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Fifth Sunday of Lent • March 17, 2013

# Good News!

March 17, 2013

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Is 43:16–21 / Phil 3:8–14 / Jn 8:1–11

The adulterous woman should have been stoned. Instead, the only sounds piercing the air were those of stones hitting the ground (Thud. Thud. Thud.) and sandaled feet trudging away in defeat (Shuffle. Shuffle. Shuffle.). “See, I’m doing something new. It springs forth; do you not perceive it?” The Israelites were grounded in memories of God’s great deeds for them. To be told by God to “remember not the events of the past” and anticipate something new presented quite a challenge.


“Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” Doing something new, Jesus turned the law upside down. His wisdom exposed the foolishness of the scribes and Pharisees. They could only shake their heads in silence, drop their stones, and shuffle away.

We are the Israelite people. We are the woman caught in adultery. We are the stone-grasping accusers. We cling to our expectations of how God should act. We cling to sinful behavior. We cling to judgment of others. Yet God bursts forth with mercy and compassion. This God makes ways in wilderness, makes rivers in wastelands, and showers us with forgiveness and love. Mercy trumps vengeance. Compassion trumps violence.

Can you hear the new thing God is doing? The woman caught in adultery heard it. The scribes and Pharisees heard it. It sounds like stones dropping. It sounds like accusers shuffling away. It is the mercy of God pouring down on us.

Do you not perceive 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!

### 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 (16)**

**THIS 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

***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

**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

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

**MONDAY, MAR. 18 –**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for Thanksgiving for Family and Friends request of Mary Mumford

**5:00 P.M. –** Parish BINGO – Food available from 5 P.M. GAMES begin at 6:30 P.M. The amount of the progressive jackpot that will be awarded at Bingo Monday March 18 is \$450.

**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

**SATURDAY, MAR. 23 –**

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

**Last week's Offertory – March 10 – \$3,233**

**Last year's Offertory – March 11– \$3,276**

*"For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..."*  
*(Philippians 3:8)*

**Learning to detach ourselves from our material possessions and seeing them as "rubbish" is an important step in growing closer to Jesus Christ. Then we are able to give more freely and joyfully.**

**NEXT WEEK**

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

**Mar. 23 - 24, 2013**

**USHERS GROUP I**

**OPERATION RICE BOWL COLLECTION**  
**EASTER FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

**SATURDAY, MAR. 23 –**

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

*Altar Servers: Maria Cinea*

*Lector: Georgette Pelletier & Evelyn O'Connor*

*Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley*

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

**SUNDAY, MAR. 24 –**

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

*Altar Servers: Lynn Mancino*

*Lector: Judy Knox & 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 +John Sheetz request of St. Maurice Usher Groups

*Altar Servers: Lee Ann & Ben Snuffer*

*Lector: Jennifer Carvalho & Jeffrey Monroe*

*Eucharistic Minister: Jennifer Carvalho*

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

**MONDAY, MAR. 25 –**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Levi Fournier and +Sylvio Voisine request of Solange Fournier

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

**7:00 P.M. CONFESSIONS – 3 Priests Available**

**TUESDAY, MAR. 26 – No Mass**

**7:15 P.M. –** Adult Choir Rehearsal

**WEDNESDAY, MAR. 27 – No Mass**

**NO FAIR WORKSHOP**

*No Adoration*

**THURSDAY, MAR. 28 – HOLY THURSDAY**

**7:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Priests especially Fr. Wojciech

*Altar Servers: Lee Ann & Ben Snuffer*

*Lector: Rita Sheetz & Paul Brown*

*Eucharistic Minister: Rita Sheetz*

**Adoration after Mass until Midnight – names A – Z**

**FRIDAY, MAR. 29 – GOOD FRIDAY**

**3:00 P.M. –** Good Friday Service and Veneration of the Cross

**7:00 P.M. –** Stations of the Cross followed by Veneration of the Cross

**SATURDAY, MAR. 30 –**

**10:00 A.M. – BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD**

**8:00 P.M. – EASTER VIGIL**

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 17, 2013

Readings for the Week of March 17, 2013

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

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### **MINISTRY: BOLTON ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

