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Good News!

February 26, 2012

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 9:8–15 / 1 Pt 3:18–22 / Mk 1:12–15

Desert time.

As a midwesterner in the middle of winter, I must admit that thoughts of the desert are pretty appealing right now. But in Scripture, the desert isn't a welcoming place. Mark's description of the desert Jesus entered is characteristically succinct, but it clearly doesn't appear to be a place of hospitality. Wild beasts, Satan, loneliness—particularly in Jesus' day, the desert wilderness wasn't an exotic locale for Survivor-like reality shows, but a place of profound testing and challenge.

Many of us have experienced desert times. In a time of career discernment, we may feel unclear about our next move. In a time of serious illness, we may question our life's focus. In a relationship crisis, we may find our trust in a beloved companion to be shaken.

If we survive desert time, we often emerge changed, with a deeper sense of direction. We may even have a new focus or a new mission.

On coming out of his desert time, Jesus' initial words were urgent and focused: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." He emerged with a fervent commitment to spreading the news of God's kingdom.

This Lent, we're invited into the desert to reflect on how we most need God to shake us up, draw us away from sin, and call us into new ways of life. Jesus came out of the desert proclaiming the reign of God; as we come out of the desert at Easter, how will we be changed and ready to advance God's kingdom? How might we allow God's transforming grace to call us into a new mission?

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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.

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THIS WEEK
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 25 - 26, 2012
USHERS GROUP I

Maintenance Collection at All Masses

SATURDAY, FEB. 25

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Julia Johnson request of Toce Family

SUNDAY, FEB 26

7:30 A.M. Mass Offered for +Barbara Sullivan request of Mary Anne Murphy

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

NO FAITH FORMATION

10:00 A.M. Mass Offered for +Rev. Robert W. Cronin request of Lou & Dorli Cloutier

5:30 P.M. *LITURGY OF THE HOURS*

MONDAY, FEB. 27

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

5:00 P.M. Parish **BINGO** – Food available from 5 P.M. GAMES begin at 6:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, FEB. 28

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

7:15 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 29 –

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

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

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

THURSDAY, MAR. 1 – No Mass

FRIDAY, MAR. 2 – No Morning Mass

4:00 – 6:30 P.M. Fish Dinner Sponsored by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus

7:00 P.M. Mass and Stations of the Cross
Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

7:00 To 9:00 P.M. – Youth Group (see details on next page.)

SATURDAY, MAR. 3

ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS

NEXT WEEK
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 3 – 4, 2012
USHERS GROUP II

SATURDAY, MAR. 3

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Frank Garibaldi request of Joan and Joe Soga

Altar Servers: Elena & Catherine Fiano

Lector: Barbara Fiano

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley

SUNDAY, MAR. 4

7:30 A.M. Mass Offered for +Barbara Sullivan request of Theresa Ciscon

Altar Servers: Lynn Mancino

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Arelene Giglio

9:00 To 9:45 A.M. – FAITH FORMATION

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. Mass Offered for +Raymond Lemaire request of Lou and Dorli Cloutier

Altar Servers: Amilia Herasimowicz & Elizabeth Foran

Lector: Rita Sheetz

Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen Smythe

5:30 P.M. *LITURGY OF THE HOURS*

MONDAY, MAR. 5

9:00 A.M. Mass Offered for +Bruce Soule request of Jennifer and Phil Daly

TUESDAY, MAR. 6

9:00 A.M. Mass Offered for +John Ciscon

7:15 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 7

9:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +Ivan Dube request of Solange Fournier

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

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

THURSDAY, MAR. 8 – No Mass

FRIDAY, MAR. 9 – No Morning Mass

4:00 – 6:30 P.M. Fish Dinner Sponsored by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus

7:00 P.M. Mass and Stations of the Cross
Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

Altar Servers: Ally & Maria Cinea

Lector: Rita Sheetz

Eucharistic Minister: John Sheetz

SATURDAY, MAR. 10

ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Last week's Offertory Feb. 18-19 \$3,266

Last year's Offertory Feb. 19-20 \$3,085

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...." Mark 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming? It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

Readings for the Week of February 26, 2012

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

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YOUTH GROUP

The St. Maurice Youth Group for those in grades 5 through 12 will meet on Friday, March 2nd from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. We will begin with Stations of the Cross in the church and conclude in the basement with games. Please join us!

From the Diocese of Norwich

Catholic Charities/Office of Family Life

Natural Family Planning Classes ~ (NFP) the Sympto-Thermal Method is scientific, helps with fertility problems, easily learned and 99% effective for conceiving or responsibly postponing a baby. **NFP** is your loving and safe alternative to dangerous chemicals, devices, synthetic hormones and side-effects of contraception and birth control. **With NFP marriage and family insurance is covered by GOD.** NFP classes for married and engaged couples are 3- part monthly. A class begins on March 3rd 3pm in Westerly, RI, call the Brodeur's at 401-596-3443. Class begins on March 19th 7pm in Old Saybrook, call the Collison's at 860-399-8265. Class begins March 24th 2pm in Gales Ferry call the Schantz's at 860-464-1184. A class begins on April 4th at 6pm in Westerly, RI, call the Blier's at 401-596-9582. **To register for a NFP class go to www.ccli.org.** Anyone is welcome to attend a presentation on **NFP** on February 25th, 10:45am at St. Joseph's in Occum or March 30th, 8:15pm at St. Francis, Middletown. For info call Susan Williams, Office of Family Life, at 860-889-8346 ext. 283.

FEBRUARY 26, 2012

From the Diocese of Norwich

Office of Family Life / Catholic Charities

Join our Diocesan family for the monthly Pro-Life Mass on Saturday, March 3rd ~ 8:30 a.m. at St. Patrick Cathedral in Norwich. Following the Mass the Rosary will be prayed both in the Cathedral and at the Planned Parenthood. Brunch will be served after the Rosary. Join us with your prayer and presence as we work together to bring about a culture of life.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekends – If you are silently grieving after an abortion; healing, forgiveness and peace can have a beginning with a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat.** Retreat March 23-25 in Westerly, RI call Carol Owens at 401-421-7833 ext.118. Retreat March 23-25 in Litchfield, CT call Mary at 203-882-1326. Rachel's Vineyard Website:

www.rachelsvineyard.org

"Project Rachel" is also a Diocesan outreach for anyone in need of healing. Priests in "Project Rachel" can help you through healing and forgiveness. Call 860-889-8307 or 1-800-554-5173. All inquiries are confidential.

Do you need help with purchasing a home or falling behind on mortgage payments? Need help with budgeting or filling out applications for EMAP? All services are provided free at Catholic Charities, a HUD approved Counseling Agency. Also: Free ongoing Foreclosure Prevention and 8 hour Home Buyers Education Classes are being offered by Catholic Charities in Norwich, New London and Plainfield locations. For details call 860-889-8346 ext.271.

IMMACULATA – Married Couples Retreat – March 16 – 18 2012 – A weekend to remember that will renew and rejuvenate your relationship as a married couple. Cost \$335 per couple. Call 860-423-8484 for more information.

2012 Annual Catholic Appeal – "To Love and Serve the Lord"

The 2012 Annual Catholic Appeal asks for your cooperation and support in promoting a successful campaign in your parish and throughout the diocese. It provides us with an opportunity to extend the ministry of Jesus beyond individual boundaries. This is a special time to carry out God's will to love and serve others.

Prayer of the Faithful

"That as we begin the 2012 Annual Catholic Appeal, God may strengthen our faith and grant us the spirit of Christian generosity to love and serve others in need..."

We pray to the Lord."



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