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Second Sunday of Lent • March 4, 2012

Good News!

March 4, 2012

Second Sunday of Lent

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

What does it mean to be “for” someone? We’re often “for” a particular sports team (mine happens to be the 2011 World Champion St. Louis Cardinals—go Redbirds!), declaring our allegiance by wearing team jerseys, sporting logo-embroidered hats, or even painting our faces or bodies. We can be “for” a specific political candidate, displaying signs in our yard. Usually when we’re “for” someone or something, we’re against someone or something else. A competition is occurring.


Yet when a pregnant woman monitors everything she eats, drinks, or takes into her body because it will affect her unborn child, isn’t she “for” her baby? When a tutor spends extra time ensuring a student understands his homework, isn’t he “for” this young man? There’s no competition, no race to the finish. It’s simply someone pouring forth and living selflessly for someone else.

So when we hear Saint Paul claim in today’s second reading that “God is for us,” we should take pause and recognize the power of this truth. The almighty God, Lord of all the universe, is for us. Us sinners. Us frail, broken humans. God wants to give selflessly to us and to unceasingly pour out love to us. God’s most profound gift is revealed in today’s Gospel through Jesus’ transfiguration. We, like the disciples, are awed at Jesus’ glorious nature, and we are given a glimpse of our own transfiguration in eternal life. Our God is so “for” us that he has transformed our death and given us the precious gift of eternal life.

With this vision of glory always before us, our Lenten journey can be one of deep trust in God. Saint Paul said it best: “If God is for us, who can be against us?”

We truly have nothing to fear.

Janel Esker
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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
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

SUNDAY, MAR. 4

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

9:00 A.M. *Mandatory meeting for the parents of Confirmation candidates in the library at the Parish Center with Father Wojciech.*

9:00 To 9:45 A.M. – FAITH FORMATION

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

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

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

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

7:00 P.M. – *Knights of Columbus Business Meeting*

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

SATURDAY, MAR. 10

ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS

NEXT WEEK
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 10 – 11, 2012
USHERS GROUP III

Pre-Appeal for Annual Catholic Appeal
Maintenance Collection
Coffee Social

SATURDAY, MAR. 10

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Carmen Torres request of
Rich, Gail & Terri Gidius

Altar Servers: Kyle Toce & Josh Meyers

Lector: Charles Luchini

Eucharistic Minister: Georgette Pelletier

SUNDAY, MAR. 11

7:30 A.M. Mass Offered for +Sybil McCarthy request
of Pat & Sybil Bartone

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Joel Cohan

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 Mary Ann Ferguson

Altar Servers: Ryan & Nicholas VanDine

Lector: Paul Brown

Eucharistic Minister: Betty Aitkin

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, MAR. 12

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.

7:00 P.M. – *Property Management Meeting*

TUESDAY, MAR. 13

9:00 A.M. Mass Offered for +Olga Guglielmino
request of Samuel Guglielmino

7:00 P.M. – Parish Council Meeting

7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 14

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*

7:00 P.M. – *Movie night for Confirmation Students &
their parents*

THURSDAY, MAR. 15 – No Mass

FRIDAY, MAR. 16 – 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: Megan Shorey & Kaila Toce

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Lou Cloutier

SATURDAY, MAR. 17

ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 4, 2012

Last week's Offertory Feb. 25-26 \$2,999

Last year's Offertory Feb. 26-28 \$2,252

Ash Wednesday Feb. 22 – \$843

“Here I am!” he answered.” – Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, “Here I am, Lord,” when we are kneeling in church. Can we just as easily answer, “Here I am, Lord,” when we go home, when a neighbor needs our help, when a fellow parishioner asks us to join a committee, or when a letter asks for our financial help? These are often exactly the places where Jesus calls us to be.

Readings for the Week of March 4, 2012

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

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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DAY OF RECOLLECTION

St. Edmund's Retreat – Mystic, Ct.

Monday, March 19, 2012 – 10 AM – 3 PM

“FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH” – w/Sr. Eugenia Brady, SJC

St. Joseph, Patron of the Interior Life, will be our guide as well as we celebrate his feast and reflect on the humility and simplicity evident in his life. Includes two conferences, Mass, Reconciliation, time to explore the Island and a hot served lunch.

Please call 860-536-0565 to pre-register.

Cost : \$35 Per Person

A Parent's Guide: Teaching the Truth and Meaning of Human Sexuality.

A DVD is available for you to purchase from www.catholicparents.org. It has been featured on EWTN and is based on the 1995 document by the Pontifical Council for the Family “The Truth and Meaning of Human Sexuality”. This entire document can be read on the EWTN website on libraries. The document and DVD is on target for our present time and age appropriate on when, how and what to say to your children. For information call the Family Life Office at 860-889-8346 ext. 283.

SAINT BERNARD SCHOOL – UNCASVILLE, CT

Spring Open House. Tuesday, March 6 from 6:00-8:00pm.

Registration forms can be found on line at saint-bernard.com/admissions-registration.

Entrance Exam. Saturday, March 17 at 8:00am. Registration forms can be found on line at saint-bernard.com/entrance-exam-registration.

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2012 Annual Catholic Appeal –

“To Love and Serve the Lord”

The Annual Catholic Appeal is our way of supporting the work of the Catholic Church, both in our parish and throughout Eastern Connecticut. The church is called to be the visible sign of God's presence in the world. We as believers can reach out to the needy, the hopeless, and the elderly in sharing the light of faith through educational programs, and the many other ways in which the Annual Catholic Appeal serves God's Church. We are all members of the family of God – rich and poor alike. As God's disciples we are called to take care of each other. Please be generous with your gift to the 2012 Annual Catholic Appeal.

YOUTH BAND –

All youth in grades 5 thru 12 interested in joining our Youth Band, are invited to attend a short meeting on March 18th following the 10:00 mass. We will gather in the basement of the church to meet with Ms. Laura Merwin and Mr. Dan Ayer who will be providing us with their musical direction. We are asking parents to encourage their children to participate.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION –

The Exodus can be seen as the defining moment in the history of Israel. God rescues the Israelites not only from the physical oppression of Pharaoh, but also frees His people from sin to a new freedom that belongs to the children of God. It is our Salvation History too. Adventures in Exodus is a DVD series that will explain who God is and what He calls us to be. Discover that God's Law is in fact a reflection of God's love and concern for His people and see how the emagery from the Exodus permeates the New Testament.

This series will be held on Sundays beginning on March 18th. Sessions will be at 9:00 A.M. and will be repeated at 6:30 P.M. in the Parish Center Hall.



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