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## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

∞ FEBRUARY 28, 2021 ∞

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# Saint Maurice Church

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

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## Liturgical Schedule

Weekend Masses .....Saturday, 4:00 PM  
Sunday, 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Weekday Masses ..... Monday-Thursday, 8:00 AM

Reconciliation ..... Saturday, 2:00-3:00 PM  
(or by appointment)

Eucharistic Adoration ....alternate Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 PM  
(effective Feb. 24; with Reconciliation; Lent)

Stations of the Cross ..... Friday, 6:30 PM  
(Lent)

Baptisms/Weddings ..... Contact Parish Office

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## RETURN

As we begin our second week of Lent and strive to put into practice the three pillars of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving, I have been reflecting on the challenges of this past year and the challenges yet to be overcome. I don't know about you, but I have often found myself thinking in terms of "pre-pandemic" and "now": what did we do before the pandemic and what are we doing now? One of my goals for Lent is to stop thinking, as well as talking, in those terms. I want to start talking in terms of what we can do, not what we can't.

After nearly a year of COVID-19 so many of us have adopted a kind of bunker mentality: pull back, hunker down, don't go out, don't interact, and wait for the pandemic to clear. It's understandable and even prudent, but it has pulled us apart as a community and, after so many months of feeling besieged, it has left us afraid to step out and get involved again. But things are changing.

For those of you who have so generously given of your time and talents as volunteers here at Saint Maurice, and for those who would like to become more involved, I think the time has come to make a return. As more and more of us are receiving the vaccine, and as we continue to act prudently in all our public interactions, I think we can start to open the door for volunteers to come back.

The fact is, we need your help. Our very small staff here at Saint Maurice has done yeoman's work during the pandemic, particularly after Fr. Fred retired, to keep everything running smoothly, and they have done so without the generous assistance of volunteers to help count the offertory, log sacramental records, assist in the office and with Religious Ed, and help with outreach. For those of you who feel ready to return, we would be happy and grateful to welcome you back.

Over the next several months we will be looking for opportunities to re-engage many of the ministries and other volunteer activities here at Saint Maurice; in fact, there are several new initiatives that I am looking forward to sharing with you soon, so stay tuned.

To those who have volunteered in the past, and to those who are looking for an opportunity to give of your time and talent to the parish, please contact the office or speak to me or one of the staff. We are looking forward to your return.

—Fr. Jim Bates, *Parochial Administrator*

## NEW LOOK: MESSAGE FROM THE BULLETIN EDITOR

This week, we've made some big adjustments to the design of our bulletin. Here's an overview of what's changed and what hasn't:

- Most fonts have been set in Gill Sans. This font has appeared sparsely in previous bulletins, but now it's replacing our previous main font, Albertan. As a *humanist, semi-geometric sans-serif* typeface, Gill Sans will keep the traditional, timeless feel of Albertan while offering much more consistent legibility at both large and small sizes.
- When you open the bulletin, you will now find ALL of the most pertinent weekly information, hopefully suiting both long-time parishioners and new visitors. Our detailed liturgical schedule, office hours, and contact information are listed on page 2, alongside the regular weekly letter from Fr. Bates. Mass and candle intentions for the week are listed on page 3, along with other items that may require more "immediate attention", like this very column.
- As a side effect of moving our most important information to page 2, the bulletin front cover has been redesigned. The traditional letterhead remains, set in Adobe Garamond.
- Faith Formation news will still be available on page 4, though it will now appear in the same 2-column format as the rest of the bulletin.
- Prayer intentions for the sick, and active military members of our parish can be found on page 5. Additional weekly content will be on page 5 or 6.

*The main goals of all these changes are to make the bulletin easier to navigate, easier to add a lot more information to, and—for my sake—easier to edit each week.*

Let me know your thoughts on this redesign. Can you easily find all the usual information relevant to you? Is everything clearly legible in the new font? Also, now that we can fit far more content on each page, what activities around the parish would you like to be informed of more regularly in the bulletin?

