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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time • February 16, 2014

Good News!

February 16, 2014

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Sir 15:15–20 / 1 Cor 2:6–10 / Mt 5:17–37

In 1973 psychiatrist Karl Menninger wrote a book called *Whatever Became of Sin?* (Hawthorne Books). It seems that in the backlash against feelings of excessive guilt, many people embraced the notion that they weren't responsible for what they did. Their parents, or the way they were raised, or other people made them do evil things. The popular phrase "the devil made me do it" captures the sentiment of the era. Menninger wondered about the impact of a world without sin.

Therapists were right about the danger of feeling guilty all the time, and our reactions to past hurts and behaviors are a normal part of growing up. But mature adults also know that reactions come in many forms. When we choose to react to events or people with behaviors or words that hurt others or ourselves, we are responsible and we have sinned. When we choose to do something that is wrong simply because it's easier than doing what's right, we've sinned—however mild or unnoticeable we think that sin is.

In today's readings, Sirach and Jesus hold us accountable for our actions and our thoughts in no uncertain terms. These Scriptures are part of the underpinnings of the Church's theology of sin, which is not meant to make us crazy—it's meant to make us free to love others and ourselves in spite of their brokenness and ours.

Can we be perfect? Well, that's a long road. But God wants to help us along that road. We can begin by examining our own conscience for the places and times we've fallen short of the call to love.

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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**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****FEB. 15—FEB. 16, 2014****USHERS GROUP IV****SATURDAY, FEB. 15 –**

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for +John Garvan at the request
Marion Gelinias

Coffee Social after 4 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, FEB. 16 –

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Anthony Sobol at the
request of the Hurst Family

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M.— LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, FEB. 17 –

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

5:00 P.M.— Parish **BINGO**—Food available from 5 P.M.
Games begin at 6:30 P.M. Jackpot \$300

TUESDAY, FEB. 18 –

9:00 A.M.— Mass offered for +James Bloznalis at the request of
the Dean and Bloznalis Families

7:15 P.M.— CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19 –

9:00 A.M. — Mass offered for +Marie Madore at the request
of her 2 daughters and son

THURSDAY, FEB. 20 – No mass

FRIDAY, FEB. 21 – No Mass
Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet in
the Church Basement

SATURDAY, FEB 22 -

3:30 P.M. — ROSARY BEFORE 4 P.M. MASS

Last week's Offertory — February 9 — \$2,678
Last year's Offertory — February 10 — \$1,049

"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:20

The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass n Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of a modern day Pharisee.

NEXT WEEK**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****FEB. 22—FEB. 23, 2014****USHERS GROUP I****SATURDAY, FEB. 22 –**

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for +John Garvan
at the request Olga Delany

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea

Lector: Georgette Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Jean Gately

Coffee Social after 4 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, FEB. 23 –

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Geraldine and Robert
Bascom at the request of the Hurst Family

Altar Servers: Lynn Mancino

Lector: Lynn Mancino

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES / Breakfast available

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +Francesca Quagliano at the
request of Josephine Maratta

Altar Servers: Nicholas VanDine

Lector: Jeffrey Monroe

Eucharistic Minister: Lou Cloutier

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M.— LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, FEB. 24 –

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

5:00 P.M.— Parish **BINGO**—Food available from 5 P.M. Games
begin at 6:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, FEB. 25 –

9:00 A.M.— Mass offered for +Martha Turner at the request of
Lynn Mancino

7:15 P.M.— CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26 –

9:00 A.M. — Mass offered for +James Bloznalis at the request of
the Dean and Bloznalis Families

THURSDAY, FEB. 27 – No mass

FRIDAY, FEB. 28 – No Mass

SATURDAY, MAR. 1 –

4:00 P.M. — Mass offered for +William Maneggia at the request of
the Edward Bachl family

3:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 4 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of February 23, 2014

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48
Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Mk 9:38-40
Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Mk 10:13-16
Next Sunday: Is 49:14-15/1 Cor 4:1-5/Mt 6:24-34

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Saint Bernard Church invites you to attend Lenten Mission

Saint Bernard Church - Rockville will welcome nationally renowned Catholic Lay Evangelist Michael J. Cumbie at a Lenten Mission March 2-4 from 7-8:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend these three inspirational evenings that is sure to inspire and inform, so mark your calendar today! For more information go to

Ski Visitor Weekend at the College of St. Mary Magdalen

The College of Saint Mary Magdalen is hosting its annual Ski Visitor Weekend for prospective students from February 20-23, 2014. There is no cost to attend. Students will have the ability to attend classes, stay in the dorms, eat in the dining hall, meet other prospective students, attend Mass, and go skiing at Pat's Peak in Henniker, NH. 511 Kearsarge Mountain Road, Warner, NH. Call 603.456.2656 for more information.

