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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time • October 28, 2012

Good News!

October 28, 2012

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 31:7-9 / Heb 5:1-6 / Mk 10:46-52

I'm generally a morning person, but I'm far from perky before I put in my contact lenses. That brief period in which I stumble out of bed toward the bathroom to "put my eyes in" is the closest I've come to being blind, and it's not pleasant.

Though I go through this ritual every morning, I unfortunately still take the gift of sight for granted. Probably many of us do. When we open our eyes each day, we simply expect to be able to see. What a shock it must be to gradually or suddenly lose that gift.

We don't know how Bartimaeus lost his sight—whether it was gradual or sudden, whether he was born blind. But though he lacked physical sight, he possessed an even greater gift—the eyes of faith. Somehow he'd heard about Jesus, and he believed.

The crowds couldn't discourage Bartimaeus from calling out to Jesus. And when Jesus answered, Bartimaeus "threw aside his cloak." As a beggar, Bartimaeus gathered alms in his cloak, so he was leaving behind all the money he'd gathered that day—such was his trust in Jesus. For his great faith, he was given his sight, and he responded in gratitude by following Jesus.

I'm guessing we take for granted not only the gift of sight, but also the gift of faith. Having eyes of faith isn't our own doing—it's truly a gift from God. Are we using this gift as well as Bartimaeus did, trusting in God wholeheartedly no matter who or what discourages us?

If we need help, we need only call out to Jesus. If we're stumbling and need help "putting our eyes (of faith) in," we can say today with Bartimaeus, "Master, I want to see."

Janel Esker

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 5:00 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.

ST. MAURICE CHURCH

BOLTON, CT (49)

THIS WEEK

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCT. 27 – 28, 2012

USHERS GROUP IV

MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

SATURDAY, OCT. 27 –

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the intentions of Charles and Mary Varrick request of Mary Gallant

SUNDAY, OCT. 28 –

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

8:30 A.M. – Breakfast for Faith Formation

9:00 A.M. - Faith Formation

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for + Katherine Berlin request of the Smythe Family

MONDAY, OCT. 29 –

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, OCT. 30 –

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

7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31 –

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

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

3 to 7 P.M. – *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

THURSDAY, NOV. 1 –

Solemnity of All Saints / Holy Day of Obligation

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

Altar Servers: ShirleyWarbeck

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

7:00 P.M. – Mass offered for all Parishioners of Saint Maurice

Altar Servers: ShirleyWarbeck

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

FRIDAY, Nov. 2 – No Mass

SATURDAY, NOV. 3 –

ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

NEXT WEEK

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOV. 3 – 4, 2012

USHERS GROUP I

SATURDAY, NOV. 3 –

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Lois Dunham request of Linda Wiley

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea

Lector: Georgette Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Maureen Mozzer

SUNDAY, NOV. 4 –

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

Altar Servers: ShirleyWarbeck

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Richardson

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

8:30 A.M. – Breakfast for Faith Formation

9:00 A.M. - Faith Formation

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +Mary Nicholson request of Dolores Lynch

Altar Servers: Anjelica & Alex Czercowy

Lector: Rita Sheetz

Eucharistic Minister: Rita Sheetz

2 to 4 P.M. – Video Presentation of “Call to Protect” at the Parish Center

MONDAY, NOV. 5 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice

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

TUESDAY, NOV. 6 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for a Special Intention for Barbara Sposito request of Linda Wiley

7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 7 –

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

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

3 to 7 P.M. – *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

THURSDAY, NOV. 8 – No Mass

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

FRIDAY, Nov. 9 – No Mass

SATURDAY, NOV. 10 –

ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

Last week's Offertory – October 21 – \$2,933
Last year's Offertory – October 23 – \$3,605

"Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way." (Mark 10:52)

Sight is just one of the many gifts that God has given us. Like all of our basic senses and talents, sight is a gift we often take for granted. We pat ourselves on the back for our accomplishments, forgetting that whatever we do, we do with the gifts that God has given to us.

THE MISSION COMBINED COLLECTION

Last weekend the Mission Combined Collection for the World Mission Appeal, U.S. Bishop's Appeal for Latin America, Black and Indian Missions, and the Catholic Home Mission Appeal was taken up in our Parish.

If you were unable to bring your gift envelope, extras are available on the Usher's tables at the back of the Church. Your support of the missionary needs of the Universal Church is greatly appreciated.

Your contribution can be placed in the collection basket next weekend or mailed directly to the parish. Thank you for your generosity in the past and thank you for what you will do now to help our missionaries continue their vital work.

Holiday Fair at St. Mary Church

1600 Main St.
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Call for information – 860-742-0681

Date: November 3, 2012
Time: 9 am to 2 pm

Join the Holiday Fair for great handmade items at the XMAS Shoppe, Country Cupboard, Haitian Crafts – Fine Jewelry – Toy Shoppe – Religion Booth – Handmade Stitched items – the Bakery. There will be an extra special SMALL RAFFLE. Food Concessions available.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Can You Spend One Hour With ME?
EVERY WEDNESDAY
3 P.M. – 7 P.M.

Readings for the Week of October 28, 2012

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52
Monday: Eph 4:32---5:8/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-32/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Friday: Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

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SAINT MAURICE CHRISTMAS FAIR
COMING NOVEMBER 17, 2012



Please join us on Wednesday
From 9:00 a.m. to Noon
At the Parish Center
Coffee is always brewing!

We are still in need of small baskets as well as more flour, sugar, paraffin and shortening (Crisco type), tea cups and saucers, teaspoons (they do not need to be matching) and baby food jars. Please place any donations in the vestibule of the Church or the Parish Center.

We are still in need of HELP to work the day of the Fair.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME.
Sign-up sheets are in the vestibules of the Church.

SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

There will be a video presentation, "Call to Protect", on Sunday, **November 4th from 2 to 4 pm** at the Parish Center Hall. This is part of creating a Safe Environment for children and adults. All parishioners involved in ministries that regularly come in contact with children, who did not attend last October, or did not complete the training on the computer, should attend.

Defending Our Religious Freedom

As the election gets closer, we are coming to realize how our communion with God is facing critical challenges. For the first time in the history of the United States, the federal government is forcing religious institutions to fund practices that are contrary to our moral convictions, putting our religious liberty in jeopardy. This election day it is important that you cast your vote with religious liberty in mind.

If you haven't expressed your opposition to the federal healthcare mandate, please contact the White House at: www.whitehouse.gov/contact or call: 202-456-1111 or 202-456-1414.



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