



Lenten Meditation # 4
(Third Sunday in Lent)

Sharing Who We Are "What Sharing Means"

D. T. Niles, the great minister, ecumenical leader and hymn writer of Sri Lanka and India, once wrote that "Christianity is one beggar telling another beggar where he found bread." Sharing who we are during the Lenten season – and in life as a whole – reflects this spirit. It is not that we are better than those around us or have more insight. It is the sharing of something we have learned or experienced, something that keeps us going. We tell others what feeds us, nourishes us and gives us strength. We share what we are and have, and also share with others in seeking more.

Giving and receiving – this is what human life is all about. The more we give the more we receive. The more we receive the more we have to give. As a number of people have said, "You cannot be human alone."

Often we see sharing only as giving. We tell children to share their toys and they may be reluctant, even though they are surrounded by more than they can possibly play with at one time. Sharing is seeing life as a two way street. As we grow older, we learn that our own giving may be matched by someone else, so that both have gained something new. We may even discover ways of sharing the same gift and seeing new possibilities.

Being truly open to others, even at the risk of being vulnerable, enables us to get to know them on a deeper level. Shared needs often find solutions we cannot find alone. Shared joys become greater. This two-way street of sharing reflects Jesus' readiness to share his experience of what God's love is all about. It recalls the disciples' willingness to give up their regular jobs and routines and become part of something greater.

Sharing is being fully alive, giving of ourselves and receiving from others. Whether we are wealthy or poor beggars, we have something to give and something to gain.

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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Radio Mass 9:00 a.m., WICH 1310 AM
Daily: Mon-Fri 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon
Saturday 7:00 a.m.
Blessed Virgin Novena Mass Monday 7:00 p.m.

MINISTRY OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children are expected to receive a Catholic upbringing in their family life, to worship regularly at Sunday Mass and to participate in ongoing Religious Education. Our Programs include:

Catholic School, Pre K-8, Weekdays
Religious Ed. Program, Pre K-8, Sundays
Confirmation classes grades 8 & 9 (2 year program)

CARE OF THE SICK

Please advise us of parishioners who are sick or in the hospital, that we might keep them in our prayers, and if possible, visit them. Anyone who is unable to celebrate the Eucharist with us in Church is urged to advise us so that we might share Communion with them at home.

NEED PRAYERS?

Call St. Patrick Prayer Line to request prayers. Contact Bea Mackenzie 887-3355 or Jane Morosky 887-6681.

LITURGY

Order of Mass	#202
Processional Hymn	# 467
KYRIE	# 317
Readings	#1030
Gospel Acclamation	#338
Holy, Holy	#214
Memorial Acclamation	#215
Great Amen	#218
Lamb of God	#220
Recessional Hymn	#602

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Patrick Cathedral Parish is a Roman Catholic community of the Diocese of Norwich, CT which seeks to put the love of Christ into action by:

- Providing for the spiritual nourishment of the community.
- Living according to the Gospel message of Jesus Christ.
- Reaching out to those in need.
- Extending the love of Christ to all who come into our midst.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Each Sunday at 11:30 a.m.
Please call for appointment.
Reconciliation: Confessions heard Mon-Fri at 11:15am
Mon. at 6:15pm and Sat. at 4:00pm

Marriage: Arrangements should be made with the church one year before the date. The Diocese requires marriage preparation program.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Catechumenate is the process of welcoming new members into the Roman Catholic Church. It is meant for those who are not baptized, baptized into another Christian Church or baptized into the Catholic Church but have yet to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Classes begin in September. Contact the rectory for information.

NEW PARISHIONERS

New parishioners are welcome to our Parish Community. Please call us at the rectory to register. We want to know you and serve you. We hope that you will take an active part in our parish.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Stanley Pishka

2nd Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2017

9:00 Sunday Mass: Cathedral Choir
10:30 Sunday Mass: Bells of St. Patrick
5:00 Sunday Mass: Ed Stoltz organist

The Weekly Offertory last weekend amounted to \$9,874.80.

The Monthly Collection amounted to \$3,967.00.

The Envelope attached to the bulletin this weekend is for the Easter flower offerings.

THANK YOU: Do you remember "Twelfth of Never"? Our version would be "Wealth Forever". You continue to amaze me with your most generous donations to the poor box to meet the needs of "The Christ of the Poor."

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: You are encouraged to spend time in the presence of the Lord. You may petition the Lord for your needs and intentions or you may thank Him for His countless blessings. Rev. Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J. suggests that we frequently make a spiritual communion as we say "Lord I am not worthy that you should enter my soul, but I embrace you though you are spiritually there. Fr. Hardon suggests that we make this Spiritual Communion several times a day."

Defending Our Religious Liberty #263

Mar. 12, 2017

President Trump has pledged that his administration will do everything in its power to defend and protect religious liberty. We urge the fulfillment of this promise, including an end to regulations and other mandates by the federal government that force people of faith to make impossible choices. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has expressed their fervent hope that the new leadership will reinstate basic protections for religious freedom.

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR:

On Thursday, March 16, 2017, come join in praying with Bishop Cote a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations. This month the holy hour will be at Saints Peter & Paul Church, Norwich, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Come pray for those who are called to priestly or consecrated religious life. Pray for our seminarians and those in the process of applying to the Diocese. Join our Diocesan Prayer Team for Vocations by emailing the vocation office for more information at vocations@norwichdiocese.net and check out our website at god-calls.com!

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD:

Once again, this Lent, in every deanery of the Diocese, we will observe 24 Hours for the Lord, on the weekend of March 24-25. In the Norwich Deanery, Confessions will be heard at Saints Peter and Paul Church beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, March 24th through 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 25th.

