you and your families in your kindness.



### *In your prayers...*

Remember the men and women in the Armed Forces and all who protect us and put themselves in harm's way on our behalf; may they be shielded from danger; and for their families and loved ones. In particular, Andrew Anderson, Christopher Blasius, Nick Carella, Ian Francis, Samantha Krom, Christian Legaspe, Steven Nolan, and Dylan Schneider.

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Most of us are quiet people who desire to live a good and holy life, promote the values and mission of the Gospel as best we can and desire to one day inherit the surprise of life eternal God promises to us. We are not trail blazers. We are simple people who want to do the simple things of life well. But there are others who left a more profound impact along the way of the paths they walked. Folks like Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton, Gandhi, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and many others left lasting impacts and legacies. Like Moses, they show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose driven life look like. They show us how to be holy. We need Moses people like these to give us inspiration, hope and an example of holy living.

We do not need to do what they did or even mirror their relationship with God. Each one of us is God's special creation, with a purpose and soul known only to us. We need to learn how to open up and bring, without compromise, our soul-ness to life. We know when someone is authentic and centered because they always point to truth, even though they struggle and sin themselves, and they embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and it astonished many who listened. We do not need to move mountains, advance a cause, write books or become notable. All we have to do is become credible witnesses of the faith we profess. Moses people can teach us how to do this.

St. Oscar Romero was an amazing man and a Moses figure for sure. He saw God in the burning bush and brought the flame of Gospel faith to the poorest of the poor, challenging the evils of the society in which he lived. He was tireless and persistent. He must have gotten very close to the problem because it cost him his life. He suspected it would. St. Romero said, "When we leave Mass, we ought to go out the way Moses descended Mt Sinai: with his face shining, with his heart brave and strong to face the world's difficulties." We can learn from this wisdom. If we allow the power of the Mass to truly transform us, we will leave that holy encounter changed. Our face will shine, and we will have courage. We can then bring what we have received to life's challenges. That sounds doable, doesn't it? Because of the example of our simple holiness, people will be amazed.

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### Embracing Change in Christ

It's officially one month since we popped the champagne, toasted 2021 and wrote down a list of resolutions. This is usually the time when we start to take a good, hard look in the mirror to assess what we have done — or have not done — with the first month of this brand-new year.

New years can be scary, can't they? Full of promise, sure, but also full of room for failure. Full of space for our old baggage, old fears and the continuation of old mistakes.

The same can be said of Christ, and the new life he offers us, if we are brave enough to accept it. Opportunities like that can be intimidating. In that moment, we might find ourselves like the man with the unclean spirit crying out: "What have you to do with me, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?"

Jesus is a comforter of the afflicted; he is a consoling figure, but he is also a challenging one. Sometimes we have grown attached to our afflictions. The idea of correcting bad habits or forming new ones is frankly terrifying to us. We have a voice deep inside who sees Christ and his invitation to repentance, and it cries out in fear: "I know who you are!"

When we live in the present, disavowing the baggage of the past or fear of the future, we submit ourselves to the promise of redemption. Let us be brave everyday stewards and invite Christ's healing power into our lives. We won't regret it — I'm sure the demoniac never did.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



### Sunday of the Word of God—January 24, 2021

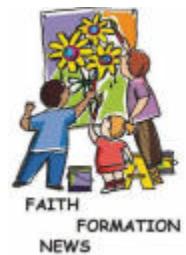
January 31st honors everything backward with National Backward Day. The day provides an opportunity to reverse our ways, our direction or simply our shirt. Dessert for breakfast, perhaps? There are many ways to celebrate this fun day, so just let your imagination be your guide. This day is very popular with school-aged kids, but there is no age limit on who can participate in all of the backward fun. So EVERYONE, let's have some fun!!

In class on January 31 at 9 a.m., the young parishioners in the third grade will celebrate this special day!

