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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT — MARCH 26, 2017

Good News!

March 26, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Eph 5:8-14, Jn 9:1-41

Our Lenten practices are transforming our hearts to receive the love of Jesus in his passion, death, and resurrection. Today's Gospel revolves around this theme of learning to live by faith.

The apostles take for granted that the man's blindness is due to someone's sin. The Pharisees call the man a sinner, born in sin. In their self-righteousness they judge both the blind man and Jesus.

Jesus sees and judges differently. He asserts that the man's blindness was not due to a sin of his own or that of his parents and restores his sight. He challenges the wise, educated, and insightful Pharisees by saying, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains" (John 9:41).

While they can see physically, they cannot see the simple truth that Jesus is the Son of God and has the authority to heal, even on the Sabbath. They are so blinded by their "fidelity to God"—which is really fidelity to their distorted interpretation of the traditions and regulations God gave them—that they cannot see his spirit of mercy. They fail to see with eyes of faith.

Being merciful like Jesus doesn't mean merely condemning blind legalism, it means showing God's love to those in need. First we need to see as God sees. Then we need to love others and to enlighten them with the truth. Jesus heals one man's blindness in the hope of opening the minds and hearts of the Pharisees—and us today.

For Reflection

Are there people or groups I blindly judge? What is at the root of these judgments? To what truths am I blind? How can I work to open my heart to these truths this Lent?

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

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 FORM THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESSES CT

THURSDAY, MAR 30 — NO MASS**FRIDAY, MAR 31**

1:00 P.M. FUNERAL MASS FOR LORETTA PALLIARDI

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

**STEWARDSHIP**

Last week's Offertory: March 19 — \$3,338

Projected Amount needed \$2,980

“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart.” 1Samuel 16:7

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talents and treasure here on earth



NEXT WEEK

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
APRIL 1 — 2, 2017
USHERS GROUP III

2017 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

COMMITMENT WEEKEND - “Our Faith Calls US To ACTION”

SATURDAY, APR 1

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

Altar Servers: TBD

Lectors: Bert Flynn

Eucharistic Minister: Georgette Pelletier, Annedda Stiller

SUNDAY, APR 2

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

Altar Servers: Lynn Mancino

Lector: Judy Knox

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. YOUTH MASS

Mass offered for †John Moore
 request of Hope Grunsk

Altar Servers: Alex Czercowy

Lector: Lee Snuffer

Eucharistic Minister: Clifford Scorso, Lou Cloutier

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

5:30 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

MONDAY, APR 3

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

TUESDAY, APR 4

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

7:15 P.M. ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, APR 5

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

9:00 A.M. CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP

THURSDAY, APR 6 — NO MASS**FRIDAY, APR 7**

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: Judy Trzcinski

Eucharistic Minister: Janusz Herasimowicz

SATURDAY, APR 8

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

**Readings for the Week of March 26, 2017**

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 5:8-14/
 Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-15, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-21, 23/
 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12/Jn 7:40-53

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: Bertha, Diana, Harry, Mary, Robert, Margaret, Elaine, Beth and Dan.

Candle Intentions: Beth, Elaine and Donald.

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann



The **Bolton Ecumenical Council of Churches** will host its second annual **Lenten Soup & Bread Supper** on **Wednesday, March 29th at 6:00 pm** at **St. Maurice Parish Center**. There will be a featured guest speaker from

NAMI CT (National Alliance on Mental Illness CT). This is a national grassroots organization that is dedicated to improving the quality of people with serious mental illnesses and their families through support, education and advocacy. There will be a freewill offering. Come and share a simple meal and learn more about mental illness, recovery and finding hope

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.

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

Camp Veritas 2017: Camp Veritas is a one-week play-and pray sleep away summer camp for teens going into 7th to 12th grades. It will be held at three USA locations in 2017: July 16-22 at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY, July 23-29 as Sumit Lake Camp in Emmitsburg, MD and August 13-19 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY. Enrollment opens 1/1/17 and the enrollment price for each week is \$450 per camper. Early bird rates (if paid in full by 4/1/17) are \$400 for all sites. There is no additional charge for the dance and basketball program option (at Mount Saint Mary College only). Volunteers (must be 18 years old) are needed free! More details can be found at www.campveritas.com

Defending Our Religious Liberty

On December 7, 1965, the Second Vatican Council approved *Dignitatis Humanae*, the Declaration on Religious Liberty. The Declaration addresses a question that comes up in every generation: how do we understand freedom, truth, and the relationship between church and state?

Visit: usccb.org and search for: Human Dignitatis Humanae for a comprehensive explanation.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

DIOCESE OF NORWICH



2017 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL LAUNCH WEEKEND

"Our Faith Calls US To ACTION"

This weekend we launch the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) campaign, **"Our Faith Calls US To ACTION"**. In our lives every day, we see people who need help with the struggles they experience. Their hardships can be economic, educational, emotional, physical, or even confusion about ones faith. These burdens are heavy and people who are afflicted with any of these, or any other personal battle, need our help. Your contributions to the ACA make the services provided by our Diocesan ministries and programs available to everyone living in the Diocese of Norwich. When **"Our Faith Calls US to ACTION,"** let's respond and help others to make a difference.

Please be prepared to make your pledge to the 2017 ACA next weekend or visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org for more information.

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."

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.

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