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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT — MARCH 5, 2017

Good News!

March 5, 2017
First Sunday of Lent (A)
Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7, Rom 5:12-19, Mt 4:1-11

One thing today's readings—and really all of Scripture—make abundantly clear is that the devil exists. He is a liar and a deceiver, just he was for our first parents and for Jesus as well. This is good to keep in mind at the beginning of Lent. We need a conversion of heart because the devil tempts us. We are sinners. Sin is real. The story of original sin illuminates the failure of Adam and Eve, and the reading from Romans explains that that sin has reached us. In this fresco, Michelangelo paints the devil as a serpent with a human upper body to accent that the devil is a person. All humanity is wounded and weakened by sin.

Yet even if sin and the devil are realities, the good news is that they are not the strongest realities. Jesus, as he shows us in the Gospel, is stronger than the enemy, and he shares that strength with us. We can be new creations through the salvation and forgiveness Jesus offers. His obedience can make us righteous.

During Lent, we try to purify our heart with God's grace so that we freely choose righteousness. Our actions reveal another reality of the good news: our choices make a difference. God trusts us so much that he gives us free will and allows us to play a part in our own salvation. Accepting his grace is the first step toward victory over sin. That is why your Lenten fasts and promises are such game changers—they strengthen your will, purify your heart, and make you more like Jesus.

For Reflection

Have I prayed about what God wants me to give up or take on in Lent? What resolutions will help me love God more while distancing me from obstacles to his love?

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 WEEK****FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT****MARCH 4 — 5, 2017****USHERS GROUP III**2ND COLLECTION — ST. MAURICE FUEL FUND**SATURDAY, 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 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, 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 DeVea
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

9:00 A.M. CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP

THURSDAY, MAR 9 — NO MASS**FRIDAY, 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**

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

Readings for the Week of March 5, 2017**Sunday:** Gn 2:7-3:7/Ps 51:3-17/1 Rom 5:12-19/Mt4:1-11**Monday:** Lv 19:1-185/Ps 19:8-15/Mt 25:31-46**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-19/Mt 6:7-15**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/
Lk 11:29-32**Thursday:** Est C:12-25/Ps 38:1-8, 6/Mt 7:7-12**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-8/Mt 5:43-48

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NEXT WEEK**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT****MARCH 11 — 12, 2017****USHERS GROUP IV****SATURDAY, MAR 11**

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: Patti Cinea*Lectors:* Patti Cinea*Eucharistic Minister:* Annedda Stiller**SUNDAY, MAR 12**

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for †Aniela, †Michael, †Andrew,
and †Joseph Kurys request of the Family

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

8:30 A.M. — 8:50 A.M. YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL

9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Agnes Sheehan and †Jacqueline
Chouinard request of Caroline Simmons

Altar Servers: Alex Czercowy*Lector:* Jeffrey Monroe*Eucharistic Minister:* Lou Cloutier**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** *after Mass*

5:30 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

MONDAY, MAR 13

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Keith Depathy
request of Jackie and Mike Osterhout

TUESDAY, MAR 14

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Keith Depathy
request of Jackie and Mike Osterhout

7:00 P.M. PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

7:15 P.M. ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, MAR 15

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Keith Depathy
request of Jackie and Mike Osterhout

THURSDAY, MAR 16 — NO MASS

9:00 A.M. CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP

7:00 P.M. BOLTON ECUMENICAL COUNCIL (Parish Center)

FRIDAY, MAR 17

7:00 P.M. STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND MASS
Mass offered for †Keith Depathy
request of Jackie and Mike Osterhout

Altar Servers: Emilia & Marta Herasimowicz*Lector:* Jeffrey Monroe*Eucharistic Minister:* Janusz Herasimowicz**SATURDAY, MAR 18**

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

STEWARDSHIP**Last week's Offertory: February 26 — \$2,620****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: Mary, Joe, Dee, Bill, and Jackie. Candle Intentions: Prayers for Beth, Larry, Nellie, John & Lil.

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.

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: 860-848-2237 x203

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 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

Lent is a time of opportunity for us to strengthen our faith through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These practices bring us closer to God and demonstrate our solidarity with those in need at home and around the world. This Lent make your sacrifices become opportunities to feed the hungry poor. Please participate in CRS Operation Rice Bowl and let the sacrifices you make for the hungry poor nourish them and may these sacrifices witness to the love that disciples of Christ have for all people, especially for the least of the Lord's sisters and brothers.



Saint Bridget School of Manchester invites you to our **March 16th** open House from **6:00 pm until 8:00 pm**. We offer our students a safe and disciplined environment steeped in Catholic traditions, and celebrating 50 years academic excellence. Our daily curriculum offers children Pre-School through Grade 8 a challenging academic schedule balanced with a variety of sports, clubs and extracurricular activities.

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We offer **Drop in Monday** open houses throughout the year from 9:00am to 11:00 am., or visit our web site at **www.saintbridget-school.com**.

Please come for a tour, meet our staff and see our newly renovated school.

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 will begin in the Gales Ferry area **Saturday, March 25**. For information, call **Craig and Liz Schantz at 860-464-1184**.

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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