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**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD — JANUARY 10, 2016**

# Good News!

January 10, 2016

## **BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)**

Is 42:1–4, 6–7 or Is 40:1–5, 9–11 /

Acts 10:34–38 or Ti 2:11–14; 3:4–7 / Lk 3:15–16, 21–22

When we were growing up, my siblings and I would often ask our grandmother to tell us stories about our mother when she was young. We liked listening to our mother tell those same stories from her perspective. The stories varied in some details, but it always felt like a veil was lifted on the past and we had some sense of where we came from along with some insight about our mother's personality.

She, of course, did the same thing for my daughters, making them giggle at the story of my getting into her perfume bottle when I was three. Such stories connect us with the people we know. Old friends trade stories of shared experiences; young companions learn about the world from the stories of their elders and even from the stories their friends tell them about their lives.

In Acts, Peter appeals to his listeners by telling the story they know so well. He even appeals to their shared experience as he says, "You know..." (v. 36). Stories connect us to one another and open the door to understanding each other a little more and a little better. In his story, Peter marks the baptism of Jesus as the beginning of his ministry. Our story in the Christian community begins with baptism as well. Peter records that Jesus went on "doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him" (v. 38). What would the story of our lives after baptism tell people about us? Would someone like Peter tell people that we went about doing good and loving God and neighbor?

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Saturdays at 4:00 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

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
**JANUARY 9— JANUARY 10, 2016**  
**USHERS GROUP III**

**2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION — ST. MAURICE FUEL FUND****SATURDAY, JAN 9**

**4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for †Jerry Chemerka  
 request of Sheila Chemerka

*Altar Servers:* Maria Cinea  
*Lectors:* Bert Flynn  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Georgette Pelletier

*COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement*

**SUNDAY, JAN 10**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for †Raymond and †Lilyan Hunt  
 request of Jane and Bob Hunt

*Altar Servers:* Lynn Mancino  
*Lector:* Lynn Mancino  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Arlene Giglio

**NO YOUTH CHOIR**

**8:30 A.M.** **BREAKFAST FOR FAITH FORMATION**

**9:00 A.M.** **FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †John and †Dorothy Snuffer  
 request of The Snuffer Family

*Altar Servers:* LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer  
*Lector:* Lee Snuffer  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Lou Cloutier

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass**

*COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement*

**MONDAY, JAN 11**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Mae Mancino  
 request of Lynn Mancino

**TUESDAY, JAN 12 — NO MASS****NO CHOIR REHEARSAL****WEDNESDAY, JAN 13 — NO MASS****THURSDAY, JAN 14 — NO MASS****FRIDAY, JAN 15 — NO MASS****SATURDAY, JAN 16**

**3:30 P.M.** **ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS**

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Last week's Offertory: January 3 — \$2,982**  
**Projected Amount needed \$3,370**

"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...' " (Luke 3:16)

The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus — the gift of ourselves. Once we surrender ourselves to God, we will know in our hearts what God calls us to do.

NEXT WEEK

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**JANUARY 16— JANUARY 17, 2016**  
**USHERS GROUP IV**

**SATURDAY, JAN 16**

**4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners  
 of St. Maurice Church

*Altar Servers:* Maria Cinea  
*Lectors:* Georgette Pelletier  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Annedda Stiller

*COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement*

**SUNDAY, JAN 17**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for †Lena C. Bloznalis  
 request of The Dean & Bloznalis Families

*Altar Servers:* Shirley Warbeck  
*Lector:* Judy Trzcinski  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Arlene Giglio

**NO YOUTH CHOIR****NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners  
 of St. Maurice Church

*Altar Servers:* Alex Czercowy  
*Lector:* Rita Sheetz  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Rita Sheetz

