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DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA— November 9, 2014

## Good News!

November 9, 2014 (A)

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Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 / 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 / Jn 2:13-22

I made a retreat on the shores of Massachusetts not long ago. The shore was rocky, with slabs of granite meeting the ocean. The air was fragrant with flowers and foliage in late August. Birds, bees, and crickets went about their daily business. Surely God is here, I thought as I immersed myself in nature, silence, and prayer. I took a piece of granite from the shore to remind myself of my retreat.

It might seem odd to have a feast day for a church, but our readings today show us that marking God's presence is a time-honored tradition.

When Jacob dreamed of ladders and angels, he took it as a sign of God's presence and built an altar in the place he'd slept.

When Zacchaeus heard Jesus call his name, he climbed down from the tree to welcome Jesus into his home and was moved then and there to give back anything he owed and more.

When we finally recognize the presence of God, we often take special note of the moment with some sign. The sign can be small, like my rock. But in other times, people have built extraordinary places of worship, painted luminous pictures, or sculpted statues of amazing grace.

The Basilica of St. John Lateran, the principal cathedral of Rome (also known as the pope's cathedral) and the baptismal Church of ancient Rome, is a wonderful example of such a sign.

Our focus today is not on the building itself, but on what it represents – the union of the whole people of God gathered with the pope in witness to the presence of God.

Mary Katharine Deeley  
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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 WEEKDEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA  
NOVEMBER 8 - 9, 2014USHERS GROUP II2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION ST. MAURICE FUEL FUND COLLECTIONSATURDAY, NOV. 85:00 P.M. — Mass offered for +Lorraine Baker*COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement*SUNDAY, NOV. 97:30 A.M. — Mass offered for +Wanda Aubey  
request of Joanna Wilson

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

8:30 A.M. — BREAKFAST FOR FAITH FORMATION9:00 A.M. — FAITH FORMATION10:00 A.M. — Mass offered for +Edgar Lavoie  
request of The Family

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

6:00 P.M. — ADULT FAITH FORMATION in the Parish Center LibraryMONDAY, NOV. 109:00 A.M. — Mass offered for +Samuel GuglieminoTUESDAY, NOV. 119:00 A.M. — Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice  
Church7:00 P.M. — PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AT THE PARISH CENTER7:30 P.M. — CHOIR REHEARSALWEDNESDAY, NOV. 129:00 A.M. — Mass offered for +Henry Leonard9:00 A.M. — CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOPTHURSDAY, NOV. 13 — NO MASSFRIDAY, NOV. 14 — NO MASSSATURDAY, NOV. 154:30 P.M. — ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS**STEWARDSHIP**Last week's Offertory: Oct. 19 — \$4,328  
Projected Amount needed \$3,370*"For we are God's fellow workers..." — 1 CORINTHIANS 3:9*

We are called to help God build His kingdom on earth. We are His eyes, ears, hands and voice on Earth. By giving of our "first fruits" of our time, talent and treasure we help fulfill God's call. Are you doing all you can to help? Do you spend time in prayer every day? Do you participate in one of the many parish ministries? Do you give generously in the offertory collection each week?

NEXT WEEKTHIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
NOVEMBER 15- 16, 2014USHERS GROUP III2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION ST. MAURICE FUEL FUND COLLECTIONSATURDAY, NOV. 155:00 P.M. — Mass offered for +Robert Simmons  
request of Mary Simmons and Family

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea

Lectors: Georgette Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Annedda Stiller

*COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement*SUNDAY, NOV. 167:30 A.M. — Mass offered for all departed souls from  
Andrzej Czercowy Family

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

8:00 A.M. — Triple Play Café Breakfast 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.9:00 A.M. — FAITH FORMATION10:00 A.M. — Memorial Mass for deceased members  
of Knights of Columbus Council #6199

Altar Servers: Alex Czercowy

Lector: Jeffrey Monroe

Eucharistic Minister: Clifford Scorso

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

MONDAY, NOV. 179:00 A.M. — Mass offered for +Henry LeonardTUESDAY, NOV. 189:00 A.M. — Mass offered for +Samuel Gugliemino7:30 P.M. — CHOIR REHEARSALWEDNESDAY, NOV. 199:00 A.M. — Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice  
Church7:15 P.M. — KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUSINESS MEETINGTHURSDAY, NOV. 20 — NO MASSFRIDAY, NOV. 21 — NO MASSSATURDAY, NOV. 229:00 A.M. — 3:00 P.M. — CHRISTMAS FAIR4:30 P.M. — ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS**Readings for the Week of November 9, 2014**

Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Monday: Ti 1:1-9/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

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**ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE**

Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line, especially the new requests for this week. Thank you. Carol and Mary Ann.

