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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — FEBRUARY 19, 2017

Good News!

February 19, 2017

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18. 1 Cor 3:16-23, Mt 5:38-48

Hate is a passion that can take over a person's heart in a short amount of time. God knows this, and he challenges us to avoid hate and holding grudges. In the law that Jesus preached, we are not even allowed to hate our enemies or persecutors. That is radical!

It is easy to let injuries build up over time. Eventually we find ourselves far away from those we should be closest to or those we once loved. This separation starts in our thoughts and settles into our hearts and behavior. Hate grows, and if it isn't controlled and redeemed, it can pull us down.

We don't have to hate, be angry, or carry grudges if we don't want to. Our hearts and minds can be filled with God's grace. We can work on three levels to overcome hate and anger: visual, verbal, and physical. When angry thoughts invade your mind, look up (visual), speak the truth to yourself (verbal), and change your posture (physical). This helps alter self-destructive thought patterns and helps us refocus our heart and mind. Add these natural means to the supernatural means of calling on God's grace, of receiving the sacrament of penance, and of taking moments of prayer to see and speak his truth over a situation.

We are God's temple. His spirit of peace, mercy, and serenity needs to reign inside us. That means getting rid of negative, hateful, and hurtful thoughts toward ourselves and others. Don't let them pull you down!

For Reflection

Michelangelo paints three figures pulling the sinner down. Which three passions weigh down my heart? How can I use human and spiritual means to point my heart and mind in a healthier, God-focused direction?

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 WEEKSEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMEFEBRUARY 18 — 19, 2017USHERS GROUP ISATURDAY, FEB 18

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for †Anna Cosgrove
request of her daughter Ann

Altar Servers: TBD
Lectors: Patti Cinea
Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley

SUNDAY, FEB 19

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

Altar Servers: Shirley Holbrook
Lector: Judy Knox
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 †Charles Minicucci
request of Janet Minicucci and Family

Altar Servers: Emilia & Marta Herasimowicz
Lector: Katherine Monroe
Eucharistic Minister: Janusz Herasimowicz

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

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

MONDAY, FEB 20

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Mae Mancino
request of Lynn Mancino

TUESDAY, FEB 21

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, FEB 22

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Dermot Sullivan
request of Kathleen and Tony Conneely and Family

THURSDAY, FEB 23 — NO MASSFRIDAY, FEB 24 — NO MASSSATURDAY, FEB 25

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

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: February 12 — \$2,758

Projected Amount needed \$2,980

"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." MATTHEW 5:44

Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for "our enemy". When we pray for others, even "our enemies", maybe it softens their hearts as well.

NEXT WEEKEIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMEFEBRUARY 25 — 26, 2017USHERS GROUP IISATURDAY, FEB 25

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for †Keith Depathy
request of Michael and Denise Zachmann

Altar Servers: Patti Cinea
Lectors: Georgette Pelletier
Eucharistic Minister: Bert Flynn

SUNDAY, FEB 26

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 REHEARSAL
in the Church

9:00 A.M. **FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

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

Altar Servers: Alex Czercowy
Lector: Lee Snuffer
Eucharistic Minister: Betty Aitkin

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

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

MONDAY, FEB 27

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Keith Depathy
request of St. Maurice Ushers' Group

TUESDAY, FEB 28

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MAR 1 — ASH WEDNESDAY

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

Altar Servers: Lynn Mancino
Lector: Lynn Mancino
Eucharistic Minister: Lou Cloutier

7:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer
Lector: Lee Snuffer
Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen Smythe

THURSDAY, MAR 2 — NO MASSFRIDAY, MAR 3 — NO MASS

7:00 P.M. **Stations of the Cross and Mass**
Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: Emilia & Marta Herasimowicz
Lector: Rita Sheetz
Eucharistic Minister: Janusz Herasimowicz

SATURDAY, MAR 4

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

Readings for the Week of February 19, 2017

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13/1
Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/ Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6/Mt 16:13-19

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34-35/Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-18/Mk 10:13-16

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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.

Prayers for: Eileen, Daphne, Earl and Rita

Also, the Candle Intention. Prayers for Jadusz, Anthony, Beth, Elaine and Dave

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann

Bolton Pantry Needs

Bolton pantry needs everyday kitchen items that include:

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Religious Freedom in America has suffered years of unprecedented erosion. Let us pray that President Trump and his administration can restore the federal government's respect for religious freedom of individuals, companies and organizations.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**OPERATION RICE BOWL: OUR LENTEN PROGRAM:****ENCOUNTER LENT**

For 44 years, Operation Rice Bowl has helped to feed the hungry poor. Through Operation Rice Bowl --- a program of prayer, fasting, learning, and giving --- what you give up for Lent can give hope to the poorest of the poor. Make this Lenten season one of awareness, compassion, and reflection. Operation Rice Bowl is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services and the Diocese of Norwich. Details of this program will appear in next Sunday's Bulletin.

March for Mercy- Youth Service Event**A great way to get service hours!**

On Saturday March 25th from 10am – 3pm, Youth are invited to a special service event: The March for Mercy. The March will begin at St. Joseph in Norwich with a witness talk about the realities of drug addiction. Followed by a physician speaking on the effects of drugs. We will then tour St. Vincent de Paul Place, and March to the Cathedral. At the Cathedral, Cooper Ray, a national speaker and musician, will lead our Service Rally Event in the hall. Youth are asked to collect pledges for the mile walk to benefit the Catholic Charities Substance Abuse and Treatment Program. The minimum to participate is \$15. Contact your Catechetical Leader or Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or (860)848-2237 to attend.

THE NEW RITE OF MARRIAGE

As of December 30, 2016 a new rite for the Sacrament of Marriage is in use in the United States. There will be two workshops offered in the diocese to explain this, and what the changes mean for the liturgy in which the Sacrament is celebrated. All are welcome: those interested to learn more, parish musicians, parish wedding coordinators, wedding planners, and especially couples planning to marry in 2017.

Saturday, March 4th 10 AM to Noon

at St. Patrick Parish, East Hampton (Register by March 2)

OR

Wednesday, March 8th 7 PM to 9 PM

at St. Joseph Parish, Willimantic (Register by March 6

Registration materials available at: www.norwichdiocese.org

Or call: 860-848-2237x203

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 vs2525@gmail.com, or call the Catholic Family Services office at 848-2237, ext 306.

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