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Fourth Sunday of Lent • March 10, 2013

# Good News!

March 10, 2013

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Jos 5:9a, 10–12 / 2 Cor 5:17–21 / Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

Actors dread being typecast—becoming so identified with a particular kind of role (such as villain) that they aren't offered other kinds. But you don't have to be in show business to be typecast by others: "That's my sister, the Gossip." "My husband is a Workaholic." "My friend is the Late One. Never on time for anything." It can be hard to break out of these molds.

Typecasting has no place in the spiritual life, however. Saint Paul tells us that everyone in Christ is a "new creation" and that, just as we have been reconciled to God, we are also called to the "ministry of reconciliation." The father in the Prodigal Son story is a remarkable model of such behavior. He doesn't view his son as a sinful, wasteful ingrate; instead, he nearly trips over himself running to greet his son and throw him a huge party. The father is the "prodigal" one—extravagant and wasteful in his love and forgiveness for his son.

During Lent, we may identify particularly with that younger son in our need for repentance and forgiveness. But what if we try to model ourselves after the father, who releases his son from typecasting and welcomes him as a new creation? Can we see everyone as redeemable no matter how many times they've frustrated, annoyed, or wounded us?

Maybe we hold a childhood grudge against our parent. Maybe our spouse lacks communication skills. Maybe our boss just seems plain crazy. Are they forever typecast in our minds, or might we see them as a new creation in God? Christ gives us the ministry of reconciliation—but will we practice it?

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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!

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By appointment.

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Please call the rectory (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

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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.

**THIS WEEK**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**MAR. 9 – 10, 2013**

**USHERS GROUP III**

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL COMMITMENT SUNDAY**

**SATURDAY, MAR. 9 –**

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

*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

**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 St. Maurice

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

**MONDAY, MAR. 11 –**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for the Election of a New Pope

**5:00 P.M. – Parish BINGO –** Food available from 5 P.M. GAMES begin at 6:30 P.M. The Progressive Jackpot amount for Bingo Monday March 11 is \$400.

**TUESDAY, MAR. 12 –**

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

**7:15 P.A.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**

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

**FRIDAY, MAR. 15 – No Morning Mass**

**5 to 7 P.M. – Fish Dinner**

**6 to 8 P.M. – Youth Group Meeting in the Parish Library**

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

Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

**SATURDAY, MAR. 16 – Mass Time Changes to 5 P.M.**

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

Last week's Offertory – March 3 – \$3,524

Last year's Offertory – March 4 – \$4,318

*"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." (Joshua 5:12)*

Throughout the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

**NEXT WEEK**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Mar. 16 - 17, 2013**

**USHERS GROUP IV**

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL FOLLOW-UP**  
**COFFEE SOCIAL AFTER ALL SUNDAY MASSES**

**SATURDAY, MAR. 16 –**

**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice

*Altar Servers: Maria Cinea*

*Lector: Georgette Pelletier*

*Eucharistic Minister: Annedda Stiller*

*Coffee After 5 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement*

**SUNDAY, MAR. 17 –**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for +Raymond Poniatoski  
request of Jane & Bob Hunt

*Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck*

*Lector: Joel Cohan*

*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 +Patrick Joyce request of Tony & Kathleen Conneely & Family

*Altar Servers: Alex Czercowy*

*Lector: Paul Brown*

*Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen Smythe*

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

**MONDAY, MAR. 18 –**

**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, MAR. 19 –**

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

**7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal**

**WEDNESDAY, MAR. 20 – No Mass**

**9:00 A.M. – FAIR WORKSHOP**

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

**THURSDAY, MAR. 21 – No Mass**

**FRIDAY, MAR. 22 – No Morning Mass**

**5 – to 7 P.M. – Fish Dinner**

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

Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

*Altar Servers: Nicholas VanDine & Alex Czercowy*

*Lector: Judy Knox*

*Eucharistic Minister: Annedda Stiller*

**SATURDAY, MAR. 23 –**

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

**Baptism of Penelope Orfitelli after Mass**

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings for the Week of March 10, 2013

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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### MINISTRY: LECTORS

The chief responsibility of the lector, or minister of the Word, is to proclaim the living word of God from Sacred Scripture, other than the Gospel, during Mass. Persons who possess faith and love for the Word of God, and the skills necessary to proclaim God's Word with clarity and conviction, should consider this ministry. Most in need for our parish are lectors for the Saturday Vigil and Sunday 7:00 a.m. Masses.

Interested youth candidates must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Commitments include attending a workshop held 1-2 times per year, availability to minister on a rotating schedule about once monthly and arriving 15 minutes before Mass for preparation. Those persons interested should contact Fr. Wojciech.

### Beginning Experience Retreat

For all who are divorced, widowed, or separated – there is a special heartache in finding oneself alone again. DIVORCED, SEPARATED AND WIDOWED MEN AND WOMEN of all ages are encouraged to attend a **Beginning Experience** weekend designed for those who wish to resolve the pain and grief of losing the marriage relationship and create a more peace-filled future.

The **Beginning Experience** weekend will be held **April 5-7 at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center in Farmington, CT.**

The weekend begins **Friday evening, April 5 and continues through Sunday afternoon, April 7**, concluding with Mass. The weekend fee is \$225/person, which includes the program and materials, all meals on Saturday and Sunday and two Nights' stay. For more information and an application for yourself or for a friend, please call Ray at 860-741-3050.

Feel free to visit our web-site at:

[www.beginningexperience.org/connecticut](http://www.beginningexperience.org/connecticut)

### GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scout Week is March 10-16. The week begins with Girl Scout Sunday on March 10, followed by our 101st Anniversary on March 12, and ends on Girl Scout Sabbath on March 16. We hope you will take a moment to recognize the girls and women in your congregation who are or who have been Girl Scouts. For over 100 years, thousands of dedicated volunteers and Girl Scouts throughout Connecticut make a difference every day in their communities. All girls from Kindergarten through 12th grade are welcome to participate in Girl Scouts and attend our summer camp programs. Please visit us online at [www.gsofct.org](http://www.gsofct.org) for more information.

## FEBRUARY 10, 2013

### ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL COMMITMENT WEEKEND

*2013 Annual catholic Appeal – "Faith With Charity and Love"*

The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) is our way of supporting the work of The Catholic Church, both in our parish and throughout our region. The ACA is a lifeline to our ministries, which are the visible signs of Christ's call to help others, just as the Church is the visible sign of God's presence in the world. As believers, we can act in "Faith with Charity and Love" and share the light of Christ through our ministries, which administer a wide variety of programs throughout our region. Our ministries address emergency food, clothing and shelter needs, faith events, education, religious instruction, behavioral health, RCIA, adoption and pregnancy support services, and so much more. God calls us to act in "Faith with Charity and Love", and take care of one another. Please prayerfully consider your gift to the 2013 ACA.

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**Time:** 5 to 7 P.M.

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