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# Good News!

March 20, 2011

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 12:1-4a / 2 Tm 1:8b-10 / Mt 17:1-9

I used to live in an apartment with a basement laundry area. In the dim light from the basement windows, it seemed fairly tidy. However, if you flipped on the lights, you'd be overwhelmed by the number of stringy, sticky cobwebs enveloping the corners and ceiling pipes. I'm a fairly courageous woman, but cobwebs leave me feeling less than brave...OK, let's just say it: afraid!

In Matthew's version of Jesus' transfiguration, he emphasizes the disciples' great fear. I'm not surprisedseeing Jesus transfigured must have been quite shocking. But I wonder if they weren't so much afraid of who Jesus was revealed to be—fully the Son of God—but rather, who they were revealed to be-broken sinners hardly measuring up to Jesus' brilliance.

Did they perhaps sense the sinful betrayal they would later exhibit at Jesus' crucifixion? In the stunning light of Jesus' goodness, our own weaknesses and brokenness are revealed like cobwebs in the corners of our souls. Perhaps we turn a blind eye to them in the dim light of every day, but when faced with the brightness of the One we're to emulate, the stringy webs are impossible to avoid and can be frightening to behold.

Yet, like Peter and James, we are not alone. When we take time to look clearly at our cobwebs of sin, Jesus touches us, too, and says, "Do not be afraid." Jesus accompanies us when we attend to the brokenness in our lives—our persistent patterns of anger, our inability to forgive, our struggle to love as Jesus loves.

If we reach for Jesus' touch—during Lent or at any time-we can find the courage to sweep away the cobwebs and shine with the divine light found inside us too.

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### WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m. Holy Ďays at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

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 860-643-4466.



### THIS WEEK

### March 19th and March 20th

### **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

### **USHERS GROUP IV**

SATURDAY, March 19:

3:30 p.m. Recitation of the Rosary

4:00 p.m. Mass offered for +CARRIE NESS requested by

Terri Gidius

Youth Choir Rehearsal after Mass

SUNDAY, March 20:

7:30 a.m. Mass offered + MARY RADION requested by the

Radion family

After Mass Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Ann and Edward Dvorscak** 

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, March 21:

No Mass

### TUESDAY, March 22:

9:00 a.m. Mass

After Mass Recitation of the Rosary 7:15 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, March 23:

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for+LEVI FOURNIER requested by

his family

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, March 24:

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +LUCINDA PRENTICE

requested by Dorli and Lou Cloutier

FRIDAY, March 25:

4:00 - 6:30 p.m. Fish Dinner Sponsored by St. Maurice Knights of

Columbus

4:00 p.m. Confirmation Retreat at Sacred Heart. Leaving

Sacred Heart at 4:30 p.m., returning on Sunday.

7:00 p.m. Mass Celebrated and Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, March 26:

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

### CONFIRMATION RETREAT MARCH 25th THRU MARCH 27<sup>th</sup>

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. ©

### **NEXT WEEK**

# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT March 26th and March 27<sup>th</sup>

### SATURDAY, March 26:

3:30 p.m. Recitation of the Rosary

4:00 p.m. Mass offered for +DORIS GIDIUS

Altar Servers: Ally Cianci and Maria Cinea Minister of the Word: Charles Luchini

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Linda Wiley

### SUNDAY, March 27:

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for **+RAYMOND PONIATOSKI** 

Altar Server:

Minister of the Word: Joel Cohan

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Arlene Giglio

10:00 a.m. Mass

Altar Servers: Angelica Czercowy and Alex Czercowy

Minister of the Word: Evelyn O'Connor

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Kathleen Smythe

### MONDAY, MAR. 28:

No Mass

### TUESDAY, MAR. 29:

9:00 a.m. Mass + JOYCE BACHL

After Mass, recitation of the Rosary

### WEDNESDAY, MAR 30:

9:00 Mass offered for **+ROBERT O'BRIEN** 

9:00 - noon: Christmas Fair workshop

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, MAR. 31:

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for Liz Chieffo on her birthday

### <u>FRIDAY, APRIL 1</u>:

4:00 -6:30 p.m. Fish Dinner, sponsored by St. Maurice Knights of

Columbus,

6:00 p.m. Youth Group Food Fest, Sacred Heart
7:00 p.m. MASS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

\*\*Altar Servers:\*\* LeeAnn Snuffer, Ben Snuffer and Kaila Toce

Minister of the Word: Kyle Toce

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sharon Scorso

### **SATURDAY. APRIL 2**

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

### GOD'S PLAN FOR TITHING

Last Week's Collection was: \$2,814 Last Year's Collection was: \$2,688

"It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." - Matthew 4:10

The world tempts us with so much. Like Jesus on the top of the mountain, we can all see magnificent possessions, power, adventures, activities or accomplishments that tempt us to push God into the background of our lives. Yet, we must follow the example of Jesus and back away from the temptations of the world so that we have more time in our lives to worship and serve God. Lent provides us with the perfect opportunity to make a change that will last not just for forty days but for a lifetime.

