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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — FEBRUARY 1, 2015

Good News!

February 1, 2015

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Dt 18:15–20 / 1 Cor 7:32–35 / Mk 1:21–28

When my children were small, I had the power all mothers have to soothe little cuts, scrapes, and bruises with a single kiss. Mother kisses, and the hurt is lessened or disappears altogether.

It worked wonders until the day my daughter burned her hand when she touched a steam pot. With full confidence, she lifted her fingers to be kissed—and then realized they still hurt. Over and over she lifted them to my lips, and over and over I kissed them until I finally admitted we needed to try something else. Cold water and a wash cloth eventually soothed the pain, and the limits of my magic touch were suddenly apparent.

Jesus' power is of a different magnitude. It's evident when he reads and preaches with *authority* (from the Greek word *exousia*, which means "out of himself"—as opposed to studying or having a title thrust on him). It's even more manifest when he simply rebukes a demon and the demon leaves his human host—not because he wants to, but because he knows true authority when he sees and hears it.

It's no wonder the people are astonished. They've never seen this kind of immediate response. This is no mother's kiss to heal the little hurts of life, no magician pretending to have power he doesn't. This is the Son of God come to cast out evil itself and open the Scriptures so the people can hear God's Word in a new and powerful way.

Today, let us turn to him to heal our wounds and make us whole.

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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**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*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**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES****9:00 A.M. / 10:30 AM****ADULT FAITH FORMATION** (chapter 21 & 22)
in the Parish Center (see page 3 for details)**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass*COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement***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****STEWARDSHIP****Last week's Offertory: Jan. 25 — \$2,144****Projected Amount needed \$3,370**"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties."
- 1 Corinthians 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future.

NEXT WEEK**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****FEBRUARY 7– 8, 2015****2nd COLLECTION — ST. MAURICE FUEL FUND****USHERS GROUP III****SATURDAY, FEB. 7****4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for +Gary Martin, 5th
anniversary, request of Linda Lachapelle*Altar Servers: Maria Cinea**Lectors: Lynn Mancino**Eucharistic Minister: Annedda Stiller**COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement***SUNDAY, FEB. 8****7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for +Samuel Gugliemino*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**

from 8:00AM to 10:00AM

9:00 A.M. — FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers: Emilia & Marta Herasimowicz**Lector: Jeffrey Monroe**Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Scorso***CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass*COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement***MONDAY, FEB. 9****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Donald Helbrook
request of Gloria Helbrook & Family**TUESDAY, FEB. 10****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Henry Leonard**7:00 P.M. — PARISH COUNCIL MEETING****7:30 P.M. — CHOIR REHEARSAL****WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Elizabeth (Betty)
McKeown request of Kathleen and Tony
Conneely & Family**THURSDAY, FEB. 12 — NO MASS****FRIDAY, FEB. 13 — NO MASS****SATURDAY, FEB. 14****3:30 P.M. — ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS****Readings for the Week of February 1, 2015**Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
Monday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

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

To avoid a conflict for Super Bowl fans, the next session on the *Book of Revelation*, Chapters 21 and 22, will be held on **Sunday, February 1st at 9:00 A.M.** in the Parish Center. It will be **reshown at 10:30 A.M.** All are welcome.

This is the **final session** of this Bible study. Thank you to all who participated!

For those who signed up to participate in the Catholic Book Club reading of *A Father Who Keeps His Promises*, by Dr. Scott Hahn, books will be distributed this weekend. Please read the book during the month of February. A group discussion will follow in early March. Date TBA.

Our **Junior and Senior Youth Groups** will be having a movie night on **Friday, February 6th 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

During his homily at the Holy Mass and canonization of Blessed Joseph Vaz in the Philippines, Pope Francis stated that religious freedom is a fundamental human right. Each individual must be free, alone or in association with others, to seek the truth, and to openly express his or her religious convictions, free from intimidation and external compulsion. As the life of Saint Joseph Vaz teaches us, genuine worship of God bears fruit not in discrimination, hatred and violence, but in respect for the sacredness of life, respect for the dignity and freedom of others, and loving commitment to the welfare of all.

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

Diocesan Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, February 7th ~ 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.

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.

Marriage Encounter Weekend — "We thought we had a great marriage, but now our love is so much deeper than anything we could have imagined!" Rediscover each other with a heart-to-heart **Marriage Encounter**. To register for the **February 27 – March 1, 2015** weekend in Manchester or for information call 860-376-0440. www.wvme.org.

Are you being called to adoption?

Catholic Charities Adoption Program will be holding informational meetings for couples who would like to learn about adoption. Call Susan Sedensky, Adoption Director at (860) 889-8346 ext. 282 for details.

Catholic Cemeteries Association

For a limited time, The Catholic Cemeteries Association is offering discounts on pre-need grave, niche or crypt purchases at Holy Cross Cemetery, Glastonbury, St. Mary Cemetery, East Hartford and St. James and St. Bridget Cemeteries, Manchester. Please contact the office at St. James Cemetery, 860-646-3772, or by e-mail, rmaher@ccacem.org, to schedule an appointment or for more information. This offer will conclude on February 28, 2015. Please visit our website, www.ccacem.org, to learn more about The Catholic Cemetery Association.

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:

- Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation from Norwich to Philadelphia and back (6 days)
- Hotel for 5 night at the Hilton Garden Inn, Hamilton, NJ (or similar)
- Breakfast daily at the hotel
- 2 Dinners at Restaurants in Philadelphia Area
- Luxury Motor Coach Transportation while in Philadelphia
- Sight-seeing in Historic Philadelphia as well as visits to the various Shrines

Per Person cost: \$1095.00 (double occupancy)

Price does not include the Registration Fee to the World Meeting of Families

For further information please contact:

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