

PARISH OFFICE

Monday 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Tuesday – Thursday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. (English)
Saturday Mass: 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. (English)
Sunday 5:00 p.m. (French) Seasonal

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Monday – Friday: 7:00 & 8:30 a.m.
Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel

BAPTISM

The baptism of children of registered parishioners is celebrated on the last Sunday of each month. Baptisms are not celebrated during the season of Lent. Parents must attend a prior formation session and a rehearsal.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK

This sacrament is celebrated once a year during weekend Masses and is available at other times on request.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Our Parish Care Givers bring the Eucharist to those who are sick in hospitals, nursing homes or in their own residences.

MARRIAGE

Couples contemplating this sacrament must contact the Parish office at least 6 months prior to their desired wedding date.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

We offer a variety of programs designed for children, teenagers and adults. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Each year in September, our parish begins several inquiry classes for adults who wish to know more about the Catholic Church. The Inquiry period is the first part of what is called the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) — the process by which people become members of the Roman Catholic Church. For more information call: Sheryl Dillon-Jones at 954-434-6304, Bob Stein at 954-986-6831.

PRAYER/HEALING MEETING-

Meets every Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the Chapel. All are welcome. For more information call Anna at 954-967-9533

~Parish Mission Statement~

We are the Family of St. Maurice Parish joined together sacramentally in Jesus Christ, sharing our skills and abilities across the world to nourish all human hungers. We continually renew our energies by celebrating around the Table of the Lord and grow to be more effective ministers in the name of Jesus. Amen.

ADVENT WREATH

Paul Turner

An Advent wreath symbolizes our longing for the coming of Christ. The wreath is a circle of evergreen branches into which are set four candles. Traditionally, three candles are violet and one is rose, but four violet or four white candles may also be used.

The wreath symbolizes many things. Evergreens signify God's enduring promise of redemption, evident like green branches in the midst of snow. The circle signifies our hope for the return of Christ, whose kingdom will have no end. The colors of the candles match the traditional colors of the vesture for the four Sundays of Advent. Violet garments signify our penitent hope for salvation. The rose color, which may be worn on Advent's third Sunday, signals that the season is nearly over – joy is at hand!

The wreath's most luminous symbol is its growing light. One candle is lit on the First Sunday of Advent, two on the Second, three on the Third and all four on the Fourth. In the northern hemisphere, Advent comes at a time when the days decrease to their shortest length. As the hours of darkness increase, we light more candles on the wreath. The wreath, which symbolizes the coming of Christ, grows in intensity as the anniversary of Jesus' birth draws near.

The Advent wreath may be used at home or at church. It should be blessed on the first Sunday of Advent after the homily at Mass, at Evening Prayer Saturday night, or during a prayer service that includes biblical readings and Advent songs. At home, the wreath could be blessed by a family member and lit during the evening meal to remind everyone of the true meaning of this holy season.

Dear Family,

Whether we live alone or with others, I've always thought that it was a good thing to celebrate what I call "home rituals" – little prayer services that we can do right in our own living rooms. Here is one that might be helpful for this holy season of Advent:

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Opening Prayer:

Celebrating the endless circle of God's care, we join together in this Season of Advent to light our Advent wreath in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Scripture:

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is (God) who sits above the circle of the earth... (Isaiah 40:21-22a)

Petitions:

We light this Advent candle while we await the coming of Christ our Light, and we pray.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus

Be with us, Lord, as we prepare to celebrate the joyful feast of all God's children, we pray.

Gather us, Lord, into the circle of your love, we pray.

Add your own petitions:

Collect:

As this wreath remains ever green and ever alive and our Advent candles mark the weeks until the birth of Christ, nurture in us joyful hope and expectation.

Pray together the Hail Mary or sing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."



Readings: December 6, 2009

First Reading: - Baruch 5:1-9

Second Reading: - Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel: - Luke 3:1-6



Mass Intentions

**-BE A PART OF OUR NEW PARISH DIRECTORY-
BE SURE TO KEEP YOUR SCHEDULED
APPOINTMENT
FOR PICTURES THAT WILL BE TAKEN ON:
DECEMBER 3, 4, & 5
JANUARY 7, 8, & 9
YOU WILL RECEIVE A FREE 8X10 PORTRAIT AND A
PARISH DIRECTORY. BE A PART OF THE FAMILY!**



CCD

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

No Session November 29--Thanksgiving Holiday
December 6, 13
December 20--CCD Christmas Celebration
No Session December 27- Christmas Holiday
January 3-New Year Holiday
January 10
No Session Jan. 17-Martin Luther King
January 24, 31, 2010
February 7
No Session February 14-Presidents Day
February 21, 28
March 7, 4, 21, 28
No Session April 4-Easter
April 11, 18, 25,

