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Good News!

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Is 49:3, 5-6 / 1 Cor 1:1-3 / Jn 1:29-34

When I was ten, my teacher decided to call me by my first name, Mary, rather than by my family name, Kathy, part of my middle name. My teacher felt we should honor the Blessed Virgin by calling me Mary. The name Katharine had been in my mother's family for years, and she liked its strength. It was an abrupt switch, but like many children, I quickly got used to responding to either name—and sometimes to both.

Names tell us something about a person. Today's Scriptures speak to the singularity of the Incarnation by talking about names people gave Jesus. The early Church looked through the sacred Scriptures of the Hebrew Bible and realized that Jesus was like the figure in the prophecies of Isaiah, so they came to know him as *servant* (one who does God's will), *covenant* (a promise between two parties), and *light* to the nations.

Paul calls him Messiah (*Christos* in Greek) and Lord. And John refers to him as the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" and the "Son of God."

We haven't yet been able to articulate the fullness of who Jesus is. We believe he is fully God and fully human and that he came out of love for us to save us from sin and death. In our attempt to understand that, we've given him many names. Each reveals a little more about who he is for us and who he is with God.

What is your name for Jesus now, and what does that mean to you?

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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):

By appointment.

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**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****JAN. 18– JAN. 19, 2014****USHERS GROUP IV****SATURDAY, JAN. 18 –****4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for +John Garvan request of Marion Gelinas**Coffee Social after 4 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement****SUNDAY, JAN. 19 –****7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for +Antonina, +Josef and +Jan Hajdasz request of Helen Kurys and family**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**NO FAITH FORMATION****10:00 A.M. –** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**5:30 P.M.— LITURGY OF THE HOURS****MONDAY, JAN. 20– No Mass****5:00 P.M.— Parish BINGO—**Food available from 5 P.M. Games begin at 6:30 P.M. Jackpot \$150.**TUESDAY, JAN. 21 – No Mass****7:15 P.M.— CHOIR REHEARSAL****WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22 –****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +May Guttay request of Mary Mumford and family**THURSDAY, JAN. 23 – No Mass****FRIDAY, JAN. 24 – No Mass****SATURDAY, JAN. 25 –****3:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 4 P.M. MASS****Last week's Offertory — January 12 — \$2,865****Last year's Offertory — January 13 — \$3,782***"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..." Isaiah 49:5***God has formed each of us as His servants from the womb. He blessed us with unique gifts and He provided us with the talents and skills we would need to do His work. If we do not fulfill the unique vision that God had for us alone, who will do it?****NEXT WEEK****THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****JAN. 25– JAN. 26, 2014****USHERS GROUP I****SATURDAY, JAN. 25 –****4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for +Jennette Violette (14th anniversary) request of her daughter, Linda LaChapelle*Altar Servers: Maria Cineia**Lector: Patti Cineia**Eucharistic Minister: Patti Cineia***Coffee Social after 4 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement****SUNDAY, JAN. 26 –****7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for +Raymond and Lilyan Hunt request of Jane and Bob Hunt*Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck**Lector: Joel Cohan**Eucharistic Minister:***CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES/breakfast available****10:00 A.M. –** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers: Nicholas VanDine**Lector: Rita Sheetz**Eucharistic Minister: Rita Sheetz***CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**5:30 P.M.— LITURGY OF THE HOURS****MONDAY, JAN. 27– No Mass****5:00 P.M.— Parish BINGO—**Food available from 5 P.M. Games begin at 6:30 P.M.**TUESDAY, JAN. 28 – No Mass****7:15 P.M.— CHOIR REHEARSAL****WEDNESDAY, JAN. 29 –****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +James P. Blaznalis request of the Dean and Blaznalis families**THURSDAY, JAN. 30 – No Mass****FRIDAY, JAN. 31 – No Mass****SATURDAY, FEB. 1 –** Mass offered for Joyce Bachl at the request of Ed Bachl**3:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 4 P.M. MASS**

Readings for the Week of January 19, 2014

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18

Next Sunday: Is 8:23--9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

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This month on January 22nd marks the 41st anniversary of the controversial Roe vs. Wade Supreme court decision that effectively deemed abortion a fundamental right under the United States Constitution. Please join us in the Church on Tuesday, January 21st in praying the ROSARY from 7 AM to 7 PM, for whatever time you have, in support of the Church's teaching that abortion must be illegal. As Pope John Paul II emphasized, the denial of the right to life, in principle, sets the stage, in principle, for the denial of all other rights.

