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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT — APRIL 2, 2017

Lenten Reflection:

It is Lent and we are challenged to better ourselves spiritually while at the same time being positive and grateful for the unconditional love we have all been given.

Let's reflect on the BE-Attitudes!

This week of Lent we reflect on the third and fourth Be-attitudes:

"Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."

In our world today we are conditioned to define ourselves in terms of *our accomplishments* rather than in terms of *our character*. Jesus reminds us that our salvation comes in who WE ARE: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness...". **He affirmed that this would not be a fruitless endeavor, He promises, "...for they will be satisfied"**. Our ultimate satisfaction/goal being heaven! As human beings we want to please God but too often we settle for the approval of others. When we allow this to happen it turns our attention away from what God our Father set as the priority for His people: to be righteous. Being righteous is not all that complicated, it means doing what is right! We have to have a passion for doing what is right!

We are further challenged to be merciful, to show forgiveness and compassion to those in need. We just completed a year dedicated by Our Holy Father, to this very trait. As God's children our actions should reflect God's mercy. The person who is merciful will achieve eternal joy because in being merciful to others we will come to know God's mercy personally. All of this wisdom, given to us by God, is meaningless unless we put it into action every day!



This Lenten Season if we share our *Be-Attitude* with everyone we come in contact with, our world will definitely be a better place!

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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

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 Grunske

Altar Servers: Alex Czercow
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: Alex Czercow
Lector: Judy Trzcinski



SATURDAY, APR 8

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

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: March 26 — \$2,365
 Projected Amount needed \$2,980

"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'" *JOHN 11:40*

Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard, the pressure is on, things aren't going our way, do we really believe, do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need.



NEXT WEEK

PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 8 — 9, 2017
USHERS GROUP IV

2017 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
 FOLLOW-UP WEEKEND - "Our Faith Calls US To ACTION"
 2ND COLLECTION — OPERATION "RICE BOWL"



SATURDAY, APR 8

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for Arthur Kehl
 request of Irene Kehl and Family
Procession with Palms inside Church

Altar Servers: Patti Cina
Lectors: Georgette Pelletier, Patti Cina
Eucharistic Minister: Patti Cina



SUNDAY, APR 9

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church
Procession with Palms inside Church

Altar Servers: Shirley Holbrook
Lector: Judy Knox, 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 All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church
Procession with Palms inside Church

Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer
Lector: Evelyn O'Connor, Lee Snuffer
Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen Smythe

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

11:00 A.M. EASTER FOOD DELIVERY *in the Parish Center*
5:30 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

MONDAY, APR 10

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

TUESDAY, APR 11 — NO MASS

10:30 A.M. Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich — everyone is invited

7:00 P.M. PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

7:15 P.M. ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, APR 12 — NO MASS

9:00 A.M. CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP

HOLY THURSDAY, APR 13 — HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Priests
 — especially for **Father Leon**

Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer
Lector: Lee Snuffer
Eucharistic Minister: Lou Cloutier

Adoration after Mass until midnight

8-9 p.m. last names A - F
9-10 p.m. last names G - L
10-11 p.m. last names M-R
11 p.m.- 12 a.m. last names S-Z

FRIDAY, APR 14 — GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 P.M. SERVICE AND VENERATION OF THE CROSS
Stations of the cross immediately after service

Altar Servers: Alex Czercow
Lector: Evelyn O'Connor, Patti Cina
Eucharistic Minister: Lou Cloutier

SATURDAY, APR 8

10:00 A.M. BLESSING OF THE FOOD
8:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church



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: Robert, Harry, Alyssa, Hank, Dianna and Earl.

Candle Intentions: Kathie, Beth, Amy.
Special prayers for Loretta Palliardi who has recently died, 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.
Contact: Tom Manning - tmanning818@sbcglobal.net (860) 990-4698

HOLY THURSDAY

Adoration after Mass until midnight

8-9 p.m. last names A - F
9-10 p.m. last names G - L
10-11 p.m. last names M-R
11 p.m.- 12 a.m. last names S-Z



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Father Leon is available at all time for any Spiritual needs, to call or meet with him personally, you're always welcomed.

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

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Annual Catholic Appeal

2017 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL COMMITMENT WEEKEND

"Our Faith Calls US To ACTION"

This weekend we ask for your commitment to the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal, "Our Faith Calls US To ACTION". As Catholic, we are blessed to be called to Christ through the Sacraments and the Eucharist...making our love for God and others stronger. If we didn't have our faith, we would feel an emptiness in our hearts. If we don't practice our faith, we would never know what it is like to feel a sense of fulfillment...fulfillment in helping others who are in need. We are called by Christ to be good stewards on earth, a call that we need to answer. Your support of the 2017 ACA allows our ministries to help others; thereby answering Christ's call. Our actions and willingness to devote our time, give of our talents and share our treasures shows others we believe in God and His works...we are living our faith! "Our Faith Calls US To ACTION", not just for today, but for every day. Please **pledge generously today or visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org to make your pledge to the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal.**

This year, Bishop Michael R. Cote, D.D., invites you to the **Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich** on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at 10:30 a.m. Procession of Priests and Deacons will begin into Cathedral at 10:20 a.m.

The Chrism Mass is the Liturgy during which the sacred Chrism is consecrated and the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens are blessed. These oils are sanctified for use at the Cathedral and in all parishes in the Diocese of Norwich for Baptism, Confirmation, the Anointing of The Sick and for the Ordination of Priests. Together the three oils symbolize the sacramental life of Christ. Three of the parishioners will be sent to represent our parish at this Mass and to receive the holy oils for the parish. Since the Chrism Mass is truly a Diocesan event ALL parishioners are invited, and we would like as many people as possible to be present.

Marriage Help – If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring, or, if you are divorced or separated but want to try again, the **Retrouvaille** program can help. Retrouvaille provides tools to communicate better, resolve conflicts fairly and re-discover why you fell in love. The next local Retrouvaille weekend is **April 21-23, 2017**. For information, call confidentially 1-800-470-2230, email cherylandsteve@cox.net, or go to the website www.helpourmarriage.com for information and registration.



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