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Good News

March 29, 2015 PALM SUNDAY (B)

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 / Is 50:4-7 / Phil 2:6-11 / Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

Traditions help us order the world and mark the passing of time. As my children grew up, we marked our entry into the Christmas season by decorating the Christmas tree, reading the Dylan Thomas classic A Child's Christmas in Wales, and singing the choral parts of Handel's Messiah.

Most people are familiar with Handel's masterpiece, but not many know it was composed as an Easter-not Christmas-oratorio. If we listen to the whole thing, we hear the familiar prophecies of Isaiah and Paul's triumphant cry, "O Death, where is thy sting?" The glorious "Hallelujah Chorus" announces the triumphant reign of the risen Christ.

Every year on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, for much longer than our traditions have held sway, the Church has told the story of the passion and death of Jesus. This story marks our entrance into the faith of the Church and orders our sacred time.

It's the story of a death that leads to life—both the resurrected life of Jesus, which we celebrate next week, and the eternal life that's ours if we follow him.

In Mark's telling of the story, we encounter the woman who anointed Jesus and the young man who ran away when Jesus was arrested.

Each gospel writer gives us a slightly different version of the story, and each writer adds to our perspective and our understanding that this man and this death weren't like any other. This Jesus was God, who emptied himself so we might live.

Surely that's worth singing about.

MARY KATHARINE DEELEY

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PALM SUNDAY MARCH 29, 2015

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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.

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 Pas-

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.

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

PALM SUNDAY

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MARCH 28 — 29, 2015

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Annual Catholic Appeal Follow-up Weekend

2015 Annual Catholic Appeal

"Strength through the Holy Spirit"

Thank you to everyone who has already answered the request to participate in the 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal, "Strength through the Holy Spirit". Your gift is received with great thanks and appreciation. If you have not made a gift, please reflect on what you can do to make a difference. Every gift is valued! It's not too late to offer your support... support that is utilized within our Diocesan communities through the vital work performed by our over 25 ministries and programs. Your gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal sustain a wide array of social service programs in providing comfort, support and aid to those suffering hardships. It provides direct services to those in need through the provision of food, oil, heat, shelter, prescriptions and much needed counseling. These works are made possible because of YOUR generosity! Please pray that our "Strength through the Holy Spirit," campaign is successful in reducing the needs of many in our parishes. Please visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org to make your pledge.

SATURDAY, MAR. 28

5:00 P.M. <u>Mass offered for Matthew Cowles</u>

request of The Shaffer Family

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, MAR. 29

7:30 A.M. <u>Mass offered for †Raymond Poniatoski</u>

request of Bob and Jane Hunt

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

8:30 A.M. — 10:00 A.M. ADULT FAITH FORMATION

in the Parish Center (repeated in the evening at 6:00 P.M. — 7:30 P.M.)

8:30 A.M. Breakfast for Faith Formation

9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. <u>Mass offered for †Samuel Guglielmino</u>

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

EASTER FOOD DISTRIBUTION by Confirmation Preparation Class

MONDAY, MAR. 30

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

TUESDAY, MAR. 31 — NO MASS

10:30 A.M. CHRISM MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL IN NORWICH

6:30 P.M. — SPECIAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

All parishioners are welcomed

7:30 P.M. — CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, APR. 1 — NO MASS

9:00 A.M. — 12:00 P.M. — CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP

7:00 P.M.— CONFESSIONS - THERE WILL BE 4 PRIESTS AVAILABLE

THURSDAY, APR. 2 — 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, APR. 3 — GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 P.M. Service and Veneration of the Cross

(Good Friday collection for Holy Land)

7:00 P.M. STATIONS OF THE CROSS (No Mass)

SATURDAY, APR. 4 — HOLY SATURDAY

10:00 A.M. — BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD

NEXT WEEK

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 4 — 5, 2015

EASTER COLLECTION FOR SICK AND INFIRMED PRIESTS EASTER EGG HUNT AFTER 10 A.M. MASS ON SUNDAY USHERS GROUP III

SATURDAY, APR. 4 — HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 P.M.

Mass offered for †Arthur Kehl

request of Irene Kehl

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea

Lectors: Georgette Pelletier & Kurt O'Brien

Eucharistic Minister: Annedda Stiller





7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners

of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. <u>Mass offered for All Parishioners</u>

of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer

Lector: Rita Sheetz

Eucharistic Minister: Rita Sheetz

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

EASTER EGG HUNT after Mass

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

MONDAY, APR. 6

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

TUESDAY, APR. 7

9:00 A.M. <u>Mass offered for †Samuel Guglielmino</u>

7:30 P.M. — CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, APR. 8

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Eleanor Preuss

request of St. Maurice Christmas Fair Group

9:00 A.M. — 12:00 P.M. — CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP

THURSDAY, APR. 9 — NO MASS

FRIDAY, APR. 10 — NO MASS

SATURDAY, APR. 11

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

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: March 22 — \$2,860

Projected Amount needed \$3,370

"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" – MARK 15:12-13

Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Pray for the courage to stand up for those in need of our help.

PALM SUNDAY MARCH 29, 2015

SAINT MAURICE PARISH



ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE

Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line, especially the new requests for this week.

