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Third Sunday of Easter • April 14, 2013

Good News!

April 14, 2013

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41 / Rv 5:11–14
Jn 21:1–19 or 21:1–14

Awkward moments—we've all experienced them. You run into someone at the grocery store whom you've been avoiding out of anger. A friend overhears a criticism that wasn't intended for her ears. Your wife greets you dressed up for dinner, and you realize you've forgotten your wedding anniversary...again. It can be difficult to smoothly navigate these moments—to minimize hurt feelings and reestablish intimacy.

So imagine the more-than-simply-awkward moment between Peter and Jesus in today's Gospel reading. Peter did more than just forget a birthday or spread gossip; he denied ever knowing Jesus, and he did it when Jesus was at his most vulnerable. That kind of betrayal would permanently end most relationships. But Jesus comes back to Peter and asks three times whether Peter loves him—a threefold reversal of the three denials. Peter must be embarrassed, afraid and, at the end, even frustrated at being asked so many times. But Jesus persists and reestablishes their intimate friendship. In fact, he calls Peter to even greater leadership—such was the trust Jesus placed in his formerly cowardly friend.

We have much to learn from this episode. Peter shows us that no one is too far gone to be redeemed by the Lord. Peter's sin was great, but Jesus' love was greater. Jesus doesn't let awkwardness or discomfort get in the way of forgiveness and healing. And Jesus calls even well-practiced sinners to greatness.

In the Easter season, we celebrate Jesus' new risen life; at the same time, we're challenged to rise to new life from our sin, betrayals, and failings. Jesus hasn't given up on us, and he never will.

We're never too far gone for the Lord.

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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 (20)

THIS WEEK
3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APR. 13 – 14, 2013
USHERS GROUP IV

SATURDAY, APR. 13 –

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Gary Martin request of Linda LaChapelle

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

SUNDAY, APR. 14 –

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

NO FAITH FORMATION

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +Robert Rouleau request of Margaret Rouleau

Baptism of Penelope Orfitelli after the 10 A.M. Mass

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, APR. 15 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Elizabeth Heffernan request of Her Family

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

TUESDAY, APR. 16 –

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

7:00 P.M. – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, APR. 17 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Levi Fournier request of His Family

NO FAIR WORKSHOP

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

THURSDAY, APR. 18 – No Mass

FRIDAY, APR. 19 – No Mass

SATURDAY, APR. 20 –

4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS

Last week's Offertory – April 7 – \$2,646

Last year's Offertory – April 8 – \$3,601

"Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'" (John 21:17)

All of us are challenged to show our love for Jesus by "feeding His sheep." Through prayer ask God how you should best use your time, talent and treasure to assist those who are in need. Remember that giving is an act of worship and helps advance the mission of our parish and greater Church.

NEXT WEEK
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APR. 20 – 21, 2013
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION
USHERS GROUP I

SATURDAY, APR. 20 –

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Robert Gallant request of The Family

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea

Lector: Patti Cinea

Eucharistic Minister: Jean Gately

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

SUNDAY, APR. 21 –

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

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 All Parishioners of Saint Maurice

Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer

Lector: Rita Sheetz

Eucharistic Minister: Rita Sheetz

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

11 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. Banner making and Retreat for 1st Communion Children and Parents in the Church Basement

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, APR. 22 –

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, APR. 23 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Suzanne Dower request of Lynn Mancino

7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, APR. 24 –

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

9:00 A.M. – FAIR WORKSHOP

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

THURSDAY, APR. 25 – No Mass

FRIDAY, APR. 26 – No Mass

6:00 P.M. Senior High Youth Group in the Parish Center Library

7:00 P.M. Movie Night in the Parish Center

SATURDAY, APR. 27

4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of April 14, 2013
 Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
 Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51--8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69
 Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30
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FOR SAINT MAURICE PARISHIONERS

Thank you so much for your donations of Easter food and money to help Bolton families in need.

THE CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP GROUP WILL NOT MEET ON WEDNESDAY 4/17/2013.

