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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — JANUARY 24, 2016

Good News!

January 24, 2016

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Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 / 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27 /
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

In the days of the exile in Babylon, the Jews were unable to practice their religion, to gather as a community, or to hear the words of the Torah, which had so guided them in their lives as a people of God. I have always been taken by the description of this reading of the Law in Nehemiah, which occurs shortly after their return from exile. As Ezra reads, the people weep, rejoicing because they were hearing God's words to them as though for the first time and were overjoyed because God had brought them back home. I can't say I have ever wept at the beauty and power of Scripture when it is read at Mass, nor have I seen others do so. When we have not been deprived of a treasure we sometimes take it for granted and fail to appreciate the gift that it is.

In the Gospel, Jesus reads the words of Isaiah and declares to those in the synagogue that the words have been fulfilled. The people's reaction, which we hear as Luke 4 continues (next week), simply is not the same. Throughout our own lives, we have reacted to the comfort and challenge of the Gospel in different ways at different times. Sometimes we may be touched by what we hear, but I wonder if we often do not allow God's word to affect us as much as it could. Maybe today we can really open ourselves to what the Lord has to say in the sacred stories. Maybe today we can recognize the true value of God's revelation, care, and call to us in the Bible.

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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 WEEKTHIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMEJANUARY 23— JANUARY 24, 2016USHERS GROUP I2ND COLLECTION — ST. MAURICE FUEL FUNDSATURDAY, 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 MASSTHURSDAY, JAN 28 — NO MASSFRIDAY, JAN 29 — NO MASSSATURDAY, JAN 30

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

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: January 17 — \$2,521

Projected Amount needed \$3,370

"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..."

(NEHEMIAH 8:10)

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life, he wants us to be happy! However, He expects us to generously share our blessings with those who are in need, without expecting anything in return.

NEXT WEEKFOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMEJANUARY 30— JANUARY 31, 2016USHERS GROUP IISATURDAY, JAN 30

10:00 A.M. Meeting with parents of children receiving
First Communion.

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for †Lynn Hebler Pinard
request of The Cinea Family

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea
Lectors: Bert Flynn
Eucharistic Minister: Patti Cinea

*COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement*SUNDAY, JAN 31

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

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck
Lector: Joel Cohan
Eucharistic Minister: Judy Knox

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: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer
Lector: Katherine Monroe
Eucharistic Minister: Evelyn O'Connor

*CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass**BAPTISM OF MARCELLA CASSIA O'BRIEN after Mass**COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement*MONDAY, FEB 1

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Carol Zachman
request of Dorli and Lou Cloutier

TUESDAY, FEB 2

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Lena C. Bloznalis
request of The Dean & Bloznalis Families

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

WEDNESDAY, FEB 3

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Louis Cloutier, Sr.
request of Dorli and Lou Cloutier

THURSDAY, FEB 4 — NO MASSFRIDAY, FEB 5 — NO MASSSATURDAY, FEB 6

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

Readings for the Week of January 24, 2016

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

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Ps 117:1-2/Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-3, 7-8, 10/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-5, 11-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-17/Mk 4:35-41

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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.



BOY SCOUTING SUNDAY

On **Sunday, February 7th**, the intention for the **10:00 am Mass** will be offered for Boy Scouts.

Sponsored by the Bolton Ecumenical Council and hosted by St. Maurice Parish, scouts from Boy Scouts Troop 73, Cub Scouts Pack 157 and their leaders will participate in the Celebration of the Mass. If you are a boy scout with membership in another troop, and would like to participate in this Mass, please contact Scoutmasters Tom Weir (860-645-9995) or Tony Girasoli (860-533-9450).

FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP



After a very successful Fair we are looking forward to the 2016 Fair and looking for our needs that you may be able to help us with. We will keep an ongoing list on the church bulletin board. This week we are asking you to look for canning jars both pint and quart. Last year we used 10 dozen pints and 5 dozen quarts. We also need the baby food jars with lids, please, and we use 400 each year. Any donations can be left in church vestibule or parish center. Thank you for your support.

If you have any questions or suggestions please call me
— Dorli 649-6255

Thank you for the donations already received. It is a help.



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.

Schedules for Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are in the rack in back of church. Please pick them up.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

On December 7, 1965, the Second Vatican Council approved *Dignitatis Humanae*, the Declaration on Religious Liberty. The Declaration addresses a question that comes up in every generation: how do we understand freedom, truth, and the relationship between church and state? Have things changed in the last 50 years?

Visit: uscbb.org and search for: Human Dignitatis Humanae for a comprehensive overview.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

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.

Young Adults Event

Fellowship, Adoration, and Mass – Feb. 11th

Young Adults ages 18 – 39 are invited for Fellowship, Adoration and Mass on Thursday, February 11th beginning at Crossroads in Columbia with a light dinner. It is at 106 Rt. 66 East Columbia 06237. From Crossroads, Young Adults will travel to St. Thomas Aquinas for Adoration and Mass beginning at 8pm – 9:30pm. Address is 46 North Eagleville Rd. Storrs 06268. The event is free and adults are welcome to come for only the fellowship or Adoration or Mass. For more information, contact Liza Roach at (860)848-2237 ex. 305 or <mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net>

TRIP TO HAITI

The Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti is organizing one or more immersion trips to Haiti. Typical places you would visit are schools, clinics, neighborhoods, the national museum, Sunday mass at a Haitian church. Room, board and airfare is in the \$1,000 to \$1,300 range (depending on the airfare you get).

The dates being booked now are April 5-12, April 26 to May 3, or May 9-16. If you are interested in any of these dates, contact Outreach at info@outreachtohaiti.org, or call 860-887-1019 x817.

If you are interested, but can't make these dates, you can contact Outreach as noted above, and have them put you on a list to be contacted as more trips are planned.

PARISH MISSION COMING TO ST. LUKE'S ELLINGTON

Father Thomas Sullivan, C.P.M. is a member of the congregation of the Fathers of Mercy. He will be doing a Mission at St. Luke's Church in Ellington on Monday, February 1 at 7 PM and Tuesday, February 2 at 7 PM. The evening will be with a Holy Hour and will include Father Sullivan's talk. The Mission will conclude on Wednesday evening with a Mass celebrated by Father Sullivan. We invite all area parishes to join us in this beautiful celebration before Lent begins.

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