Thank you. Carol and MaryAnn.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION PRIEST, PROPHET, KING

During this **Lent**, how can we better understand **Jesus** and ourselves more deeply? Who is this **Jesus**, the **Anointed One**, and how does his mission of priest, prophet and King affect me? Join us with

this latest series by **Fr. Robert Barron** as he scopes through the Old Testament. He uses biblical insights with his gift of engaging story telling in explaining how Jesus was foreshadowed in Hebrew Scripture.

Second sessions, with a morning showing and repeated in the evening for your convenience will be held in **Fr. Cronin Library** on **Sunday**, **March** 29th

Please join us at 8:30 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. or 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

OFFERTORY GIFTS

When you have requested a Mass and wish to present the gifts, please contact an usher before Mass.



<u>Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy</u>, the moving, live production performed by actress Maria Vargo and directed by Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented at **Cathedral of St. Patrick** on **Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m.** The event is sponsored by the **Diocese of Norwich Office of Faith Events**.

Experience firsthand the life and message of Saint Faustina whose personal encounters with Jesus have inspired a world-wide devotion to Christ's Divine Mercy. This drama also brings audiences a riveting modern story that makes Divine Mercy remarkably relevant and urgent for our world today. The program is filled with all the elements of professional theater, runs 90 minutes, and is suitable for ages 13 and up.

Admission is \$12 for adults, \$8 for youth 17 & under, or \$25 for families of 3 or more. Pay for tickets at the door. **For tickets and additional information**, contact Pamela Plasse, Office of Faith Events at (860) 848-2237 ext. 311 or

 $\underline{pplasse@norwichdiocese.net} \ or \ visit \ \underline{www.norwichdiocese.org}.$

Watch the trailer & learn more at www.DivineMercyDrama.com

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The Catholic Church has always been a provider and advocate for accessible, affordable and life-affirming health care. Had the federal government made accommodations to protect religious freedom for all Americans, dozens of lawsuits filed around the country challenging it could have been avoided.

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445. Let her know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

As announced last week, all our parishioners are invited to the consecration of the Chrism and the blessing of the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens at the <u>Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 31, 2015, at 10:30 a.m.</u> The Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich. Bishop Michael R. Cote will celebrate this liturgy. All are invited.

The Sacred Chrism, oil mixed with sweet perfume, symbolizes the presence of the Holy Spirit. It will be used in the parishes in the sacraments of baptism and confirmation. It is also used at the ordination of bishops and priests and at the dedication of a church and altar.

The Oil of the Sick is used to anoint those who are suffering from illness so that they may receive strength and healing, both physical and spiritual.

The catechumens will be anointed with the Oil of Catechumens in preparation for their baptism at the Easter Vigil.

The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich, will join with clergy of other Christian Communities from the Norwich area in leading a public Way of the Cross on Good Friday, April 3, 2015, from Chelsea Parade to Central Baptist Church. This service will begin at 6:00 p.m. In case of inclement weather, it will be held at the Central Baptist Church in Norwich. You can check the Central Baptist Church Website at www.centralbaptistnorwich.com.

25th Annual White Mass for Health Care Workers and Caregivers of all faiths, Cathedral of Saint Patrick, 213 Broadway, Norwich, Sunday, April 19, 2015, 9:00 a.m. Brunch will immediately follow in the Church Hall. Celebrant: Most Rev. Michael R. Cote, Homilist: Deacon Gerald Shaw, Speaker: Seth Flagg, LCDR (MC) USN. For information call 860-887-9294, ext. 232.

EnCourage Support Group ~ EnCourage is the Catholic spiritual support group for the family members of loved ones with same-sex attraction. For more information on the support group meetings held the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm at St. John Church, Montville. For more information please call the Family Life Office at: 860-889-8346 ext. 283.

Be My Witness! The 5th Annual Catholic Women's Conference of the Diocese of Norwich for Women of all ages! Saturday, April 11, 2015, 8:30 – 3:30. St. Bernard School, Uncasville, CT. Don't miss the rich message of "Authentic Femininity", featuring Genevieve Kineke. For more information & registration forms visit www.norwichdiocese.org under ministries/

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Call the Office of Faith Events, Marge Vanner 860-848-2237 or email: faithevents@norwichdiocese.net. Don't miss it! Registration fee by March 25th is \$25 pp. (includes lunch), the late fee thereafter is \$30 pp., Student fee is \$15.

Upcoming Marriage Preparation Classes

"God's Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage" April 10, 17, 24, 2015 6:30 pm-9:00 pm

At St. Francis of Assisi, Middletown

To register for the 3 session class call: The Office of Family Life at 860-889-8346 ext. 283

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS

"I did not think the sorrow and wounds from my abortion, could be healed". Healing and forgiveness can begin with a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat.**

A Spanish Retreat April 17-19 in RI call 401-421-7833 ext.118.

A Retreat April 24-26 in CT call 203-631-9030. rachelsvineyard.org

"PROJECT RACHEL" is our Diocesan ministry for anyone seeking healing and forgiveness. Priests in **Project Rachel** ministry are there for you with God's Grace and Mercy.

Call 860-889-8346 ext.283. All inquiries are confidential.

Readings for the Week of March 29, 2015

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1--15:47

or 15:1-39

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

iday: Is 52:13--53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42

Saturday: 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/Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-

7 or Lk 24:13-35

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