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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time • February 12, 2012

Good News!

February 12, 2012

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lv 13:1–2, 44–46 / 1 Cor 10:31–11:1 /
Mk 1:40–45

“Unclean! Unclean!”


That’s what lepers in the ancient Middle East called out when anyone came near them. They were required to alert others to their disease so they wouldn’t physically or ritually contaminate another person.

Can you imagine having to declare out loud what is wrong with you every time someone approached? It would be difficult enough to have to shout, “Common cold!” “Bladder infection!” “Schizophrenia!” But what if we also had to declare our moral failings to everyone we met? “Compulsive liar!” “Self-centered!” “Refuses to forgive!” “Judgmental!” Talk about an isolating experience.

This is what makes Jesus’ actions in the Gospel so remarkable. The original Greek translation of the phrase “moved with pity” indicates that Jesus was riveted in his soul by this man’s condition and his plea. Jesus touched the man, despite all rules to the contrary, and healing occurred. He reached through all the barriers, the boundaries, the uncleanness, and loved this man for the person he was—beyond all that was wrong with him.

Jesus does this for us too—he sees beyond our sin, beyond our selfishness, beyond our patterns of bad behavior. He loves us for who we are at our very core, made in God’s own image. So the challenge for us is to do the same. Saint Paul impels us to be imitators of Christ. Though our first instinct may be to see the sinfulness of others, the irritations of family members, and the faults of coworkers, we must look beyond the failings and see with the eyes of Christ. We must touch with Christ’s hands and love with Christ’s heart—nothing less is expected of us.

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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. & 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):

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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 11 - 12, 2012

COFFEE SOCIAL

USHERS GROUP III

SATURDAY, FEB. 11

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Rudy and +Annita DeTuccio request of Dolores, Annita and Genavina Betti

SUNDAY, FEB 12

7:30 A.M. Mass Offered for +Donald Holbrook request of Gloria Holbrook and Family

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. Mass Offered for +Barbara Sullivan request of Ruth Mensing

MONDAY, FEB. 13

9:00 A.M. Mass Offered for +Louis Cloutier, Sr. request of Dorli and Lou Cloutier

7:00 P.M. Property Management Meeting

TUESDAY, FEB. 14

9:00 A.M. Mass Offered for +Henry Leonard

2:00 P.M. –
Bolton Ecumenical Council meeting at the Parish Center

7:00 P.M. – Parish Council Meeting

7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15

9:00 A.M. Mass Offered for +Dave Caruso, Jr. request of Sharon and David Caruso

9:00 A.M. to Noon – Christmas Fair Workshop

3:00 P.M. To 7:00 P.M.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, FEB. 16 – No Mass

FRIDAY, FEB. 17 – No Mass

SATURDAY, FEB. 18

ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS

NEXT WEEK

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 18 - 19, 2012

USHERS GROUP IV

SATURDAY, FEB. 18

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Mary Varrick
Altar Servers: Elena & Catherine Fiano
Lector: Barbara Fiano
Eucharistic Minister: Annedda Stiller

SUNDAY, FEB 19

7:30 A.M. Mass Offered for +Iva Lindberg
Altar Servers: Lynn Mancino
Lector: Stephen Paul
Eucharistic Minister: Arelene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. Mass Offered for +Joseph McMahon
Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer
Lector: Jennifer Carvalho
Eucharistic Minister: Jennifer Carvalho

MONDAY, FEB. 20

9:00 A.M. Mass Offered for +Henry Leonard

TUESDAY, FEB. 21

9:00 A.M. Mass Offered for +Henry Leonard
7:15 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22 – ASH WEDNESDAY

There will be an Offertory Collection at both Masses.

9:00 A.M. – Mass and Ashes
Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

9:00 A.M. to Noon – Christmas Fair Workshop

7:00 P.M. – Mass and Ashes
Mass offered for All Parishioners

THURSDAY, FEB. 23 – No Mass

FRIDAY, FEB. 24 – No Mass

SATURDAY, FEB. 25

ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS

Last week's Offertory Feb. 4-5 \$3,934
Last year's Offertory Feb. 5-6 \$2,847

“Brothers and sisters: Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.” – 1 Corinthians 10:31
Are you doing everything possible for the glory of God? Or is there some other way that you could generously share your time, talent or treasure for God's glory? Think about it.

