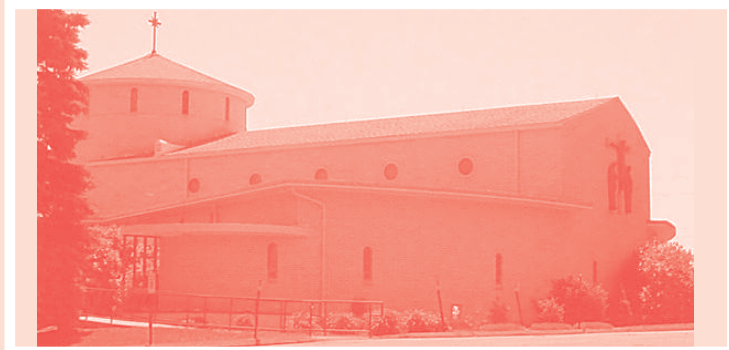


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PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION — MARCH 20, 2016

Good News!

March 20, 2016

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION (C)

Lk 19:28–40 / Is 50:4–7 / Phil 2:6–11 / Lk 22:14–23:56 or 23:1–49

On Palm Sunday, we gather as a Church to celebrate Jesus' coming into Jerusalem and hear the story of his passion and death. Each Gospel writer tells the story a little differently. Each one lifts up different faces and characters, and through their eyes we watch what unfolds.

Luke's Gospel is the only one that mentions the women who followed Jesus from Galilee (23:55–56). We know nothing about these women other than where they came from, but two things stand out: These women temporarily set aside their Passover preparations to care for a man who had been publicly condemned as a criminal, and they were willing to look their beloved Jesus' death full in the face. They watched while Joseph of Arimathea lay him in the tomb and made sure that Jesus would be cared for even in death. They saw where he was buried and laid out and then went to prepare the spices and oils that would anoint his body and honor it.

Today, these women are examples of the countless anonymous disciples who quietly challenge culture and politics to follow the Lord's call. We rarely notice them, even now, but they are in our churches and our neighborhoods, willing to do what needs to be done, even if it means suffering, sacrificing, or looking rejection and death in the face. As we enter Holy Week, these people just might be the companions we need.

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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****PALM SUNDAY****MARCH 19 — 20, 2016****USHERS GROUP I**

2016 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL — FOLLOW-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



Holy Thursday

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



Good Friday

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

Altar Servers: Alex Czercowy

SATURDAY, MAR 26 Easter Vigil — Resurrection of the Lord

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

**NEXT WEEK**

EASTER SUNDAY
OF THE RESURRECTION
OF THE LORD

MARCH 26 — 27, 2016**USHERS GROUP II**

2ND COLLECTION — FOR SICK AND INFIRMED PRIESTS

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: Maria Cinea
Lector: Georgette Pelletier, Patti Cinea
Eucharistic Minister: Bert Flynn

SUNDAY, MAR 27 — EASTER SUNDAY

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

Altar Servers: Shirley Holbrook
Lector: Judy Trzcinski
Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: Alex Czercowy
Lector: Paul Brown
Eucharistic Minister: Lou Cloutier

EASTER EGG HUNT after Mass

**MONDAY, MAR 28**

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

TUESDAY, MAR 29

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MAR 30

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 31 — NO MASS**FRIDAY, APR 1 — NO MASS****SATURDAY, APR 2**

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

Readings for the Week of March 20, 2016

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/
 Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14--23:56 or 23:1-49
 Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34/
 Mt 26:14-25
 Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1-6/Rv 1:5-
 8/Lk 4:16-21
 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-
 13, 15-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
 Friday: Is 52:13--53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25/Heb
 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42
 Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1--2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2,
 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15--15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is
 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/
 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12

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.

Easter Triduum



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There will be an **Easter Egg Hunt** for all children after the 10:00 A.M. Mass on **Easter Sunday**, weather permitting. Children can bring a small basket or bag to collect their eggs.

The Knights of Columbus Council 6199 will be having a **Spring Fling mixer** for the adults of our parish and their friends on **Saturday, April 2**, from 6pm-9pm in the Parish Center.

Tickets are \$20 per person and include finger foods, music, and fun. Also included in the ticket price are kid-watching services for children ages 4-12 with activities, pizza, and juice in the lower classroom area of the Center.

Tickets will be sold by the Knights after each Mass up until Easter. If you have any questions, please contact Anthony Girasoli at aj@girasoli.org.

Marriage Preparation Classes for Engaged Couples:

Registration is currently underway for *God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage*, a three-session marriage preparation class to be held Friday nights, **April 8, 15, 22, 2016**, from 6:30 to 9 P.M. at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 10 Elm St., Middletown. For more information about the class or to register, call the Catholic Family Services Office at **860-848-2237, ext. 306**. The cost is \$60 per couple.

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: March 13 — \$2,298

Projected Amount needed \$3,370

"I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me." (LUKE 22:34)

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about Jesus or the Catholic faith? How do you react? Do you remain quiet not to cause a disturbance or worst yet, because you don't want your friends or family to think negatively about you? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful dialogue.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

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2016 Annual Catholic Appeal

"MERCY –***The Beating Heart of the Gospel*"**
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Thank you to everyone who has already answered the request to participate in the 2016 Annual Catholic

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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.

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