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EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — FEBRUARY 26, 2017

## Good News!

February 26, 2017

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
Is 49:14-15, 1 Cor 4:1-5, Mt 6:24-34

There is no place children feel safer than in their mother's arms. Since she provides them with all they need, both physically and emotionally, their trust and confidence is total. God tells us not to worry and gives us the reason: *I will never ever forget you. I know your needs and I will take care of them. Do you think a mother can forget her child? Even if she were to forget, I won't!*

In the Gospel, Jesus doesn't just suggest not to worry, he commands it: "Do not worry," he says more than once. He knows what preoccupies us—food, clothing, work, and money. Why worry? What good will it do? Can you eat better, increase your wealth, or change your appearance by worrying? Can you add a day to your life fretting about your health?

Sure, we need to think about providing for our physical needs. We need to make good, informed, and healthy decisions. The key is to reflect and decide, not to worry and obsess. Keep it all in perspective. Life is much more than material goods and personal aspirations.

God loves us so much, like a mother loves her child. He provides for all his creatures, even for the lily that only blooms for a day. He knows everything you need and, like a good parent, desperately wants to give it to you!

### For Reflection

What worries me most right now? Make a list and entrust it all to Jesus.

*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 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

**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 26, 2017

**Sunday:** Is 49:14-15/Ps 62:2-3, 6-9/1 Cor4:1-5/Mt6:24-34

**Monday:** Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 10:17-27

**Tuesday:** Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23/Mk 10:28-31

**Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17/2  
Cor 5:20--6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 9:22-25

**Friday:** Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-6/Lk 5:27-32

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NEXT WEEKFIRST SUNDAY OF LENTMARCH 4 — 5, 2017USHERS GROUP III2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION — ST. MAURICE FUEL FUNDSATURDAY, MAR 4

**4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for †Christine Carlone  
request of Michael and Denise Zachmann

*Altar Servers:* TBD

*Lectors:* Bert Flynn

*Eucharistic Minister:* Georgette Pelletier, Linda Wiley

SUNDAY, MAR 5

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for †John Ciscon  
request of Theresa Ciscon

*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*

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

**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †John Sheetz  
request of Rita Sheetz and Family

*Altar Servers:* Emilia & Marta Herasimowicz

*Lector:* Evelyn O'Connor

*Eucharistic Minister:* Janusz Herasimowicz, Sharon Scorso

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

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

MONDAY, MAR 6

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Robert Blair  
request of The Cloutier Family

TUESDAY, MAR 7

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Ruth DeVeau  
request of The Cloutier Family

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

WEDNESDAY, MAR 8

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

THURSDAY, MAR 9 — NO MASSFRIDAY, MAR 10

**7:00 P.M. STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND MASS**  
Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church

*Altar Servers:* Alex Czercowy

*Lector:* Evelyn O'Connor

*Eucharistic Minister:* Cliff Scorso

SATURDAY, MAR 11

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

STEWARDSHIP

**Last week's Offertory: February 19 — \$3,132**

**Projected Amount needed \$2,980**

*"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (material wealth)."*

MATTHEW 6:24

For many people, God and money run "neck and neck" as their first priority. Making money and spending money becomes the center of their life and they actually become a slave to money. The solution – become more generous. Giving money to Church and charity frees us from slavery to money and from making money a "god" before God.

**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: Jennifer, Joe, Tina, Eva, and Eileen. Also, the Candle Intentions. Prayers for Harold.

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann

**Bolton Pantry Needs**

Bolton pantry needs everyday cleaning items that include:

- all purpose cleaner (Fantastic)
- bathroom cleaner
- sandwich and snack bags
- toilet bowl cleaner
- paper towels

If you would like to donate any of these items to please leave them in either vestibule at any time church is open.

**Bring a Friend to Church Sunday!**

Bring a friend, family member or loved one to Church with you on **Sunday, March 26, 2017** and share your faith with someone who is important to you!

Spend some personal time away from the world and all its stress in a worshipping community where God loves unconditionally. Receive a blessing just for you!

**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)**

**Wednesday, March 8th 7 PM to 9 PM**

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

**Registration materials available at: [www.norwichdiocese.org](http://www.norwichdiocese.org)**

**Or call: 860-848-2237x203**

The Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti invites you to our 10th Annual Gala, Saturday, April 29, 2017, 6pm cocktails, dinner, silent auction, at the Deanston House, Storrs, CT. Come meet Bishop Cote, LT. Governor Nancy Wyman and guest speaker Bishop Eric Toussaint from Haiti. The price, \$100/person, is to benefit the children of Haiti. We are also in need of ad sponsors and auction items. For more information visit [www.outreachtohaiti.org](http://www.outreachtohaiti.org) Thank you for your generosity."

**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**

**Operation Rice Bowl: Our Lenten Program:**

**Encounter Lent**

On Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017, our parish with parishes across the Diocese of Norwich is beginning a program of prayer and sacrifice called Operation Rice Bowl (ORB). For 44 years, Operation Rice Bowl has helped to feed the hungry poor. Through our participation in this program, we bring hope and healing to another person or family living halfway across the globe, strengthen and enriching those persons' lives, both physically and spiritually, and greatly enhancing your parish community's Lenten faith experience. Rice bowls will be distributed to you at Mass. Families are encouraged to gather each week in prayer for the hungry poor and to share a sacrificial meal. With the moneys saved from this meal, a donation is placed in the family Rice Bowl and can be brought to the parish family Rice Bowl on Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017. 75% of Operation Rice Bowl funds will feed the hungry poor overseas, the remaining 25% will be used in the diocese to feed the needy. This Lent, gather in prayer and sacrifice as a family to pray and to care for the hungry poor.

**WHERE ARE CONTRIBUTIONS TO OPERATION RICE BOWL USED?**

Operation Rice Bowl receives all of its support from individual and family contributions. Catholic Relief Services, the official overseas aid and development agency of American Catholics, used 75% of all contributions for development projects\* overseas. 25% of the moneys collected remain in the local diocese where they are used to support projects assisting the needy.

*\*Projects include agriculture projects to help farmers improve crop yields and increase food security; water projects to make clean water accessible for communities; microfinance projects to encourage the growth of small businesses; mother and child projects to provide basic health and nutrition education for families; and education projects to provide participants with opportunities to improve their livelihoods.*

**APPLICATION FOR OPERATION RICE BOWL (ORB) GRANTS**

Soup kitchens, food pantries, and non-profit or volunteer organizations, which provide food and/or meals for the hungry poor, may apply for a grant from Operation Rice Bowl, Diocese of Norwich. In applying for funding, please provide a summary of your service, e.g. the number of served meals, food packages provided in a week, the number of persons or families served daily or weekly, sources of funding, a budget, background on your organization, the board of directors, number of volunteers and paid employees, etc., and mail to Operation Rice Bowl Grants, Diocese of Norwich, 201 Broadway, Norwich, Connecticut 06360-4480. Applications for grants should not be in excess of \$2,000 and should not exceed 50% of the organization's budget.

**Defending Our Religious Liberty**

As Christians, our goal is to live and serve others as the Gospel asks. We pray that the new administration acts quickly to restore the federal government's proper relationship with the First Amendment and other laws protecting conscience and religious freedom, so that the Catholic Church can continue serving the most vulnerable of Americans.



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