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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time • February 10, 2013

Good News!

February 10, 2013

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Is 6:1–2a, 3–8 / 1 Cor 15:1–11
or 15:3–8, 11 / Lk 5:1–11


My husband and I joke that the sweetest three words in the English language aren't "I love you," but "You were right." We relish hearing them, but they're often hard to say, especially when you're certain you were the one who had it right, however minute "it" was. It's tough to admit you're wrong and that you don't have all the answers.

Simon Peter faced this dilemma in the Gospel. He had followed Jesus' command to lower the nets, but you can almost hear the exasperation—sarcasm, even—dripping from his voice: "We have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." I can't exactly blame him. He was exhausted, and he was an experienced fisherman—now someone trained as a carpenter is telling him how to do his job? I imagine he expected to pull up an empty net and shake his head knowingly at Jesus.

But he ends up having to admit that Jesus was right as the nets practically tear open from the weight of the fish. His self-confidence melts, and Simon sees himself as nothing but a sinful man. He joins the ranks of Isaiah (in the first reading) and Saint Paul (in the second) in claiming he is unworthy to draw near to and serve the Lord.

But in this case again, Jesus turns out to be right. He specifically chooses sinful, broken people as his followers. It's baffling, but it's true. Simon was unworthy and we are unworthy, but as Saint Paul reminds us, "His grace to me has not been ineffective." God's grace fills us with what is lacking, and we are then capable of believing, following, and serving the Lord.

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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!

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By appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

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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 (11)

THIS WEEK
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEB. 9 – 10, 2013

Triple Play Café Breakfast
Blood Pressure Screening
USHERS GROUP III

SATURDAY, FEB. 9 –

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Gary Martin 4th Anniv.
request of Linda LaChapelle

SUNDAY, FEB. 10 –

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Donald Holbrook request
of his Family

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 + Fred Barbero 10th Anniv.
Request of the Fred Barbero Family

Baptism of Thomas Gladue After 10 A.M. Mass

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, FEB. 11 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Dave Caruso, Jr. request
of Mom & Dad

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

TUESDAY, FEB. 12 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Iva Lindberg request of
Lynn Mancino

7:00 P.M. – Parish Council Meeting

7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13 –

Masses & Ashes

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

7:00 P.M. Mass Offered for All Parishioners of St.
Maurice

FAIR WORKSHOP AFTER 9 A.M. MASS

No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, FEB. 14 – No Mass

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

FRIDAY, FEB. 15 – No Morning Mass

5 – to 7 P.M. – Fish Dinner

7:00 P.M. – Mass and Stations of the Cross

Mass offered for +Rolande Mishio and
+Lucie Dube request of the Fournier Family

SATURDAY, FEB. 16 –

3:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS

Last week's Offertory – February 3 – \$3,227

Last year's Offertory – February 5 – \$3,934

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" (Isaiah 6:8)
Every day – in little ways and in big ways – God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry or just someone to open a door for an overburdened stranger, God constantly looks to see if we are willing to respond with the eagerness that Isaiah showed when he answered, "Here I am, send me!"

NEXT WEEK
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEB. 16 – 17, 2013
USHERS GROUP IV

SATURDAY, FEB. 16 –

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Giovanno Roebino
and +Francisco & +Vincenza Russo
request of Josephine Maratta

Altar Servers: Maria Cineia

Lector: Georgette Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley

Coffee After 4 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, FEB. 17 –

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St.
Maurice

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

NO FAITH FORMATION

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +Antoni & +Helena
Babiec request of Bieszczad & Fiano
Families

Altar Servers: Elena & Catherine Fiano

Lector: Barbara Fiano

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Scorso

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, FEB. 18 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Marie Ann Madore
request of her Daughters & Son

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

TUESDAY, FEB. 19 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Martha Turner
request of Lynn Mancino

7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Francesca Quagliano
request of Josephine Maratta

9: A.M. – FAIR WORKSHOP

3 to 7 P.M. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, FEB. 21 – No Mass

