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Good News!

January 26, 2014

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

In the upper Midwest, where I live, deep winter sets in around mid December, and generally it gets really cold at the beginning of January. That's followed by two or three months of more clouds than sunshine, more wind than calm, and days when the cold seems to go right through all outerwear.

Sometime in the last two weeks of March, after weeks of gray and gloom, there comes a day that holds all the promise of glorious summer. The sun shines, the sky is blue, and the temperature suddenly soars to sixty degrees—or even seventy. Neighborhood streets and lakeside paths are filled with folks just glad to be alive. We suddenly realize why our ancestors worshiped the sun.

"The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light." Isaiah and Matthew knew the power of light shining in darkness, but for them, it wasn't the sun. It was the Word of God piercing a world in which power and greed seemed rampant, that Word becoming incarnate in Jesus, calling all to conversion.

I don't think it's an accident that Matthew recalls the words of Isaiah just before he records the call of the disciples. Perhaps light is what Peter, Andrew, James, and John saw when Jesus walked by their boats and called them into new lives as his disciples. It was light that made them drop everything to follow him. Jesus is our light, too, and he's never stopped calling us to follow him.

Maybe it's time to come out of the dark ourselves.

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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 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
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

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES/breakfast available

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. 27– No Mass

5:00 P.M.— Parish BINGO—Food available from 5 P.M. Games begin at 6:30 P.M. Jackpot \$200

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

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

Last week's Offertory — January 19 — \$2,732
Last year's Offertory — January 20 — \$2,867

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." Matthew 4:22

Just as He called the first apostles, Jesus calls each of us to follow Him, too. We are not expected to leave our businesses and our families behind, but we are expected to put our service to Jesus before worldly endeavors.

NEXT WEEK
PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
FEB. 1—FEB. 2, 2014
SUNDAY — COFFEE SOCIAL AFTER MASSES
USHERS GROUP II

SATURDAY, FEB. 1 –
4:00 P.M. Mass offered for Joyce Bachl at the request of Ed Bachl

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea
Lector: Georgette Pelletier
Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley

Coffee Social after 4 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, FEB. 2 –
7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Artha Marmaduke at the request of Jennifer and Phil Daly

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck
Lector: Judy Knox
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: LeeAnn and Ben Snuffer
Lector: Evelyn O'Connor
Eucharistic Minister: Lou Cloutier

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M.— LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, FEB. 3 –

9:00 A.M.— Mass offered for +James Bloznalis at the request of the Dean and Bloznalis families

5:00 P.M.— Parish BINGO—Food available from 5 P.M. Games begin at 6:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, FEB. 4 –

9:00 A.M.— Mass offered for +Samuel Guglielmino

7:15 P.M.— CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Margaret Fennelly request of Tony and Kathleen Conneely

THURSDAY, FEB. 6 – No Mass

FRIDAY, FEB. 7 – No Mass

7-9 P.M.— Junior Youth Group The Disciples meets in Church basement

SATURDAY, FEB. 8 – Mass offered for +Gary Martin 5th Anniversary at the request of his sister, Linda LaChapelle

3:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 4 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of January 26, 2014

Sunday: Is 8:23--9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
 Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20
 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25
 Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41
 Next Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

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"New Day" Bereavement Support Group

Living through grief is not easy and it does not have to be done alone. St. Bridget's Church, Manchester offers "New Day" which is a nine week program for those who wish to do grief work with others having the same experience. This program provides a sense of community where support is given and received, and one feels at ease knowing that those attending have also had the pain of loss.

"New Day" is led by trained facilitators and includes prayer, discussion and journaling. Although, "New Day" is a faith-based program, all are welcome.

We are looking forward to holding our next session on Tuesday evenings beginning **February 11, 2014** from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the St. Bridget Parish Office, 80 Main St., Manchester. An afternoon session may also be offered.

For further information or to register for the program, please call Mary at 860-646-3848 or Patricia at 860-967-6093.

Join St. Edward School for our special open house celebration, Magic & Meatballs, Thursday, January 31st. Tour classrooms from 5:30 to 6:00 P.M. and join us for dinner and a magic show featuring Gary Bessette The Magic Guy! Call 860-684-2600 for more info or to reserve your spot! Private tours are always offered by appointment as well. Located at 25 Church St., in Stafford Springs, St. Edward School offers Pre-K through Grade 8 with full day 4 year old pre-k and full day kindergarten. Accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, St. Edward School was ranked exemplary in mission, program, and experience of the student. Call today to learn more. Tuition assistance is available.

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Defending Our Religious Liberty

The U. S. Supreme Court will hear the case of Hobby Lobby Inc., an Oklahoma City-based arts and crafts chain with 13,000 full-time employees, in March 2014. The company says the HHS mandate violates its religious freedom, by requiring it to pay for health insurance that goes against its moral convictions.

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

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving

On Sunday, February 9, 2014, the 17th Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Gift of Consecrated Life will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Norwich. All are invited to join Bishop Cote in thanking God for the gift of consecrated life and for the sisters, brothers, and religious priests who enrich the Church and build up God's Kingdom with the witness of their religious commitment. The homilist will be Father Robert Abbatiello, O. F.M. Cap., the former pastor of Saint Pius X Parish in Middletown and currently Pastor of Church of the Good Shepherd, New York City.

All are invited to participate in the Mass.

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)

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