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# Good News!

March 22, 2015

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)**

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

I've lived in the Midwest most of my life. In the last few years, I've found myself appreciating why some of my "senior" friends enjoy spending time in warmer climates during the winter months. As I've gotten older, the range of temperatures that feel comfortable to me has grown increasingly narrow—and while I'm not yet ready to pull up stakes, the thought of it crosses my mind more frequently.

But, as the Graeme Miles folk song "Dark December" reminds us, we shouldn't dislike winter. Jesus—the light in our darkness—is born in the winter.

In a four-season climate like that of the Midwest, we're particularly attuned to dark and light, death and life. We sense the days growing shorter and longer; we see leaves fall and plants sleep, only to reawaken when the weather turns warm. We know what lamps to light so we can see in those dark times and what clothes to wear until the warming sun brings the world to life once more.

The prophets knew God was stirring in the world, and they knew God's promise of light and salvation. For Jeremiah, light and life came in the promise of a new covenant—a new relationship with the Lord.

The Greeks of John's gospel sensed that Jesus was the key to the light they longed for, and so they wanted to "see" him. John also says that to truly live, we must be like grain and die to ourselves.

Light into darkness, death into life—maybe the experience of winter helps us understand that just a little more.

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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****FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT****MARCH 21 — 22, 2015****COLLECTION FOR  
EASTER FLOWERS****USHERS GROUP I****Annual Catholic Appeal  
Commitment Weekend****2015 Annual Catholic Appeal****“Strength through the Holy Spirit”**

Each year our parish and every parish in our Diocese is responsible for a portion of the financial obligation it takes to meet the ministry, programs and services of our Catholic Church. Together, with other parishes in our Diocese, we are able to reach so many more in need than our parish could ever reach alone. The 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal, “Strength through the Holy Spirit,” is a call to each of us to help keep the mission of our over 25 ministries and programs strong. Missions that reach out to our Diocesan communities...helping those in need to find strength to overcome their hardships. Sometimes it’s hard to envision how your one gift could make a difference in an organization the size of our Diocese, but it does!

Please help the future of our ministries and programs.

Visit [www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org) to make your pledge.

**SATURDAY, MAR. 21**

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

*COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement*

**SUNDAY, MAR. 22**

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

*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

*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 †Thin 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.** STATIONS OF THE CROSS and MASS  
Mass offered for †Patrick Fitzgerald  
request of Tony and Kathleen Conneely

**SATURDAY, MAR. 28**

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

**NEXT WEEK****PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD****MARCH 28 — 29, 2015****OPERATION RICE BOWL COLLECTION****USHERS GROUP II****Annual Catholic Appeal Follow-up Weekend****SATURDAY, MAR. 28**

**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for Matthew Cowles  
request of The Shaffer Family

*Altar Servers: Maria Cinea*

*Lectors: Patti Cinea, Georgette Pelletier*

*Eucharistic Minister: Patti Cinea*

*COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement*

**SUNDAY, MAR. 29**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for †Raymond Poniatoski  
request of Bob and Jane Hunt

*Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck*

*Lector: Joel Cohan, Judy Knox*

*Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio*

*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 †Samuel Guglielmino

*Altar Servers: Alex Czercowy*

*Lector: Jeffrey Monroe, Jessica Merry*

*Eucharistic Minister: Betty Aitkin*

*CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass*

*COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement*

**EASTER FOOD DISTRIBUTION by Confirmation Preparation Class**

**MONDAY, MAR. 30**

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

**TUESDAY, MAR. 31 — NO MASS**

**10:30 A.M.** CHRISM MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL IN NORWICH

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

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1 — NO MASS**

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

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2 — HOLY THURSDAY**

**7:00 P.M.** Mass offered for all Priests especially Fr. Wojciech

*Altar Servers: Emilia & Marta Herasimowicz*

*Lector: Jeffrey Monroe, Jessica Merry*

*Eucharistic Minister: Lou Cloutier*

**ADORATION AFTER MASS UNTIL MIDNIGHT**

8 — 9 P.M. last names A-F

9 — 10 P.M. last names G-L

10 — 11 P.M. last names M-R

11 P.M. — 12 A.M. last names S-Z

**FRIDAY, APRIL 3 — GOOD FRIDAY**

**3:00 P.M.** Service and Veneration of the Cross  
(Good Friday collection for Holy Land)

*Altar Servers: Elena & Catherine Fiano*

*Lector: Barbara Fiano, Paul Brown*

*Eucharistic Minister: Clifford Scorso*

**7:00 P.M.** STATIONS OF THE CROSS (No Mass)

*Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4**

**10:00 A.M.** BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD

**STEWARDSHIP**

Last week's Offertory: March 15 — \$2,470

Projected Amount needed \$3,370

“I will be their God and they shall be my people.” -JEREMIAH 31:33  
What does it mean to be God’s people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our neighbors and the world, just as God cares for us.

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**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. Second sessions, with a morning showing and repeated in the evening for your convenience will be held in Fr. Cronin Library on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> Please join us at 8:30 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. or 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



**Defending Our Religious Liberty**

Recently the state of California started forcing all health insurers in the state to include elective abortions in the health plans they sell. Other states will be putting the pressure on their health insurers, as well. This problem is addressed by the Health Care Conscience Rights Act (H.R. 940). This measure adds a long-overdue conscience clause to the Affordable Care Act, and strengthens the Weldon amendment that forbids governmental bodies receiving federal Health and Human Services funds from discriminating against those who decline to take part in abortion or abortion coverage. Please support the Health Care Conscience Rights Act. (H.R. 940) by writing to your congressman or woman.

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**

This year, Bishop Michael R. Cote, D.D., invites you to the **Chrism Mass** at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich on Tuesday, March 31, 2015, at 10:30 a.m.

The Chrism Mass is the celebration during which the sacred Chrism is consecrated and the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens are blessed. These oils are sanctified for use at the Cathedral and in all parishes for baptism, confirmation, the anointing of the sick and for the ordination of priests. Together the three oils symbolize the sacramental life of the Church. Three of our parishioners will be sent to represent our parish at this Mass and to receive the holy oils for the parish. Since the Chrism Mass is truly a Diocesan event ALL parishioners are invited, and we would like as many people as possible to be present.

The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich, will join with clergy of other Christian Communities from the Norwich area in leading a public **Way of the Cross on Good Friday, April 3, 2015, from Chelsea Parade to Central Baptist Church. This service will begin at 6:00 p.m. In case of inclement weather, it will be held at the Central Baptist Church in Norwich. You can check the Central Baptist Church Website at [www.centralbaptistnorwich.com](http://www.centralbaptistnorwich.com).**

We invite you to join in this unique public witness which brings Protestant, Orthodox, and Catholic Christians together to celebrate the sacred character of Good Friday.

The details for the Way of the Cross are:

1. All will assemble at 6:00 p.m. at the north end of Chelsea Parade. A prayer will be recited and the procession will begin.
2. The Bishop and leaders of other Christian Communities will lead the procession down Broadway and Union Street. The procession will conclude at Central Baptist Church. Clergy, religious, and parishioners will take turns reading Scripture, praying, and carrying a plain wooden Cross.
3. Along the way, fourteen reflections based on Scripture will mark Jesus' Passion.

You are most cordially invited to vest in sanctuary dress and walk in the procession. If you have any questions concerning this service, please call the Chancery 887-9294, ext. 235.

**Readings for the Week of March 22, 2015**

- Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33
- Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11
- Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
- Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
- Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1--15:47 or 15:1-39



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