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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT — FEBRUARY 14, 2016

Good News!

February 14, 2016

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Dt 26:4-10 / Rom 10:8-13 / Lk 4:1-13

When I was on a pilgrimage to Israel, we visited Masada, the last stronghold of the Jews after the Romans destroyed Jerusalem. The temperature hit 117 degrees the day we came. We wandered around and wondered what it must have been like to hold out for a long time. When we returned to our bus, we couldn't wait to get to the cold water that awaited us. The priest said, "The Jews were in the desert for forty years; Jesus was in the desert for forty days; you've been in the desert for forty minutes. Think about that."

I have no doubt that Jesus was tempted to give himself food and water when he was enduring the desert heat. I have no doubt that in his agony he might also have thought about seizing power for himself. These are the things that tempt us when we are worn out, beaten down, or simply think we are not getting enough of what we believe we deserve.

Lent begins with the temptation of Jesus. Like us in all things but sin, he knew about being and feeling deprived and weak. And while his temptations came while he was in an actual desert, our harsh and barren places may be physical, psychological, or spiritual. We may feel lost, alone, helpless, and sometimes hopeless. In our times of weakness, evil can find a foothold and convince us that we must control our lives, that we can and should have whatever we want. In this account, we find in Jesus an example of how to resist temptation—patiently, humbly, with trust in God's promise of salvation.

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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 in 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****FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT****FEBRUARY 13 — FEBRUARY 14, 2016****USHERS GROUP IV****2ND COLLECTION — ST. MAURICE FUEL FUND****SATURDAY, FEB 13****4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers:* Maria Cinea*Lectors:* Patti Cinea*Eucharistic Minister:* Patti Cinea**COFFEE SOCIAL** after Mass in the Church Basement**SUNDAY, FEB 14****7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers:* Shirley Holbrook*Lector:* Joel Cohan*Eucharistic Minister:* Arlene Giglio**8:30 A.M. — 8:50 A.M.** **YOUTH CHOIR** in the Church**NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES****10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers:* LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer*Lector:* Lee Snuffer*Eucharistic Minister:* Clifford Scorso**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**COFFEE SOCIAL** after Mass in the Church Basement**MONDAY, FEB 15****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Iva Lindberg request of Lynn Mancino**7:00 P.M. — 8:00 P.M.** **CONFESSIONS IN THE CHURCH****TUESDAY, FEB 16****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church**7:00 P.M.** **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUSINESS MEETING****7:15 P.M.** **CHOIR REHEARSAL****WEDNESDAY, FEB 17****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Lena C. Bloznalis request of The Dean & Bloznalis Families**THURSDAY, FEB 18 — NO MASS****FRIDAY, FEB 19****7:00 P.M.** **MASS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers:* LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer*Lector:* Lee Snuffer*Eucharistic Minister:* Betty Aitkin**SATURDAY, FEB 20****3:30 P.M.** **ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS****STEWARDSHIP****Last week's Offertory: February 7 — \$3,062****Projected Amount needed \$3,370***"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." (DEUTERONOMY 26:10)*

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits", the best that you have to offer, or do you give from what is leftover? Second, do you remember that everything you have has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day.

**NEXT WEEK****SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT****FEBRUARY 20 — FEBRUARY 21, 2016****USHERS GROUP I****SATURDAY, FEB 20****4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers:* Maria Cinea*Lectors:* Bert Flynn*Eucharistic Minister:* Georgette Pelletier**COFFEE SOCIAL** after Mass in the Church Basement**SUNDAY, FEB 21****7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers:* Lynn Mancino*Lector:* Lynn Mancino*Eucharistic Minister:* Arlene Giglio**8:00 A.M.** **TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ BREAKFAST**
*Parish Center from 8:00AM to 10:00AM***8:30 A.M. — 8:50 A.M.** **YOUTH CHOIR** in the Church**9:00 A.M.** **FAITH FORMATION CLASSES****10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers:* Alex Czercowy*Lector:* Evelyn O'Connor*Eucharistic Minister:* Sharon Scorso**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**COFFEE SOCIAL** after Mass in the Church Basement**MONDAY, FEB 22****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church**7:00 P.M. — 8:00 P.M.** **CONFESSIONS IN THE CHURCH****TUESDAY, FEB 23****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church**7:15 P.M.** **CHOIR REHEARSAL****WEDNESDAY, FEB 24****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church**THURSDAY, FEB 25 — NO MASS****FRIDAY, FEB 26****7:00 P.M.** **MASS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers:* Alex Czercowy*Lector:* Rita Sheetz*Eucharistic Minister:* Rita Sheetz**SATURDAY, FEB 27****3:30 P.M.** **ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS****Readings for the Week of February 14, 2016**