FRIDAY, FEB. 22 – No Morning Mass

5 – to 7 P.M. – Fish Dinner

7:00 P.M. – Mass and Stations of the Cross

Mass offered for +Paul Dube and Levi
Fournier request of the Grandchildren

SATURDAY, FEB. 23 –

3:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of February 10, 2013
 Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11
 Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: Gn 1:20--2:4a/Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
 Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

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General Information for the Observance of Lent

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

These regulations unite the whole Catholic Church throughout the world in the Lenten journey of repentance and conversion of heart. Observed in a spirit of generosity, fast and abstinence remind us of our own frailty and make us more sensitive to the needs of others. Acts of penance find their completion in works of charity and justice.

Fasting: Those between the ages of 18 and 59 years old are obliged to observe the laws on fasting. Traditionally, to fast means limiting oneself to one full meal in the day and two smaller meals. The two prescribed days of fasting are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Abstinence: The law on abstinence obliges all those who are over the age of 14. On days of abstinence meat is not eaten at any meal. The prescribed days of abstinence are Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday.

Who was Saint Valentine?

Archeologists unearthed a Roman catacomb and an ancient church dedicated to St. Valentine. Next to a wooden portrait of him lay a text stating that Valentinus was a Roman priest who was martyred circa 269 AD. Historians believe that he was condemned to death during the reign of Emperor Claudius II for unlawfully marrying Christian couples and aiding persecuted Christians. During his confinement, legend states that Claudius became fond of Valentinus. However, Valentinus committed the tragic error of attempting to convert the Emperor to Christianity. Valentinus was then condemned to death. Legend also says that when incarcerated, Valentinus restored sight to the jail keeper's daughter, and wrote a farewell letter to her on the eve of his death signed, "From your Valentine". He is the patron saint of engaged couples, happy marriages, love, plague, travelers, epilepsy, fainting and young couples. During the High Middle Ages ("high" because of the peak of faith during this period among Europeans and the golden age of the Catholic Church), the custom of men and women writing love letters to their "Valentine" emerged in honor of the feast day of St. Valentine. Other tokens of love: chocolates, sweets, and jewelry.

OPERATION RICE BOWL – BRING LENT TO LIFE

Ash Wednesday, February 13, 2013, our parish with parishes across the Diocese of Norwich is beginning a program of prayer and sacrifice called Operation Rice Bowl (ORB). For 40 years, Operation Rice Bowl has helped to feed the hungry poor. Through our participation in this program, we bring hope and healing to another person or family living halfway across the globe, strengthen and enriching those persons' lives, both physically and spiritually, and greatly enhancing your parish community's Lenten faith experience. Rice bowls will be distributed to you at Mass. Families are encouraged to gather each week in prayer for the hungry poor and to share a sacrificial meal. With the moneys saved from this meal, a donation is placed in the family Rice Bowl and can be brought to the parish family Rice Bowl on Palm Sunday, March, 2013. 75% of Operation Rice Bowl funds will feed the hungry poor overseas, the remaining 25% will be used in the diocese to feed the needy. This Lent, gather in prayer and sacrifice as a family to pray and to care for the hungry poor.

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 Dessert

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Grilled Cheese / French Fries / Dessert

Location: Parish Center

Time: 5 to 7 P.M.

TAKEOUT ORDERS AVAILABLE

Defending Our Religious Liberty

Even though a U.S. District Judge dismissed their lawsuit, the Archdiocese of Washington, the Catholic University of America, the Consortium of Catholic Academies, Archbishop Carroll High School and Catholic Charities of D.C. are optimistic. They say the lawsuit was not dismissed on the merits of the case, but only on procedural grounds. They have released a statement saying, "The court's ruling today places the onus squarely on the government to fulfill its binding commitment to address the religious freedom concerns. This requires the government to revise its HHS (Health and Human Services) mandate in a way that truly respects our right to serve all those in need without violating our religious beliefs."

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