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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time • January 30, 2011

Good News!

January 30, 2011

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Zep 2:3; 3:12–13 / 1 Cor 1:26–31 / Mt 5:1–12a

The old rabbi said, "In olden days there were people who saw the face of God."

"Why don't they anymore?" a student asked.

"Because nowadays no one stoops so low," the rabbi replied.

Our culture treasures height. We tell children, "You've gotten so big!" We nag teenagers to stand up straight. We celebrate promotions. We want to stand tall and reach high.

And there's nothing wrong with that, but the rabbi echoes the very different message in our readings today—that it's not the standing tall that brings us closest to God, it's the stooping low. Zephaniah describes a humble remnant particularly close to God, and Paul says God consistently chooses to reveal the divine through the weak and broken. Today as Jesus begins his Sermon on the Mount, we hear the familiar Beatitudes, Jesus' mind-boggling statements that declare the lowliest as "blessed."

Most of us have felt "stooped low" while mourning a loved-one's death, struggling with illness, or living with heavy emotional burdens. Many are stooped low by poverty, war, and oppression. Though we often try to move quickly through mourning and illness or avert our eyes from the homeless person in front of us, we are challenged to remember that God is most present in humble moments of struggle and suffering—moments in which we are indeed stooped low.

But what if we didn't rush grieving and healing? What if we accompanied someone in an illness or took a moment to converse with that homeless stranger? Blessed will we be—for we will see God.

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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. and 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 our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both 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 from 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.; also by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the Rectory (860-643-4466) 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 the Rectory at 860-643-4466.



"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." -Mt 5:10-12

Readings for the Week of January 30, 2011

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a
 Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
 Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13
 Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29
 Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34
 Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

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NEXT WEEK

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, February 5:

4:00 p.m. Mass offered for +Lois Dunham

Altar Servers: Megan Shorey and Kaila Toce

Minister of the Word: Michael Leiner

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Georgette Pelletier

SUNDAY, February 6:

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for +Daniel Denny

Altar Server: Stephanie Labanowski

Minister of the Word: Judy Knox

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Arlene Giglio

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Florence and +Charles Stiller

Altar Servers: Ben VanDine and Elizabeth Foran

Minister of the Word: Paul Brown

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Kathleen Smythe

GOD'S PLAN FOR TITHING

January 23, 2011

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last Week's Collection was: \$

Last Year's Collection was: \$2,964

"Come after me..." - Matthew 4:19

In our crazy, success-driven, materialist world we all get caught up in chasing after many dreams, wants and ambitions. Yet, with three simple words, Jesus tells us clearly that the only one we should be following after is Him. "Come after me," is not just an invitation that Jesus extended to the first apostles. It is an invitation that He extends to each of us every day of our lives.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.

CHILDREN'S MASS CELEBRATION

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2011 – 6:00 P.M.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2011 - 7:00 P.M.

THIS WEEK

January 29th and January 30th

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

USHERS GROUP I

SATURDAY, January 29:

10:00 a.m. Meeting of Parents of those Children making First Holy Communion Spring 2011

3:30 p.m. Recite the Rosary

4:00 p.m. Mass offered for +Frances Ricciardone and +Jennie Cusano requested by Mr. and Mrs. Maratta

After Mass Youth Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, January 30:

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for +Raymond and +Lilyn Hunt requested by Bob and Jane Hunt

After Mass Recite the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Cecilia Kapitan requested by Annedda Stiller and Family

After Mass Youth Choir Rehearsal

9:15 - 10:30 a.m. Faith Formation Classes (K-5) at Sacred Heart

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours

6:15 – 7:30 p.m. Faith Formation Classes (6–8) and Confirmation Preparation Sessions at Sacred Heart

7:30 – 8:45 p.m. Youth Group at Sacred Heart

MONDAY, January 31:

No Mass

TUESDAY, February 1:

9:00 a.m. **NO** Mass

After Mass **NO** Recite the Rosary

7:15 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, February 2:

9:00 a.m. **NO** Mass

9:00 a.m. – Noon Fair Group Workshop at Parish Center

3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

4:30 – 5:45 p.m. Faith Formation Classes (1-5) at St. Maurice

6:30 – 7:45 p.m. Faith Formation Classes (6–8) at St. Maurice

THURSDAY, February 3:

9:00 a.m. **NO** Mass

FRIDAY, February 4:

No Mass

SATURDAY, February 5:

3:15 - 3:45 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

NOTE: NO WEEKDAY MASSES ARE SCHEDULED FOR THIS WEEK.

IF YOU HAVE REQUESTED A MASS ON A SATURDAY OR A SUNDAY, PLEASE LET THE USHERS KNOW, BEFORE MASS, THAT YOU WOULD LIKE (OR NOT) TO BRING THE GIFTS UP TO THE ALTAR. ☺

When was the last time you scheduled a Mass request? Call Theresa Cicon at 860-643-4466 to schedule your special mass intention ... many dates and times available!

ST. MAURICE PARISH
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL # 6199
FEBRUARY 2011 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

February 10 Business Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
February 13 Coffee Social

For more information, call Dan Barnes (860-966-7868)
or Ron Massimino (860-647-9859), or visit
www.stmauricekofc.org.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEAD THE ROSARY ON SATURDAYS at 3:30 P.M. BEFORE THE 4:00 P.M. MASS? The sign up sheet is in the back of the church on the cork board.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEAD THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY ON SUNDAYS AFTER 7:30 A.M. MASS? The sign up sheet is in the back of the church on the cork board.

WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO SHOVEL THE SIDEWALKS OF THE CHURCH, THE RECTORY AND THE PARISH CENTER, TO REMOVE THE SNOW?

If so, please contact Lou Cloutier at 860-649-6255 or Ron Massimino at 860-647-9859. (Remuneration negotiable.)

Windham Area Interfaith Ministry (WAIM)

WAIM is a volunteer income tax assistance (VITA) site again this year, as is St. Paul's Soup Kitchen and the ACCESS Agency in Willimantic. There are also sites in other regions of Northeastern CT and the organizers are in need of volunteers throughout the area.

Volunteer Opportunity: Through the VITA program you will help low-income families get ahead financially! Co-opportunity, Inc. helps low- and moderate-income individuals and families increase their income and savings, become financially stable, and begin to build assets. Co-opportunity, with the support of United Way, is coordinating the VITA program in the Windham area this year. As a trained volunteer, you will prepare income tax returns for low-income individuals and families in the Windham area. You will build your resume, learn valuable skills, and support your community! For more information, please contact Jessica King, Windham Area VITA Coordinator, at (860)236-3617 x122 or via email at Jessica@co-opportunity.org.

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME TO KEEP THE BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY OF THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. MAURICE WELL KEPT, AND SNOW FREE!

WEEKDAY MASSES ARE NOW CELEBRATED IN THE SACRISTY.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO ATTEND THE
OFFICIAL RE-OPENING/BLESSING
OF THE ST. MAURICE PARISH CENTER
AND THE DEDICATION OF THE PARISH LIBRARY
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St Maurice Parish Center

Join the "Sleigh Bells Ring"
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at the Parish Center.



Do you like to work with your hands? (No special talent needed.)

Do you enjoy good fellowship? Then join us and bring your suggestions with you. Coffee is always brewing!

The **Daughters of the Holy Spirit** are sponsoring a weekend retreat – a time of prayer and reflection for single Catholic women, ages 19 to 45. If you feel called to share with other women who are also deepening their spiritual journey through attentiveness to God, join us February 18th to 20th, in Putnam, Connecticut. For more information, contact Sr. Therese Vanasse at 860-564-2243 or e-mail at tvanassedhs@att.net.

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