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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — FEBRUARY 15, 2015

## Good News!

February 15, 2015

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Lv 13:1–2, 44–46 / 1 Cor 10:31—11:1 / Mk 1:40–45

Teenagers fear an outbreak of acne before a major event. They're sure every eye will focus on a small blemish that seems enormous to them. Sometimes they even avoid going out at all until their faces return to normal.

They're fortunate not to be living in ancient Israel, where skin outbreaks and eruptions were likely viewed as leprosy. Public contact was forbidden. They'd have had to shout "unclean!" as they approached someone. Their exile would have been religiously regulated, and those they met would have avoided any touch.

The man with leprosy who approached Jesus wouldn't have touched Jesus—it was bold of him just to ask Jesus' mercy. In a move that surprised everyone, Jesus reached out to touch the one who was "unclean."

I can only imagine the man's shock and relief just at the touch of a person who didn't see him as less than human. The wound of separation was healed at that moment, and Jesus confirmed it by healing the man's body. Nor did Jesus stop there. He restored the man to his community by asking him to follow Mosaic Law (the Law of Moses) and be declared clean.

Teenagers often think their physical flaws are the worst things they can suffer. In truth, it's separation—whether it comes from within us or from others.

Jesus has the power to heal whatever separates us and restore us to community with God and others.

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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**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

*COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement***SUNDAY, FEB. 15**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

*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

*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 Gugliemino

**7:30 P.M.** **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18 — ASH WEDNESDAY**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Eleanor Borek  
request of Lynn Mancino

**7:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church

**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

**SATURDAY, FEB. 21**

**3:30 P.M.** **ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS**

**STEWARDSHIP**

Last week's Offertory: Feb. 8 — \$2,876  
Projected Amount needed \$3,370

*"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."*

*- 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31*

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps develop the attitude of "I am grateful for the gifts God gave me" instead of "I want more". For most people gratitude leads to generosity.

NEXT WEEK**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT****FEBRUARY 21 – 22, 2015****2nd COLLECTION — ST. MAURICE FUEL FUND****USHERS GROUP I****SATURDAY, FEB. 21**

**4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for +Eleanor Preuss  
request of Mary Simmons

*Altar Servers:* Maria Cinea

*Lectors:* Georgette Pelletier

*Eucharistic Minister:* Linda Wiley

*COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement***SUNDAY, FEB. 22**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church

*Altar Servers:* Lynn Mancino

*Lector:* Joel Cohan

*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**

**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church

*Altar Servers:* Elena & Catherine Fiano

*Lector:* Barbara Fiano

*Eucharistic Minister:* Betty Aitkin

*CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass**COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement***MONDAY, FEB. 23**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

**TUESDAY, FEB. 24**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Eleanor Preuss  
request of Lou & Dorli Cloutier

**7:30 P.M.** **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Samuel Gugliemino

**THURSDAY, FEB. 26 — NO MASS****FRIDAY, FEB. 27**

**7:00 P.M.** **MASS and STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church

*Altar Servers:* Alex Czerkowy, Nicholas VanDine

*Lector:* Evelyn O'Connor

*Eucharistic Minister:* Kathleen Smythe

**SATURDAY, FEB. 28**

**3:30 P.M.** **ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS**

**Readings for the Week of February 15, 2015**

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2,44-46/1 Cor 10:31--11:1/Mk 1:40-45  
Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13  
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21  
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25  
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15  
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32  
Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

## SAINT MAURICE PARISH

**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 MaryAnn.



**General Information  
for the Observance of Lent  
FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

These regulations unite the whole Catholic Church throughout the world in the Lenten journey of repentance and conversion of heart. Observed in a spirit of generosity, fast and abstinence remind us of our own frailty and make us more sensitive to the needs of others. Acts of penance find their completion in works of charity and justice.

**Fasting:** Those between the ages of 18 and 59 years old are obliged to observe the laws on fasting. Traditionally, to fast means limiting oneself to one full meal in the day and two smaller meals. The two prescribed days of fasting are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

**Abstinence:** The law of abstinence obliges all those who are over the age of 14. On days of abstinence meat is not eaten at any meal. The prescribed days of abstinence are Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday.



**St. Bernard Church of Rockville** invites the youth of our parish (middle school through high school) to a **Special Youth Night** with nationally recognized Catholic speaker & musician **Steve Angrisano on Sunday, March 1st at 7:00 PM.**

Steve sang for both Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict at World Youth Days and is one of the most effective Youth Ministry leaders in the Church today.

You will find complete event information, videos and directions at [www.saintbernardchurch.org](http://www.saintbernardchurch.org). We hope you can attend!

**Defending Our Religious Liberty**

We are called to advocate for the most fundamental of human goods and rights, in particular, the right to life and the right not only to profess our faith, but to live it out. We are advocating for the freedom to “be Catholic,” to go about our lives serving the needs of our brothers and sisters, regardless of their race, creed, or religion, not because they are Catholic but because we are Catholic.

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

**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](http://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.

**Natural Family Planning ~ For Married and Engaged Couples.** NFP is scientific, safe, loving, helps with fertility problems and 99% effective for conceiving or responsibly postponing a baby, with none of the dangerous chemical or synthetic hormonal side effects of contraception or birth control. Classes are ongoing in the Diocese. For information call the Collisions at 860-399-8265 or go to [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org). Virtual Online and Home Study Course in English and Spanish also available.

**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 March 6-8 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.



**Operation Rice Bowl:  
Our Lenten Program:**

**What you give up for Lent changes lives.**

On Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2015, our parish with parishes across the Diocese of Norwich is beginning a program of prayer and sacrifice called Operation Rice Bowl (ORB). For 42 years, Operation Rice Bowl has helped to feed the hungry poor. Through our participation in this program, we bring hope and healing to another person or family living halfway across the globe, strengthen and enriching those persons’ lives, both physically and spiritually, and greatly enhancing your parish community’s Lenten faith experience. Rice bowls will be distributed to you at Mass. Families are encouraged to gather each week in prayer for the hungry poor and to share a sacrificial meal. With the moneys saved from this meal, a donation is placed in the family Rice Bowl and can be brought to the parish family Rice Bowl on Palm Sunday, March 29, 2015. 75% of Operation Rice Bowl funds will feed the hungry poor overseas, the remaining 25% will be used in the diocese to feed the needy. This Lent, gather in prayer and sacrifice as a family to pray and to care for the hungry poor.

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



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