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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You are the light of
the world. A city set
on a mountain
cannot be hidden."
— Mt 5:14



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 9, 2020

What does it mean to be salt and light? If we listen carefully to Jesus' words, we gain some direction. To be salt means to bring taste, zest, and joy to life. We are asked to liven things up a bit by allowing the joy of our faith to spill over into the lives of others. Only a sincere and deep relationship with God can freshen up humanity and set it on proper course. To be light means that our faith must translate into action so that we can be Christ for others and extend the same arm of mercy and compassion that Christ did. Our acts of piety, then, cannot be directed solely at ourselves. Prayer is never about self-benefit but must always be directed toward union with God, deepening our relationships with one another and learning how to be effective stewards of the beautiful universe God has entrusted to our care.

The Master gives us wise direction in terms of how we can best become the salt and light he desires. Listen carefully to the Beatitudes. Think about the oppression and alienation that exists in our world, the violence and prejudice, the anger and the hatred, the fear and the shame. All of these things require action. The poor need food, housing, and clothes. Hatred must be replaced by love. Retaliation and violence by forgiveness. Our thoughts and speech can become more like Christ. We can change and continue to change. Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman said, "To live is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often."

But it doesn't end with just offering the bandages needed to heal wounds. It must go deeper. We must ask ourselves what has happened that we have found ourselves in this place with these wounds and divisions. What are their causes? Together we must address these systemic problems, politically and spiritually, and face the truth. Only then will we truly be salt and light. But then again, we may not like what the light shows us.

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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 860-643-9553.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 8 — 9, 2020

USHERS GROUP IVSATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

3:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 4PM MASS

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

8:00 A.M. TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ BREAKFAST

Parish Center from 8:00AM to 11:30AM

Blood pressure screening available in the library during breakfast

8:30 – 8:50 A.M. Youth Choir Rehearsal. All youth are welcome

9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. Youth Mass

Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10 — NO MASSTUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 — NO MASS

7:15 P.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL

New members are most welcome

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 129:00 A.M. Mass offered for the soul of Eva Perron
request of Lou and Dorli Cloutier

6:00 P.M. PARISH COUNCIL MEETING in the Parish Center

7:00 P.M. ST. MAURICE BIBLE STUDY in the Sacristy
ACTS OF THE APOSTLESTHURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 149:00 A.M. Mass offered for the soul of Lee Barrett
request of Lee and Sharon SnufferSATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

3:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 4PM MASS

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice ChurchSNOW DAYS

Weekday morning Mass will be cancelled if Bolton schools are closed or postponed 2 hours because of weather or road conditions.

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISHBlessing of the Throats

On February 2nd, Fr. Bill performed a Blessing of the Throats in honor of Saint Blaise whose Feast Day is February 3rd. A special candle from Poland, which is actually two candles joined together by a red ribbon (the color of martyrdom), was used.



St. Blaise was a Bishop and martyr who is reputed to have miraculously cured a boy with a fish bone stuck in his throat. People often pray to St. Blaise for healing of ailments, especially those associated with the throat.

*Prayer for Healing*

*Lord we ask You to lift up those who are facing illness today.
We ask You to bring Healing, Comfort & Peace
to their body, mind & soul.
We ask You to calm their fears
and let them feel the Healing power of your Love.*

STEWARDSHIP**February 2 offertory: — \$3,917****Projected amount needed: — \$2,980**

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

MATTHEW 5:16

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Let your light shine! Be careful to recognize that God is working through you and don't put yourself above the people you have been called to help.

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Parish Membership Form

Drop in collection ^

Please enroll the following as members of the Church of St. Maurice:

Adults _____

Children (under 18) _____

Street Address _____ E-mail Address _____

City State Zip _____ E-mail Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Send offertory envelopes _____ Send form for EFT (electronic donation) _____ We will Donate Online _____

We can help out as: Altar server _____ Lector _____ Usher _____ Eucharistic Minister _____ Choir _____ Crafts workshop _____

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:

Kevin, Bob, Rose, Lauren, Autumn, Matt, Dominic, Kathleen, Grace, Bob, Grace, Mary-Jane,

David, Francis, Olga, Viola, Irene, Kyle, Laurie, Gloria, Mary, Irene, Maria.

Candle Intentions: Lee, Nicholas.

Faith Formation Students Prayer Requests.