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Readings for the Week of February 12, 2012

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31--
11:1/Mk 1:40-45
Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27/Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Mk 8:34--9:1
Saturday: Jas 3:1-10 /Mk 9:2-13
Next Sunday: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/2 Cor
1:18-22/Mk 2:1-12

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Marriage Preparation Class for Engaged Couples

“God’s Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage” offered by the Office of Family Life. To register for the 4 session class please call 860-889-8346 ext. 283.

Dates:

Fridays, March 9, 16, 23, 30, 2012

Time:

7:00 P.M. – 9:15 P.M.

Location:

St. Francis of Assisi, Fox Parish Center
10 Elm Street
Middletown, CT

Dates:

Fridays, April 13, 20, 27, May 4, 2012

Time:

7:00 P.M. – 9:15 P.M.

Location:

Our Lady of Lourdes
RT. 12
Gales Ferry, CT

Cost: \$50.00 Per Couple

Divorcing and/or resolving child custody issues? –

participate in the court suggested Parent Education Program. Many parents are concerned about the effects of divorce, separation or family disruption on their children. **Catholic Charities offers ongoing, monthly one day Parenting Education Classes in Norwich, Rockville and Middletown. Catholic Charities also offers a monthly 2- part Spanish/bilingual parenting education class in Willimantic.** Attendance at both sessions in the Willimantic class is required for the certificate of completion. Fees apply and are determined by the State of CT. Please call toll free 1-866-883-1624 ext. 263 for registration and monthly class locations and dates.

NOTICE: All dishes, containers, etc. left from Care and Share funeral receptions are now in the basement of the Church kitchen on the counter. Please pick up your containers after any Mass.

February 12, 2012

Today, Sunday February 12th, is World Marriage Day and is designated as a day to honor the husband and wife as the head of the family, the foundation of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily, married life. Worldwide Marriage Encounter began the celebration of **World Marriage Day** 29 years ago. In the beginning God created man and woman and the union of marriage and has made marriage the centerpiece of His creation. God has given married love and its faithfulness a special significance in the history of salvation, from there the future is created. We celebrate and pray for all married couples on this **World Marriage Day**.

Search for School Principal

St. Mary of Czestochowa
87 South Main Street
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St. Mary of Czestochowa School in Middletown, and the Diocesan School Office of the Diocese of Norwich, Connecticut have begun a search process for a new principal at St. Mary School effective July 1, 2012. Interested applicants should provide a letter of interest and a completed application sent to:

John F. Shine Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools
Diocesan School Office
43 Perkins Avenue
Norwich, CT 06360

Principal application may be found on the Diocesan School Office website: <http://www.norwichdso.org> under Career Opportunities.

Holy Land Pilgrimage 2012

Join Father John Hanley, OMI, Director of Immaculata Retreat House in Willimantic, CT, for a once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The dates of the pilgrimage are November 13-24, 2012. The all-inclusive price is \$3419.00 per person, double occupancy. The pilgrimage is eleven days and ten nights. Air transportation is by British Airways – Boston/London/Tel Aviv. Shepherds Tours and Travel, a Christian Palestinian agency in Jerusalem, is our agent for the trip. For more information, please contact Father Hanley at (860) 423-8484, Ext. 100.

Jesus of Scripture

Beginning on Wednesday, February 22 and continuing through March 28, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM, this five session course on the images of Jesus in the Gospels will be facilitated by Father John Hanley, OMI. This videotape course with discussion and questions will be presented by the noted American Catholic Scripture scholar, Father Donald Senior, CP. Topics covered include: Jesus, the Healer, the Teacher, the Prophet, the Christ, and the Passion, Death and Resurrection. A free-will offering of \$10 per session or \$45 for the five sessions is requested. Register by calling Immaculata at (860) 423-8484.



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