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Third Sunday of Lent • March 3, 2013

# Good News!

March 3, 2013

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Ex 3:1–8a, 13–15 /

1 Cor 10:1–6, 10–12, Lk 13:1–9

When our daughter was born, my husband and I bought a tree at an end-of-season sale to plant in her honor. It sat all winter looking quite dead. As warmer temperatures arrived in the spring, I anxiously watched for signs of budding, quite aware of the one-year guarantee on my sales receipt—if the tree didn't blossom within the first year, I could uproot it and return it for a full refund.

I'm not sure how I'd have responded if a gardener had begged me to keep the tree past the deadline. I'd lose my chance at a refund, and what would be the likelihood of the tree really "coming back to life" if it hadn't done anything within the first year? It would take a lot of trust in the gardener and in the tree's potential to give it another chance.

In today's Gospel, God is both owner and gardener. There comes a time for God's judgment on us, but God is also the one who continually offers graced opportunities to repent and change our behaviors. We also hear Jesus speak of the untimely deaths of innocent people in his community.

These stories remind us that our lives are fragile and we don't know when our time on earth will end. God expects us to always be prepared to meet him and his judgment.

Are we taking advantage of this Lent as a grace-filled opportunity to root out sin and prune our lives of unfruitful tendencies?

God expects much, and God graces us with much—it's up to us to do the growing.

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**

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**THIS WEEK**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**MAR. 2 – 3, 2013**  
**USHERS GROUP II**  
**PRE APPEAL –ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

**SATURDAY, MAR. 2 –**

**4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for +Gary Martin, 4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.  
request of Linda LaChapelle

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

**SUNDAY, MAR. 3 –**

**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 +All Parishioners of Saint Maurice

**BAPTISM: KEVIN ROBINSON AFTER 10:00 AM MASS**

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

**MONDAY, MAR. 4 –**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Arthur Chamberlain  
request of Irene Kwiatkowski

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

**TUESDAY, MAR 5 –**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Patricia Griffin request of  
Trudy Madore and Janet Prophet

**7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal**

**WEDNESDAY, MAR 6 – NO MASS**

**9:00 A.M. – FAIR WORKSHOP**

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

**THURSDAY, MAR. 7 – NO MASS**

**FRIDAY, MAR 8 – NO MORNING MASS**

**5 to 7 P.M. – Fish Dinner**

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

Mass offered for All Parishioners of Saint Maurice

**SATURDAY, MAR 9 –**

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

**Last week's Offertory- February 24 - \$2,574**

**Last Year's Offertory – February 26 - \$2,999**

*"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" (Luke 13:7)*

**Are we like the barren fig tree? What does God find when He searches for the fruits which we have given back? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you?**

**NEXT WEEK**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**MAR. 10 – 11, 2013**  
**USHERS GROUP III**  
**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL COMMITMENT**