Sunday 8:30 a.m.	November 29 †Evelyn Jackmore by Cathy & Cue Quaranta
10:30 a.m.	†Annie Falzone by Rodriguez Family
Monday 7:00 a.m.	November 30 †Fay Arena by Arena Family
8:30 a.m.	†Anthony Catalano by John & Angela Magazzu
Tuesday 7:00 a.m.	December 1 †Souls in Purgatory by Super Postal
8:30 a.m.	†Bill Gunnen by Family
Wednesday 7:00 a.m.	December 2 Intentions of Sobalvarro by Fr. Alfredo
8:30 a.m.	†In Remembrance of All Souls
Thursday 7:00 a.m.	December 3 †Raymond Ligon by Joyce & Family
8:30 a.m.	†Annie Falzone by Tony & Lorraine Iavicoli
Friday 7:00 a.m.	December 4 †Sacred Heart by Super Postal
8:30 a.m.	†Annie Falzone by Ed & Trudy Porembski
Saturday 8:30 a.m.	December 5 †Dave Alexander by Parish
5:00 pm	†Kathleen & Maureen Kacavich by Joseph Kacavich
6:30 pm	†Julia de la Rosa Scott by Leonardo Delgado
Sunday 8:30 a.m.	December 6 Intentions of Nancy & Pat Alessi by Nina & Joe Roppo
10:30 a.m.	†Alphonsa Miranda by Jennifer & Family

Justice Corner

Pay Attention With Hope

Our world experiences things that frighten us. Each day we hear about terrorism, war, and death. Countless men, women, and children experience the effects of poverty and injustice. Those who work to make real the vision of justice for all encounter difficulties, indifference, or opposition. There are too many issues to be concerned about. Good people get discouraged.

Jesus' vision of justice and peace is not yet complete despite all our work. The scriptures challenge us to pay attention to the problems of today. In the spirit of Advent we are called to pay attention with hope. We are told to be vigilant and awake and keep our heads up high. "The Lord will be our justice." We are called to get into action and address the issues that cause our world distress and injustice. Don't be afraid of the problems of today or of the end times. At the same time don't be afraid of dealing with these problems. Get into action today.

God, we ask your hand of protection be on all those who are serving in **Iraq** and **Afghanistan** especially: **Jerry Downes, Adam Aikey,**



Prayer Requests

Tyrell Constantine, Bobby Briggs, Gary Hogan, Sarah Forten, Matthew White, Ryan Daigle, Chelsie Wilson, Melanie Nipper, Shawn Lucas,

Ramsey Baum, Emile Hakime and Gary Waguespack. We pray that when they are troubled, you will wrap them in your embrace until the time of turbulence passes. May your love bring them peace and strength. **Amen**

your attention please

All Country Fair receipts **MUST** be turned in by November 30, 2009.

This Week in our Parish

Monday, November 30th

ECEC 9:00 am Church
Bible Study 7:00 pm Church

Tuesday, December 1st

ECEC 9:00 am Church
Bereavement 10:00 am Hospitality
Parish Council 7:00 pm Music Room
Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Chapel
Spanish RCIA 7:30 pm CCD N
Legion de Maria 7:30 pm CCD S

Wednesday, December 2nd

ECEC 9:00 am Church
Bingo 10:00 am Social Hall
Choir 7:00 pm Music Room
WOS 7:00 pm CCD S
Hispanic Service 7:00 pm Chapel

Thursday, December 3rd

ECEC 9:00 am Church
Just Faith 7:00 pm CCD N
RCIA 7:00 pm Music Room
Spanish Choir 7:00 pm Chapel

Friday, December 4th

ECEC 9:00 am Church
ECEC 5:00 pm Church
Legion of Mary 6:30 pm Chapel
Lay Ministry 7:00 pm Music Room

Saturday, December 5th

Sunday, December 6th

CCD 9:00 am Ed. Building
Omelet Breakfast 12:00 pm Social Hall

The Saint Maurice Youth Group

Will be serving our next

Omelet Breakfast

December 6th after the 10:30 am Mass
in the Social Hall

Enjoy a 2 Egg Omelet Stuffed with a
combination of toppings and served With Your
Choice or Combinations of Bacon and
Sausage with Toast or Biscuits

All Beverages – All the Condiments

\$6.00 for Adults - \$4.00 for Children



We would like to thank
"AN AFFAIR TO REMEMBER"
for our weekly donation of Altar Flowers. Show your
gratitude by
supporting our parishioner
in business, Madeline Flaherty at
954-961-1966.



Month of November 2009

Bread (The Eucharist)

Wine

In Memory of Beloved Son

Robert Marsicano

Bereavement Support Group

The death of a loved one comes in many ways
and the grief process can be a very difficult.
Come and join our Support Group on Tuesday,
December 1st in the Hospitality Room

10:00a.m.-11:15 a.m. We will also offer a

monthly gathering in the evenings next session
is December 22nd at 7:30 pm.

Please call Sister Pat for info.



First Sunday of Advent:

As we begin Advent we are called to
"await" in joyful anticipation for the
grace of Christmas to once again bless
our lives. Wherever you live in our parish, there
are poor families within walking distance of your
home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell.
They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

**Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor
Baskets at the church doors will help the
poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this
Christmas.**

Your cash and check donations are needed now more
than ever in our poor baskets at the church doors.

Thanks!