You can contact me via email (try out the revamped contact list to the left!) or chat with me personally after weekend Masses with any questions or comments. And as a final note, we're hoping to push a website design and structure overhaul "soon" to continue to make it easier to communicate with you. Stay tuned!

Neil Flores

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, February 27

4:00 PM All our parishioners

### Sunday, February 28—Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Vincenza Zinicola

10:30 AM Paddy Mullins

### Monday, March 1

8:00 AM All our parishioners

### Tuesday, March 2

8:00 AM Margaret Harter (Living Intention)

### Wednesday, March 3

8:00 AM Leon Camponion

### Thursday, March 4

8:00 AM Leonardo de la Cruz

### Friday, March 5

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 6

4:00 AM Elizabeth Feiner

### Sunday, March 7—Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM All our parishioners

10:30 AM Colin Murphy

*The sanctuary candle this week  
is in honor of all our parishioners.*

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28, 2021

Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday:	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/I Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

### First Eucharist Parent Orientation: Feb. 28, 2021

Orientation for parents and guardians of children preparing for the sacrament of First Eucharist will be held on Sunday, February 28, 2021 in Doran Hall. There are two meeting options: 11:30 AM and 1 PM. Parents may choose the meeting which works best for their family schedule.

### Grade Five Workshop

The workshop for the fifth grade class will be held on Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 9 AM in Doran Hall. In the workshop we will reflect on Lent as a Season of Love, and journey through Lent with Jesus.

### Confirmation 2021

The date of Confirmation 2021 has been set by the Office of the Bishop. Confirmation at Saint Maurice will be held at 6 PM on Wednesday, April 14, 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—Mark 9:2–10

Jesus' Transfiguration on the mountain is a preview of great things to come. While his amazed disciples look on, Jesus is suddenly dressed in dazzling white and his face shines like the sun. They see him speaking with the long-dead Moses and Elijah, who represent the Law and the Prophets. They are interrupted by a voice from a cloud. And the voice says that Jesus is God's beloved Son. The disciples are told to "Listen to him."

*For reflection and discussion*—How are you responding to God's command to "Listen to him" during Lent? What message from Jesus' words or actions do you most want to share with the world? What does the experience of the three disciples tell us about the process of coming to know and believe in Jesus? What has helped your own relationship with Jesus to grow over the past year?

### Resources for Lent

Lent can be like a new day dawning. It is a time for a fresh beginning and a renewal of our covenant to live as God's people. Explore these opportunities to nourish your soul:

**Sunday Family Rosary**—continues at 7:30 PM every Sunday night. All are welcome.

<https://formationreimagined.org/sundayfamilyrosary/>

**Formed**—Sign up for Daily Lenten Reflections. Each day you will receive in your inbox a short video which features Dr. Gray commenting on the daily Mass readings, explaining the Scriptures, and providing you with concrete ideas on how to apply them to your Christian life. Available for free on FORMED.

<https://formed.org/lent>

**Best Lent Ever: Dynamic Catholic**—Beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing through all forty days of Lent, you will receive a daily email with a short video to help you reconnect with yourself and your God.

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/lent/best-lent-ever.html>

### Meet a March Saint—Ángela Guerrero Gonzalez

Feast Day: March 2; Canonized: May 4, 2003; Beatified: November 5, 1982; Venerated: February 12, 1976

Ángela Guerrero Gonzalez was born in Seville, Spain, in 1846. She was one of 14 children. Her family was poor, but their faith was strong. Baptisms, First Communions, and Confirmations were a cause for great celebration. Ángela's mother encouraged the children to honor our Blessed Mother, Mary. The family prayed the Rosary together often.

When she was 12, Ángela had to quit school to work in a shoe repair shop. Her boss, Antonia Maldonado, was also a faith-filled person. During breaks from work, the employees prayed together and listened to their employer read stories of the lives of the saints. Mrs. Maldonado saw that Ángela wanted to live a holy life. She introduced Ángela to Father Jose Torres Padilla, who became Ángela's spiritual director and helped her to grow in faith.