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-15/Rom 10:8-13/
Lk 4:1-13

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-3, 7-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

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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.
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Dear friends at St. Maurice,
Thank you so much for thinking of me at Christmas. Your kindnesses is a blessing and the Wal-Mart card is a perfect gift. You may not realize how much it means to us in seminary to know that folks at home in the diocese remember us. Knowing that I am in your thoughts and prayers means more than I can tell you.
Thank you again for your thoughts, support and for sharing this journey with me. May God's peace and blessings be with each of you in 2016.

Sincerely in Christ
Deacon Tom Griffin

Need a statement for the IRS?

If you give online and need a statement for your 2015 Tax Return, contact Tom Manning at tmanning818@sbcglobal.net.

FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP

Hi, we have another need for The Fair!!! We are looking for 8 outdoor stakes that are in the shape of a candy cane. We are unable to find them in the stores.

Please call Dorli at 860-649-625 if you have any questions or suggestions.

Thank you for your support — Dorli and Kathy

Defending Our Religious Liberty

Beginning on Monday, February 15th, and every Monday during Lent, every Catholic Church in the archdiocese will be open for confessions between 6-7 p.m. Prepare yourself for the coming of Christ by giving yourself the gift of forgiveness and continue to pray for our religious freedom that it will remain our most cherished and inalienable right.

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

"New Day" Bereavement Group

Living through grief is not easy and it does not have to be done alone. St. Bridget's offers "New Day" a nine week program for those who wish to do grief work with others having the same experience. This program provides a sense of community where support is given and received, and one feels at ease knowing that those attending have also had the pain of loss.

"New Day" is led by trained facilitators and includes prayer, discussion, and journaling. Although, "New Day" is a faith-based program, it is not restricted to Catholics and all are welcome.

We are looking forward to holding our next program on Tuesday evenings beginning March 1, 2016 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the St. Bridget Parish Office, 80 Main Street, Manchester.

For further information or to register for the program, please call Mary at 860-646-3848.

CHRISTIAN MORALITY — In the Breath of God

Is it difficult to follow Christ? Is it a challenge to be faithful to the Gospel? Can it be exhausting to devote oneself to building up God's reign of love and justice on this earth? Of Course!

These sessions will shed light on what it means for you to respond to the love of God and the connection between that response and some of the concrete moral challenges of your life.

A two session course presented by Sr. Elissa Rinere, CP, JCD Director of the Office of Worship and the Office of Pastoral Planning

Thursday Mornings, March 3 & 10, 2016 (9:45 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

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Operation Rice Bowl: Our Lenten Program:

What you give up for Lent changes lives.

On Ash Wednesday, February 10, 2016, our parish with parishes across the Diocese of Norwich begun a program of prayer and sacrifice called Operation Rice Bowl (ORB). For 43 years, Operation Rice Bowl has helped to feed the hungry poor. Through our participation in this program, we bring hope and healing to another person or family living halfway across the globe, strengthen and enriching those persons' lives, both physically and spiritually, and greatly enhancing your parish community's Lenten faith experience. Rice bowls are distributed to you at Mass. Families are encouraged to gather each week in prayer for the hungry poor and to share a sacrificial meal. With the moneys saved from this meal, a donation is placed in the family Rice Bowl and can be brought to the parish family Rice Bowl on Palm Sunday, March 20, 2016. 75% of Operation Rice Bowl funds will feed the hungry poor overseas, the remaining 25% will be used in the diocese to feed the needy. This Lent, gather in prayer and sacrifice as a family to pray and to care for the hungry poor.

Lent is a time of opportunity for us to strengthen our faith through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These practices bring us closer to God and demonstrate our solidarity with those in need at home and around the world. This Lent make your sacrifices become opportunities to feed the hungry poor. Please participate in CRS Operation Rice Bowl and let the sacrifices you make for the hungry poor nourish them and may these sacrifices witness to the love that disciples of Christ have for all people, especially for the least of the Lord's sisters and brothers.

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