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Good News!

November 24, 2013

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

2 Sm 5:1-3 / Col 1:12-20 / Lk 23:35-43

The following retelling of the crucifixion from the viewpoint of a criminal crucified with Jesus is based on Luke 23.

Someone once said we should say things like “I’m sorry” and “thank you” and “I love you” before we die—things that will ensure all is well. I’m not sure which category my words to Jesus fell into; heck, I’m not sure why I spoke up at all. I guess the criminal who was mocking Jesus irritated me. How could he challenge an innocent man? I’d overheard Jesus’ trial—he’d done nothing wrong. But Jesus didn’t get angry; he merely looked sad.

I didn’t know much about Jesus. I’d heard about his healing, his miracles, his life-changing words. If I’d known him before the cross, maybe my life would have turned out differently.

There was so much noise—so much jeering and mocking. I don’t know where I got the courage to speak, and I wasn’t sure what to say. I just wanted one quiet moment with this holy man. Was he the Son of God? Was he a king? I didn’t know for sure, but I wanted to believe so I whispered quietly, “Remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

His response blew me away—“Today you will be with me in Paradise.” Paradise? Me? Lowly, evil, crucified me? Then I caught his eye—and I saw love. And peace like I’d never known before. Yes, he was a king—a crucified king. Yes, I would be with him in Paradise. And yes, as I took my last breaths, all was indeed well.

Thank you for the privilege of breaking open the Word with you each week. I’ve appreciated your comments and insights. May you too know the deep peace only the Lord can give. God bless!

Janel Esker | sundaybulletin@liguori.org

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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.

THIS WEEK

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
COFFEE SOCIAL AND SALE OF FAIR ITEMS
THANKSGIVING FOOD DISTRIBUTION
NOV. 23– NOV. 24, 2013
USHERS GROUP IV

SATURDAY, NOV. 23 –

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Matteo & +Jimmy Quagliano
 request of Josephine Maratta

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

SUNDAY, NOV. 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 +Deceased Members of St. Maurice Knights of Columbus

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

Parish Finance Review after Mass in the Parish Center. All Parishioners are welcome to attend.

5:30 P.M.— LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, NOV. 25 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Samuel Guglielmino

5:00 P.M.— Parish BINGO—Food available from 5 P.M. Games begin at 6:30 P.M.—Progressive Jackpot \$700

TUESDAY, NOV. 26 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +James P. Bloznalis request of the Dean & Bloznalis Families

7:00 P.M. **Bolton Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at St. George's Episcopal Church**

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Barbara Sposito request of Irene Kwiatkowski

THURSDAY, NOV. 28 – No Mass

FRIDAY, NOV. 29 – No Mass

SATURDAY, NOV. 30 –

3:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 4 P.M. MASS

Last week's Offertory—November 17 — \$3,219

Last year's Offertory—November 18 — \$3,318

"He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son..." Colossians 1:13

If we recognize Jesus as our King, then we must also recognize ourselves as His loyal subjects. As members of God's kingdom we have an abundance of wonderful blessings. But we also have responsibilities. We must always use our gifts to help build up the kingdom. We must never forget that we are truly blessed to be called to serve the Greatest of Kings.

NEXT WEEK

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOV. 30– DEC. 1, 2013
USHERS GROUP I

SATURDAY, NOV. 30 –

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Jason Bates & Rudolph Schuster
 request of Donna Bates

Baptism of Noah Matthew Liebeskind

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea

Lector: Georgette Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Jean Gately

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

SUNDAY, DEC. 1 –

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

Altar Servers: Shirley Waebeck

Lector: Joel Cohan

Eucharistic Minister:

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

NO FAITH FORMATION

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +John Garvan request of Rita Sheetz

Altar Servers: Nicholas VanDine, Alex Czercowy

Lector: Rita Sheetz

Eucharistic Minister: Rita Sheetz

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M.— LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, DEC. 2 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Samuel Guglielmino

5:00 P.M.— Parish BINGO—Food available from 5 P.M. Games begin at 6:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, DEC. 3 –

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

7:15 P.M.— CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +James P. Bloznalis request of the Dean & Bloznalis Families

THURSDAY, DEC. 5 – No Mass

FRIDAY, DEC. 6 – No Mass

7 to 9 P.M. Junior Youth Group, The Disciples—in the Church Basement

7 to 9 P.M. Senior Youth Group—in the Parish Center Library

SATURDAY, DEC. 7 –

3:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 4 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of November 24, 2013

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22

Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

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SAINT MAURICE PARISH



The Bolton Ecumenical Council will host its annual **Community Thanksgiving Service** on Tuesday, November 26th at 7:00 p.m. at St. George's Episcopal Church, 1150 Boston Turnpike. Donations of nonperishable food items will be appreciated, and given to the Bolton Food Pantry. Refreshments will follow the service. Come and join in the spirit of Thanksgiving, worship, offering gratitude to God as a Christian community, and enjoy the singing of the combined church choir.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL PARISHIONERS

THANK YOU FROM THE CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP

Thank you to all who helped make this years' Fair a success by donating creating and shopping!! The proceeds will allow us to support many projects in our parish and town.

MINI FAIR

On December 15th there will be a mini Fair along with the breakfast and Faith Formation. Please come for some last minute shopping.

Thanksgiving Prayer



God, who gives us all good gifts and who is the source of every blessing we have, hear our prayer as we gather to give thanks for all that you have set before us. We are grateful not only for the food that graces our table in such abundance, but also for the bond of family and friends, strengthened by the meal we share, and by the warmth of your love that comes to us each day through your benevolent mercy. Help us to use wisely all the gracious gifts you have showered upon us for the benefit of ourselves, our family, and our nation. On this Thanksgiving Day may we acknowledge that every good thing comes to us from you, and may your bounty never cease, so that we may share your blessings with those in need. Amen.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich, is Accepting Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Donations for Families in Need ~

Donations of turkeys and food baskets are being accepted for families in need. Gift cards to grocery stores are also a great help. Thank you for making Thanksgiving and Christmas special for a needy family. Please drop off donations at the Catholic Charities Norwich Office, 331 Main St., Norwich. 860-889-8346 ext. 260.

Diocesan Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, December 7th ~ 8:30 a.m. Please

join us and our Celebrant, Rev. Ray Introvigne, at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed both at the **Cathedral** and Planned Parenthood. A brunch will follow the Rosary.

Year End Giving – Support the Annual Catholic Appeal

The end of the calendar year also marks the end of our year of "Faith with Charity and Love," the 2013 Annual Catholic Appeal. Thank you to all who have made a gift. The ACA supports thousands of our neighbors in need through the work of over 25 ministries and programs which provide emergency services, housing assistance, food for the hungry, pregnancy and adoption services, and so much more. There is still time to make your gift. Year end gifts of stock and monetary donations to the 2013 ACA can be made through December 31st. Donations are fully deductible to the extent allowed by the law. Visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org to donate online, or call 860-886-1928 for more information.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit has ruled in favor of Francis and Philip M. Gilardi, brothers who own Freshway Food and Freshway Logistics, protecting their First Amendment right. The ruling stated that the health care mandate infringes on the religious liberty of employers who oppose the use of birth control, abortion and sterilization. This is one of many court cases that have been filed against the government.

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the mandate by calling President Obama at the White House at 202-456-1111 or Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius at 202-205-5445. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of your First Amendment right to religious freedom.



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