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## Good News!

February 23, 2014

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 / 1 Cor 3:16-23 / Mt 5:38-48

“But I say to you, love your enemies.”

I’ve never met a person who found this command easy to follow. Some people practice every day and are better at it than others; I’ve been fortunate to know one or two of them.

Most of us are good at loving in the abstract. As an Irish Catholic, I love the people who continue the troubles in Ireland. As an American, I love those who have attacked our country and those who embrace a different political view.

It’s pretty easy to love people you don’t know. Where I fall down is in the concrete, day-to-day loving. I find it really hard to love the people who don’t love or even like me. I find it even harder to love those who have hurt me or members of my family. The difficulty of Jesus’ words strike home when they become personal. We come face to face with our own unloving ways and unloving hearts.

This is precisely where the grace of baptism comes into play. It’s natural to feel hurt and anger when someone wounds us deeply. It’s human to want to return hurt for hurt with words, behaviors, or even fists.

Jesus invites us into a different path—one from which we can love others in their woundedness and receive the love and healing of God for our own wounds. Jesus knows that only the path of love leads to life. Any other path will lead to our eventual destruction.

Whom do *you* need to love today?

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### WEEKEND MASSES:

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****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**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**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**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. Jackpot \$350**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 –****3:30 P.M. –** ROSARY BEFORE 4 P.M. MASS**Last week's Offertory — February 16 — \$2,074 (Storm)**  
**Last year's Offertory — February 17 — \$4,439***"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." Matthew 5:44*

Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for "our enemy". When we pray for others, even "our enemies", maybe it softens their hearts as well.

**NEXT WEEK****EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**MAR. 1 — MAR. 2, 2014**  
**USHERS GROUP II****SATURDAY, MAR. 1 –****4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for +William Maneggia at the request of the Edward Bachl family*Altar Servers: Maria Cinea**Lector: Patti Cinea**Eucharistic Minister: Bert Flynn***Coffee Social after 4 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement****SUNDAY, MAR. 2 –****7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for +Anthony Sobol at the request of Sylvia Greene*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 all Parishioners*Altar Servers: Elena & Catherine Fiano**Lector: Barbara Fiano**Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Scorso***CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**5:30 P.M.— LITURGY OF THE HOURS****MONDAY, MAR. 3 –****9:00 A.M.—** Mass offered for +John Ciskon at the request of Theresa Ciskon**5:00 P.M.—** Parish **BINGO**—Food available from 5 P.M. Games begin at 6:30 P.M.**TUESDAY, MAR. 4 –****9:00 A.M.—** Mass offered for +Iva Lindberg at the request of Lynn Mancino**7:15 P.M.— CHOIR REHEARSAL****WEDNESDAY, MAR. 5 – ASH WEDNESDAY****9:00 A.M. —** Mass offered for +James Bloznalis at the request of the Dean and Bloznalis Families  
**Distribution of Ashes****7:00 P.M. —** Mass offered for all Parishioners  
**Distribution of Ashes****THURSDAY, MAR. 6 –** No mass**FRIDAY, MAR. 7 –** 7:00 P.M. —Stations of the Cross and Mass  
Mass offered for +Samuel Guglielmino**5-7 P.M. — FISH DINNER AT THE PARISH CENTER****7-9 P.M. —** Junior Youth Group, The Disciples meet in Church basement**SATURDAY, MAR. 8 –****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 — ROCKVILLE INVITES YOU TO ATTEND LENTEN MISSION**

Saint Bernard Church — Rockville Lenten Mission  
March 2, 3, & 4 7-8:30pm

Featured speaker will be nationally renowned Catholic Lay Evangelist Michael J. Cumbie. The focus of Michael's ministry is to take the time-tested teachings of our precious Church and make them understandable and "digestible" to the average lay person.

### **OPERATION RICE BOWL: OUR LENTEN PROGRAM: FOR LENT, FOR LIFE** -- On Ash

Wednesday, March 5, 2014, our parish with parishes across the Diocese of Norwich is beginning a program of prayer and sacrifice called Operation Rice Bowl (ORB). For 41 years, Operation Rice Bowl has helped to feed the hungry poor. Through our participation in this program, we bring hope and healing to another person or family living halfway across the globe, strengthen and enriching those persons' lives, both physically and spiritually, and greatly enhancing your parish community's Lenten faith experience. Rice bowls will be available at the Ushers' table. Families are encouraged to gather each week in prayer for the hungry poor and to share a sacrificial meal. With the moneys saved from this meal, a donation is placed in the family Rice Bowl and can be brought to the parish family Rice Bowl on Palm Sunday, April 1, 2012. 75% of Operation Rice Bowl funds will feed the hungry poor overseas, the remaining 25% will be used in the diocese to feed the needy. This Lent, gather in prayer and sacrifice as a family to pray and to care for the hungry poor.

### **TO OPERATION RICE BOWL USED?**

Operation Rice Bowl receives all of its support from individual and family contributions. Catholic Relief Services, the official overseas aid and development agency of American Catholics, used 75% of all contributions for development projects\* overseas. 25% of the moneys collected remain in the local diocese where they are used to support projects assisting the needy.

*\*Projects include agriculture projects to help farmers improve crop yields and increase food security; water projects to make clean water accessible for communities; microfinance projects to encourage the growth of small businesses; mother and child projects to provide basic health and nutrition education for families; and education projects to provide participants with opportunities to improve their livelihoods.*

### **Defending Our Religious Liberty**

It is important that we stay informed regarding the Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate and how it will violate our religious freedom as Catholics and as Americans. If religious liberty is not upheld, all people suffer and are deprived of their essential contribution to the common good whether in education, health care, feeding the hungry, civil rights, and social services.

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**

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**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.wmme.org](http://www.wmme.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](http://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.

### **REACHING FOR A LIFELINE FOR YOUR TROUBLED MARRIAGE?**

**Serious marriage building and repair: Retrouvaille is that lifeline.** At a Retrouvaille weekend couples are given tools to re-establish communication, work on their issues, gain new insights and heal. A series of 6 post sessions follows the weekend phase. For information or to sign up for the next weekend on April 25-27 in Hartford area call 413-525-1634. Website [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).



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