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Fifth Sunday of Lent April 6, 2014

Good News!

April 6, 2014

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

Ez 37:12-14 / Rom 8:8-11

Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

When I was a child, I saw a picture of Lazarus at the tomb, his face completely bound by a cloth. It scared me badly—the figures looking toward Lazarus were pulling away in fear or disgust. Unable to see his face, they lost any sense of his humanity. Without eyes, nose, and mouth, Lazarus had become the stuff of nightmares.

Much later in life, I reflected on that picture and realized that death—both spiritual and physical—is like that. It robs us of our humanity. We become faceless, unknown to all but those who loved us. If we've committed grave sin, we might even lose those human relationships.

But a second look at the picture revealed the steady figure of Jesus holding the raised Lazarus in his gaze. He didn't turn away in fear. Rather, he continued to look at him with love, as a friend.

Jesus, the face of love, is the only one who can confront the two things that make us faceless—that take our humanity from us: sin and death. Sin kills the soul and has the capacity to make us unrecognizable to others. Death kills the body and can take us from our loved ones.

Jesus calls us forth from each of these. From sin, he calls us to conversion; from death, he calls us to eternal life.

If we listen carefully, we can hear him call us by name to "come out." And then, with infinite love, he will ask those who love us to untie us and let us go.

He will give us back our faces, and we will show forth his glory.

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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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
APR. 5 — APR. 6, 2014
ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL FOLLOW-UP
COFFEE SOCIAL AFTER SUNDAY MASSES
USHERS GROUP III

SATURDAY, APR. 5 –

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Arthur Kehl at the request of Irene Kehl

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

SUNDAY, APR. 6 –

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Marion Miller at the request of Family

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 +Del and +Henrietta Bernais and +Jeffrey Braman at the request of Bernadette Devlin

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M.— LITURGY OF THE HOURS

No Adult Faith Formation

MONDAY, APR. 7 –

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. Jackpot \$650

TUESDAY, APR. 8 –

9:00 A.M.— Mass offered for +Suzanne Dower at the request of Lynn Mancino

7:00 P.M.— **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

7:15 P.M.— **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

WEDNESDAY, APR. 9 –

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

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

THURSDAY, APR. 10 – No mass

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUSINESS MEETING

FRIDAY, APR. 11–

7:00 P.M. — Stations of the Cross and Mass

Mass offered for All Parishioners

SATURDAY, APR. 12 –

4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS

Last week's Offertory — March 30 — \$3,144
 Last year's Offertory — March 31 — \$4,668 (Easter Sunday)

"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?'" John 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard, the pressure is on, things aren't going our way, do we really believe, do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need.

NEXT WEEK

PALM SUNDAY
APR. 12 — APR. 13, 2014
OPERATION RICE BOWL COLLECTION
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION
USHERS GROUP IV

SATURDAY, APR. 12 –

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Anthony Sobol at the request of Mary Simmons

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea

Lectors: Bert Flynn and Georgette Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Annedda Stiller

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

SUNDAY, APR. 13 –

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +James Bloznalis at the request of the Dean and Bloznalis Families

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lectors: Judy Knox and Patti Cinea

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

Easter Food Distribution by Confirmation Preparation Class

10:00 A.M. — Mass offered for +Michele and +Bob Rouleau at the request of the Family

Altar Servers: Elena and Catherine Fiano

Lectors: Barbara Fiano and Evelyn O'Connor

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon 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, APR. 14 –

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. 15 – No mass

10:30 A.M.—Chrism Mass at the Cathedral in Norwich

7:15 P.M.— **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

WEDNESDAY, APR. 16 – No mass

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

THURSDAY, APR. 17 – HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 P.M.—Mass offered for all priests especially Fr. Wociiech

Altar Servers: Elena and Catherine Fiano

Lectors: Barbara Fiano and Bert Flynn

Eucharistic Minister: Lou Cloutier

Adoration after Mass until midnight

8-9 P.M.— last names S-Z

9-10 P.M.— last names M-R

10-11 P.M.— last names G-L

11 P.M. to 12 A.M.— last names A-F

FRIDAY, APR. 18 – GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 P.M.—Service and Veneration (Good Friday Collection for Holy Land)

