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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — FEBRUARY 11, 2018

THE RISK OF GENEROSITY

We may not like it, but generosity and risk often go hand-in-hand. At least, that's what Jesus shows us in today's Gospel as a leper approaches him for healing. Until the nineteenth century, lepers were shunned to the margins of society for fear of spreading the disease. To touch a leper was to risk becoming unclean yourself. In today's Gospel, Jesus defies convention. "Moved with pity, he reached out his hand, [and] touched him." The leper is healed! But this is not the only risk Jesus takes.

Before Jesus heals the man, he knows full well the desperate nature of his situation. Jesus knows that this man will be overjoyed upon being healed and that he just might tell everyone he knows. For a Messiah looking to temporarily fly under the radar, healing this particular leper might not be the best idea. Jesus heals anyway.

It can be easy to become calculated in our giving. If I go out of my way to help this person, how will it affect my reputation? How will this charitable donation affect my budget? How could I possibly make time to volunteer regularly? In today's Gospel, Jesus casts these concerns aside. He touches the untouchable. He reaches the unreachable. For his efforts, he receives a betrayal of his request for silence. "The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter." Before long "it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly." Jesus is forced to remain "outside in the deserted places." It would appear, perhaps, that he is unable to accomplish his mission.

When we take a risk to be generous, things might not follow the prescribed path. We might be disappointed. We also might be surprised! Our witness to radical generosity is attractive to a world in desperate need. Indeed, when Jesus took risks for love, "People kept coming to him from everywhere."

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 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 a Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, 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 p.m. — 3:45 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-748-4560) 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 860-748-4560.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**FEBRUARY 10 — 11, 2018****USHERS GROUP IV****2ND COLLECTION — ST. MAURICE FUEL FUND****SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10****4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** *after Mass***SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11****7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for †Elmira (Candy) Chamberlain
request of Maria and Patti Cinea**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** *after Mass***8:00 A.M.** **TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ BREAKFAST***Parish Center from 8:00AM to 10:00AM**Blood pressure screening available in the library during breakfast***9:00 A.M.** **FAITH FORMATION CLASSES****10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Barbara and †Donald Sullivan
request of Patrick and Daniel Sullivan**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** *after Mass***5:30 P.M.** **EVENING PRAYER****FROM THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS****MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church**7:00 P.M.** **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING****7:15 P.M.** **CHOIR REHEARSAL***New members are most welcome***WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 — ASH WEDNESDAY****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church**9:00 A.M.** **CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP**
*begins after Mass***7:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15 — NO MASS****FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16****7:00 P.M.** **STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND MASS**
Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17****3:30 P.M.** **ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS****FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH***From left: LeeAnn Snuffer, Matthew Mwangi, Fr. Leon, Jason Mwangi and Ben Snuffer***FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP**

It is time for us to get back to work...

The Fair Group will start their meetings on Wednesday morning on February 14th after mass. We hope to see many of you for a cup of coffee and see what new ideas you have come up with and we have a few for you to look at. Lots of planning to do before we get down to production. Please think about joining us and seeing what we plan for the 2018 Fair.

All are welcome and you do not need craft ability to sort buttons and place things in bags or cut strips of material... Lots of jobs that just need doing not talent.

See you there

Dorli, Beth and Sharon**STEWARDSHIP****Last week's Offertory: February 4 — \$2,636****Projected Amount needed \$2,980***"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."**- 1 Corinthians 10:31*

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride and ego, money and possessions to name a few) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself I'm I going this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?

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Memorial Mass Form

Drop in collection ^

Father Leon, please offer a weekend ____ (or) weekday ____ Mass for the soul ____ (or) intentions ____ (as applicable) of:

Name _____

Person requesting _____

Street Address _____ E-mail Address _____

City State Zip _____ E-mail Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Check enclosed ____ Envelope No. ____ We will Donate Online ____ (Customary donation \$10 weekday, \$20 weekend)

I will bring up the gifts at the Mass celebrated. Yes ____ No ____

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:

Jan, Stephanie, Helen, Sally, Mary, Marge,

Margaret, Kyle, Francis, David, Rob, Vi.

Candle Intentions - Mike, Jeff, Bob, Grace, Joe.

Special prayers for Shawn who has died and prayers for his family.

Special prayers for Father William Burns who has died and prayers for his family.

Special prayers for Louise Smith who has died and prayers for her family.

Our parish community, enlightened by the light of Christ, may bring that light to others, especially those who stand most in need.

For the spirit of understanding, compassion, and forgiveness in our relationship with others, that we may follow the action of Jesus in our daily association with those whom we meet on the path of life.

Prayer shawls are available upon request

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann

**LENT 2018**

45 minute sessions led by Fr. Leon

Study A comparative review of all four Gospels with emphasis on the Passion Narrative of Jesus.

In the Parish Center every other Wednesday

Next Session February 21st at 7:00 PM

Audience: older teens and adults.



**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.

Father Leon is available at all times for any Spiritual needs, to call or meet with him personally, you're always welcomed. Reach him direct at (860) 748-4560.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

**OPERATION RICE BOWL:
OUR LENTEN PROGRAM:
ENCOUNTER LENT**

On Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018, our parish with parishes across the Diocese of Norwich is beginning a program of prayer and sacrifice called **Operation Rice Bowl (ORB)**. For 45 years, Operation Rice Bowl has helped to feed the hungry poor. Through our participation in this program, we bring hope and healing to another person or family living halfway across the globe. Money saved during Lent is then brought to the parish family Rice Bowl on Palm Sunday, March 25, 2018. 75% of Operation Rice Bowl funds will feed the hungry poor overseas, the remaining 25% will be used in the diocese to feed the needy. This Lent, gather in prayer and sacrifice as a family to pray and to care for the hungry poor.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2018**CALLED TO JOY!**

SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH 8:30-3:30

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The Office of Faith Events and the Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women welcome women of all ages. Offering workshops on parenting, relationships, prayer, scripture and more. Keynote speaker ValLimar Jansen, and Mass with Bishop Cote.

Find the registration form at www.norwichdiocese.org under the Office of Faith Events- Upcoming Events. Or contact us at 860-848-2237. Register today!

Use what talent you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang best.

--Henry Van Dyke



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Defending Our Religious Liberty

According to USCCB President Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, the Catholic Church teaches that religious freedom has to do with immunity from coercion. Immunity from government coercion is a right that all citizens in this country should enjoy. Let us pray that efforts to change the health care bill protect the Church's First Amendment rights.



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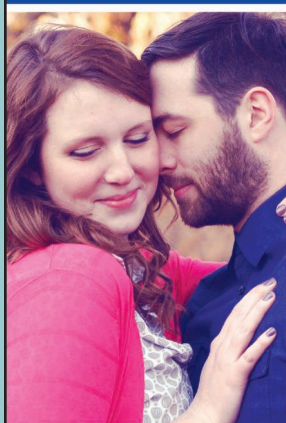
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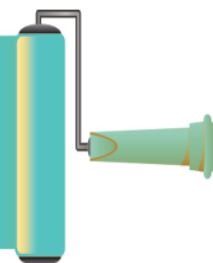
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