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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT — MARCH 15, 2015

Good News!

March 15, 2015

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

2 Chr 36:14–16, 19–23 / Eph 2:4–10 / Jn 3:14–21

My husband likes to photograph the beauty of creation. He has gotten very good at it, sometimes zooming in to focus on the details of individual flowers or butterflies, other times zooming out to capture the glory of a waterfall, a mountain lake, or the fiery clouds billowing from one of Hawaii's volcanoes into a night sky full of stars.

Several of his photos decorate my office walls. He's justifiably proud of each. They're the work of his artist's eye and hand, so he signs them and takes care to frame them just right.

In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul calls us God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus—not because we were so amazing (we were, in fact, sinners), but because he loved us.

John's gospel echoes the sentiment: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." If a human being like my husband can take pleasure in and be justifiably proud of the work of his own hands, then how much more can God love his own handiwork? The answer, of course, is immeasurably more. God loved us enough to give us himself in Christ Jesus, who lay down his life for us though we had done nothing to deserve it.

The photos my husband creates can't thank him or give anything back to him, but it is in our power to thank our Creator, who filled us with life and redeemed us through Jesus' death and resurrection.

Today, try to love someone else a little more out of sheer gratitude that God so loves you.

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 5:00 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 OF LENT

MARCH 14 — 15, 2015

2nd COLLECTION
ST. MAURICE FUEL FUND

USHERS GROUP IV
Annual Catholic Appeal
Launch Weekend

2015 Annual Catholic Appeal

"Strength through the Holy Spirit"

There is an increased need in our Diocese to help those who struggle financially, emotionally and/or spiritually. With your participation in the 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal, we can continue to make inroads in eliminating the struggles of our neighbors. The "Strength through the Holy Spirit" campaign calls upon each and every individual and family to help support our Diocesan ministries continue to enrich the lives of the people in our communities. Over the next two weekends, you will be asked to make a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Please call upon the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Counsel, Fortitude, Piety, and Fear of the Lord, and ask the Lord to make you a good steward, opening your heart to help make a difference in the lives of your neighbors.

Please visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org to make your pledge.

SATURDAY, MAR. 14

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, MAR. 15

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for †Casimir Kurys request of Helen Kurys and Family

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

8:30 A.M. — 10:00 A.M. ADULT FAITH FORMATION in the Parish Center (repeated in the evening at **6:00 P.M. — 7:30 P.M.**)

8:30 A.M. BREAKFAST FOR FAITH FORMATION

9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Tinh & †Binh Hoang request of Thao Hoang

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

MONDAY, MAR. 16

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

TUESDAY, MAR. 17

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Almon Anderson request of Kurt O'Brien

7:00 P.M. SPECIAL PARISH POUNCIL MEETING

7:30 P.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 18 — NO MASS

7:15 P.M. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUSINESS MEETING

THURSDAY, MAR. 19 — NO MASS

FRIDAY, MAR. 20

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

SATURDAY, MAR. 21

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



NEXT WEEK

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 21 — 22, 2015

COLLECTION FOR
EASTER FLOWERS

USHERS GROUP I

Annual Catholic Appeal
Commitment Weekend

SATURDAY, MAR. 21

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for †OJ Santana & †Adam Procvic request of Frank and Joanne Auger

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea

Lectors: Georgette Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, MAR. 22

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for †Samuel Guglielmino

Altar Servers: Lynn Mancino

Lector: Judy Knox

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: Nicholas VanDine

Lector: Evelyn O'Connor

Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen Smythe

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

MONDAY, MAR. 23

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

TUESDAY, MAR. 24

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Tinh Hoang request of Thao Hoang

7:30 P.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 25 — NO MASS

9:00 A.M. — 12:00 P.M. — CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP

THURSDAY, MAR. 26 — NO MASS

FRIDAY, MAR. 27

7:00 P.M. MASS and STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Mass offered for †Patrick Fitzgerald request of Tony and Kathleen Conneely

Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer

Lector: Evelyn O'Connor

Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen Smythe

SATURDAY, MAR. 28

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

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: March 8 — \$3,500

Projected Amount needed \$3,370

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..."

JOHN 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we be generous in making some sacrifices for Him.

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

PRIEST, PROPHET, KING



During this **Lent**, how can we better understand **Jesus** and ourselves more deeply? Who is this **Jesus**, the **Anointed One**, and how does his mission of priest, prophet and King affect me? Join us with this latest series by **Fr. Robert Barron** as he scopes through the Old Testament. He uses biblical insights with his gift of engaging

story telling in explaining how Jesus was foreshadowed in Hebrew Scripture. **Two sessions**, with a morning showing and repeated in the evening for your convenience. To be held in **Fr. Cronin Library**.

A light breakfast will be served.

Sunday, March 15th 8:30 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.
or 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

Sunday, March 29th 8:30 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.
or 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

Fast



Give



Prepare



Pray



Readings for the Week of March 15, 2015

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18,
22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

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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:

Duane Hartley, Assistant Coordinator of Faith Events
860-848-2237 X304

Defending Our Religious Liberty

Under the Affordable Care Act, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services requires most health plans to cover “preventive services for women,” including drugs and procedures that many citizens find objectionable for moral and religious reasons. These objectionable items include sterilization, FDA-approved birth control (such as the IUD, Depo-Provera, “morning-after” pills, and the abortion-inducing drug Ella), and “education and counseling” to promote these to all “women of reproductive capacity,” including minor girls.

If you haven’t done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling 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.



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