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Good News!

March 1, 2015

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 / Rom 8:31b-34 / Mk 9:2-10

The apostle Paul was absolutely certain the love of God would find us no matter what happened and that if we had any role model and ancestor in faith, it was Abraham.

The stories are familiar. Abraham left his ancestral home to find a land promised him by a God who had only recently revealed himself. Abraham believed a child would come to him and Sarah, though both were old. Finally, he showed he would give everything in obedience to God when he was asked to sacrifice his beloved son, Isaac.

This last story is troublesome to us. Would God require human sacrifice?

We can understand this as a story of faith in two ways. The traditional interpretation is that God requires everything from us and wants nothing to come between us and our love of God. God's "test" of Abraham is a test of obedience. Will we give our "all?"

The second way of seeing the story begins with our understanding that many of the surrounding nations practiced child sacrifice. It may not have been a surprise when God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son, since his neighbors were doing it too. But at the critical moment, when the angel calls out to tell Abraham to stop, he does. The Lord wants a different relationship with his people.

Abraham's faith is shown as much in his obedience to the second order as to the first. God doesn't want us to be just like everyone else. Rather, God wants us as his own people, following the path he carves for us—even if it means going against the tide.

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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 28 – MARCH 1, 2015
2nd COLLECTION
ST. MAURICE FUEL FUND
USHERS GROUP II

SATURDAY, FEB. 28

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Francesca Quagliano
 request of Josephine Maratta

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, MAR. 1

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

8:00 A.M. **TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ BREAKFAST**
Parish Center from 8:00AM to 10:00AM

9:00 A.M. **FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

10:00 A.M. **Youth Mass**
Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

2:00 P.M.–3:30 P.M. **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**
in the Parish Center

MONDAY, MAR. 2

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Samuel Guglielmino

TUESDAY, MAR. 3

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +John Ciscon
 request of Theresa Ciscon

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

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 4 — NO MASS

THURSDAY, MAR. 5 — NO MASS

FRIDAY, MAR. 6

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

SATURDAY, MAR. 7

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

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: Feb. 22 — \$1,484
 Projected Amount needed \$3,370

"Here I am!" he answered." - GENESIS 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. Can we just as easily answer, "Here I am, Lord," when we go home, when a neighbor needs our help, when a fellow parishioner asks us to join a committee, or when a letter asks for our financial help? These are often exactly the places where Jesus calls us to be.



NEXT WEEK

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 7 — 8, 2015
USHERS GROUP III

SATURDAY, MAR. 7

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea

Lectors: Georgette Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Annedda Stiller

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, MAR. 8

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

Altar Servers: Lynn Mancino

Lector: Lynn Mancino

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 +John Sheetz 2nd Anniversary
request of Rita Sheetz

Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer

Lector: Rita Sheetz

Eucharistic Minister: Rita Sheetz

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

MONDAY, MAR. 9

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Samuel Guglielmino

TUESDAY, MAR. 10

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 11 — NO MASS

THURSDAY, MAR. 12 — NO MASS

FRIDAY, MAR. 13

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

Altar Servers: Emilia & Marta Herasimowicz

Lector: Jessica Merry

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Scorso

SATURDAY, MAR. 14

4:30 P.M. **ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS**

Readings for the Week of March 1, 2015

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

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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.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

For those readers participating in our second book, *A Father Who Keeps His Promises*, there will be an opportunity

for reflection on the material covered on **Sunday, March 1st from 2:00-3:30 pm** in the Parish Hall. It is hoped that you will be able to both take part and share your thoughts on this book, as well on interest for future book readings.

For more information, contact Patti Cinea.



Youth Group

Our junior and senior youth groups will meet this month on **Sunday, March 1st at St. Bernard's Church in Rockville at 7:00 pm.** A

renowned Catholic speaker & musician Steve Angrisano will present a special lenten event for middle and high schoolers. Please let Mrs. Snuffer know if you plan to attend as part of our youth group.

Mary & the Saints, Companions on the Journey:

a two session presentation, by Sr. Elissa Rinere, CP,JCD. Thursday Mornings, March 5th & 12th, 9:30 – 12 PM at St. Joseph Church (Lower Church Hall), 99 Jackson St., Willimantic, CT. Sponsored by the Office of Faith Events. The \$20 fee includes a book and printed materials.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

Religious freedom is more than freedom of worship. It goes beyond protecting our ability to attend Mass or a religious service. It guarantees citizens of all faiths, or none whatsoever, the right to contribute to our common life. We Catholics and other religious people come to the table with what we are and what we have. We put our beliefs, values and structures at the service of the common good, because our faith demands that we do so.

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care 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, March 7th ~ 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.

Upcoming Marriage Preparation Classes

“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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“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

“**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.

World Meeting of Families Connecticut Workshop

In preparation for Pope Francis' visit to the World Meeting of Families in September, a Connecticut workshop will be held on **Saturday March 14 at 1 PM at the Knights of Columbus Museum, 1 State St., New Haven.** The keynote speaker will be Damon Owens, Executive Director, The Theology of the Body Institute, Philadelphia. The cost is \$20. For more information or to reserve a seat, please contact Norm Chouinard at 203-217-3930 or nchouinard@stthedwigretreats.org.



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