A parishioner from All Saints Church in Somersville is creating a "Book of Memories" in honor of Father Roland Cloutier's 50th anniversary of ordination. You are invited to share your memories with/about him in this book. Just to let you know: this book is only for Father Roland so your message, picture, or memories will be seen only by him - unless he decides to share them. Please consider being part of this "Book of Memories". We hope this book will hold as many memories and greeting as possible from his 50 years! You may mail messages, picture or memories to:

All Saints Church
ATTN: Michele
PO Box M
Somersville, CT 06072-0913 OR

email them to alstchurch@yahoo.com

Defending Our Religious Liberty

Editorials in the mainstream media such as the *Chicago Tribune* and *USA Today* have recently addressed the issue of religious freedom and the Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate as a violation of the first amendment, which protects this right. The message is that every American has rights of conscience on the issues of contraception, abortion, and sterilization.

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the mandate by calling President Obama at the White House at 202-456-1111 or Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius 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

Discover Natural Family Planning ~ For Married and Engaged. What is NFP? It is a loving gift of yourself to your spouse and the safe alternative to the dangerous, chemical, synthetic hormonal side-effects of contraception and birth control. NFP is scientific, helps with fertility problems and 99% effective for conceiving or responsibly postponing a baby. Discover the beauty of NFP! Ongoing classes in our area can be found on ccli.org. You also have the opportunity while taking the CCLI Home Study course to call our instructors with any questions or attend a class for free. For more information call the Collison's 860-399-8265 or the Schantz's at 860-464-1184. www.ccli.org

Marriage Encounter Weekend ~ Looking for the perfect weekend to bring a husband and wife closer together? Rediscover each other with a heart-to-heart **Marriage Encounter**. To register for the March 7-9 weekend in East Hartford or for information call 860-376-0440. www.wwme.org.

Marriage Preparation Upcoming Classes for Engaged Couples

"God's Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage". To register for a 3 session class call the Family Life Office at: 860-889-8346 ext. 283. Upcoming classes: Fri. Mar. 7, 14, 21, 6:00pm-8:30pm, at St. Francis Church, Middletown. Sat. Mar. 15, 22, 29, 9:30am-12:00pm, at St. Matthew Church, Tolland.

Home Buyers and Foreclosure Prevention Classes: For help with purchasing a home, fallen behind on mortgage payments or help with budgeting or filling out applications for **EMAP**. **All services are provided free at Catholic Charities, a HUD approved Counseling Agency.** The *ongoing* Foreclosure Prevention and 8 hour Home Buyers Education Classes are offered by Catholic Charities in Norwich, New London and Plainfield locations. **For information: 860-889-8346 ext.271.**

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS "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**. Retreat March 14-16 in Stockbridge, MA call 413-452-0661. Retreat March 28-30 in Hamden, CT call 203-631-9030. Retreat March 28-30 in RI call 401-421-7833 ext.118. or www.rachelsvineyard.org

"PROJECT RACHEL" is a Diocesan ministry for anyone seeking healing and forgiveness. **Project Rachel** priests are there for you with God's Grace and Mercy. Call 860-889-8346 ext.283. All inquiries are confidential.

Parents divorcing and/or resolving child custody issues – participate in the court suggested **Parent Education Program**. Are you concerned about the effects of divorce, separation or family disruption on your children? **Catholic Charities offers ongoing, monthly one day Parenting Education Classes in Norwich, Rockville and Middletown.** A monthly 2- part Spanish/bilingual parenting education class is held in **Willimantic**. Attendance at both sessions in the **Willimantic** class is required for the certificate of completion. Fees apply and are determined by the State of CT. Please call 860-889-8346 ext. 260 for registration and monthly class locations and dates.



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