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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT — FEBRUARY 28, 2016

Good News!

February 28, 2016

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 / 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 / Lk 13:1-9

Now that I am older, I can look back on my life and clearly remember times when I took great pride in my accomplishments, the breadth of my knowledge, and my insight into human dynamics. The problem was that my pride bordered on, and occasionally slipped into, a sense of superiority and hubris. At such times I was not fun to be around. The advantage of maturity is that we become more aware of our shortcomings and, hopefully, develop a humility that appreciates the gifts that everyone brings to the table, recognizes that we always have more to learn, and grows grateful, rather than prideful, at the gifts we have been given.

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges the sense of pride that the Israelites feel from God's choosing them and the sense that they are, therefore, better than the people of the surrounding nations. He also questions their habit of judging those on whom misfortune fell as more sinful than they were. In a way, he was asking them to grow up and find the humility that comes from age, holding them to the same standard with which they held others. He challenged them to spend less time judging others and more time recognizing their sins and need for repentance.

That's a hard lesson for us all, but a necessary one. If we are to accompany one another on this journey through Lent and life, we need to know we are all the same in God's eyes and all in need of God's grace to make it through.

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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):

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

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

“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

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

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

9:00 A.M. **CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP** *in the Parish Center*

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**

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: February 21 — \$3,219

Projected Amount needed \$3,370

“He said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.’”

(LUKE 13:7)

Are you like the barren fig tree? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts and return with increase.

NEXT WEEK

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 5 — 6, 2016
USHERS GROUP III

2ND COLLECTION — ST. MAURICE FUEL FUND

LAUNCH WEEKEND 2016 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**SATURDAY, MAR 5**

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea

Lectors: Georgette Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley

COFFEE SOCIAL *after Mass in the Church Basement*

SUNDAY, MAR 6

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 †Margaret Fennelly request of Patrick and Eileen McMahon and Family

Altar Servers: Emilia & Marta Herasimowicz

Lector: Jessica Merry

Eucharistic Minister: Janusz Herasimowicz

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

COFFEE SOCIAL *after Mass in the Church Basement*

MONDAY, MAR 7

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †John Cison request of Theresa Cison

7:00 P.M. — 8:00 P.M. **CONFESSIONS IN THE CHURCH**

TUESDAY, MAR 8

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, MAR 9

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

9:00 A.M. **CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP** *in the Parish Center*

THURSDAY, MAR 10 — NO MASS**FRIDAY, MAR 11**

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: Sharon Scorso

SATURDAY, MAR 12

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

Readings for the Week of February 28, 2016

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11/1
 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6-11, 14, 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-21/Lk 18:9-14

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*

Parishioners of St. Maurice,

I'd like to thank you very much for the gift card to Wall-Mart that you sent me this Christmas; it is very kind of you. Also, it is very convenient, as the seminary (Mount St. Mary's) is located about 2 minutes from two different Wall-Marts, making it quiet our "go-to" place to get personal items and things. Thank you! I, headed into my last semester of seminar right now, after spending 5 1/2 years here. It has truly been a wonderful experience, coming to know Lord better in prayer, learning about the Church and God's plan for our salvation, growing in virtue and holiness (I hope!), and being formed to serve the People of God. But I'm definitely ready to be done and move back home to minister to the people of Norwich and the rest of the diocese. Hopefully, my ordination will be in June. Thanks again, and may our Lord bless your parish abundantly.

- Deacon Jeff

"No Kid Hungry" Bolton PTA program

needs packets of instant oatmeal, boxes of cereal, peanut butter, jelly in plastic bottles, boxes of macaroni and cheese, boxes of pasta, canned or plastic jarred pasta sauce, granola bars, fruit snacks, single serving snack sizes of crackers, cheese-its, pretzels, canned soup, canned tuna and packets of juice, canned fruit and vegetables. Basically, they can use items that are kid-friendly, nonperishable and easy to prepare.

If you wish to make a donation please place yours in the church foyer.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

Religious freedom is a God-given right. It is protected in the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights of our U.S. Constitution, which dates back to Dec. 15, 1791. The government should not be allowed to force people or groups to violate their most deeply held religious convictions.

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.

ANNUAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE- SAT. APRIL 9th

Women of all ages are invited to enhance their journey of faith and build community by attending the Annual Women's Conference on Saturday, April 9th from 8:30am – 3:30pm at St. Bernard's High School. The day begins with Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael Cote, followed by the talented author and Blogger Kathy Irr to dazzle us, a catered lunch, reconciliation, and adoration. It is a great day for women's growth and faith life, so register today by contacting the Office of Faith Events – Marge Vanner at (860)848-2237 ex. 312 or faithevents@norwichdiocese.net.

Catholic Charities Providing Help, Creating Hope since 1921

Please join the Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, D.D. on Saturday, April 9th at the Mystic Marriott in Groton CT to celebrate Catholic Charities "95th Anniversary Gala. The evening begins at 6:00 PM with a Silent Auction and Dinner. We will honor the following individuals: Humanitarian of the Year: Meg Gustafson; Community Servants of the Year: Willimantic Advisory Board; Honoring our Heritage Award: Jacqueline Keller and Catholic Charities Employee of the Year: Therese Fontaine. Tickets are \$100 if purchased before March 18 (\$125 after). Proceeds from this event allows Catholic Charities to continue our mission of providing services for our neighbors most in need in Eastern Connecticut. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please contact: Christine Jackel 860-886-1928 x12 or via e-mail at cjackel@norwichdiocese.net.

Principal Vacancy: St. John Paul II Regional Diocesan PreK-8 School, Middletown, CT

The successful candidate will be a practicing Catholic with an understanding of and a commitment to the mission of Catholic education. In addition to a record of successful teaching, a master's degree and Connecticut State Certification, bi-lingual (English/Spanish) fluency is preferred, as is demonstrated knowledge of curriculum and the qualities of potential leadership at the elementary level. The principal will possess the ability to work effectively with teachers, parents and pastors, along with an understanding of the complexities of interactions which need to take place between the school and the Diocesan School Office. The candidate should possess superior written and oral communication skills.

The full job description can be found on the diocesan website: www.norwichdiocese.org. To apply, send a cover letter, current resume, three references and certification information to:

superintendentso@norwichdiocese.net or

Edward J. Shine, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools

Diocesan School Office

43 Perkins Avenue

Norwich, Ct 06360

Screening begins March 15, 2016. Resumes accepted until the position is filled.

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.

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