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## February 9, 2014 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 58:7-10 / 1 Cor 2:1-5 / Mt 5:13-16

When my daughter got her first job after college, I handed her a copy of Isaiah 57 so she would always remember she was blessed to have work and that she had a responsibility to care for those who were not as fortunate as she. Without a word, she took the piece of paper, folded it, and put it in her wallet.

A few years later, she hasn't forgotten. When she was looking for a position as a lawyer, she sought a firm that would take clients regardless of their ability to pay and that counted hours of volunteer legal (pro bono) counsel in calculating her work hours. I was so proud. It reminded me that honoring our solidarity with the poor is a lifelong discipline.

We've been taught that calling attention to ourselves is a little suspect. Our parents and good friends can call attention to our achievements, but we can't. And yet, today's readings include the part of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount that calls us the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

This isn't the kind of thing we're supposed to hide. But Jesus doesn't mean we should brag or be prideful. Rather, we're to do what Isaiah tells us and honor God by caring for the least among us. We're to follow Paul's example and strive only to "know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified."

The example of our lives should be such that those who see us will know God is working through his people. Our love and service to others is not for our glory, but for God's.

How do *you* let God's glory shine through?

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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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEB. 8—FEB. 9, 2014

Triple Play Café Breakfast 8-10A.M.
Blood Pressure Screening Available

Maintenance Collection
USHERS GROUP III

#### SATURDAY, FEB. 8 -

4:00 P.M. <u>Mass offered for +Gary Martin 5th</u>

Anniversary at the request of his

sister, Linda LaChapelle

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

SUNDAY, FEB. 9 -

7:30 A.M. <u>Mass offered for +James P. Bloznalis</u> at the

request of Dean and Bloznalis families

#### **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, FEB. 10 -

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

**5:00 P.M.**— Parish **BINGO**—Food available from 5 P.M. Games begin at 6:30 P.M. Jackpot \$250

#### TUESDAY, FEB. 11 -

9:00 A.M.— Mass offered for +Donald Holbrook at the request of Gloria Holbrook

#### 7:15 P.M.— CHOIR REHEARSAL

#### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12 -

9:00 A.M. <u>Mass offered for +John Garvan</u> at the request of

St. Maurice Fair Group

#### THURSDAY, FEB. 13 - No Mass

7:00 P.M. Knights of Columbus business meeting

FRIDAY, FEB. 14 - No Mass

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

#### Last week's Offertory — February 2 — \$3,281 Last year's Offertory — February 3 — \$1,049

"Let your light so shine before men, 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.

#### <u>NEXT WEEK</u> SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEB. 15—FEB. 16, 2014 USHERS GROUP IV

#### SATURDAY, FEB. 15 -

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Gary Martin 5th

Anniversary at the request Marion Gelinas

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea

Lector: Bert Flynn

Eucharistic Minister: Patti Cinea

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

#### SUNDAY, FEB. 16 -

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Anthony Sobol at the

request of Hurst Family

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

#### **CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass

#### NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. - Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice

Church

Altar Servers: Amilia & Marta Herasimowicz

Lector: Alex Boutin

Eucharistic Minister: Clifford Scorso

#### **CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass

5:30 P.M.— LITURGY OF THE HOURS

#### MONDAY, FEB. 17 -

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

5:00 P.M.— Parish BINGO—Food available from 5 P.M. Games

begin at 6:30 P.M.

#### TUESDAY, FEB. 18 -

9:00 A.M.— <u>Mass offered for +James Bloznalis</u> at the request of the Dean and Bloznalis Families

#### 7:15 P.M.— CHOIR REHEARSAL

#### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19 -

9:00 A.M. — <u>Mass offered for +Marie Madore</u> at the request of her 2 daughters and son

THURSDAY, FEB. 20 – No mass

#### FRIDAY, FEB. 21 - No Mass

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Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet in the Church Basement

SATURDAY, FEB. 22 – Mass offered for +John Garvan

at the request of Olga Delany

Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a,

#### 3:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 4 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of February 9, 2014

 Sunday:
 Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

 Monday:
 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56

 Tuesday:
 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13

 Wednesday:
 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23

 Thursday:
 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37 Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10

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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.

#### Ski Visitor Weekend at the College of St. Mary Magdalen

The College of Saint Mary Magdalen is hosting its annual Ski Visitor Weekend for prospective students from February 20-23, 2014. There is no cost to attend. Students will have the ability to attend classes, stay in the dorms, eat in the dining hall, meet other prospective students, attend Mass, and go skiing at Pat's Peak in Henniker, NH. 511 Kearsarge Mountain Road, Warner, NH. Call 603.456.2656 for more information.

A parishioner from All Saints Church in Somersville is creating a "Book of Memories" in honor of Father Roland Cloutier's 50th anniversary of ordination. You are invited to share your memories with/about him in this book.

Just to let you know: this book is only for Father Roland so your message, picture, or memories will be seen only by him - unless he decides to share them.

Please consider being part of this "Book of Memories". We hope this book will hold as many memories and greeting as possible from his 50 years! You may mail messages, picture or memories to:

All Saints Church
ATTN: Michele
PO Box M
Somersville, CT 06072-0913 OR
email them to alstchurch@yahoo.com

#### **Defending Our Religious Liberty**

Organizations such as church-sponsored universities, hospitals and social services, are facing a fine of \$100 per day (\$36,500 per year) per employee if they provide health coverage that does not include contraceptives, including abortion-causing drugs, and sterilization. Exorbitant fines like these will surely force a lot of organizations that serve tens of thousands of people to close.

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

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Marriage Encounter Weekend ~ Looking for the perfect weekend to bring a husband and wife closer together? Rediscover each other with a heart-to-heart Marriage Encounter. To register for the March 7-9 weekend in East Hartford or for information call 860-376-0440. www.wwme.org.

## 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.

The gifts of Love and Marriage are celebrated on World Marriage Day, Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. Marriage is unique for a reason, created and defined by God; it is designed as a way for married couples to share in His love. World Marriage Day is a day to honor husbands and wives for the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in married life. God has given marriage and its faithfulness a special significance in the history of salvation, from there the future is created. God's blessing for all married couples on this World Marriage Day.

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"PROJECT RACHEL" is a Diocesan ministry for anyone seeking healing and forgiveness. Project Rachel priests are there for you with God's Grace and Mercy. Call 860-889-8346 ext.283. All inquiries are confidential.



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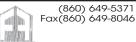
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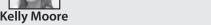
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