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass**

*COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement*

**MONDAY, JAN 18**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Tina Vonmoos  
 request of Dorli & Lou Cloutier

**TUESDAY, JAN 19 — NO MASS**

**7:15 P.M.** **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

**WEDNESDAY, JAN 20 — NO MASS****THURSDAY, JAN 21 — NO MASS****FRIDAY, JAN 22 — NO MASS****SATURDAY, JAN 23**

**3:30 P.M.** **ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS**

**Readings for the Week of January 10, 2016**

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11 or Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 or Acts 10:34-38/  
 Lk3:15-16, 21-22  
 Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-19/Mk 1:14-20  
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-8/Mk 1:21-28  
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10/Mk 1:29-39  
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/  
 Mk 1:40-45  
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-19/Mk 2:1-12  
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-7/Mk 2:13-17  
 Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-3, 7-10/1 Cor 12:4-11/  
 Jn 2:1-11

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**FROM 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.

**YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE**

will meet next on **Sunday, January 24th.**

All Youth are invited to join the choir. Practices are Sunday mornings from 8:30 - 8:50 A.M in the church. New members are always welcome to join the group! Come when you can.



**DONATIONS  
FOR DIVINE MERCY  
PAINTING**

January 10 will be the last possibility to become part of the Divine Mercy painting. Contributions must be in by next Sunday. Please put your contribution in the collection basket with name and the amount. Thank you.

**FAITH FORMATION**

Parents of children in families new to the Parish should contact Sherry Snuffer at (860) 647-7363 or b21ssnuf@hotmail.com to register them for Faith Formation classes. Forms and the class schedule are on the website saintmauricebolton.org.



**NO KID HUNGRY**

In response to a need identified by Bolton school officials that a number of children are going hungry over the weekend the Bolton PTA created a program called "No Kid Hungry". The PTA has been supplying these children with easily prepared, nutritious food to take home over the weekend. Last year St. Maurice parishioners donated food items to No Kid Hungry program. We have suspended food donations for this program in December for our traditional annual holiday food drive. We would like to resume our food collections for No Kid Hungry program to continue our support for Bolton children through this PTA initiative. Currently they are low on peanut butter, jelly or jam in plastic bottles, boxed cereal, pancake mix, syrup and soup. They also need packets of instant oatmeal, boxes of macaroni and cheese, boxes of pasta, canned or plastic jarred pasta sauce, granola bars, fruit snacks, single serving snack sizes of crackers, cheese-its, pretzels, canned tuna and packets of juice, canned fruit and vegetables. Basically, they can use items that are kid-friendly, nonperishable and easy to prepare.

If you wish to make a donation please place yours in the church foyer. Janusz Herasimowicz is our parish liaison for this program if you have any questions or concerns.

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**



**JUBILEE OF MERCY**

DECEMBER 8, 2015 - NOVEMBER 13, 2016

On December 8, 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis opened the Holy Door at Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, ushering in the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

On Sunday, December 13, the Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich, opened the diocesan Holy Door at the Cathedral of St. Patrick.

You can read more @ <http://www.norwichdiocese.org/>

On Sunday, January 31, 2016, the **19th Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Gift of Consecrated Life** will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Norwich. All are invited to join Bishop Cote in thanking God for the gift of consecrated life and for the sisters, brothers, and religious priests who enrich the Church and build up God's Kingdom with the witness of their religious commitment. The theme is Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, with their testimony of faith, holiness, and hope. The homilist will be Father Jack Rathschmidt, O.F.M. Cap. of Saint Conrad Friary, White Plains, New York.

All are invited to participate in the Mass.

**FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP**

We are beginning to think ahead and would like you to think of us as you clean up your Christmas décor. We can use fancy cookie tins, Harry and David fancy boxes and Christmas decorations you may be retiring. If in doubt drop it off at the church or parish center and we will make the decisions.

Thank you all, Dorli.

**Defending Our Religious Liberty**

The Catholic Church needs to continue the fight for religious freedom so that she can promote a culture that is favorable to life from conception to natural death.

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, and your elected representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

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