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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — JANUARY 25, 2015

# Good News!

January 25, 2015

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Jon 3:1–5, 10 / 1 Cor 7:29–31 / Mk 1:14–20

Whether he knew it or not, Jonah was one of the most powerful prophets in Israel. He had scarcely started on his journey through Ninevah when the entire city under the direction of the king expressed sorrow for their sins and turned God's judgment to mercy. I think we all hope we might be that effective in our jobs.

If we to continue to read the book of Jonah, though, we find that he wasn't so happy about this turn of events—he felt it made him look weak. Did he not predict the destruction of Ninevah if they failed to repent?

But for now, we see a people so moved by the Word of God that they immediately change their behavior. In Mark's Gospel, Christ's invitation is just as compelling for the four fishermen who abandon their nets and their father by the sea and immediately change their direction and their lives.

I have a hard time imagining the words that would make me drop everything to follow a completely different path. Certainly I've taken the advice of friends and family or have responded to circumstances that demanded a new direction, but only after reflection and prayer—but it took considerably longer than a single moment.

The power of the Good News, however, is unlike any other to those who are opened to it. When we really hear God's voice, our hearts yearn to be in his presence and, though not always easily, our souls and minds bend to his will.

How is God's Word calling *you* to change today?

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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****JANUARY 24 – 25, 2015****2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION — ST. MAURICE FUEL FUND  
USHERS GROUP I****SATURDAY, JAN. 24****4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for +Jeannette Violette  
request of Linda Lachapelle*COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement***SUNDAY, JAN. 25****7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for +Samuel Gugliemino*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 +Henry Leonard*CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass**COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement***6:00 P.M. — ADULT FAITH FORMATION** (chapter 19 & 20)  
*in the Parish Center Library***MONDAY, JAN. 26****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Mae Mancino  
request of Lynn Mancino**TUESDAY, JAN. 27 — NO MASS****7:30 P.M. — CHOIR REHEARSAL****WEDNESDAY, JAN. 28 — NO MASS****THURSDAY, JAN. 29 — NO MASS****FRIDAY, JAN. 30 — NO MASS****SATURDAY, JAN. 31****3:30 P.M. — ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS****Readings for the Week of January 25, 2015**

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

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**STEWARDSHIP**

Last week's Offertory: Jan. 18 — \$2,844

Projected Amount needed \$3,370

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." - Mark 1:17  
 Jesus' call to "Follow me" is a call to all Christians! Jesus asks us to help Him build his church on earth by generously sharing all our gifts of prayer, talent and treasure. Remember, Jesus calls us to generously develop and share all our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose.

NEXT WEEK**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****JANUARY 31 – FEBRUARY 1, 2015****USHERS GROUP II****SATURDAY, JAN. 31****4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for +Eleanor Preuss  
request of Edward Bachl*Altar Servers: Maria Cinea**Lectors: Patti Cinea**Eucharistic Minister: Patti Cinea**COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement***SUNDAY, FEB. 1****7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for +Raymond & +Lilyan  
Hunt — request of Bob & Jane Hunt*Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck**Lector: Joel Cohan**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: Alex Czercowy & Nicholas VanDine**Lector: Rita Sheetz**Eucharistic Minister: Rita Sheetz**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass**COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement***6:00 P.M. — ADULT FAITH FORMATION** (chapter 21 & 22)  
*in the Parish Center Library***MONDAY, FEB. 2****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Henry Leonard**TUESDAY, FEB. 3****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +John Marvin  
request of Kurt O'Brien**7:30 P.M. — CHOIR REHEARSAL****WEDNESDAY, FEB. 4****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Samuel Gugliemino**THURSDAY, FEB. 5 — NO MASS****FRIDAY, FEB. 6 — NO MASS****7:00 P.M. — JUNIOR AND SENIOR YOUTH GROUPS**  
**MOVE NIGHT** *in the Parish Center***SATURDAY, FEB. 7****3:30 P.M. — ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS**

**SAINT MAURICE PARISH**

**ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE**

We are seeking volunteers to pray for those intentions regularly received by our Prayer Line. If you are interested in being part of this quiet ministry or have any questions, please contact Mary Ann Murphy (860) 649-5449 or Carol Zabielski (860) 643-2837

For your information, on the table by the candles on the Blessed Mother's side of the Church, there is a box for prayer requests and a notebook for Candle intentions.

