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Good News!

March 24, 2013

Palm Sunday (C)

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

Being empty is rarely considered a good quality. People who see a glass as half-empty are labeled pessimists. No one gets excited about an empty bank account. And an empty cookie jar is a veritable tragedy. Our culture values fullness—full of friends, full of money, full of food.

Empty just isn't something we strive to be. Yet in today's reading, empty is a key word used by Saint Paul to describe Jesus. Jesus "emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance." The Greek word in this text for emptying is kenosis.

We continue to see this kenotic Savior in the Palm Sunday Gospels—first as Mass begins and then in the reading of the Passion. Jesus moves from being lauded as a king during his entry into Jerusalem to pouring himself out on the cross just a few days later. He is left without anything to cling to, any fullness to claim—he's empty, which isn't someone or something we'd normally value. But of course, it's in his emptiness that God can do the work of resurrection and new life.

During this upcoming Holy Week, we might be busy about many things—preparing for family visits, shopping for the Easter ham, picking out the perfect Easter dress or suit for our child. Life can be full, and that's very good. But make some room in your life during this holiest of weeks for kenosis—for emptiness—and for remembering our empty Savior and all he did for us.

With Jesus as our model, how might we empty ourselves for the sake of others?

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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

THIS 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

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

SUNDAY, MAR. 24 –

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 +John Sheetz request of St. Maurice Usher Groups

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

Adoration after Mass until Midnight –

8 – 9 P.M. last names A-F / 9 – 10 P.M. last names G-L / 10 – 11 P.M. last names M-R, 11 P.M. – 12 A.M. last names S – 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

Last week's Offertory – March 17 – \$2,525

Last year's Offertory – March 18– \$3,172

"I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me". (Luke 22:34)

This Holy Week let us reflect upon how often we deny that we know Jesus by the ways that we decide to use our time, our talent and our treasure.

BOLTON, CT (17)

NEXT WEEK

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Mar. 30 - 31, 2013

USHERS GROUP II

2ND COLLECTION FOR SICK AND INFIRMED PRIESTS

SATURDAY, MAR. 30 –

8:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice

Altar Servers: Josh Meyers & Maria Cinea

Lector: Georgette Pelletier & Patti Cinea

Eucharistic Minister: Bert Flynn

SUNDAY, MAR. 31 –

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

NO Faith Formation

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +Joseph & +Marie Ann Madore request of Daughters & Son

Altar Servers: Amilia Herasimowicz

Lector: Evelyn O'Connor

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Scorso

EASTER EGG HUNT AFTER MASS

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, APR. 1 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Andrew Perniciaro request of Jennifer & Phil Daly

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

TUESDAY, APR. 2 –

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

7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, APR. 3 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Nicola Maratta & +Justina D'Amato request of Josephine Maratta

9:00 A.M. – FAIR WORKSHOP

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

THURSDAY, APR. 4 – No Mass

FRIDAY, APR. 5 – No Mass

NO YOUTH GROUP

SATURDAY, APR. 6 –

4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS

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

Readings for the Week of March 24, 2013
 Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14--23:56 or 23:1-49
 Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
 Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
 Friday: Is 52:13--53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42
 Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1--2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15--15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12
 Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35

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For New Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The Office for Worship will hold a workshop for new Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (both ministries in one group)

April 20, 2013 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

**Registration and distribution of materials begins at 9 AM
 St. Columba Parish Hall**

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The workshop will cover the Diocesan Guidelines for these ministries and all requirements contained in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*

This workshop must be supplemented by the practical aspects of both ministries unique to each parish community.

Pre-register by April 15 at: worship@norwichdiocese.net or call: 860-848-2237x203 or mail form and Registration Fee to: Office for Worship, 199 Broadway Norwich, CT 06360

(You may also obtain a registration form from Theresa in the Church Office 860-643-4466.)

Marriage Preparation for Engaged Couples

"God's Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage".

April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2013 6:30pm-8:45pm

Our lady of Lourdes Parish, Gales Ferry.

To register for the 4 session class call

Family Life Office at: 860-889-8346 ext.283

Pro-Life Mass

Please join us for the monthly Pro-Life Mass on Saturday, April 6th ~ 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.

Reaching for a lifeline for your troubled marriage?

Serious marriage building and repair: Retrouvaille is that lifeline. At a Retrouvaille weekend couples are given tools to re-establish communication, work on their issues, gain new insights and heal. A series of 6 post sessions follows the weekend phase. For information or to sign up for the next weekend on April 19-21 in Hartford area call 413-525-1634. Website www.retrouvaille.org.

EASTER EGG HUNT

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday after the 10 A.M. Mass. Please bring a basket or bag for young children to collect their eggs.

WAY OF THE CROSS

A Public Procession of scripture and prayer

GOOD FRIDAY

March 29, 2013, 6:00 p.m.,

Chelsea Parade

Walk with the Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich, and leaders of other Christian Communities as we pray the Way of the Cross. Join the Christian community in forming a prayer pilgrimage called The Way of the Cross.

The Procession will move from Chelsea Parade down Broadway and Union Street to Central Baptist Church, remembering the suffering of Christ. We walk and sing in commemoration of Christ's journey. We gather as Christians knowing that the Cross leads to the resurrection even today.

In case of inclement weather, it will be held at the Central Baptist Church in Norwich.



A Message of Thanks



During this Year of Faith with Charity and Love, we, the ministries of the Diocese of Norwich, would like to thank you for the many sacrifices you make for those in need. Our Diocese is filled with devout parishioners who continually display mercy and compassion for so many others. One of the greatest examples of your kindness is your continued support of our Annual Catholic Appeal. Countless lives have been touched through your generosity.

Your selfless donation is greatly appreciated. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so. You can donate online by visiting www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org, or call 860-886-1928 for an Annual Catholic Appeal pledge card.

On behalf of those we help, thank you for your continued display of Faith with Charity and Love. May God bless you for your kindness.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The Chairman of the USCCB's Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, welcomed the introduction of the Health Care Conscience Rights Act of 2013. Its passage, he said, would make more effective federal laws that are on the books protecting conscience rights in health care.

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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