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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT — MARCH 13, 2016

Good News!

March 13, 2016

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Is 43:16–21 / Phil 3:8–14 / Jn 8:1–11

At the climax of *The Miracle Worker*, the play about deaf and blind Helen Keller and her teacher, Annie Sullivan, Annie spells *water* into Helen's hand while water pours over Helen's other hand. Helen's face changes as she suddenly makes the connection between the signs Annie is making and the reality of the water. Helen starts touching things wildly while Annie signs the letters in her hand at an ever faster rate. Finally, Helen points to Annie, who spells T-E-A-C-H-E-R in her hand. The best teacher is not the one who can speak the loudest or the most, but the one who patiently does the same thing over and over until the student makes the connection and finally learns.

Jesus is our teacher, and in the Gospel story today he demonstrates it not with a wordy lecture but by drawing in the dust and inviting his reluctant students to think about what they are doing. We don't know what he wrote, and it isn't important. He neither engaged in the debate nor shamed the woman brought before him. He made the scribes and Pharisees look and wait. Then he asked them to judge themselves first. It's a good lesson for us all. Before we condemn anyone else, we should look at the ways in which we have sinned. The lesson continues for the woman as she is told to go and sin no more.

As Helen was attentive to Annie, let us be attentive to what Jesus spells out for us. His lessons lead us to new life and the knowledge of God.

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 5:00 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**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 12 — 13, 2016
USHERS GROUP IV

2ND COLLECTION — ST. MAURICE FUEL FUND

2016 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL — COMMITMENT WEEKEND
"MERCY — THE BEATING HEART OF THE GOSPEL"

SATURDAY, MAR 12

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for †Francesca Quagliano
 request of Josephine and Silvio Maratta

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, MAR 13 (Daylight Savings Time begins)

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

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

MONDAY, MAR 14

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

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

TUESDAY, MAR 15

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MAR 16

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Carol Zachman
 request of m/m Peter McConnell

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

7:00 P.M. **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUSINESS MEETING**

THURSDAY, MAR 17 — NO MASS**FRIDAY, MAR 18**

7:00 P.M. **MASS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
Mass offered for Father's intention

Altar Servers: Alex Czercowy

Lector: Katherine Monroe

SATURDAY, MAR 19

4:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: March 6 — \$3,595

Projected Amount needed \$3,370

"For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..."

(PHILIPPIANS 3:8)

The first commandment says that we shall not put other gods before the Lord. Detaching ourselves from material possessions and considering them "rubbish" does just that. It strengthens our relationship with Jesus and allows us to live more freely and joyfully.

**NEXT WEEK**

PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 19 — 20, 2016
USHERS GROUP I

2016 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL — FOLLOU-UP WEEKEND
2ND COLLECTION — OPERATION RICE BOWL

SATURDAY, MAR 19

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea

Lectors: Georgette Pelletier, Bert Flynn

Eucharistic Minister: Annedda Stiller

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, MAR 20

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

Altar Servers: Lynn Mancino

Lector: Judy Knox, Lynn Mancino

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: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer

Lector: Rita Sheetz, Evelyn O'Connor

Eucharistic Minister: Rita Sheetz

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

EASTER FOOD DISTRIBUTION by Confirmation Preparation Class

MONDAY, MAR 21

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

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

TUESDAY, MAR 22 — NO MASS

10:30 A.M. **Chrism Mass** at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich — everyone is invited to attend

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

WEDNESDAY, MAR 23 — NO MASS

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

THURSDAY, MAR 24 — Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper

7:00 P.M. Mass offered for all Priests especially Fr. Wojciech

Altar Servers: Emilia & Marta Herasimowicz

Lector: Judy Trzcinski, Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Janusz Herasimowicz

