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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — JANUARY 17, 2016

Good News!

January 17, 2016

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Is 62:1-5 / 1 Cor 12:4-11 / Jn 2:1-11

In the legends of the saints in Ireland, it is said that St. Bridget performed a miracle similar to the one Jesus did at Cana. When three beggars came to the monastery, there was nothing to give them to drink. Bridget invited them in anyway and, seeing only the water used for washing clothes, she prayed to God. The wash water turned into beer, which she served to the guests.

While the account of the wedding feast is not a legend, the similarity between the two stories highlights the way God works in ordinary things (and sometimes in ordinary people) to make them extraordinary. Jesus turns the water at an everyday wedding into wine of such abundance that it reminds us of Isaiah's vision of the Lord's banquet when all will feast at the table. God worked through Bridget (an ordinary person) to turn the water used for washing clothes into beer to satisfy the thirst of three beggars. Though seemingly without, they had as much as they needed, and the generosity was remembered.

Even now, God takes what is mundane and uses it to show forth his glory and satisfy his people. John's Gospel highlights this activity as the first of the signs that Jesus performed. The legend of Bridget and the stories of men and women who reflect and share the grace of God in their day-to-day living strengthen our faith and hope that God is active still in the world and will bring us all to glory one day.

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WEEKEND MASSES:

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

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 16— JANUARY 17, 2016
USHERS GROUP IV

SATURDAY, JAN 16

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for †Nancy Shaffer
 request of David and Maureen Shaffer

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 Czercowicz
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

7:00 P.M. **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUSINESS MEETING**

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

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

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: January 10 — \$2,751
 Projected Amount needed \$3,370

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." (1 Corinthians 12:7)

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan; helping to do His work here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it.

NEXT WEEK

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 23— JANUARY 24, 2016
USHERS GROUP I

2ND COLLECTION — ST. MAURICE FUEL FUND**SATURDAY, JAN 23**

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for †Jeannette Violette
 16th Anniversary — request of Linda LaChapelle

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea
Lectors: Bert Flynn
Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, JAN 24

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

Altar Servers: Lynn Mancino
Lector: Joel Cohan
Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

8:30 A.M. — 8:50 A.M. **YOUTH CHOIR** in the Church

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

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

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

Altar Servers: Emilia & Marta Herasimowicz
Lector: Katherine Monroe
Eucharistic Minister: Janusz Herasimowicz

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

MONDAY, JAN 25

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Martha Turner
 request of Lynn Mancino

TUESDAY, JAN 26 — NO MASS

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

WEDNESDAY, JAN 27 — NO MASS**THURSDAY, JAN 28 — NO MASS****FRIDAY, JAN 29 — NO MASS****SATURDAY, JAN 30**

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

Readings for the Week of January 17, 2016

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-3,7-10/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
 Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23/Mk 2:18-22
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1-2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
 Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-13/Mk 3:7-12
 Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11/Mk 3:13-19
 Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
 Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8-10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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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.

St. James School Now Registering for 2016-2017

St. James School in Manchester, a national Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, is now accepting new students for its Pre-Kindergarten, Elementary School, and Middle School for the 2016-2017 school year. Applications may be obtained by visiting the school's website, www.SaintJamesSchool.net, or by calling the school's main office at (860) 643-5088.

Open Houses for families of school-age children will be held on January 26th at 8:30 am and on March 15th at 6:30 pm. During the Open Houses, families will have an opportunity to tour the school and speak with staff members and parent volunteers. Those interested are encouraged to pre-register for either Open House online at www.SaintJamesSchool.net/OpenHouse or by phone at (860) 643-5088. Those unable to attend an Open House are invited to call the school to schedule a private tour or request an information packet.

St. James School offers an accelerated, traditional curriculum that enables students to consistently place well ahead of grade-level expectations, in all subject areas, on standardized tests. In addition, St. James offers students a safe, respectful environment which includes prayer, lessons in morals and values, and faith-based teachings on a daily basis. Updated technology, school sports, and extra-curricular activities are just a few of the many benefits our students enjoy. Tuition assistance is available to qualifying families.

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.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

Pope Francis has emphasized that: "religious freedom is not simply freedom of thought or private worship. It is the freedom to live according to ethical principles, both privately and publicly."

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.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



March For Life Buses:

January 22, 2016 marks the 43rd anniversary of the Supreme Court's infamous abortion-on-demand ruling. Because of that decision, millions of pre-born babies have been denied their most basic right - their right to life. On Friday, January 22, 2016, people from across the

nation will assemble in Washington, D.C. to visibly express their opposition to abortion.

On **Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 9: P.M.**, buses sponsored by the Southeast Chapter of Connecticut Right to Life will leave from the Norwich Municipal Parking Lot (Exit 11, formally Exit 80, I-395) and travel to D.C. to attend the March For Life on January 22, 2016. Bus fare is \$65 per person. (Reduced rate of \$42 is available for students) Please reply by January 18th!

If payment is received after January 18th then bus fare goes up to \$75/adult and \$52/student rate.

If you are unable to attend the March For Life, please consider sponsoring a seat on the bus.

For further information and/or to reserve a seat or to sponsor a seat, please call Margaret Becotte at 860-822-1362.



**2nd Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." *Jn 2:1-3*

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Marriage Preparation Classes for Engaged Couples

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

Offered by the Office of Family Life. To register for the three-session class please call 860-848-2237 ext. 306.

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Time: 6:30 – 9 P.M.

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