Third-graders are invited to do things backward. Here are some suggestions. At the workshop:

3. Wear your shoes on the wrong feet.
2. Have your shirt on backward or inside out.
1. Write your name backward.

**FUN FACT:** *Leonardo da Vinci wrote backward. Not only did the artist and inventor write from right to left, but he also wrote his letters backward.*



### Family Bible Challenge

The Family Bible Challenge is kicking off season eight on January 24, 2021. "Saint Thomas Aquinas says there are three parts to God: truth, beauty, and goodness. The Bible is all three and I challenge all the faithful to deepen their knowledge through the Family Bible Challenge."—Bishop Frank Caggiano, Bishop of Bridgeport. The website is: [familybiblechallenge.org](http://familybiblechallenge.org)

### A Season of Peace

From Epiphany through February 21, the young parishioners in the Faith Formation program will explore 'A Season of Peace.' We will reflect on the meaning of peace, meet peacemakers throughout history, and participate in the Great Kindness Challenge, which begins January 24, 2021.

### ZOOM Authorization

In order to hold ZOOM sessions, the parent permission form for ZOOM must be signed and returned to Sandra Kluun. This form was included in the Family Handbook packet in October 2020. If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Kluun.

### Sunday Reading and Background: Gospel Reading Mark 1:21-28

Today's Gospel continues our reading from Mark and describes what some believe was likely to have been a typical day in Jesus' ministry. Jesus and the disciples that chose to follow him in last week's Gospel arrive at Capernaum, a small village on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath. Mark reports that the people respond to Jesus' teaching with astonishment, noting Jesus' authority and contrasting it with the scribes'. After Jesus' preaching, an even more astonishing thing happens. A man possessed with an unclean spirit calls out to Jesus. Jesus orders the spirit to be quiet and drives the unclean spirit out of the man. Jesus' ability to heal those possessed by demons is an indication of his power over evil.

There were many kinds of so-called exorcists and healers in first-century Palestine. Jesus appears to be like these healers, but he heals with unique authority and connects his healing activities with the words of his preaching. The crowds see in Jesus' cure of the possessed man further affirmation of his authority. Jesus' power to heal gives greater credence to his teaching. Jesus impresses the crowds through his words, which are manifested with power in his deeds. Because of the authority with which he healed, Jesus' fame spread throughout all of Galilee. (adapted from Loyola)

### Resources from the Leadership Institute

**Sunday Family Rosary**—continues at 7:30 pm every Sunday night. All are welcome. (<https://formationreimagined.org/sundayfamilyrosary/>)

**LIFELONG Mini LESSONS**—Take a few minutes and listen to the experts. From the Incarnation to the Paschal Mystery and from friends and family to tough situations at home and school, these micro learning sessions are meant to help you encounter the holy in the midst of your busy lives. Topics include: 'Living with Anxiety,' 'Social Media in Moderation,' and 'Finding Hope in Darkness.' (<https://formationreimagined.org/lifelong-lessons/>)

## Parish Offering

Week of January 24, 2021

|                                 |                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Saturday, 4:00pm (28).....      | \$485.00          |
| Sunday, 8:00am (26).....        | \$295.00          |
| Sunday, 10:30am (56).....       | \$331.00          |
| <b>TOTAL</b> .....              | <b>\$1,111.00</b> |
| Mailed into Parish Office ..... | \$595.00          |
| Online Giving .....             | \$912.00          |

Thank you for your continued and generous support and for your consideration in participating in online giving! May God bless you in your care and concern for the financial wellness of Saint Maurice Parish.