ADORATION AFTER MASS UNTIL MIDNIGHT

8 — 9 P.M. last names S-Z

9 — 10 P.M. last names M-R

10 — 11 P.M. last names G-L

11 P.M. — 12 A.M. last names A-F

FRIDAY, MAR 25 — Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord

3:00 P.M. **Service and Veneration of the Cross**
 (Good Friday collection for Holy Land)

Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer

Lector: Lynn Mancino, Paul Brown

Eucharistic Minister: Lou Cloutier

7:00 P.M. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** (No Mass)

Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer

SATURDAY, MAR 26 Easter Vigil — Resurrection of the Lord

10:00 A.M. **BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD**

8:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer

Lector: Georgette Pelletier, Patti Cinea

Eucharistic Minister: Bert Flynn

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.

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| <i>Corporal works of mercy:</i> | <i>Spiritual works of mercy:</i> |
| <i>To feed the hungry;</i> | <i>To instruct the ignorant;</i> |
| <i>To give drink to the thirsty;</i> | <i>To counsel the doubtful;</i> |
| <i>To clothe the naked;</i> | <i>To admonish sinners;</i> |
| <i>To harbour the harbourless;</i> | <i>To bear wrongs patiently;</i> |
| <i>To visit the sick;</i> | <i>To forgive offences willingly;</i> |
| <i>To ransom the captive;</i> | <i>To comfort the afflicted;</i> |
| <i>To bury the dead.</i> | <i>To pray for the living and the dead.</i> |

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Laurie Krysiak will be working on setting up the advertising sponsorships for our bulletin the week of March 7th. Please consider advertising in our bulletin.

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Defending Our Religious Liberty

When evaluating the presidential candidates, keep in mind their position on preserving the Constitution of the United States and our First Amendment right to religious liberty.

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

DIOCESE OF NORWICH 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal



Annual Catholic Appeal

“MERCY –
The Beating Heart of the Gospel”

Sometimes it’s hard to envision how your one gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal, “MERCY – *The Beating Heart of the Gospel,*” could make a difference in the Diocese of Norwich, but it does! Your contribution is a charitable action. This action helps to create a ripple effect through our Diocesan ministries...allowing them to achieve their missions of helping the many in our communities who are in need. The need is great. Whether it’s material, physical, emotional or spiritual help that is provided, your support makes a difference in the lives of those who are assisted. You are showing your love to your neighbors and living the message of the Gospel. So, let’s join together and make a difference in our Diocese through our support of the Annual Catholic Appeal. Let it be seen by many, how we as Catholics live out the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy and build up our Church in the Diocese of Norwich. Visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org to make your pledge.

This year, Bishop Michael R. Cote, D.D., invites you to the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich on Tuesday, March 22, 2016, at 10:30 a.m. Procession of Priests and Deacons will begin into Cathedral at 10:20 a.m.

The Chrism Mass is the celebration during which the sacred Chrism is consecrated and the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens are blessed. These oils are sanctified for use at the Cathedral and in all parishes for baptism, confirmation, the anointing of the sick and for the ordination of priests. Together the three oils symbolize the sacramental life of the Church. Three of our parishioners will be sent to represent our parish at this Mass and to receive the holy oils for the parish. Since the Chrism Mass is truly a Diocesan event ALL parishioners are invited, and we would like as many people as possible to be present.

The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich, will join with clergy of other Christian Communities from the Norwich area in leading a public Way of the Cross on Good Friday, March 25, 2016, from Chelsea Parade to Central Baptist Church. This service will begin at 6:00 p.m. In case of inclement weather, it will be held at the Central Baptist Church in Norwich. You can check the Central Baptist Church Website at www.centralbaptistnorwich.com.

Readings for the Week of March 6, 2016

- Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
 Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-6/Jn 8:12-20
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-21/Jn 8:21-30
 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52-56/Jn 8:31-42
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/Jn 8:51-59
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-7/Jn 10:31-42
 Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/Rom 4:13,16-18, 22/Mt 1:16,18-21,24a or Lk 2:41-51a

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