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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time • February 6, 2011

# Good News!

February 6, 2011

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 58:7–10 / 1 Cor 2:1–5 / Mt 5:13–16

I admit it—I'm a compulsive candle-lighter. Candles provide warmth and a cozy atmosphere and, especially, they bring God to mind. I keep a candle burning next to me when I work on something challenging—it reminds me of God's constant presence.

Today, Jesus calls us "light." I'm not always comfortable thinking of myself this way—I tend to associate God, rather than myself, with light. But Jesus is clear—whether we are candles, oil lamps, or incandescent bulbs, we are "the light of the world," meant to shine forth with good works. The prophet Isaiah declares God's preference for those good works: to share bread with the hungry, shelter the homeless, end oppression, and remove suffering from the afflicted. God challenges us to undertake charity and justice—to provide for those in need and to dismantle systems that oppress God's children.

We know this is God's desire—yet our lights often dim with the challenges of these good works. Systems are difficult to change; the hungry or homeless can be unappreciative or rude; the needy sometimes spend money frivolously instead of on food or shelter. It's enough to send us scrambling for a bushel to hide our flickering lights.

But Jesus wants none of our excuses. Scripture says our good works lead straight to God. Isaiah tells us that when we give to charity and work for justice—appreciated or not, successful or not—God hears our prayers and heals our wounds. Jesus declares that through our good works, others know and glorify God.

Our candles may flicker, but we can't allow them to be extinguished. God seeks to be known by us and by others—through nothing less than the light of our very selves.

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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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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!

### 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.



*"Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lamp stand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." -Mt 5:15-16*

#### Readings for the Week of February 6, 2011

Sunday:	Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
Monday:	Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	Gn 1:20--2:4a/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday:	Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

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### NEXT WEEK

#### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

##### SATURDAY, February 12:

4:00 p.m. Mass offered for +Donald Holbrook and for +Gary Martin (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)

*Altar Servers:* Ally Cianci and Maria Cinea

*Minister of the Word:* Charles Luchini

*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:* Ted Lloyd

##### SUNDAY, February 13:

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for +Virginia Thornton

*Altar Server:* Stephanie Labanowski

*Minister of the Word:* Stephen Paul

*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:* Arlene Giglio

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Daniel Denny

*Altar Servers:* LeeAnn Snuffer and Ben Snuffer

*Minister of the Word:* Joel Cohan

*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:* Lou Cloutier

### GOD'S PLAN FOR TITHING

**January 30, 2011**  
**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Last Week's Collection was: \$**  
**Last Year's Collection was: \$2,729**

*"Consider your own calling, brothers and sisters." - 1 Corinthians 1:26*

In his letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul reminds us that all of us are called to participate in the work of the Church. There can be no excuses. We cannot say that we are not wise enough, powerful enough or smart enough. We cannot say that we do not have the time, the talents or the skills. God can use each of us. All we have to do is offer our humble lives to Him and then be willing to follow where He leads.

#### 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

#### February 5th and February 6th FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME USHERS GROUP II

##### SATURDAY, February 5:

3:30 p.m. Recite the Rosary

4:00 p.m. Mass offered for +Lois Dunham requested by John and Barbara Sposito

After Mass Youth Choir Rehearsal

##### SUNDAY, February 6:

7:30 a.m. Mass offered All Parishioners

After Mass Recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Florence and +Charles Stiller 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. **NO** Faith Formation Classes (6–8) and Confirmation Preparation Sessions at Sacred Heart

7:30 – 8:45 p.m. **NO** Youth Group at Sacred Heart

##### MONDAY, February 7:

No Mass

##### TUESDAY, February 8:

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

After Mass **NO** Recite the Rosary

7:15 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal

##### WEDNESDAY, February 9:

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for All Parishioners

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 10:

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Edward Bott requested by the Edward Murphy Family

7:00 p.m. St. Maurice Knights of Columbus Business Meeting at Parish Center

##### FRIDAY, February 11:

No Mass

##### SATURDAY, February 12:

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

#### WEEKDAY MASSES ARE NOW CELEBRATED IN THE SACRISTY.

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 Ciscon at 860-643-4466 to schedule your special mass intention ... many dates and times available!**

*You are cordially invited  
to attend the  
official re-opening/blessing  
of the St. Maurice Parish Center  
and the dedication of the Parish Library  
to honor Rev. Robert W. Cronin  
~ Sunday, February 13, 2011 ~  
Reception - 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Fr. Cronin will be present at the dedication;  
a chance to renew old acquaintances  
and to make new friends!*

**THE CHRISTIAN VIEW OF SUFFERING: DAY  
AND EVENING RETREAT AT HOLY FAMILY  
PASSIONIST RETREAT CENTER**

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford will hold a day and evening retreat on the Christian view of suffering on Wednesday, February 9th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (same program). Uncomfortable as it might sound, suffering is a fundamental piece of our journey as Christians. This day and evening retreat will consider three questions: What is suffering? Why is it a part of life? And how are we meant to respond to suffering? The program will consist of lecture, discussion, and the celebration of the Eucharist. Presenter Sr. Elissa Rinere, C.P., has been a Passionist sister for over 30 years. She holds a Master's degree in education from the University of Rhode Island and a Doctorate in Canon Law (J.C.D.) from Catholic University of America. She has spent many years working in the Church as both a canon lawyer and university professor. The \$35 offering includes lunch or dinner. Register at [www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org) or send offering to Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Road, West Hartford, Connecticut, 06107.

**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.

**EVENING OF PRAYER FROM  
THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS  
EVERY SUNDAY AT 5:30 P.M.**

Evening Prayer from The Liturgy of the Hours will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. each Sunday. For more details, go online to: [www.saintmauricebolton.org/other.html](http://www.saintmauricebolton.org/other.html).

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE GREETER?**  
If so, please call Linda Wiley at 860-643-8684.

**FAIR WORKSHOP  
LOOKING FOR ELVES!**

**WEDNESDAYS - 9:00 A.M. TO NOON**  
St Maurice Parish Center

Join the "Sleigh Bells Ring"  
Christmas Fair Workshop team  
Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon  
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!

**PROPERTY MANAGEMENT TEAM**

Looking for some help with cleaning the lower windows in the parish center in preparation for the upcoming library dedication. If you can spare some time, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Lou Cloutier at 860-649-6255 or Ron Massimino at 860-647-9859.

**THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME  
TO THE BOLTON ECUMENICAL COUNCIL, MACC AND WAIM!**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AN USHER?**  
If so, please call Lou Cloutier at 860-649-6255.



**ADORATION OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT  
WEDNESDAYS  
3:00 TO 7:00 P.M.**

**REMINDER FROM  
BUILDING/PROPERTY MANAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE:** Please do not tape, staple or  
tack any posters or flyers to the walls, doors  
or windows of the Church, Rectory or Parish  
Center. Thank you for your support.

**WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO SHOVEL  
THE SIDEWALKS OF THE CHURCH, THE  
RECTORY AND THE PARISH CENTER,  
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