THANK YOU.

A thank you to all the people involved in the Christmas program of helping those in need. All the deliveries were made on time in spite of the weather. A special thanks to the drivers that answered our last minute call to drive and deliver.

FROM THE FAIR GROUP

Our heartfelt thanks to all of you that donated, worked on and purchased items at the Fair. We are now in the planning stage for our 2014 event and as always we ask for your help in donating some materials for us to work with. We always use material and yarn but we would like to add other items to the list so you can be on the lookout all year. We need 400 baby food jars nice and clean and with lids. If there is a baby in your neighborhood please ask them to save jars for us. Another item that is needed is pint size canning jars (we use 8 dozen each year). We are also looking for those extra miss match wine glasses AND if you are retiring some Xmas decorations we can use a lot of things from them by taking them apart. If you are not sure we can use them just leave them at the parish center and we will make the decision. If we cannot use them we get it to Goodwill or other groups than can. Thanks for your constant support. We were very happy this year to help with the food distribution for the holidays and look forward to continuing that support. All our money is used either in the parish or for the needy. We bought quite a few coats and warm clothing for those that were in need. Thank you again!

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, a law firm representing organizations filing suits against the federal health care mandate, including the Little Sisters of the Poor, has stated, "The government has lots of ways to deliver contraceptives to people. It doesn't need to force nuns to participate."

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the mandate by calling President Obama at the White House at 202-456-1111 or Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius at 202-205-5445. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

March for Life – January 22, 2014 in Washington, DC Bus Trip.

January 22, 2014 marks the 41st anniversary of the Supreme Court's legalization of abortion. From that decision, over 50 million pre-born babies have died from abortion. On January 22nd people from across our nation will assemble in the largest Pro-life event in the world, with a peaceful demonstration in Washington, D.C. to March for Life and end abortion. Consider attending if you have never experienced being a part of the March for Life. On Tuesday, January 21st at 9 P.M., buses sponsored by the Southeast Chapter of Connecticut Right to Life will leave from the Norwich Municipal Parking Lot (Exit 80, I-395) and travel to D.C. to attend the March. Bus fare is \$65 per person. For information, to reserve a seat or if you cannot go, to sponsor a seat, please call Margaret Becotte at 860-822-1362.

Marriage Preparation Upcoming Classes for Engaged Couples

"God's Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage". To register for a 3 session class call the Family Life Office at: 860-889-8346 ext. 283. Upcoming classes: Sat., Feb. 8, 15, 22, 9:30am-12:00pm, at St. Joseph Church, Occum. Fri. Mar. 7, 14, 21, 6:00pm-8:30pm, at St. Francis Church, Middletown. Sat. Mar. 15, 22, 29, 9:30am-12:00pm, at St. Matthew Church, Tolland.

Diocesan Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, February 1st ~ 8:30 a.m. Please join us 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 both at the Cathedral and Planned Parenthood. A brunch will follow the Rosary.

Natural Family Planning Classes ~ For Married and Engaged.

(NFP) is the safe and loving alternative to the dangerous, chemical, synthetic hormonal side-effects of contraception and birth control. NFP is scientific, helps with fertility problems and 99% effective for conceiving or responsibly postponing a baby. Discover the beauty of NFP! A class begins in Gales Ferry on Jan. 25th, call the Schantz's at 860-464-1184. A class begins on Feb. 5th in Westerly, RI; call the Bliers at 401-596-9582. www.ccli.org . Home Study and online also available.

"Nine Days for Life" Novena has been announced by the US Catholic Bishops taking place this month to mark the Roe vs. Wade 41st anniversary and to surround the upcoming Washington March for Life with prayer. Go to the usccb.org website for the "Nine Day Novena of Prayer, Penance and Sacrifice". For those who cannot attend the March in Washington the US Bishops state "Your prayers matter". The 41st Anniversary is also marked with the "Rally for Life" to the capital in Hartford. On Saturday, January 25th Mass celebrated by Archbishop Leonard Blair will begin at 9am at St. Joseph Cathedral in Hartford, followed with a march, praying the Rosary, to the state capital.



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