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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT — FEBRUARY 21, 2016

Good News!

February 21, 2016

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Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 / Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1 /
Lk 9:28b-36

From the top of Mount Tabor in Israel, the supposed site of Jesus' transfiguration, visitors can see clearly across the valley to the distant Golan Heights some forty-five miles away. The view takes your breath away. When I was in the valley, I could only see the immediate area, but at the top I was mesmerized by both the distance and the beauty of the land.

Maybe that's why mountains have always been places of prayer, of divine unveiling, and why Jesus took Peter, James, and John up to the top of a mountain to experience this vision of his glory. He wanted them to see more than their daily life and work. He wanted them to see further than they ever thought they could. He wanted them to see the depths of who he was in a new and profound way. It was important that they do this. The transfiguration happens in the midst of Jesus' predictions of his passion and death, before he begins his deliberate journey to Jerusalem. Without an image of the glorified Christ, the apostles might not have had the courage to continue following him.

Like the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert, we hear this transfiguration account every Lent. Jesus takes the Church, and each one of us, up the mountain and dares us to see further, better, more deeply than ever before. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, he dares us to leave what we know, listen to him, and follow in his footsteps. May we have the courage to accept the challenge.

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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):

Monday 7:00 P.M. — 8:00 P.M.

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT****FEBRUARY 20 — 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****STEWARDSHIP****Last week's Offertory: February 14 — \$2,026****Projected Amount needed \$3,370***"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession."*
(GENESIS 15:7)

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether our home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do we show our gratitude to God for the home He has given us? Do we make a sacrifice of any kind? Do we return any of our finances to God, investing equally in our eternal home just as we invest in our earthly home?

NEXT WEEK**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT****FEBRUARY 27 — 28, 2016****USHERS GROUP II****2ND COLLECTION — ST. MAURICE FUEL FUND****SATURDAY, FEB 27****4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers:* Maria Cinea*Lectors:* Patti Cinea*Eucharistic Minister:* Bert Flynn**"OCEAN OF MERCY" - DVD documentary**
after Mass in the Church**SUNDAY, FEB 28****7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for †Casimir Kurys request of Helen Kurys and Family*Altar Servers:* Shirley Holbrook*Lector:* Judy Knox*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.** **YOUTH MASS**
Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers:* Marta Herasimowicz & Alex Czercowy*Lector:* Jeffrey Monroe*Eucharistic Minister:* Kathleen Smythe**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**COFFEE SOCIAL** after Mass in the Church Basement**6:00 P.M.** **"OCEAN OF MERCY" - DVD documentary**
in the Parish Center**MONDAY, FEB 29****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Lena C. Bloznalis request of The Dean & Bloznalis Families**7:00 P.M. — 8:00 P.M.** **CONFESSIONS IN THE CHURCH****TUESDAY, MAR 1****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Werner (Bud) Moore request of Hope Grunske**7:15 P.M.** **CHOIR REHEARSAL****WEDNESDAY, MAR 2****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church**6:30 P.M.** **Bolton Ecumenical Council Lenten Supper at St. Maurice Parish Center**
Featured speaker — Beth Stafford**THURSDAY, MAR 3 — NO MASS****FRIDAY, MAR 4****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:* Evelyn O'Connor*Eucharistic Minister:* Janusz Herasimowicz**SATURDAY, MAR 5****3:30 P.M.** **ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS**

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.

On **Wednesday** evening, **March 2nd**, the **Bolton Ecumenical Council** will sponsor a simple **Lenten meal** (bread and soup) in **St. Maurice's Parish Center at 6:30 P.M.**

Beth Stafford, Executive Director of Manchester Area Conference of Churches (MACC), is to be the featured speaker and will update us on the status of the homeless in the greater Manchester area, their challenges, lifestyle, and current needs for food, shelter, employment, transportation, training, etc.

This fellowship opportunity should prove both informative and interesting. All are welcome. There is no charge, although donations may be made to MACC.

Now is the time of Mercy.....

In an effort to better understand the significance of the newly painted **Divine Mercy** image that soon will be erected in the alcove of our church sanctuary, the DVD documentary, *Ocean of Mercy*, will be shown.



Two viewings options 60 minutes in length

Saturday, February 27th, following the 4 pm Vigil Mass, *in the Church*

Sunday, February 28th, at 6 pm *in the Parish Center*

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Defending Our Religious Liberty

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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

February is a month all about hearts...loving, mending, sharing, caring for them and, of course, eating candy ones! This year's Annual Catholic Appeal is also about hearts with its theme **"MERCY-The Beating Heart of the Gospel."** Over the next few weeks you will be receiving information, watching a video, and hearing more about the ACA. Please listen with an open mind and be ready to share your gifts with an open heart when asked to help support those less fortunate in the Diocese of Norwich.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS If you are silently grieving or suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** weekend. Upcoming weekends are: **March 4-6** in Litchfield, CT, call 203-631-9030; **March 11-13** in Stockbridge, MA, call 413-452-0661; in Rhode Island **March 4-6** in English call 401-351-7730, or **April 8-10** in Spanish call 401-742-1510 or visit the national website at www.rachelsvineyard.org

"PROJECT RACHEL" is our Diocesan ministry for anyone seeking healing and forgiveness. Priests in the **Project Rachel** ministry are there for you with God's Grace and Mercy. Call 860-848-2237, ext 306. All inquiries are confidential.

Healing Liturgy

St. Bernard Church-Rockville

February 28th at 3pm



During this Holy Year of Mercy we draw together in a special way to share in the incredible gift of God's unfailing mercy. The Healing Liturgy this year will be held at St. Bernard Church on February 28th at 3:00PM. All are invited to join together in prayer for those who suffer from any type of illness. Anointing of the sick will be available for those who choose to receive this sacrament.

FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP

The Fair group will begin our workshop on Wednesday, March 2nd from 9 till 12. We hope you will come and bring some new ideas, thoughts of how we are doing and your willingness to work with us. This week we will be ironing, cutting and basting for many projects. We have pillows, potholders, a tree skirt and more on our list. The coffee will be on and we hope you find time to be a part of this group. See you then — Dorli and Kathy.

Readings for the Week of February 21, 2016

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
Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14-16/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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