Ángela's greatest desire was to become a nun, but her health was so frail that she was rejected by one order of nuns. She was accepted by another community but was not well enough to complete her training. She had to return home to work in the shoe shop. But through prayer and discussions with Father Torres, Ángela felt that God was calling her to make private vows and to serve the poor and dying. Soon other women joined her in her mission. They formed a contemplative religious order called the Sisters of the Company of the Cross.

She died in 1932, but during Sister Ángela's lifetime, the order she founded grew to 25 convents. Their work continues today. St. Angela was beatified by Pope John Paul II on November 5, 1982.

We celebrate St. Ángela's commitment to God. Her example teaches us to offer our gifts and talents to God and to trust that he will use them to make the world a better place.

**PARISH OFFERING**

Week of February 21, 2021

Saturday, 4:00 PM (46) .....	\$637.00
Sunday, 8:00 AM (27).....	\$344.00
Sunday, 10:30 AM (52) .....	\$258.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$1,239.00</b>
Mailed into Parish Office.....	\$565.00
Online Giving.....	\$1,392.00
Snow/Fuel .....	\$535.00
Ash Wednesday .....	\$615.00

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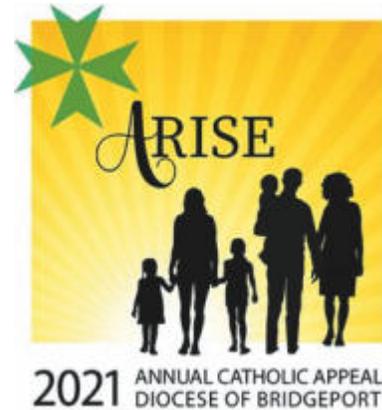
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**2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**



The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal provides the funds for the pastoral, educational and charitable ministries of the Diocese of Bridgeport. This year's theme, ARISE, calls us to come together as a people of God to live and share the faith we profess as we carry forth the mission of Jesus Christ. When you receive your Appeal mailing, please take time to read the information thoroughly, how you can help and give prayerful consideration when contemplating your sacrificial gift to the campaign. Thank you.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Christopher Anderson, Jerry 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, Cindy Doran, Barbara Eilertsen, Carl Ezzo, Johann Fernando, Gerry Fraioli, John Gerardi, Pat Gil, Adam Godlewski, Carol Happel, Marge Hogan, Rachel Hogan, Bernard Izzo, Susan Jacobsen, Jessica Mages, 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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION AND LITURGICAL MUSIC COLUMNS WILL RETURN NEXT WEEK

## WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY!



### **Joanna Marie Pope**

*Daughter of Preston Pope  
and Michele Battinelli  
baptized into the Catholic faith on  
February 20, 2021.  
May the good Lord continue to bless  
Joanna and her family.*

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### When Sacrifice Becomes Mundane

It seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. “We’re ready, God!” our hearts cry out. “Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!”

But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties—they’ve joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear. Because transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another. It’s not always a dramatic thing, to the naked eye. It’s the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure even though there’s that nagging voice in our minds saying: go ahead, God doesn’t really mind.

It’s a week when we all need a shock to the system—and wouldn’t you know it, this Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried “Ready!” when God called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited son. We see Christ himself transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us.

We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God. What we sacrifice, we simply give back to Him.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, “Ready!” when we hear the call of God?

## MASS RESERVATIONS

**Starting next weekend, March 6-7, 2021, reservations will no longer be required to attend Mass at Saint Maurice Church.**

However, this does mean that the socially-distanced seating will now *only* be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Our attendance maximum, in compliance with both Diocesan and state guidelines, will remain around 60 until further notice.

Please make sure to arrive early if you would like to attend your preferred weekend Mass! *The 8:00 AM Sunday Mass has plenty of room...*

## 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,
- 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.
- Exit Church immediately following dismissal.
- Do not leave **anything** in the Church.

## 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).

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