**PRAYER REQUEST BOX**

**Purpose:** Give to all, including children and teenagers, a place for their prayer requests. All requests will be forwarded to St. Maurice Prayer Line. Parishioners and visitors to St. Maurice are welcome to use this option for placing their petitions on the Prayer Line. These petitions will be included in prayers of more than thirty members of the Prayer Line. Please use only the first name of persons for whom prayers are being said. No names included are also acceptable. Pencil and paper are also available on left in box.

**Questions:** Mary Ann Murphy (860) 649-5449 or Carol Zabielski (860) 643-2837

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION:**

**REVELATION: THE KINGDOM YET TO COME**

**TODAY: Chapter 19 and 20** (make-up session)

The next session on the *Book of Revelation*, Chapters 21 and 22, will be on **Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 P.M.** in the **Parish Center Library**.

Session is 55 minutes in length. All are welcome.

Parishioners interested in participating in an adult Catholic book reading of *A Father Who Keeps his Promises*, by Dr. Scott Hahn, are asked to place their names on the sign-up sheet on the back table of the Church (Rectory side). There are limited copies for \$5. We will begin the month of February with this book. Jesus refers to the **Father** 17 times in the Sermon on the Mount, and 170 times in the Gospels. Read how God our Father patiently reaches out in love throughout salvation history to restore his people into right relationship with his divine family. It is the same untiring love he has for you. A short Sunday afternoon discussion group will follow in March.

**YOUTH GROUP MOVIE NIGHT**

Our **Junior and Senior Youth Groups** will be having a movie night on **Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.** in the **Parish Center**.

The movie is rated PG and is called "**When the Game Stands Tall**". It is an inspiring story about a high school football team. Popcorn and refreshments will be provided. Please join us, all are welcome!

**Defending Our Religious Liberty**

It is important that we stay informed regarding the Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate and how it will violate our religious freedom as Catholics and as Americans. If religious liberty is not upheld, all people will suffer and many will be deprived of the social, educational, and human services that they need.

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**

On **Sunday, February 8, 2015**, the 18th **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 theme is Wake up the World, with their testimony of faith, holiness, and hope. The homilist will be Father Raymond Borkowski, O.F.M. Conv., the former pastor of Saint John Parish in Cromwell and currently Parochial Vicar of Saint Paul Church in Kensington, Connecticut. All are invited to participate in the Mass.

**EnCourage Support Group** ~ EnCourage is the Catholic spiritual support group for the family members of loved ones with same-sex attraction. For more information on the support group meetings held the **first Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm at St. John Church, Montville**, please call the Family Life Office at: 860-889-8346 ext. 283.

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS** "I did not think the sorrow and wounds from my abortion, could be healed". Healing and forgiveness can begin with a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. A Retreat Feb. 6-8 in Litchfield, CT call 203-631-9030. A Retreat Nov. 7-9 in Stockbridge, MA call 413-452-0661. [rachelvineyard.org](http://rachelvineyard.org)

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

**Diocesan Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> ~ 8:30 a.m.** Please join us and our celebrant Rev. Joseph Whittel 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.

**PAPAL VISIT**

PHILADELPHIA, PA September 22 - 27, 2015

The **Diocese of Norwich, Office of Faith Events** is offering a Pilgrimage to participate in the World Meeting of Families, Papal Visit and Mass, Tuesday, Sept. 22 - Sunday, Sept. 27.

Travel Package includes:

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For further information please contact:

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