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dear Padre

March 23, 2014

Does it matter whether I go to Mass?

I know Mass is supposed to bring me closer to God, but I feel much closer to God when I take a walk along the beach. Wouldn't God rather I do the thing that makes me feel closest to him?

The beach can calm the soul and lead to praise of God, but this is not the worship God asks of us. This worship, ever since the days of Moses and Pharaoh, has been the keeping of a Sabbath Day in a gathering of a whole people, a community.

So in the Book of Exodus, God gives this message to Pharaoh: "Let my people go, that they may hold a feast for me in the wilderness" (5:1).

For Catholics, weekly Mass celebrates our deepest nature and calling as the people of the God of the Bible. Worship is for God first of all and above all. Find this attitude in yourself, and you will find more in the Mass than you ever dreamed possible. You will find what every human heart is seeking: the Love we can give ourselves to, what Jesus teaches as the first and greatest commandment.

Jesus also teaches that the second greatest commandment is to love your neighbor as yourself. This is what we often find difficult about weekly Mass: all those people! But staying with them and praying with them, crying babies and all, is the worship God asks of your heart.

FR. JOHN HAMROGUE, CSSR
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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 5:00 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 OF LENT
MAR. 22 — MAR. 23, 2014
LAUNCH — ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
USHERS GROUP I****SATURDAY, MAR. 22 —**

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Anthony Sobol at the request of Edward Bachl and family

Coffee Social after 5 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, MAR. 23 —

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Donald Sobol at the request of the Sylvia Greene

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

8:30 A.M. — **Breakfast for Faith Formation**

9:00 A.M. — **Faith Formation Classes**

10:00 A.M. — Mass offered +Clara Stygar at the request of her daughter, Marion

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M. — **LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

6:00 P.M. — **Adult Faith Formation Class at the Parish Center**

MONDAY, MAR. 24 —

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. Jackpot \$550

TUESDAY, MAR. 25 —

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

7:15 P.M. — **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 26 —

9:00 A.M. — Mass offered for +Anthony Sobol at the request of the Cloutier family

9:00 A.M. TO NOON — **Christmas Fair Workshop**

THURSDAY, MAR. 27 — No mass**FRIDAY, MAR. 28 —**

7:00 P.M. — **Stations of the Cross and Mass**
Mass offered for All Parishioners

SATURDAY, MAR. 29 —

4:30 P.M. — **ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS**

Last week's Offertory — March 16 — \$2,524

Last year's Offertory — March 17 — \$2,270

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again." John 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions we always want more. True satisfaction only comes when we follow Jesus.

NEXT WEEK**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MAR. 29 — MAR. 30, 2014
ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL COMMITMENT
USHERS GROUP II****SATURDAY, MAR. 29 —**

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Anthony Sobol at the request of Frank and Jackie Cuneo

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea

Lector: Georgette Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Bert Flynn

Coffee Social after 5 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, MAR. 30 —

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Raymond Poniatoski at the request of the Bob and Jane Hunt

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

8:30 A.M. — **Breakfast for Faith Formation**

9:00 A.M. — **Faith Formation Classes**

10:00 A.M. — Mass offered for All Parishioners

Altar Servers: LeeAnn and Ben Snuffer

Lector: Alex Boutin

Eucharistic Minister: Clifford Scorso

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M. — **LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

6:00 P.M. — **Adult Faith Formation Class at the Parish Center**

MONDAY, MAR. 31 —

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

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

TUESDAY, APR. 1 —

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

7:15 P.M. — **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

WEDNESDAY, APR. 2 —

9:00 A.M. — Mass offered for +Anne Liebler at the request of the Cloutier family

9:00 A.M. TO NOON — **Christmas Fair Workshop**

THURSDAY, APR. 3 — No mass

FRIDAY, APR. 4 — 7:00 P.M. — Stations of the Cross and Mass
Mass offered for All Parishioners

Altar Servers: Amilia and Marta Herasimowicz

Lector: Georgette Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Scorso

7:00-9:00 P.M. — **Youth Group The Disciples in Church basement**

SATURDAY, APR. 5 —

4:30 P.M. — **ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS**

Readings for the Week of March 23, 2014

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

"I have come to light a fire on the earth..." Luke 12:49

During this Lent to help deepen our relationship with God, we will offer three separate video presentations followed by a time for reflection. The first injects an invigorating enthusiasm for the Catholic faith, the second discusses the Seven Deadly Sins and hope found in the Seven Lively Virtues, and the third seeks God at Westminster Abbey. All sessions will be held at the **Parish Center** from **6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** Refreshments will be served.

- Sunday, March 23rd, Catholicism: The New Evangelization.** Join the Very Rev. Robert Barron in his follow up to his **Catholicism** series and explore the Church's mission within the challenges of contemporary culture. What are the cultural obstacles? the "new atheism"? What are the new ardor, new expression and new methods that Catholics are called to share the Apostolic Faith with?
- Sunday, March 30th, Seven Deadly Sins/Seven Lively Virtues.** Fr. Barron explains how sin keeps us dead to God, but how the gifts of the Holy Spirit help us find Christ present in our lives.
- Palm Sunday, April 13th, This Side of Eden.** This film presents a compelling and richly intimate portrait of the life of the Benedictine Monks at work, prayer and leisure with the focus on the days of Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. Set in British Columbia, the outer beauty of the natural world along with the majestic beauty of the Abbey is breathtaking

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Parishioners will now be receiving two bundles of Offertory Envelopes. This will be done quarterly and enable the envelope company to mail them bulk mail and keep cost down.

ST. ANDREWS PARISH INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE 9TH ANNUAL PASSION PLAY to be held at the church on Friday, April 11th and Saturday April 12th. Doors open at 7 P.M. and the play begins at 7:30. Tickets are available at Merciful Savior gift shop in Colchester, the parish office, or by phoning Theresa Dziatko at 860-295-8315. What better way to enhance your Lenten experience than by experiencing the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord in a musical production with a cast of over 100 voices. Tickets are free, however free will offerings will be gratefully accepted to help defray the cost of the production. God Bless and hope to see you there!

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APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR. Please contact the school or visit us online for details.

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

Discover Natural Family Planning ~ For Married and Engaged. What is NFP? Not only is it the safe alternative to the dangerous, chemical, synthetic hormonal side-effects of contraception and birth control, but it is a loving gift to your spouse. **NFP** is scientific, helps with fertility problems and 99% effective for conceiving or responsibly postponing a baby. Ongoing classes in our diocese and you also have the opportunity if taking the CCLI Home Study course to call our instructors with any questions or attend a class for free. For more information call the Collison's 860-399-8265 or the Schantz's at 860-464-1184. www.ccli.org

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF LENT 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.

REACHING FOR A LIFELINE FOR YOUR TROUBLED MARRIAGE? Serious marriage building and repair: **Retrouvaille is that lifeline.** At a Retrouvaille weekend couples are given tools to re-establish communication, work on their issues, gain new insights and heal. A series of 6 post sessions follows the weekend phase. For information or to sign up for the next weekend on April 25-27 in Hartford area call 413-525-1634. Website www.retrouvaille.org.

Diocesan Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, April 5th ~ 8:30 a.m. Please join us and our Celebrant, Rev. Walter Nagle, 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. There will *not* be a brunch following the Rosary.

Marriage Preparation Classes for Engaged Couples

"God's Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage". To register for the 3 session class call the Family Life Office at: 860-889-8346 ext. 283. Fri. April 4, 11, 25, 6:30pm-9:00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes, Gales Ferry.

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT





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