**SATURDAY, MAR. 9 –**

**4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for +Mary Ann Flynn  
request of Bert & Marge Flynn

*Altar Servers: Josh Meyers*

*Lector: Patti Cinea*

*Eucharistic Minister: Maureen Mozzer*

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

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS AT 2 A.M.**

**SUNDAY, MAR. 10 –**

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

*Altar Servers: Lynn Mancino*

*Lector: Lynn Mancino*

*Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio*

**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 +All Parishioners of Saint Maurice

*Altar Servers: Nicholas VanDine*

*Lector: Rita Sheetz*

*Eucharistic Minister: Rita Sheetz*

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

**MONDAY, MAR. 11 –**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for Election of new Pope

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

**TUESDAY, MAR 12 –**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +John Ciscon

**7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal**

**WEDNESDAY, MAR 13 – NO MASS**

**9:00 A.M. – FAIR WORKSHOP**

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

**THURSDAY, MAR. 14 – NO MASS**

**K OF C BUSINESS MEETING AT 7 PM**

**FRIDAY, MAR 15 – NO MORNING MASS**

**5 to 7 P.M. – Fish Dinner**

**6 TO 8 PM – YOUTH GROUP MEETING IN THE PARISH LIBRARY**

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

Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

*Altar Servers: Nicholas VanDine, & Alex Czercowy*

*Lector: Georgette Pelletier*

*Eucharistic Minister: Jean Gately*

**SATURDAY MASS TIME CHANGE TO 5:00 P.M.**

**SATURDAY, MAR 16 –**

**4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS**

**Readings for the Week of March 3, 2013**

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7, Rom 5:1-2,5-8/Jn 4:5-42  
 Monday: 2Kg 5:1-15b/Lk 4: 24-30  
 Tuesday: Dnl 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35  
 Wednesday: Dt 4: 1,5-9/Mt 5: 17-19  
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23  
 Friday: Hs 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34  
 Saturday: Hs 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14  
 Next Sunday: Js 5:9a,10-12;2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:18

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**MINISTRY: ALTAR SERVERS**

The role of an altar server includes the preparation of the Lord's Table and to serve the priest during Mass. Youth who have made their First Holy Communion, have completed second grade, have expressed interest and commitment to the responsibilities of this ministry, are invited to serve. Training is required and is provided by shadowing an experienced altar server. Also encouraged is the attendance by all servers at training workshops held 1-2 times per year. The altar server is assigned a Mass time of his/her choosing, and is placed on a rotation schedule. Interested youth contact: **Fr. Wojciech after Mass, the Parish Office, Mary Mumford@ 860- 537-5196 or Maria Cinea @860-646-8564.**

**SAINT MAURICE CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB**

To help deepen our faith, especially during this Lenten season, our parish will begin an adult Catholic Book Club. The first book chosen is St. Augustine's Confessions. Parishioners interested in taking part in this first book series are requested to place their names on the sign up sheets on the tables in the back of the Church by March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Books will then be ordered, distributed, and adequate time given to read the book. A Sunday afternoon for reflection will follow. Date TBD. For more information, contact Fr. Wojciech after Mass, or Patti Cinea (860-646-0564).

**MINISTRY: ALTAR CLOTHS AND LINENS/HOLIDAY FLOWERS**

The Church Sanctuary is the most sacred place in the Church proper. Maintaining the Sanctuary is an important responsibility. A clean and beautifully decorated Sanctuary enhances our worship by drawing our attention to the Sacrifice of the Mass and the holiness of God. This ministry consists of keeping this area and altar linens clean. Altar cloths need to be changed for each liturgical season. At Easter time and Christmas, flowers and other décor need to be arranged. This does not take a lot of time, and verbal direction will be provided. Your help will be appreciated. If interested in joining this ministry, please call the office at 860-643-4466

**2013 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL – “FAITH WITH CHARITY AND LOVE”**

The Annual Catholic Appeal, which supports the work of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Norwich, will be conducted in every parish over the next two weekends. The theme of this year's campaign is: "Faith with Charity and Love." Your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal has a tremendous impact on the lives of others. The ACA is a united effort in which all Catholics in the Diocese of Norwich are able to join together to act in "Faith with Charity and Love." As we serve and sacrifice, our stewardship helps us to further the mission and ministry of the Catholic Church in our region. As it was written in the Gospel, "let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth."

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASS FOR ENGAGED COUPLES, God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage"**

Mar 2, 9, 16, 23, 2013, 9:30am-11:45am at St Matthew Church, Tolland  
 Apr. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2013, 6:30pm-8:45pm at Our Lady of Lourdes, Gales Ferry  
 To register for a 4 session class call the Family Life Office at 860-889-8346 ext 283. Cost \$50.00 per couple

**SENIOR RENEWAL DAYS AT Immaculata Retreat House, 289 Windham Rd., Willimantic**

9:30 am to 1 pm with Father Roger Couture, O.M.I.  
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