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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — JANUARY 31, 2016

Good News!

January 31, 2016

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Jer 1:4–5, 17–19 / 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 / Lk 4:21–30

In my work as a pastoral associate, I frequently speak with couples preparing for marriage. They often ask for suggestions about readings and desire to have something a little unconventional. When I ask what they mean, they will say something like, “We’ve heard that love reading so many times, and some of the gospel readings we have heard aren’t what we want to say.” I ask them what they think love is and, after a pause, they begin to tell me what they believe about love. It usually includes words like patient, humble, wanting the good of the other. We look at the reading from Corinthians again and they suddenly understand why so many choose it. It is one of the more beautiful descriptions of love that we have, and the love Paul describes is grounded in the Lord—God’s love for us and the love we must have for each other.

I think the ending of the passage is of greatest importance to marriage and the Christian life. Marriage is a process of becoming known. We “put aside childish things,” like unrealistic notions of romantic love, and work at loving a real person. Spouses begin their marriage knowing each other only partially but grow in understanding with each passing day. That wisdom leads to unity and transforms the spouses. This movement mirrors our life with God. We know very little as baptized infants and children. But as we pray, worship, and serve, we come to know God more and more until we meet him face to face and our lives are one with his.

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

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**

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: January 24 — \$1,291

Projected Amount needed \$3,370

"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous."

(1 Corinthians 13:4)

Do you get jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you acquire more possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these things. Pray for more humility. Pray to become less self-centered and more God-centered.

NEXT WEEKFIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMEFEBRUARY 6 — FEBRUARY 7, 2016USHERS GROUP IIISATURDAY, FEB 6

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for †Gary Martin
request of Linda LaChapelle

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea

Lectors: Georgette Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Annedda Stiller

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, FEB 7

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

Altar Servers: Lynn Mancino

Lector: Judy Trzcinski

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 Boy Scouts Troop 73
and Cub Scouts Pack 157

Altar Servers: Emilia & Marta Herasimowicz

Lector: Paul Brown

Eucharistic Minister: Janusz Herasimowicz

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

MONDAY, FEB 8

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Donald Holbrook
request of Gloria Holbrook and The Family

TUESDAY, FEB 9

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

7:00 P.M. **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

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

WEDNESDAY, FEB 10— ASH WEDNESDAY

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Lynn Hebler Pinard
request of Mary Munford and The Family

Lector: Lynn Mancino

Eucharistic Minister: Louis Cloutier

7:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: Alex Czercowy

Lector: Jessica Merry

Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Smythe

THURSDAY, FEB 11 — NO MASSFRIDAY, FEB 12 — NO MORNING MASS

7:00 P.M. **MASS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: Emilia & Marta Herasimowicz

Lector: Jeffrey Monroe

Eucharistic Minister: Janusz Herasimowicz

SATURDAY, FEB 13

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

Readings for the Week of January 31, 2016

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-6, 15-17/1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-7/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7-10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10-12/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47, 50-51/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9-14/Mk 6:30-34

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).



**4th Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" *Lk 4:21-22*

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SIGN OF PEACE

Especially during the winter months, some parishioners are wary of shaking hands at the Sign of Peace. Just keep in mind that the "Sign" of Peace can be a handshake, a smile, a wave, a verbal greeting, or any combination of these. The most important point is that whatever sign we use to greet one another during Mass, the intention to bestow peace and to live in peace with our neighbors must be heartfelt and sincere.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

In early January, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops filed an amicus brief with the U.S. Supreme Court supporting Little Sisters of the poor and other ministries challenging the HHS mandate. The brief claims that the government is violating federal law by speaking for the sisters in saying that the accommodation provided is the mandate is compatible with their religious beliefs. 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

Young Adults Event Fellowship, Adoration, and Mass

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 e-mail to: lroach@norwichdiocese.net

March for Mercy on March 19th - Youth Event for Gr. 7 -12

The Diocese of Norwich invites Grades 7 – 12 to the March for Mercy on Saturday, March 19th from 10a – 3pm. Youth are asked to raise a minimum of \$10 and all donations above \$10 will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul Place. The March will begin at St. Joseph's in Norwich where we tour the soup kitchen, hear a witness on homelessness, and then march to the Cathedral. At the Cathedral, we will talk about the Door of Mercy, eat Pizza supper and continue our mission with national speaker and song writer Vince Nims. If you are interested, please contact your Catechetical Leader or Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or (860)848-2237 ex. 305.

Assumption Early Learning Center Open House Dates

January 31 (11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)

February 2 (9:00 a.m. to noon)

February 4 (3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)

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Date: Fridays, February 5, 12, 19, 2016

Time: 6:30 – 9 P.M.

Location: Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall, Route 12, Gales Ferry

Cost: \$60 per couple

Summer Program at Northeast Catholic College

Once again, Northeast Catholic College in Warner, NH is pleased to announce the dates for its Summer Program for high school students. The Collegiate Summer Program offers participants the opportunity to study theology, philosophy, literature and political science. During the summer program, students also attend daily Mass and enjoy sports, socials and day trips including hiking and canoeing. The program is for students who will be entering their sophomore, junior or senior year of high school in the fall of 2016. It is also open to students who have just graduated high school. The Collegiate Summer Program is a two-week session that runs from Sunday, July 24 – Saturday, August 6, 2016.

Register today at <http://www.northeastcatholic.edu/>!

For more information, contact the admissions office at at@northeastcatholic.edu 603.456.2656.

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