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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — FEBRUARY 8, 2015

Good News!

February 8, 2015

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Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 / 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 / Mk 1:29-39

Illness, depression, and misfortune can make us feel alone and afraid. We wonder whether anyone can understand what we're going through or help us.

The first five chapters of Mark's Gospel give us several healing stories in which Jesus, by touch or word, restores individuals to wholeness. He casts out demons, as we heard last week. He cures the sick, like Simon's mother-in-law. The stories confirm what our faith tells us—that God's healing power is for all people and that Good News lifts us and gives us joy.

But for those touched by the loneliness of infirmity of mind, body, or spirit, the stories alone might not be enough. Instead, the fervent prayer of the psalmist might be our grace: "The Lord...[heals] the broken-hearted" (Psalm 147:2-3). Or, our peace might rest in the simple knowledge of two often overlooked lines in the Gospel: "They brought him many who were possessed by demons" (Mark 8:16) and "The whole town was gathered at the door" (Mark 1:33).

Simply put, everyone came, and no one was alone. No matter *what* our condition, we are not alone. Christ is there in our pain and suffering to give us the grace to endure. We're not always cured by human standards, but Christ helps us find wholeness no matter what we suffer—and in him we find our peace and our joy.

Isaiah told us that the name given to the Messiah was *Emmanuel*, which means "God with us."

In Christ, we see the evidence that God's promise has come true.

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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 WEEKNEXT 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, 6th anniversary, request of Linda Lachapelle*COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement***SUNDAY, FEB. 8****7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for +Samuel Gugliemino*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*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 Holbrook request of Gloria Holbrook & 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****STEWARDSHIP****Last week's Offertory: Feb. 1 — \$2,405****Projected Amount needed \$3,370***"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'" - MARK 1:35, 38*

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. Yet, Jesus also makes time to be alone in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what God wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**FEBRUARY 14- 15, 2015****USHERS GROUP IV****SATURDAY, FEB. 14****4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for +Jeannette Violette request of Linda Lachapelle*Altar Servers: Maria Cinea**Lectors: Patti Cinea**Eucharistic Minister: Patti Cinea**COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement***SUNDAY, FEB. 15****7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for +Henry Leonard*Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck**Lector: Judy Knox**Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass***NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES****10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Nancy Shaffer request of David and Maureen Shaffer*Altar Servers: Emilia & Marta Herasimowicz**Lector: Jeffrey Monroe**Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen Smythe**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass**COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement***MONDAY, FEB. 16****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Iva Lindberg request of Lynn Mancino**TUESDAY, FEB. 17****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Samuel Gugliemi**7:30 P.M. — CHOIR REHEARSAL****WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18 — ASH WEDNESDAY****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Eleanor Borek request of Lynn Mancino*Altar Servers:**Lector: Judy Knox**Eucharistic Minister: Lou Cloutier***7:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer**Lector: Georgette Pelletier**Eucharistic Minister: Clifford Scorso***7:15 P.M. — Knights of Columbus business meeting****THURSDAY, FEB. 19 — NO MASS****Cub Scouts Blue and Gold Banquet in the Church Basement****FRIDAY, FEB. 20****7:00 P.M.** **MASS and STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer**Lector: Rita Sheetz**Eucharistic Minister: Rita Sheetz***SATURDAY, FEB. 21****3:30 P.M. — ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS**

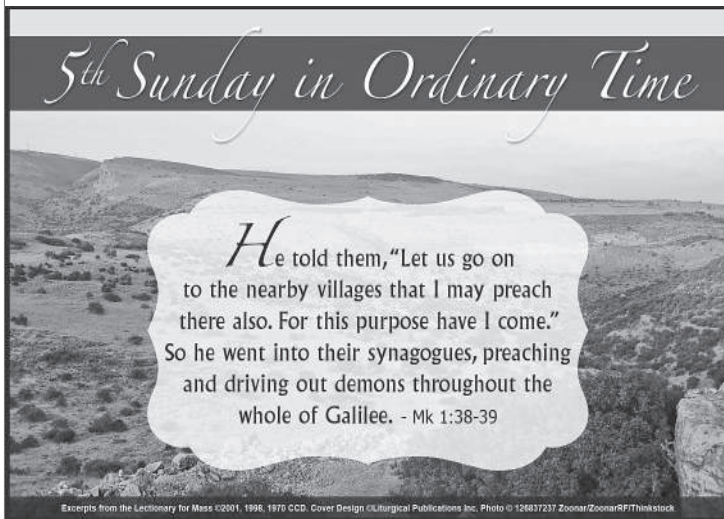
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For your information, on the table by the candles on the Blessed Mother's side of the Church, there is a box for prayer requests and a notebook for Candle intentions.



Defending Our Religious Liberty

Religious freedom is a God-given right. It is protected in the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights of our U.S. Constitution, which dates back to Dec. 15, 1791. The government should not be allowed to force people or groups to violate their most deeply held religious convictions.

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.

Readings for the Week of February 8, 2015

- Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
- Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday: Gn 1:20--2:4a/Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30
- Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10
- Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2,44-46/1 Cor 10:31--11:1/Mk 1:40-45

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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.wwme.org.

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“God’s Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage”

March 13, 20, 27, 2015 6:30 pm-9:00 pm

At Our Lady of Lourdes, Gales Ferry

April 10, 17, 24, 2015 6:30 pm-9:00 pm

At St. Francis of Assisi, Middletown

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