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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — JANUARY 29, 2017

## Good News!

January 29, 2017

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13, 1 Cor 1:26-31, Mt 5:1-12a

To follow Christ is to seek lowliness, humility, mercy, and righteousness. The Ten Commandments summarize God's teaching to his people. Jesus gives us a new law that builds on the old. Before it was "You shall not..."; now it is, "Blessed are you when..." He calls us to greater happiness, greater blessing, but it comes with a challenge. Saint Augustine says that Jesus went up the mountain to preach the Beatitudes because he was preaching a higher moral doctrine: "greater precepts of righteousness."

The new law contradicts what our wounded human nature tends to think and feel. We are challenged to believe blessings can come from tears, meekness, and poverty; that living meekly leads to strength and security. Appreciating these truths requires transforming our minds and hearts. Faith is required. Deeply desiring and living in the right does bring satisfaction. There is consolation in mourning the things that sadden Christ's heart.

If we live by the beatitudes, many will treat us more generously. We know people who are merciful, and we are quick to show them mercy. When our hearts are clean, we can see God more clearly. Those who seek and create peace are considered by all to be children of God. They are not without trials and suffering, but they are blessed and happy.

Christ calls us to store up treasures in heaven, spiritual blessings that cannot be taken away. Even if we experience difficulty, we will still receive the highest and greatest gift: the kingdom of heaven.

### For Reflection

Am I renewing my heart and mind in Christ? How do I live out the beatitudes?

*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 WEEKFOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMEJANUARY 28 — 29, 2017USHERS GROUP IISATURDAY, JAN 28

**4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for †Christine Carlone  
request of Cathy and Keith Depathy

*Altar Servers:* Patti Cinea

*Lectors:* Patti Cinea

*Eucharistic Minister:* Linda Wiley

SUNDAY, JAN 29

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

*Altar Servers:* Lynn Mancino

*Lector:* Judy Knox

*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. YOUTH MASS**  
Mass offered for Our Parish Children

*Altar Servers:* Emilia & Marta Herasimowicz

*Lector:* Lee Snuffer

*Eucharistic Minister:* Clifford Scorso

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** *after Mass*

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

MONDAY, JAN 30

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for Ken Basset  
request of Hope Grunske

TUESDAY, JAN 31

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

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

WEDNESDAY, FEB 1

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

THURSDAY, FEB 2 — NO MASSFRIDAY, FEB 3 — NO MASSSATURDAY, FEB 4

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

**STEWARDSHIP**

Last week's Offertory: January 22 — \$2,401

Projected Amount needed \$2,980

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."*  
MATTHEW 5:3

This one confuses people. Replace the word "humble" for "poor" and it makes more sense. People that are humble recognize their dependence on God and trust that He will provide all that they need. Unfortunately, for many of us, pride and ego enters our lives and we think we can live without God. Remember – God first in all circumstances.

NEXT WEEKFIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMEFEBRUARY 4 — 5, 2017USHERS GROUP IIISATURDAY, FEB 4

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

*Altar Servers:* TBD

*Lectors:* Georgette Pelletie

*Eucharistic Minister:* Linda Wiley and Annedda Stille

SUNDAY, FEB 5

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

*Altar Servers:* Shirley Holbrook

*Lector:* Judy Trzcinsk

*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. BOY SCOUTING SUNDAY**  
Mass offered for scouts and leaders from  
Boy Scout Troop 73, and Cub Scout Pack 157

*Altar Servers:* Alex Czercowy

*Lector:* Jeffrey Monroe

*Eucharistic Minister:* Lou Cloutier, Kathleen Smythe

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** *after Mass*

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

MONDAY, FEB 6

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for Martha Turner  
request of Lynn Mancino

TUESDAY, FEB 7

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

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

WEDNESDAY, FEB 8

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

THURSDAY, FEB 9 — NO MASSFRIDAY, FEB 10 — NO MASSSATURDAY, FEB 11

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

**Readings for the Week of January 29, 2017**

**Sunday:** Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146/1 Cor 1:26-31/  
Mt 5:1-12a

**Monday:** Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31/Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday:** Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22/Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103/Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday:** Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40  
or 2:22-32

**Friday:** Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27/Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23/Mk 6:30-34

**Next Sunday:** Is 58:7-10/Ps 112/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

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**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.



**BOY SCOUTING SUNDAY**

On Sunday, February 5th, the intention for the 10:00 am Mass will be offered for Boy Scouts. Sponsored by the Bolton Ecumenical Council and hosted by St. Maurice Parish, scouts and leaders from Boy Scout Troop 73, and Cub Scout Pack 157 will join the congregation in the Celebration of the Mass. If you are a boy scout with membership in another troop, and would like to participate in this Mass, please contact Scoutmasters Ed Steele (860-649-1541) or Tony Girasoli (860-533-9450).

**The Beatitudes**

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Mathew 5:3-12

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

**Defending Our Religious Liberty**

The Catholic Church invests in the common good. It runs and operates schools, hospitals, universities, charities and social services. Our government and society have long relied on them for help and taken advantage of the vast network that churches and religious institutions provide to aid people in need and to help form good citizens. But, when we are told we've got to stop being who we are, to put aside our beliefs, or plainly go against our conscience in order to be allowed to contribute to the common good, we must speak out.

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**

The monthly **Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, February 4 at 8:30 A.M.** Please join our celebrant **Rev. Brian Romanowski** at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed both at the Cathedral and Planned Parenthood. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.

**Marriage Encounter Weekend** ~ By offering married couples the beautiful experience of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, the Catholic Church is affirming and supporting you in your chosen vocation – Marriage. Take advantage of this great gift to enhance your relationship and enjoy a love-filled weekend away together.

For more information or to register for the March 3-5 weekend in Manchester, call 860-376-0440 or visit [www.wwmect.org](http://www.wwmect.org).

**The Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti** is planning an immersion trip experience to Haiti from March 1 to March 8th. There are still openings. If you are interested please contact Sue Petruzzi

**[sue.petruzzi@outreachtohaiti.org](mailto:sue.petruzzi@outreachtohaiti.org)**

as soon as possible. The cost of the trip is approximately \$1200 depending on the price of your plane fare at the time of booking.

Please join us for an experience like no other!

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND** ~ If you are widowed, separated or divorced and want help in resolving the pain and grief of losing the marriage relationship, consider attending a **Beginning Experience weekend March 3-5 at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, CT.** Catholic-based, the weekend focuses on such topics as the grief process, changes in family and other relationships, trust and coping with life as a single person.

For more information, contact Victoria at 860-993-7866, email at [vsa2525@gmail.com](mailto:vsa2525@gmail.com), or call the Catholic Family Services office at 848-2237, ext 306.

**St. James School Open House & Fall 2017 Enrollment**

St. James School in Manchester is now enrolling students for Pre-Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2017-2018 school year. Interested families are invited to attend an informational **OPEN HOUSE on Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 a.m.**

Private tours of the school are also offered by appointment. Financial aid is available for qualifying families.

To register for an Open House or to schedule a private tour please visit **[www.saintjamesschool.net](http://www.saintjamesschool.net)**, e-mail [aguenther@saintjameschool.net](mailto:aguenther@saintjameschool.net), or call the school at (860) 643-5088.

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