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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT — MARCH 12, 2017

Good News!

March 12, 2017

Second Sunday of Lent (A)

Gn 12:1-4a, 2 Tm 1:8b-10, Mt 17:1-9

Raphael's greatest painting, perhaps the greatest painting of all the Renaissance, depicts today's Gospel account of the transfiguration. Raphael loved this painting so much he never sold it. He hung the painting over his bed, and at his death he turned to look at it.

The transfiguration of the Lord reminds us of the glory we are all called to even when that glory is hidden. When God called Abraham, it was to make of him a great nation and to give him glory. But Abraham had to leave what he had and enter into the unknown to receive what was promised. We, too, need to set out and leave our expectations if we ever hope to enter the mysteries of faith and discover the reward we are searching for. Setting out and leaving behind are like little "deaths" that prepare us for the glory of salvation.

The Father revealed Jesus' glory to his three closest apostles so their faith would survive the cross. God didn't want them to become disillusioned or frightened by his suffering and death. A voice came down from heaven and confirmed Jesus as the Son to assure the apostles that even if he didn't seem like the Messiah in his human nature, he most certainly was.

It was this image of the glorified Jesus that Raphael reflected on and labored over for years. He needed to see this transfiguration during his life and at the hour of his death to keep the faith. So do we.

For Reflection

What images and objects around my house or workplace remind me of my faith? How can I be a sign of the glory to which we are called?

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 5:00 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

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

8:00 A.M. TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ BREAKFAST

Parish Center from 8:00AM to 10:00AM

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

9:00 A.M. CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP

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

THURSDAY, MAR 16 — NO MASS**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: March 5 — \$3,092

Projected Amount needed \$2,980

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." GENESIS 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live.



NEXT WEEK

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 18 — 19, 2017
USHERS GROUP I

SATURDAY, MAR 18

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

Altar Servers: TBD

Lectors: Georgette Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley

SUNDAY, MAR 19

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

9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Barbara and †Donald Sullivan request of Patrick and Daniel Sullivan

Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer

Lector: Katherine Monroe

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Scorso

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

MONDAY, MAR 20

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

TUESDAY, MAR 21

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

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

7:15 P.M. ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, MAR 22

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

9:00 A.M. CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP

THURSDAY, MAR 23 — NO MASS**FRIDAY, MAR 24**

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

Altar Servers: Alex Czercowy

Lector: Rita Sheetz

Eucharistic Minister: Rita Sheetz

SATURDAY, MAR 25

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

Readings for the Week of March 12, 2017

Sunday: Gn12:1-4a/Ps33:4-5,18-20,22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14-16/Mt 20:17-28/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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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: Irene and Terry.

Candle Intentions: Prayers for Beth, Elaine, Brian and Jill.

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann

Bolton Pantry Needs

Bolton pantry needs personal care items that include: shampoo, deodorant, bar soap, razors hand soap, hand cream...

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



GENERAL INFORMATION FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF LENT LENTEN REGULATION

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

These regulations unite the whole Catholic Church throughout the world in the Lenten journey of repentance and conversion of heart. Observed in a spirit of generosity, fast and abstinence remind us of our own frailty and make us more sensitive to the needs of others. Acts of penance find their completion in works of charity and justice.

Fasting: Those between the ages of 18 and 59 years old are obliged to observe the laws on fasting. Traditionally, to fast means limiting oneself to one full meal in the day and two smaller meals. The two prescribed days of fasting are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Abstinence: The law of abstinence obliges all those who are over the age of 14. On days of abstinence meat is not eaten at any meal. The prescribed days of abstinence are Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday.



JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AT THE TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ



Time: 8:00 A.M. — 10:00 A.M.

Date: Sunday, March 12

Location: St. Maurice Parish Center

\$6.00 / Person \$18.00 / Family

Sponsored by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus

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. 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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FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

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.

7th Annual Catholic Women's Conference of the Diocese of Norwich

Sponsored by the Office of Faith Events and Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

Sat. April 8, 2017, 8:30am – 3:30pm

St. Bernard School-Uncasville, CT

The day includes Mass with Bishop Cote, Reconciliation, Lunch, Adoration, Music, Vendors and much more!!!

SAVE-THE-DATE

Catholic Charities will hold a "Divine" afternoon of comedy, wine tasting, light fare and silent auction on **Sunday, April 23rd from 1:00-4:00 PM** (doors open at 12:30 PM) at **St. Sebastian Parish Hall**, 151 Broad Street in Middletown CT. Dave Kane, known as "Fr. Patrick Aloysius Misgivings" will share stories of growing up Catholic. This event is being coordinated with help from the Catholic Charities Middletown Advisory Board. Proceeds from the event will "Provide Help and Create Hope" for those in need throughout Eastern Connecticut. **Tickets are \$35.00 in advance**, \$40.00 at the door, and can be purchased by contacting Susan Connelly (860) 889-8346 x264 or finance@ccfsn.org. Tickets can also be purchased at any of the Catholic Charities office locations: Norwich – 331 Main Street; New London 28 Huntington Street; Middletown – 151 Broad Street and Willimantic – 88 Jackson Street. For more information, contact Christine Jackel, Development Coordinator cjackel@norwichdiocese.net or (860) 886-1928 x12.

Are you separated or divorced and in need of support? The Church is here to help. The Catholic Family Services Office is sponsoring a Divorce Healing Program entitled **The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide**. This is a 12-session DVD ministry program with expertise from Catholic psychologists, theologians and spiritual directors. It is based on the teachings of the Catholic Church. The group will meet from 7-8:30 P.M. the second and fourth Mondays of each month beginning April 10 through September 25 at Sacred Heart Parish Rectory, Sacred Heart Drive, Groton, CT. To register call 860-848-2237, ext.306.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

President Trump has pledged that his administration will do everything in its power to defend and protect religious liberty. We urge the fulfillment of this promise, including an end to regulations and other mandates by the federal government that force people of faith to make impossible choices. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has expressed their fervent hope that the new leadership will reinstate basic protections for religious freedom.

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