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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — JANUARY 15, 2017

Good News!

January 15, 2017

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Is 49:3, 5-6, 1 Cor 1:1-3, Jn 1:29-34

This fresco by Perugino, Michelangelo's art teacher, is found on the wall of the Sistine Chapel. Like the other frescoes in this sacred space, this panel contains multiple scenes. The central scene is the baptism of Jesus. The viewer clearly sees Jesus standing in the water, with John the Baptist next to him, pouring water over his head.

God the Father is above, ready to declare that this is his beloved Son. The Holy Spirit comes down upon Jesus in the form of a dove. It was the Spirit who helped John know that this was the Messiah, the one sent by God to baptize with the Holy Spirit.

After his baptism, Jesus is sent out to preach and teach. The fresco reveals that Perugino has read his Bible: the scene to the right Jesus is shown preaching to the multitudes. John the Baptist's mission changes, too. He goes from preparing for the coming of the Messiah to following and testifying about him. This is what the baptized do: the new life we are given calls and strengthens us to offer that new life to others.

At our baptism, we were sanctified, forgiven our sins, incorporated into the body of Christ, and given a mission to share this baptism with others. In fact, the last words of Jesus before his ascension were, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20).

For Reflection

How willing am I to share about Jesus and what he means to me? Do I have family or friends in doubt about baptizing their child? How can I kindly encourage them?

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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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):

Saturday 3:15 PM — 3:45 PM

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 WEEKSECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMEJANUARY 14 — 15, 2017USHERS GROUP IVSATURDAY, JAN 14

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for †Arlene Welch
request of Mr. & Mrs. David Shaffer

Altar Servers: TBD
Lectors: Patti Cinea
Eucharistic Minister: Bert Flynn

SUNDAY, JAN 15

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

Altar Servers: Lynn Mancino
Lector: Lynn Mancino
Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

8:30 A.M. — 8:50 A.M. YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL
in the Church

NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

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

Altar Servers: Alex Czercow
Lector: Rita Sheetz
Eucharistic Minister: Rita Sheetz

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

5:30 P.M. EVENING PRAYER
From the Liturgy of the Hours

MONDAY, JAN 16

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

TUESDAY, JAN 17

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

7:00 P.M. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUSINESS MEETING
7:15 P.M. ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, JAN 18

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

THURSDAY, JAN 19 — NO MASSFRIDAY, JAN 20 — NO MASSSATURDAY, JAN 21

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

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: January 8 — \$2,550

Projected Amount needed \$2,980

*"Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons
but as wise..." (EPHESIANS 5:15)*

A wise person recognizes that all we have comes from God. A wise person thanks God every day for all His many blessings. A wise person realizes that God has blessed us for a reason and He wants us to be partners with Him in His work here on earth.

Take time every day and thank God for all He has given you.

NEXT WEEKTHIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMEJANUARY 21 — 22, 2017USHERS GROUP ISATURDAY, JAN 21

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

Altar Servers: TBD
Lectors: Georgette Pelletier
Eucharistic Minister: Annedda Stiller

SUNDAY, JAN 22

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

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

8:30 A.M. — 8:50 A.M. YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL
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: Emilia & Marta Herasimowicz
Lector: Evelyn O'Connor
Eucharistic Minister: Janusz Herasimowicz

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

5:30 P.M. EVENING PRAYER
From the Liturgy of the Hours

MONDAY, JAN 23

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

TUESDAY, JAN 24

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

7:15 P.M. ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, JAN 25

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

THURSDAY, JAN 26 — NO MASSFRIDAY, JAN 27 — NO MASSSATURDAY, JAN 28

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

Readings for the Week of January 8, 2017

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29/
Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6
and 2:5-12/Ps 8/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

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.

2016 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



Saint Maurice Parish has continued its long standing tradition of having a Christmas Pageant. Our children acted out the story of the birth of Jesus at the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass.

Thank you to children who participated in the pageant and to Sharon VanDine who coordinated the play and helped with costuming.

YOUTH MASS



We will be having a Youth Mass on January 29, at 10 AM. Any and all participation from our parish youth is welcome, even if it's just being present in the church. Opportunities are available to read, bring up gifts, sing, or help usher; and we'll be happy to help prepare children for any job they may want to take on.

If interested, please contact Sharon Snuffer or Amie Tillman at saintmauriceccd@gmail.com.

Father Leon is available at all time for any Spiritual needs, to call or meet with him personally, you're always welcomed.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

Nine Days for Life Novena

The U.S. bishops invite us to pray for the protection of all human life. A special novena called 9 Days for Life will take place from January 21st through the 29th. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day. Download the novena online, or participate through Facebook, email, text message or an app. Join at www.9daysforlife.com!



THE POWER OF ONE

THE MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP

The Annual March for Life will take place this year on Friday, January 27, 2017, in Washington, D.C., as a way for people to express their opposition to abortion. This year's event coincides with the 44th anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision to legalize abortion. Buses sponsored by the Southeast Chapter of Connecticut Right to Life will travel to the March leaving from the Norwich Municipal Parking Lot (Exit 11, I-395) on **Thursday, January 26, 2017, at 9 P.M.**

Bus fare is \$67 per person. For information, to reserve a seat, or, if you cannot go, to sponsor a seat, please call Margaret Becotte at 860-822-1362.

Natural Family Planning is scientific, safe, and is 99-percent effective for conceiving or responsibly postponing a baby. A three-session class for married and engaged couples begins on Saturday, January 28 at 7 P.M. in Gales Ferry. For more information, call Craig and Liz Schantz at 860-464-1184 or to register for a class go to www.ccli.org.

RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND

Is your marriage tearing you apart? Is there little or no meaningful communication? Are you considering separation or divorce? For serious marriage building and repair: Retrouvaille is a lifeline. At a **Retrouvaille** weekend, couples are given tools to re-establish communication, work on their issues, gain new insights and heal. The weekend is presented by three married couples and a priest. A series of 6 post sessions follow the weekend phase. For more information or to sign up for the **January 20-22, 2017** weekend in the Hartford area, call 413-525-1634, or 203-710-6207, or visit the Website at www.retrouvaille.org

Defending Our Religious Liberty

We are called to advocate for the most fundamental of human goods and rights, in particular, the right to life and the right not only to profess our faith, but to live it out. We are advocating for the freedom to "be Catholic," to go about our lives serving the needs of our brothers and sisters, regardless of their race, creed, or religion, not because they are Catholic but because we are Catholic.

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.

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