Prayer Shawls are also available by the prayer request box located near the candle stand on the rectory side of the church. Please read the information on the sheet above the prayer shawls.

Thank you. Mary Ann

FROM THE FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE

Save the Date: Saturday, March 21, 2020

For a St. Patrick's Day Potluck Dinner in the Parish Center after the Vigil Mass. There will be live music and good food.

The Fellowship Circle fund raiser

The Fellowship Circle is pleased to announce that the St. Maurice Pen Fund raiser has been completed. We have received donations for 500 pens. A report will follow.

We will continue to accept donations for a limited number of CD's at a minimum \$20.00 donation. CD's will continue to be available after the weekend Masses.

FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP

The fair group will be starting soon.

If you have any **jelly canning jars** or **pint jars** from the Fair or hidden in your basement we can put them to good use. Just leave them in the vestibule at church or at the Parish Center.

If you bought products at the Fair we would love the jars to refill. We are thinking of spring and summer as the berries ripen and the large amount of **sugar** we need for these products.....so anytime you find a sale on sugar think of us and drop it off at church or the center. We use over 100 pounds of sugar in a season just for jam not to mention the mixes, candy and baking that fills the Fair with goodies. We also need **walnut shells** and metal **teaspoons**. **This is the Fair's 50th year so let us make it special. We want everyone to be involved.**

Thank you for your support — Dorli, Beth and Sharon

Camp Veritas 2020: Camp Veritas is a one-week play-and-pray sleep away camp for teens going into 7th to 12th grades. It will be held at five locations in 2020; June 29-July 4 at Clongowes Wood College in Ireland; July 19-25 at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY; July 26-August 1 in Lake Placid, FL and August 16-22 at Camp Lacota in Wurtsboro, NY. Enrollment opened 1/1/2020 and enrollment price for each week is only \$400 per camper. Early bird rates (before 1/4/2020) are \$400 and \$450 after that. More details can be found at www.campveritas.com

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

Please join us **March 28, 2020** at St. Bernard's School in Uncasville for the **10th Annual Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference, "Our Tapestry of Faith: Affirming Feminine Gifts and Strengths"**. The day will include keynote speaker Danielle Bean, mass with Bishop Cote, vendors, reconciliation, and much more! Lunch is included with registration fee. To print the registration form or register online go to www.norwichdiocese.org and follow the Office of Faith Events link. Questions, please contact The Office of Faith Events at 860-848-2237, or faithevents@norwichdiocese.net

"The Tribute Page" will be a new addition to our 2020 **Women's Conference Booklet**. Acknowledge all the women who are threads in the tapestry of your life by letting them know their unique contribution has reinforced the fabric of your life and your faith! Write a thankful tribute or a note of gratitude to your Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother or Godmother for all she has done for you, or any woman/women who have helped you throughout your life.

The cost is \$5.00 a line (no more than 65 characters including spaces) Please make checks out to the Office of Faith Events and send to: Office of Faith Events, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360 Contact Marianne at 860-848-2237, ext. 304 with questions.

Holy Family Summer Camp 2020

Theme: **Jesus Our Eucharistic King**

July 28-July 31

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Contact: Sister Mary Kathleen, SCMC 860-388-1517

srmarykathleen@gmail.com

or Sister Rafael, SCMC

860-822-8241

All forms will be available on our website:

www.sistersofcharity.com

Email Sr. Mary Kathleen and I will send these directly to you!



Please look for the Office of Faith Events' new column: **"Faith Sparks"** in the 4 County Catholic newspaper and online. This past month's column entitled "Pope Francis Calls Us to Bear Witness to Jesus", discusses how to come to learn who God is within the framework of family life.

MaryJo McLaughlin of Catholic Family Services writes, "There are many simple and subtle ways to give witness to your faith." To find these tips and read this entire article, visit:

NorwichDiocese.org/FaithSparks

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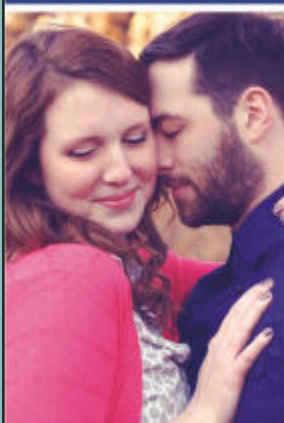
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