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dear Padre

July 6, 2014

What is a quinceañera?

I have a Latina friend who is planning her daughter's quinceañera. It's as if she's planning a wedding. Please explain.

Quinceañera (keen-seh-ah-NYAIR-ah) is Spanish for "fifteen-year-old girl." It's also the word used for the Latin American celebration of a girl's entrance into young adulthood on her fifteenth birthday.

Some people compare it to an American Sweet 16 party, but because a religious ceremony is part of the celebration it's actually more like a thirteen-year-old girl's bat mitzvah in the Jewish tradition.

A quinceañera usually begins with a rite called the Order for the Blessing on the Fifteenth Birthday (Bendición al cumplir quince años), which can take place within or outside Mass. A party that resembles a wedding reception follows, so you make a good comparison when you say your friend seems to be planning a wedding. A quinceañera can also be like a wedding celebration in that some weddings get out of hand and become more of a production than a celebration of love.

That's not to say that parties aren't important. It's important to celebrate a wedding and to celebrate it well. In the same way, it's important in some cultures to celebrate a girl's fifteenth birthday. Your friend wants to give thanks to God for the life of her daughter, and that surely is a wonderful thing to celebrate.

> FR. PATRICK KEYES, CSsR sundaybulletin@liquori.org

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 6, 2014

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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.

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 Pas-

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.

ST. MAURICE CHURCH BOLTON, CT (32)

THIS WEEK

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 5 — JULY 6, 2014 USHERS GROUP IV

SATURDAY, JULY 5 -

5:00 P.M.— Mass offered for All Parishioners

Coffee Social after 5:00 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, JULY 6 -

7:30 A.M.— Mass offered for +Mary K, Radion (5th anniversary)
and +Kathleen Leiner at the request of the Radion
Family

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +Cody Morra at the request of Emily and Elena Fiano

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

MONDAY, JULY 7 -

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

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

TUESDAY, JULY 8 -

9:00 A.M.— Mass offered for All Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9 -

9:00 A.M.— Mass offered for All Parishioners

NO CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP

THURSDAY, JULY 10 -

No Mass

FRIDAY, JULY 11 -

No Mass

SATURDAY, JULY 12 -

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

Projected Amount needed \$3,370

"For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." - MATTHEW 11:30

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion of what He has already given to us.

NEXT WEEK FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 12 — JULY 13, 2014 USHERS GROUP I

SATURDAY, JULY 12 -

5:00 P.M.— Mass offered for +Frank Moseley at the request of

Gloria Holbrook and Family

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea

Lectors: Bert Flynn

Eucharistic Minister: Annedda Stiller

Coffee Social after 5:00 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, JULY 13 -

7:30 A.M.— Mass offered for +James P. Bloznalis at the request

of the Dean and Bloznalis Families

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Richardson

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +Frank Onorato at the request of Loretta Palliardi and Laurie Kingsbury

Altar Servers: Nicholas VanDine

Lector: Jeffrev Monroe

Eucharistic Minister: Betty Aitkin

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

MONDAY, JULY 14 -

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

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

TUESDAY, JULY 15 -

9:00 A.M.— Mass offered for All Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16 -

9:00 A.M.— Mass offered for All Parishioners

9:00 A.M. to Noon — Christmas Fair Workshop

THURSDAY, JULY 17 -

No Mass

FRIDAY, JULY 18 -

No Mass

SATURDAY, JULY 19 -

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

Readings for the Week of July 6, 2014

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30 Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9/Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

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ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE

Dear Parishioners:

Our Prayer Line receives requests for prayer on a regular basis. Many of these special intentions involve very difficult and stress filled life situations.

If you, also, could include these requests in your daily prayers, it would be such a gift to those who request our help in their time of need.

Thank you!

Prayer Line Update

We are seeking volunteers to pray for those intentions regularly received by our Prayer Line.

If you are interested in being part of this quiet ministry or have any questions, please contact Mary Ann Murphy (860) 649-5449 or Carol Zabielski (860) 643-2837

For your information, on the table by the candles on the Blessed Mother's side of the Church, there is a box for prayer requests and a notebook for Candle intentions.

PRAYER REQUEST BOX

Purpose:

Give to all, including children and teenagers, a place for their prayer requests. All requests will be forwarded to the St. Maurice Prayer Line. Parishioners and visitors to St. Maurice are welcome to use this option for placing their petitions on the Prayer Line. These petitions will be included in the prayers of more than thirty members of the Prayer Line. Please use only first names of persons for whom prayers are being said. No names included are also acceptable,

Pencil and paper available on left in box

Questions: Mary Ann Murphy (860) 649-5449 or Carol Zabielski (860) 643-2837

<u>SUMMER SOLOS</u> - our choir is taking a break for the summer, but we still want to celebrate with music. To volunteer for a vocal or instrumental solo on a Saturday at 5:00 Mass or on Sunday at 10:00 Mass, call Music Director Don Benevides at (860) 875-5883 to make arrangements. Groups are welcome, too!

Defending our Religious Liberty

Several civil suits around the country focusing on the federal health care mandate and freedom of religion have been decided. The U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma was among them. In early June, the ruling rendered stated that members of the Catholic Benefits Association (which includes 8 Catholic organizations) were exempt from the Affordable Care Act. Let's continue our quest for religious freedom by making our voices heard.

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 the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "DRIVE FOR CHARITIES"

14th Annual Golf Scramble
11:30 AM — Registration followed by lunch
1:00PM — Shotgun Start, full dinner after play



FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

DIOCESE OF NORWICH PILGRIMAGE: Bishop Cote will lead a 7 day Diocesan pilgrimage to the Czech Republic, October 29 – November 4, 2014. Among the holy sites visited will be the Church of Our Lady of Victory where the original miraculous Infant Jesus of Prague statue is kept. Cost of tour is \$3,529.00 per person double occupancy. Price includes local bus to/from JFK, departure lunch, breakfast and dinner daily, and also includes departure tax and fuel surcharge. Reservations must be made by August 18, 2014.

If you have any questions or wish to participate in this pilgrimage, please call Mrs. Rebecca McDougal or Monsignor Brown at 860-887-9294.

PLEASE JOIN BISHOP COTE AT THE FIFTH ANNUAL SETON SCHOLARSHIP DINNER honoring the recipients of the Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, D.D. Award for Contributions to Catholic Education to be held at 4 pm on Sunday, October 26, 2014 at The Mystic Marriott, Groton, CT. This year's honorees are Ms. Marianne Cote, Reverend Gregory Galvin and Dr. Jeremiah Lowney and Mrs. Virginia Lowney. Tickets are \$150/person. All proceeds benefit Catholic Schools within the Diocese. Opportunities for sponsorship, program advertising and raffle donations are available.

For tickets and more information, please contact Mary Ellen Mahoney at 860-886-1928 ext. 14 or developmentdso@norwichdiocese.net

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