**“SLEIGH BELLS RING” CHRISTMAS FAIR**



**CALLING ALL HELPING HANDS WE NEED YOU!**

Please share your fellowship, and your talents with us on **Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to Noon in the Parish Center.** There is a lot of work to be done and lots of fun to be had. (Coffee is always brewing.)



**CALLING ALL BAKERS!!!**

**We need your family favorites for our Xmas Fair Bake Sale!**

Cookies, cakes, pies, fudge, nut breads, etc. are all in great demand for the holidays! Donations were down last year. Please help us fill our Bake Sale booth to the brim with your delicious treats! Items can be dropped off Friday evening, November 21 or Saturday morning, November 22.



Faith Formation Registration

It is not too late! **Faith Formation** classes for children in **grades 1 — 10** meet on **Sundays from 9:00 — 9:45 a.m.** in the Parish Center. Registration forms can be found online or in the back of the Church. Completed forms can be placed in the collection basket or brought to the child's first class.



Center Library.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION: REVELATION: THE KINGDOM YET TO COME**

The next session on the *Book of Revelation*, Chapters 8 — 11, will be on **Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.** in the Parish Center. Session is 55 minutes in length. All are welcome.



**Our Musical Director, Mr. Don Benevides** will begin offering a **guided guitar practice** on **Tuesday** evenings from **7:00-7:30** for teens. If you have a guitar and would like to join this group lesson, please come to the church and join in the fun!

**Defending Our Religious Liberty**

Pope Francis has emphasized that “religious freedom is not simply freedom of thought or private worship. It is the freedom to live according to ethical principles, both privately and publicly.”

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 U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell 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**

**May our faith fill us with the compassion to donate life...**

National Donor Sabbath (Nov. 14-16) is the time for houses of worship and faith-based communities to consider the critical need for more people to register as donors.

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- ◆ A single donor can save or heal the lives of more than 50 people

**For more information: [www.LifeChoiceOPO.org](http://www.LifeChoiceOPO.org) 860-286-3120**

**Twenty-Third Annual Red, White and Blue Mass**

**Sunday, November 16, 2014, at 10:15 a.m.**

On Sunday, November 16, 2014, at 10:15 a.m., Bishop Cote will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick for all military personnel, those who are active, in the reserves and Veterans.

The purpose of this celebration is to honor our service men and women as we recognize the many sacrifices made by the families and loved ones of our military. The theme for the 2014, Red, White and Blue Mass is U.S. Air Force. The Homilist will be Reverend Raymond Introigne. The Mass Committee Chairs are BG CT Edward J. Waitte, (Ret.) and Mr. David K. Harding, U.S. Merchant Marine.

For more information call, Monsignor Brown or Mrs. Rebecca McDougal at **860-887-9294**.

**Parents divorcing and/or resolving child custody issues**

participate in the court suggested **Parent Education Program**. Catholic Charities offers ongoing, monthly Saturday Parenting Education classes in Norwich, Rockville, Middletown and Willimantic. Fees apply and are determined by the State of CT. Please call **860-889-8346 ext. 260** for registration and monthly class locations and dates.

**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, Middletown and Plainfield locations. **For information: 860-889-8346 ext.271.**

Courses are ongoing, free and offer valuable information.

**Catholic Charities** celebrates **November as National Adoption month**. Check out our website at [www.ccsn.org](http://www.ccsn.org) and listen to our newly released song “A Family for You”, written by Dot Reiser and performed by the Christian Youth band, The Cecelias!

**Diocesan Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> — 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. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.

“**CatholicUndergroundCT**” College age and young adults gather at Holy Apostles College and Seminary in Cromwell every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, September through May. The night begins at 7:30 pm with a Holy Hour of Adoration, vespers and prayer. At 8:30 pm everyone moves downstairs for a social featuring live music, entertainment, and refreshments. For information: [www.catholicundergroundct.com](http://www.catholicundergroundct.com).



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