The purpose of the Bolton Ecumenical Council is to encourage fellowship and relationship among the four Christian churches in town. Emphasized is to provide opportunities for parishioners of these churches to witness their common faith in Jesus Christ. The BEC strives to work cooperatively together to address issues of common interest and current impact. Past activities have include the sponsoring of a Lenten soup dinner to benefit Haitian relief following the devastating earthquake, and working together with the Bolton Land Trust to provide a granite bench located at a historic Methodist encampment site in town. Most notable is the annual Community Thanksgiving Service. The BEC sponsors the local Boy Scouts. Each church is represented by two adult lay members and one member of the clergy. Anyone interested in learning more about this Council should contact Joel Cohan @ 860-647-0881 or Patti Cinea @ 860-646-0564.

### **Pregnant? Need help?**

Catholic Charities Pregnancy and Adoption Programs provide concrete help and answers. Call 1-800-BABYDUE, even if you want to simply talk. We are here to listen and help.

### **SAINT EDWARD LADIES GUILD, Stafford Springs**

SAINT EDWARD LADIES GUILD WILL BE HOLDING ITS SPRING TAG AND BAKE SALE ON SATURDAY, April 6, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon at the Church Hall located at 25 Church Street, Stafford Springs. **Homemade pierogies** will be available for sale.

Clothing, glassware, household items, toys, books, a little of everything plus *delicious* baked goods for sale. Donations are gratefully accepted and can be dropped off the day before at the Church Hall after 3:30 p.m. Only working items accepted. Unfortunately, we cannot accept any large furniture or appliances/electronics. Please call Pat Saunders at 860-684-7462 if you have any items for pickup. And please, no early birds.

### **Pro-Life Mass**

Please join us for the monthly Pro-Life Mass on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> ~ 8:30a.m. Mass will be celebrated at SS. Peter & Paul Church in Norwich due to Cathedral renovations. Following the Mass the Rosary will be prayed both at SS. Peter & Paul Church and at the Planned Parenthood. There will *not* be a brunch after the Rosary for April. Join us with your presence as we work together to bring about a culture of life.

### **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL FOLLOW UP WEEKEND**

*2013 Annual catholic Appeal – “Faith With Charity and Love”*

Through God, all things are possible. When you act in “Faith with Charity and Love”, by giving to the Annual Catholic Appeal, you help to accomplish a tremendous amount of good. Your donation funds vital ministries and programs throughout our Diocese, helping to care for those in need of food, shelter, emergency services, enlightenment, counseling, education and hope. “Love one another, as I have loved you”, Jesus said. When we go forth in “Faith with Charity and Love”, we live our lives as Christ asked of us. By giving to the “Annual Catholic Appeal”, you provide “Faith with Charity and Love” to our brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to act in “Faith with Charity and Love” by making a pledge to the ACA, please respond today. Gift envelopes may be found in the pews, or, if you prefer, you can make your gift online at [www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org).

### **WHITE MASS FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS**

The 23rd Annual White Mass for Health Care Workers and Caregivers of all faiths, St. Matthias Church, 317 Chesterfield Rd, East Lyme, Sunday, April 14, 2013, 9:00 a.m. Brunch will immediately follow in the Church Hall. Celebrant: Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, D.D. Homilist: Deacon William McGann, III, and Speaker: Dr. Setu Vora. For information call 860-887-9294, ext. 232

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### **Drink Clean Water in Pakistan**

This week we focus our prayers, fasting and almsgiving on Pakistan, where poor communities often do not have access to clean drinking water. CRS helps communities build water pumps so they can have clean water nearby for use at home and on their farms. This week, consider fasting from all beverages except for water, and donate what you saved to your Rice Bowl.

### **Dearest Parishioners of St. Maurice Parish,**

Thank you for your kind wishes and gift. You are all in my prayers.

God Bless,

Deacon Brian

### **Defending Our Religious Liberty**

As we move forward on our Lenten journey with prayer, fasting and almsgiving in preparation for the coming of Christ, let us pray for our religious freedom that it will continue to be our most cherished and inalienable right.

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



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