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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — SEPTEMBER 6, 2015

Good News!

September 6, 2015

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Is 35:4-7a / Jas 2:1-5 / Mk 7:31-37

It seems odd that Jesus would tell someone he just cured to keep silent about the whole incident. If I had experienced a miraculous cure, I think my first impulse would be to tell everyone about it and how it came to be. It's hard to keep that kind of good news to oneself. But Jesus' reasons for asking this went beyond mere modesty. He did not want people to follow him simply because of what he did. There were prophets and preachers at that time who called attention to God and appeared to cure those who were ill. They cast out demons and preached their understanding of the truth. But Jesus wasn't like any other person. He wanted people to look within themselves and believe in him because of who he was: Emmanuel, God with us.

If we believe in Jesus only because we have seen a miracle, then our faith is not rooted in a deep conviction of heart and mind. The first time something bad happens, our faith will waver. If we believe only because someone else told us to, then when that person exits our lives, our faith may stop. But if we have had a personal encounter with Christ mediated through sacraments, or in prayer, or through another person and have come to believe in Christ as the Son of God, then our faith will grow. It will see us through rocky times and brighten the rest of our days. We will be like someone whose eyes and ears have been opened, because we will see Christ present in the world and hear his voice calling to us to come and follow him.

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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 WEEKTWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 5 — SEPTEMBER 6, 2015

USHERS GROUP I2ND COLLECTION - NATIONAL COMBINEDSATURDAY, SEP 5

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

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea
Lectors: Bert Flynn
Eucharistic Minister: Georgette Pelletier

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, SEP 6

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for †Lena Bloznalis request of Barbara and Mark Fiano

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck
Lector: Joel Cohan
Eucharistic Minister: Linda Richardson

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

Altar Servers: Emilia & Marta Herasimowicz
Lector: Jessica Merry
Eucharistic Minister: Janusz Herasimowicz

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

MONDAY, SEP 7

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

TUESDAY, SEP 8

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Francis Chetelat request of Marge and Bert Flynn

7:15 P.M. — CHOIR REHEARSAL RESUMES IN THE CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, SEP 9

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

9:00 A.M. Christmas Fair Workshop in the Parish Center

THURSDAY, SEP 10 — NO MASS

5:30 P.M. **BINGO** in the Parish Center
Doors open and food available at 5:30 P.M.
Games begin at 6:45 P.M.

FRIDAY, SEP 11 — NO MASSSATURDAY, SEP 12

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

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: August 30 — \$4,195

Projected Amount needed \$3,370

"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" (JAMES 2:5)

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society teaches us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith we know that material things really do not matter and we are more willing to share what we have.

NEXT WEEKTWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 12 — SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

USHERS GROUP II2ND COLLECTION — ST. MAURICE MAINTENANCESATURDAY, SEP 12

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

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea
Lectors: Patti Cinea
Eucharistic Minister: Bert Flynn

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, SEP 13

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

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck
Lector: Judy Knox
Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Michał, †Helena, †Henry Sobczak — request of Lucy Szwed and Family

Altar Servers: Alex Czercowcy
Lector: Rita Sheetz
Eucharistic Minister: Rita Sheetz

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Students can bring their backpacks and place them on the altar near the Tabernacle before mass.

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

MONDAY, SEP 14

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

TUESDAY, SEP 15

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Roseland Muldoon request of Marge and Bert Flynn

7:00 P.M. — PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

7:15 P.M. — CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, SEP 16

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

9:00 A.M. Christmas Fair Workshop in the Parish Center

THURSDAY, SEP 17 — NO MASS

5:30 P.M. **BINGO** in the Parish Center
Doors open and food available at 5:30 P.M.
Games begin at 6:45 P.M.

FRIDAY, SEP 18 — NO MASSSATURDAY, SEP 19

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

Readings for the Week of September 6, 2015

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Monday: Col 1:24--2:3/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

FROM 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.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation classes begin September 27th. Please register your children now if you have not already done so. Forms are available on the usher's tables in the back or on the parish website.

