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PALM SUNDAY — APRIL 9, 2017

JESUS
SUFFERED
FOR EACH
ONE OF US

APRIL 9, 2017 PALM SUNDAY

"Peter said to him in reply, 'Though all may have their faith in you shaken, mine will never be.'" Peter thought pretty highly of his faith. On the eve of Christ's death he professed, in essence, that he was more committed to Jesus than anyone else. And yet, we know how the story turns out: when put to the test in the moment that mattered, Peter "began to curse and to swear, 'I do not know the man.'"

On this Palm Sunday, we hear many stories of betrayal. The crowds, who once hailed Jesus with "hosannas," will soon be chanting, "Let him be crucified!" Judas, who was counted among the closest companions of the Lord, turns him over to the chief priests for thirty pieces of silver. And Peter falls short in the moment of truth, and then "went out and began to weep bitterly."

Here in the hours before Christ faces crucifixion, he is surrounded by false friends. Just when he most needs the support, he is abandoned. No wonder he feels the suffering even of being forgotten by his Father while he hangs on the cross, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" What trials Jesus endured, not only physically but emotionally as well.

It's easy to glaze over this as a story from the past that does not involve us. But in truth, Jesus suffered all of this for each one of US. He would have preferred things to go otherwise, but submitted to his Father's will because he knew "it must come to pass in this way." Jesus' passion and death took place in order to bring US salvation. So today, may we not be counted among his many betrayers, but may we be truly grateful for the gift of the cross and show it through a life of sincere faith.

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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

**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 Cinea
Lectors: Georgette Pelletier, Patti Cinea
Eucharistic Minister: Patti Cinea



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 Trzinski
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

5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. CONFESSIONS

THURSDAY, APR 13 — HOLY THURSDAY

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

HOLY

Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer
Lector: Lee Snuffer

THURSDAY Eucharistic Minister: Sharon and Clifford Scorso

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 Czercowy
Lector: Evelyn O'Connor, Patti Cinea
Eucharistic Minister: Lou Cloutier



NEXT WEEK

**EASTER SUNDAY
OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
APRIL 15 — 16, 2017
USHERS GROUP I**

2ND COLLECTION FOR SICK AND INFIRMED PRIESTS

SATURDAY, APR 15

10:00 A.M. BLESSING OF THE FOOD

**8:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church**



Altar Servers: Patti Cinea
Lectors: Georgette Pelletier, Patti Cinea
Eucharistic Minister: Patti Cinea, Linda Wiley

SUNDAY, APR 16

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

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



NO 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: Jeffrey Monroe

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Scorso, Betty Aitkin



EASTER EGG HUNT after Mass

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

MONDAY, APR 17

**9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Suzanne Dower
request of Lynn Mancino**

TUESDAY, APR 18

**9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Raymond Fournier
request of Lou and Dorli Cloutier**

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

7:15 P.M. ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, APR 19

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

9:00 A.M. CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP

THURSDAY, APR 20 — NO MASS

FRIDAY, APR 21 — NO MASS

SATURDAY, APR 22

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

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: April 2 — \$3,398

Projected Amount needed \$2,980

"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross."

MATTHEW 27:32

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross". These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

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: Judi, Keith, Hank, Loretta.

Candle Intentions: Joan, Gary, Beth, Elaine, Donald. Special prayers for Rita Rice who has 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 25 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



There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday for the children following the 10:00 am mass.

Children can bring a small basket to collect their eggs. Weather permitting, please join us for this fun event!



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FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

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Annual Catholic Appeal

2017 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL FOLLOW-UP WEEKEND

"Our Faith Calls US To ACTION"

Thank you to everyone who has already answered the request to participate in the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal, "Our Faith Calls US To ACTION". The works performed by our ministries are made possible because of YOUR generosity! Every gift is valued! It's not too late to offer your support. Gifts to the ACA allow our ministries to take ACTION, assisting with social service, spiritual, educational and many other needs throughout our community.

Please visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org to make your pledge today.

As announced last week, our parishioners are invited to the consecration of the Chrism and the blessing of Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens at the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, April 11, 2016, at 10:30 a.m. Procession of Priests and Deacons will begin into Cathedral at 10:20 a.m. The mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich. Bishop Michael R. Cote will celebrate the liturgy. All are invited.

The Sacred Chrism, oil mixed with sweet perfume, symbolizes the presence of the Holy Spirit. It will be used in the parishes of the Diocese of Norwich in the sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation. It is also used at the Ordination of Bishops and Priests and at the Dedication of a Church and altar.

The Oil of the Sick is used to anoint those who are suffering from illness so that they may receive strength and healing, both physical and spiritual.

The catechumens will be anointed with the Oil of Catechumens in preparation for their Baptism at the Easter Vigil.

WHITE MASS FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS AND CAREGIVERS OF ALL FAITHS

will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, 213 Broadway, Norwich, on Sunday, April 30, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. Brunch will immediately follow in the Church Hall. The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote will be the Celebrant and the Homilist, and the featured speaker will be Sister Judith Jacobus, M.D. The topic will be "Compassion for the Infirm". The Chair of this event is Deacon Gerald Shaw, MD. The requested donation for brunch is \$25.00. Health care workers of all faiths are invited. For further information call Monsignor Brown at 860-887-9294, ext. 232.

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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