### UPDATES FROM THE CATHOLIC ACADEMY OF STAMFORD

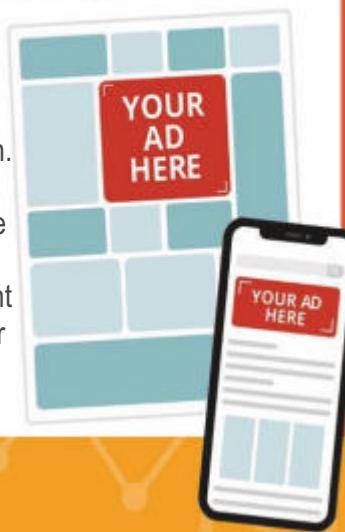
The Catholic Academy of Stamford is now accepting applications for 2021-2022. Interested parents, please contact Mary Margarone at 203.322.6505 or [info@casct.org](mailto:info@casct.org). You may also apply online at [www.CasCt.org](http://www.CasCt.org). Our Virtual Open House can be accessed at any time on our website for prospective families to visit.



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## CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

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Online Giving is a safe and convenient way for you to make your weekly offertory and special collections and contributions in support of our Parish. The service is easy to set up and manage. If you have not yet signed up for Online Giving, please consider this option.

To sign up, visit our Parish website and click on the Online Giving logo located on the main page. Thank you for considering this safe, secure and easy method of donating regularly in support of our Parish.

Our Online Giving system is also an App for Apple and Android products! You can download it free in the App Store, Google Play Store or go to OLGapp.com. If you are new to Online Giving, register and enter Church ID 1376.

## THE “NEW NORMAL” FOR ATTENDING MASS

As Saint Maurice continues public worship, it is of the utmost importance these specific guidelines be followed.

- ◆ If you are sick or at high risk please do not attend
- ◆ Reservations are required via website or phone call
- ◆ Single door by rectory used as Entrance to Church
- ◆ Single door by Baptismal font as Exit from Church
- ◆ Collection basket at entrance and exit to Church
- ◆ Face masks must be worn in Church at all times
- ◆ Sanitize hands upon entering Church
- ◆ Social distancing must be maintained at all times
- ◆ Sit only in pews marked with yellow tape
- ◆ Families may sit together in same pew
- ◆ Kindly refrain from singing; Mass parts will be spoken
- ◆ At Communion: After host is placed in your hand, step aside, lower mask, consume host, replace mask and return to seat via side aisle
- ◆ Restrooms are closed and are not accessible
- ◆ Exit Church immediately following dismissal
- ◆ Do not leave *anything* in the Church

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, January 30

4:00pm James McEwan

### Sunday, January 31

8:00am Smeralda Lourdes Zamis (Living Intention)

10:30am All our parishioners

### Monday, February 1

8:00am All our parishioners

### Tuesday, February 2

8:00am All our parishioners

### Wednesday, February 3

8:00am All our parishioners

### Thursday, February 4

8:00am Mary Markiewicz

### Saturday, February 6

4:00pm All our parishioners

### Sunday, February 7

8:00am Salvatore Ripegno

10:30am Antonio Zinicola

*The sanctuary candle this week is  
in memory of James Coe.*

*Votive candle by the statue of the Holy  
Family is for our nation and the world.*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 31, 2021

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| Sunday:      | Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28               |
| Monday:      | Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20                       |
| Tuesday:     | Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32          |
| Wednesday:   | Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6              |
| Thursday:    | Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13        |
| Friday:      | Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29                          |
| Saturday:    | Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34                  |
| Next Sunday: | Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-3 |

## BEREAVEMENT GROUP FOR THE WIDOWED

A support group for women and men who have lost a spouse or significant other. The meetings are held in Doran Hall. For detailed information, including dates and times, contact Donna Hughes at 203.595.0603 or [donnahuz@aol.com](mailto:donnahuz@aol.com).

## MASS RESERVATIONS

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED in order to attend weekend Mass. You must make a reservation for the number of people attending. An online reservation system is available on the Parish website; click on the **RESERVATION** button and follow the instructions to place your reservation to attend Mass.

**PLEASE DO NOT SHOW UP WITHOUT A RESERVATION!** If you do so, you may be asked to wait in line to accommodate those who made their reservation in advance.

If you do not have access to the internet, call the Parish Office at 203.324.3434, extension 705, to make your reservation. Calls received by Saturday at 10:00am will show on the check-in list.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### PARISH OFFICE

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