Completed forms can be placed in the collection basket or returned to the church office.

Fr. Wojciech will offer a special blessing for all who are going back to school on **Sunday, September 13th** at the **10:00 am** mass.

Students can bring their backpacks and place them on the altar near the Tabernacle before mass.

SEPTEMBER IS OUR ANNUAL SAFE ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS MONTH

Saint Maurice Parish strives to create a safe environment for our youth. We help to ensure safety through providing adequate supervision of youth, following appropriate boundaries between adults and children, and training all catechists and youth ministers to help prevent and recognize the warning signs of child abuse, and respond appropriately. New employees, and parish volunteers working with children, have undergone background checks and online/workshop training. As part of our compliance with the Diocesan Policy regarding Safe Environments, once again this September, there will be inserts into the bulletin. This is mandatory. These inserts will provide information on sexual abuse and misconduct, reporting procedures, things that parents, teens, children, employees and volunteers can do to help create and maintain safe environments, as well as an overall summary.

Please review the youth oriented inserts with your children. For questions/concerns, please contact Fr. Wojciech or Patricia Cinea.

OFFERTORY GIFTS

When you have requested a Mass and wish to present the gifts, please contact an usher before Mass.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

If religious liberty is not properly understood, all people will suffer and be deprived of the essential contribution to the common good, be it in education, health care, feeding the hungry, civil rights, and social services that they rely on every day. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (usccb.org) encourages you to stay informed and do what you can to protect religious freedom.

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, and your elected representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

Blue Mass Steak Dinner Fundraiser

Friday, September 11, 2015

East Great Plain Fire Department
488 New London Turnpike, Norwich
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Steak – Baked Potato – Salad – Bread & Butter – Soda & Water
\$20.00 Adults \$10.00 Children 12 and under
The Blue Mass is celebrated at the Cathedral on September 20, 2015, 10:15 a.m., for all law enforcement personnel and their families.

This fundraiser helps to defray expenses associated with the Annual Blue Mass honoring law enforcement personnel. For more information or tickets please call Monsignor Brown at 860-887-9294, ext. 232 or Ms. Becky Cady 860-887-9294, ext. 235.

Twenty-fifth Annual Blue Mass For All Law Enforcement Officers

Sunday, September 20, 2015, at 10:15 a.m.

All law enforcement officers (federal, state, and municipal, active and retired) and their families are invited to the Twenty-fifth Annual Blue Mass and Reception, Sunday, September 20, 2015, in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, 10:15 a.m. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend this Mass. Bishop Cote, the Bishop of Norwich, will celebrate the Mass and Reverend Jonathan Ficara, Parochial Vicar/Campus Minister of Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish in Storrs and Saint Mary Parish in Coventry, will deliver the homily.

Norwich Police Chief Louis J. Fusaro, Sr., and Groton Town Police Chief Louis J. Fusaro, Jr., are the Blue Mass Co-Chairs. For more information, please call Chief Louis Fusaro, Chief L.J. Fusaro, or Monsignor Brown at 860-887-9294, ext. 232.

2015 SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

The Diocese of Norwich Office for Safe Environments is offering a **Called to Protect Workshop** at Saint Mary's Parish, Coventry on Sunday, September 20th, from 1pm-3pm.

To pre-register please call 860-742-1092

This is for anyone who is considering becoming certified in Safe Environments as an alternative to on-line training.

**The Silver and Gold Jubilee Anniversary Mass
Sunday, October 18, 2015 -- 2:00p.m.
Cathedral of St. Patrick**

Inviting all couples married 25 & 50 years or a significant anniversary in renewal of your wedding vows at the Pontifical Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote at the Cathedral of St. Patrick. Family members are invited to share in your celebration. A reception follows the Mass. Register through your parish in September.

Looking for a deeper relationship with the Lord?

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