~FOREVER YOUNG SENIORS~

Next meeting:

**Thursday, December 10, 2009 at 1:00 pm
in the Social Hall.**

Hunger Awareness Dinner

Sponsored by the St. Maurice Hunger Program

Friday, January 15, 2010

\$15.00 per person

Silent Auction-Meet the Project Leaders
You know the time, the place and the purpose-
what you don't know is what you will have for
dinner... some will experience a full course
dinner-could be a family style dinner or could be
what a majority of the poor will eat...you will
draw your meal ticket at the door!

Come and support our Hunger Program, so that
the poor can be provided with the basic human
needs of food and water.

CHECK IT OUT!

Log on to www.stmaurice.org
 Pictures are up from our Country Fair.
 Maybe you'll see yourself!



**WEDNESDAY MORNINGS
 DOORS OPEN 10:00
 GAMES START 11:00**

LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH A FREE GAME. FREE COFFEE ALL THE TIME. COME IN, MEET NEW PEOPLE & HAVE A FUN MORNING WE'LL REOPEN WITH ANOTHER FREE LUNCH & \$1.00 OFF ALL PACKS. HOPE YOU ALL JOIN US!

"Dance then wherever you may be"...is part of one of our songs sung during Mass...and we are looking for DANCERS...wherever you may be. Our Liturgical Dance Team, directed by Lidia Nunez, is in need of some young dancers interested in dancing for the Lord. Please call Lidia at 954-309-3040 to learn how you can share your gift of dance!

~FLORIDA CATHOLIC~

The Archdiocese of Miami invites you to read and/or download this week's Florida Catholic news bulletin featuring Archbishop John C. Favalora's column in English and Spanish, a feature article regarding the first ever census of black Catholics in the archdiocese, and the round-up of upcoming events in parishes throughout the archdiocese; just click on the Florida Catholic icon on the News Center page to open the news bulletin. Read more archdiocesan news including daily news updated from parishes, ministries and schools, plus learn how you can become involved through "News Collaboration" and post your comments on the news articles by visiting www.miamiarch.org

If you are interested in becoming a member of Saint Maurice Parish, please complete the following Registration Form. You may turn it in to one the Ushers at Mass or you may place it in the basket. We are pleased that you have chosen to become a member of Saint Maurice Parish Family. If you have any questions about our activities, programs or groups please call the Parish Office.

NAME _____
 SPOUSE _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____
 HOMEPHONE _____
 CELL PHONE _____
 E-MAIL _____

Please Pray For

Ann Boccaccio	Emily Brophy	Mary Ann Hynes
Roddy Jamison	Maura Minatra	Victoria Lee Sando
Randy Barnwell	Tim McLeod	Nicole Klemmer
Ray Rufo	Gloria McLeod	Kathy Parkerson
Elaine Marshall	Mary Yester	John SanFelippo
Wesley Wilson	Sandra Betts	Richard Sobczak
Alison Basquez	Maria Wood	Hildegarde Touchon
Claudia Munoz	Jorge Munoz	Vivianita Munoz
Irene Flaherty	Anne Lukas	Matthew Hayes
Gary Marshall	Luis Lopez	Raymond Bayliss
Marlena Mosby	Connie Hanby	Mary Lou Widmer
Tom Rodgers Jr	Eugene Sas	Adam Ramjattan
Lisa Thompson	Doris Slagle	Barbara Rodriguez
Aaron Ronnan	Moe Giovanni	Shirley McDonnell
Santo Lombardo	Rose Fazzini	Rosanne Himpele
Mara Cassiol	Lyn Bruno	Carmella Di Ferinando
Emily Granata	Sylvia Garcia	Elizabeth Dunzelman
Maria Mangino	Helen Fonas	Karl Burlingame
Anthony Perotti	Mary Loftus	Shirley Burlingame
Barbara Matea	Mary Healy	Mary Anne Higgins
Susan Schmidt	Fred Schmidt	Larry Passariello
Jolene Richards	Roberta Price	Norman Richards
Carmella Dimeo	Lil Laramee	Helen Cereghino
Margaret Reese	Willie Dillard	June Silvernale
Virginia Moretti	Catherine Lee	Shirley Crisafulli
Gloria Mendoza	Rudy Mangino	Sophia Prossic
Meredith Foster	Anne Fergatto	Debbie Sheehan
Lygia Turman	Ann Hadley	Paul Bryan Liguori
Doris Slagle	Fred Demech	Mary Carol Nelson
Agnes Labashinsky		Cee Cee Roberts

The Key to Biblical Wisdom
 Join us Monday at 7:00 PM with
 Deacon Norm in the Chapel to
 discover the key to biblical wisdom.

Si usted está interesado en ser miembro de la Parroquia de San Mauricio, por favor complete la Forma de Registro a continuación. La puede colocar en la cesta o entregarla a uno de los Unieres en la Misa. Nosotros estamos complacidos que usted haya elegido ser miembro de la Familia Parroquial de San Mauricio. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta acerca de nuestras actividades, programas o grupos, por favor llamar a la Oficina de la Parroquia.

NOMBRE _____
 ESPOSA _____
 DIRECCION _____
 CIUDAD _____
 CODIGO POSTAL _____
 TELEFONO (CASA) _____