THE CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP extends a THANK YOU for the donations of raw materials and baby food jars they have received thus far – please continue to keep them coming.

THE SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP will meet on Friday, April 26th, at 6:00pm in the Parish Center Library.

THE JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP, The Disciples, will meet on Friday, May 3rd at 7:00 in the basement of the church.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENT

Parishioners are invited to attend a Movie Night on Friday, April 26th at 7:00 pm. in the Parish Center. The movie "Courageous" is a story about faith and fatherhood. This is a mature movie recommended for adults and older youth. Popcorn and refreshments will be provided. We hope you can join us!

PARISH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Property Management Committee is seeking an individual to water the flowers in the window boxes and planters on the parish grounds over the summer months. This commitment involves about 1 hour 2 times per week. If you are interested please contact Lou Cloutier at 860-649-6255.

2013 Annual Catholic Appeal Update

Our Parish Goal is \$10,217. 26 Gifts so far amount to \$3,475, and there are also 5 pledges amounting to \$1,600, so we are half way to the goal. If the 271 families yet to give would send just \$20 each, the goal would be achieved. Please donate online via our website, or pick up an envelope from the ushers' tables in the back of the church.

A Workshop for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors

Saturday, April 20, 2013 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 Pm
 At – St. Columba Parish Hall
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 Register by April 15 at worship@norwichdiocese.net
 Or call 860-848-2237x203
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Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, November 4-13, 2013

In conjunction with the Year of Faith, you are invited to join Rev. James Carini and Deacon Ron Freedman of St. Matthew Parish, Tolland on a wonderful pilgrimage to the Holy Land in November 2013. Round trip coach from St. Matthew, Tolland to Newark airport; round trip air, air taxes & fuel supplements up to \$550 (as of 1/20/13, subject to change); 8 nights first class hotel accommodations full breakfast & dinner daily; comprehensive daily sightseeing by private coach and English speaking Christian guide; entrance fees to sites visited; daily liturgy at selected holy sites; hotel taxes & services charges, portorage of one suitcase per person.

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\$500 deposit per person needed by-Friday, May 3, 2013.

Final payment Friday, August 9, 2013.

Any Questions-Call Deacon Ron Freedman: 860-872-9212 ,

Email: rfreedman54@comcast.net

SAVE THE DATE!! The much anticipated **FROM BROADWAY TO THE MET** concert returns to St. Matthew's on **Sunday April 28th at 3pm**. Rochelle Bard will present a concert with music from Broadway shows and enchanting classical tunes. A children's choir will be added this year! **The proceeds from this concert will support our parish's mission in Haiti.** Please mark your calendars and tell your friends! More information at www.RochelleBard.com.

WAIM'S SPRING FLING TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 18TH

The Windham Area Interfaith Ministry (WAIM) is holding its annual Spring Fling at the Franco American Club, 116 Club Road, North Windham on Saturday, May 18, 2013. Enjoy an evening of dancing with music by Bruce John & the Eagleville Band and John Hinckley & the Outriggers. Legendary OOBASHS snacks will be provided and a cash bar available.

Unique gifts and services will go to the highest bidders during the live and silent auctions. Tickets are \$20 per person in advance and \$25 at the door. All proceeds from this event will support the Partners in Independence Program which matches highly trained volunteer mentors with clients to work on their financial, educational or employment goals, and achieve greater stability in their lives.

Tickets are available at the Willimantic Food Coop, City Side Deli, Cafémantic, and WAIM. For more information, visit www.waimct.org or contact Victoria Nimirowski at WAIM 860-456-7270 ext. 11.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

We continue to be very concerned about the implementation of the federal healthcare mandate. Many with moral and religious objections remain ineligible for any exemption or "accommodation." These include: Individual purchasers and their families; employees of religious organizations that qualify only for the "accommodation" (since these employees will still be automatically enrolled in the objectionable coverage); for-profit companies and businesses, including those owned and controlled by religious believers; nonprofit employers who are not explicitly religious in character (e.g., pro-life groups that object to abortifacients).

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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