Altar Servers: LeeAnn and Ben Snuffer

Lectors: Lynn Mancino and Paul Brown

Eucharistic Minister: Georgette Pelletier

7:00 P.M. — Stations of the Cross

Altar Servers: Amilia and Marta Herasimowicz

SATURDAY, APR. 19 – HOLY SATURDAY

10:00 A.M.— BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD

IN LOVING MEMORY

Our Parish Family offers its deepest condolences to the Fiano Family for the death of our oldest member of Saint Maurice, Elizabeth Fiano Chieffo. Elizabeth died at the age of 105 on March 20th in the comfort of her beloved home on top of Birch Mountain. Active into her 90s in many aspects of parish life, Liz enjoyed participating in a variety of activities over the years, including the early variety shows, church suppers, the Christmas Fair Group, where she specialized in making pine cone wreaths and trees, and singing in the choir. The parish enjoyed the seasonal floral arrangements decorating the altar grown from her garden. She was a role model of a woman of deep faith and prayer. Arrivederci, Elizabeth.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION
Palm Sunday, April 13th

As the Lenten season draws to a close, to help prepare ourselves, the film, *This Side of Eden*, will be shown at **6:00 p.m.** in the **Parish Center**. This film presents an inspiring and 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. What similarities of their faith community can we draw from here at St. Maurice?

FROM THE FAIR GROUP

Our heartfelt thanks to all of you that donated clean baby food jars, yarn and Christmas decorations.

We would like to remind all that these needs are ongoing and we will try to add to the bulletin board as needs arise.

This month we ask for thread and buttons along with canning jars. Thank you again.

CONNECTION TO SERVICES

United Way 2-1-1 is your one-stop connection to the local services you need from utility assistance, food, housing, child care, after school programs, elder care, crisis intervention and much more. Whether by phone or internet, our goal is to help Connecticut citizens connect with the services they need. Dial 2-1-1 from anywhere in Connecticut and you will reach a highly-trained call specialist who will assess your needs and provide referrals to the resources in your community. 2-1-1 is free and available 24 hours a day every day of the year. Multilingual assistance and TDD access is also available. Dial 2-1-1 or visit www.211ct.org to find help.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND in the Footsteps of Blessed Pope John Paul II and Saint Faustina. Warsaw, Krakow, Czestochowa & more!

May 12 – 20, 2014.

Call Cathie or Mike Milano at 1-800-773-2660 for a flyer and more information.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

An exciting opportunity is opening for a parishioner with an interest in computer design. Our parish is in need of a new volunteer to coordinate the weekly parish bulletin. There is a template to follow, with a need to copy and paste any information that is submitted by the Diocese, Deanery and Parish levels, as well as publishing the weekly parish schedule of events. This work may be done at the Parish Office or at the convenience of your home. Shadowing will be provided by our current volunteer during the months of June and July. Those interested, please contact Fr. Wojciech after Mass, or Theresa during regular office hours.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

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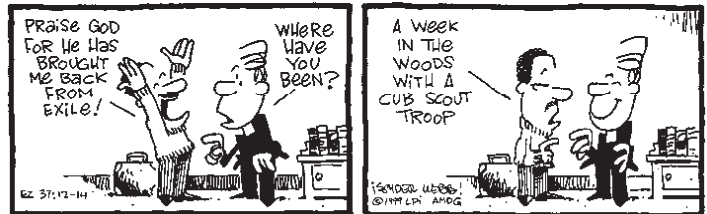
REACHING FOR A LIFELINE FOR YOUR TROUBLED MARRIAGE? Serious marriage building and repair: **Retrouvaille is that lifeline.** At a Retrouvaille weekend couples are given tools to re-establish communication, work on their issues, gain new insights and heal. A series of 6 post sessions follows the weekend 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.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Diocese of Norwich is most blessed with a faithful flock of Catholic stewards. Through the Annual Catholic Appeal, you can "Shine the Light of HOPE" on those in darkness by extending Christ's compassion to people in need. ACA supported ministries and programs demonstrate the corporal and spiritual acts of mercy, which serves as cornerstones to our faith. Your donation helps to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and visit the sick. Your gift provides comfort, consolation, education and empowerment. Please consider making your pledge to the ACA by visiting www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

Home Buyers and Foreclosure Prevention Classes: For help with purchasing a home, fallen behind on mortgage payments or help with budgeting or filling out applications for **EMAP**. **All services are provided free at Catholic Charities, a HUD approved Counseling Agency. The ongoing Foreclosure Prevention and 8 hour Home Buyers Education Classes** are offered by Catholic Charities in Norwich, New London and Plainfield locations. **For information: 860-889-8346 ext.271**

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



Defending Our Religious Liberty

Editorials in the mainstream media such as the *Chicago Tribune* and *USA Today* have recently addressed the issue of religious freedom and the Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate as a violation of the first amendment, which protects this right. The message is that every American has rights of conscience on the issues of contraception, abortion, and sterilization.

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.



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