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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT — MARCH 19, 2017

Good News!

March 19, 2017

Third Sunday of Lent (A)

Ex 17:3-7, Rom 5:1-2, 5-8, Jn 4:5-42

There is a detail in today's first reading that you shouldn't miss. After hearing Moses and his people complain, God stands in front of Moses on the rock and asks Moses to strike toward him. God knows the Israelites' anger directed at Moses is really meant for God himself. God takes the blow and responds with flowing water. He accepts violent rejection and grants us life in return. He exchanges evil for good.

God had already guaranteed the Promised Land, but the Israelites feared to enter it. God had done many miracles for them already, yet they still didn't trust him. In spite of it all, God understands they strike out of their own dissatisfaction, fear, and interior slavery. In the same way, Jesus knows we will strike out at him, yet he responds with love. Nowhere is this truer than on the cross. Christ allows the soldiers to strike, crown, and kill him, saying, "Father, forgive them..." He is whipped and made to carry a cross, yet he consoles the women of Jerusalem. When his side is pierced, living water flows.

When we complain against God, he offers us mercy and salvation. Rather than blame, assault, or reject, let us do as the penitential act calls—strike our own breast and cry, "I have greatly sinned...Have mercy..." God will respond as he always does, by pouring forth the water of his Spirit which never runs dry into our hearts.

For Reflection

What are my usual complaints against God? What responses of mercy does God show me?

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

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 19, 2017

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/
 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/
 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or
 Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9/
 Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/
 Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:3-4, 18-21ab/Heb 10:4-10/
 Lk 1:26-38



NEXT WEEK

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 25 — 26, 2017
USHERS GROUP II

2017 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL — LAUNCH WEEKEND

“Our Faith Calls US To ACTION”



SATURDAY, MAR 25

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

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

SUNDAY, MAR 26

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
NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Keith Depathy request of St. Maurice Knights of Columbus

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

5:30 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

MONDAY, MAR 27

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

TUESDAY, MAR 28

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

7:15 P.M. ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, MAR 29

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

9:00 A.M. CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP

6:00 P.M. — 7:00 P.M. BOLTON ECUMENICAL COUNCIL
LENTEN SOUP & BREAD SUPPER AT THE PARISH CENTER

GUEST SPEAKER FROM THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESSES CT

THURSDAY, MAR 30 — NO MASS

FRIDAY, MAR 31

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

Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer
Lector: Georgette Pelletier
Eucharistic Minister: Betty Aitkin



SATURDAY, APR 1

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

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: March 12 — \$2,013

Projected Amount needed \$2,980

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again.”

JOHN 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions we always want more. True Joy and Peace only comes when we follow Jesus; when we become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered”.

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: Sharon, Bill, Pete, Austeen, Mary.

Candle Intentions: Tadeusz, Andrzej
Special Prayers for Bertha Hatem who has died recently and for her Family. Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann

Seasonal Sharing
Easter Food Donation



Time: Sunday, April 9th at 11:00 A.M.
(Confirmation Candidates & Drivers)

Place: Parish Center

What: Sorting, packing, and delivery of food and other groceries to Bolton families in need.

Cost: To donate, make your check payable to "Church of St. Maurice" with the memo "**Easter food**" and put in the regular collection or mail. Nonperishable items may be left in either vestibule any time that the Church is open. Bring perishable items on the morning of 4/9. If you can deliver, contact Tom Manning.

Contact: Tom Manning - tmanning818@sbcglobal.net
(860) 990-4698

FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP

We are meeting on Wednesday mornings 9 — 12. There are variety of tasks going on from ironing to quilting. We find a job for everyone. Join us. The coffee is always on. Dorli 860-649-6255.

THIS LENT DEVELOP AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

Ash Wednesday begins the 40 days of Lent - a time to reflect and prepare. It is a gift we are given as Catholics every year. But the reality is most of us don't view Lent as "a gift" at all. We see Lent as a time of endurance where we have to sacrifice and repent-focusing on how unworthy we are. That interpretation comes from our human weakness. It's our insecurity and doubt in ourselves and our faith that makes Lent far from a gift to be celebrated and shared.

Let's try something new this year! Let's put aside our human condition to focus on the negative and try to see the positives in the gift of Lent. Let's have an Attitude of Gratitude this year! Like all good gifts they are meant to be shared so let's share ourselves with one another both physically and spiritually. Do SOMETHING DIFFERENT this Lent...

- ◆ Spend some time with an elderly person to show them they matter
- ◆ Say a prayer every night for someone you interacted with a stranger, friend or family
- ◆ Add one religious ritual to your life: Go to Church, to the Stations of the Cross, to reconciliation, or say the rosary
- ◆ Keep a Gratitude Journal writing down one thing you are thankful for everyday

Let's see if our Attitude of Gratitude changes how we feel about the "gift" of Lent this year! ~ Andrea Hoisl, director, Office of Faith Events

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

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.

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 worshiping community where God loves unconditionally. Receive a blessing just for you!

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.

The monthly **Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at Christ the King Parish, 1 McCurdy Rd., Old Lyme, on Saturday April 1 at 8:30 A.M. Please join our celebrant Rev. Walter Nagle 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.

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."

Defending Our Religious Liberty

In the Vernon Deanery, 24 Hours for the Lord, will be held at Saint Bernard Church, 25 St. Bernard's Square, Rockville, on Friday, March 24, beginning at 6:00 a.m. through 10:00 p.m.

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