### Meeting on Youth Ministry

All those interested in promoting a vibrant ministry to youth and by youth at St. Maurice are invited to attend a meeting at the Parish Center on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. It will begin at 5:30 p.m. during the Fish Dinner and end in time for Mass and Stations of the Cross. Issues to be discussed include a Teen Canteen, Confirmation Preparation, faith formation after Confirmation, opportunities for service, the role of youth in Parish governance, integration of youth in Parish life, and occasions for prayer.

**Immaculata Retreat House** in Willimantic presents these upcoming programs:

**Easter Sunday Brunch:** Come join us for a festive brunch on Easter Sunday. We will be featuring our Grand Buffet in our dining room. Bring the whole family and savor a leisurely time together! Seatings at 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM. \$18 for adults, \$9 for children 12 and under; children under 6 free. Call for reservations.

**Restoring Wholeness:** A monthly supportive gathering with Kathy Irr RN. If your self-esteem, body image, emotional balance or spiritual growth seem out of balance, join us once a month for reflection and discussion on topics which will focus on restoring a positive self-awareness. Held on the fourth Monday of every month, beginning on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Suggested offering is \$5 per evening.

To register for any of our programs, or for more information, call 860-423-8484 or visit www.immaculataretreat.org.

## And from Holy Family Retreat .....

For those men unable to attend a retreat on their regular weekend, please join us on May 13 to 15, which has been designated as a "make-up" retreat weekend. If that weekend is inconvenient, please feel free to come on retreat any of the men's retreat weekends. For a full schedule of these weekends, see the event calendar at <a href="https://www.holyfamilyretreat.org">www.holyfamilyretreat.org</a>.

Be My Witness! The first annual Catholic Women's Conference of the Diocese of Norwich for Women of all ages! Saturday, April 16, 2011, 8:30 - 3:30. Saint Bernard School, Uncasville, **CT.** This conference is about building up an army of strong, spirit-filled women of God, women committed to living out their baptismal call to be Christ's witness in the world. Keynote speaker: ValLimar Jansen. For more information: www.norwichdiocese.org under ministries, click on Office of Faith Events or call Office of Faith Events, Marge Vanner 860-848-2237 or email: <u>faithevents@norwichdiocese.net</u>. Don't miss it! Register by April 1 and save!

# Easter is Coming

1191. Song and music are closely connected with the liturgical action. the criteria for their proper use are the beauty expressive of prayer, the unanimous participation of the assembly, and the sacred character of the celebration. (CCC)~

Senior Choir ehearsals: Tuesdays, 7:15 p.m. ~ Youth Choir Rehearsal After Each Mass ~

# Coming Events COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2011 - 7:00 P.M.



Jesus took

Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.

And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. - Mt 17:1-3

# ROSARY ON SATURDAYS AT 3:30 P.M. BEFORE THE 4:00 P.M. MASS

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY
ON SUNDAYS AFTER 7:30 A.M. MASS

# 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.

(continued from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

**1176.** The celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours demands not only harmonizing the voice with the praying heart, but also a deeper "understanding of the Liturgy and of the Bible, especially of the Psalms.

1177. The hymns and litanies of the Liturgy of the Hours integrate the prayer of the psalms into the age of the Church, expressing the symbolism of the time of day, the liturgical season, or the feast being celebrated. Moreover, the reading from the Word of God at each Hour (with the subsequent responses or troparia) and readings from the Fathers and spiritual masters at certain Hours, reveal more deeply the meaning of the mystery being celebrated, assist in understanding the psalms, and prepare for silent prayer. the lectio divina, where the Word of God is so read and meditated that it becomes prayer, is thus rooted in the liturgical celebration.

1178. The Liturgy of the Hours, which is like an extension of the Eucharistic celebration, does not exclude but rather in a complementary way calls forth the various devotions of the People





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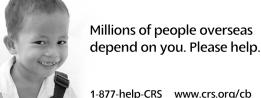
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