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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 27, 2014

Good News!

July 27, 2014

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 / Rom 8:28-30 / Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

If you could ask for anything, what would it be? In W. W. Jacobs' classic story "The Monkey's Paw," a couple's first wish is granted at a terrible price, and the owners realize what the old adage tells us: "Be careful what you wish for—you just might get it."

In today's first reading, Solomon is given the opportunity to ask God for anything. After praying, he finally asks for wisdom, that he might discern what is right. God affirms the goodness of the wish and, noting that he didn't ask for riches or victory in war, grants it gladly.

In spite of some more questionable choices later in his life, Solomon will always be remembered for this request. Wisdom, as we find out in another part of Scripture, is God's "unfailing treasure; those who gain this treasure win the friendship of God" (Wisdom 7:14).

In the Gospel, Jesus compares the kingdom of God both to a treasure and to someone who searches for one. I think the desire for the kingdom of God and the desire for wisdom come out of the same longing in our hearts. We might find God's wisdom in surprising places, but once we find it, we must be willing to give all we have to acquire it, for it will help us know what is of God.

At the same time, the kingdom of God goes in search of us. Maybe we are God's pearls; with Wisdom as a guide, each of us can grow as children and friends of God, knowing what is right.

Find Wisdom, then, and do what you must to get it. When we do this, we will also find God.

Mary Katharine Deeley
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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 WEEKSEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 26 — 27, 2014
USHERS GROUP III

SATURDAY, JULY 26 —

5:00 P.M.— Mass offered for +William & +Marion Miller
request of the Family

NO Coffee Social after 5:00 P.M. Mass

SUNDAY, JULY 27 —

7:30 A.M.— Mass offered for +Walter & +Kazimiera
Demusz request of Wes and Roma Demusz

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. — Mass offered for +Vincenty Szwed request of
Lucy Szwed and Family

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

MONDAY, JULY 28 —

9:00 A.M.— Mass offered for the intentions of Carol Zabielski

5:00 P.M.— Parish **BINGO**—Food available from 5 P.M.
Games begin at 6:30 P.M.—Jackpot \$550

TUESDAY, JULY 29 — NO MASSWEDNESDAY, JULY 30 — NO MASS

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

THURSDAY, JULY 31 — NO MASSFRIDAY, AUGUST 1 — NO MASSSATURDAY, AUGUST 2 —

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

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory—July 20—\$2,544

Projected Amount needed \$3,370

*"We know that all things work for good for those who love God,
who are called according to his purposes." - ROMANS 8:28*

**Do you really trust God? Do you believe that all things work
for good? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting
our trust in God, in everything we do, means that God's plan
for our lives may be different than our plan. When one door
closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always
better.**

NEXT WEEKEIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUG. 2-3, 2014
USHERS GROUP IV

SATURDAY, AUG. 2 —

5:00 P.M.— Mass offered for +Robert Rose request of Dorothy
Rose and Family

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea
Lectors: Georgette Pelletier
Eucharistic Minister: Patti Cinea

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

SUNDAY, AUG. 3 —

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

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck
Lector: Joel Cohan
Eucharistic Minister: Arelene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

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

Altar Servers: Elena & Catherine Fiano
Lector: Barbara Fiano
Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen Smythe

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

MONDAY, AUG. 4 —

9:00 A.M.— Mass offered for +Clayton Skaggs requested Helena
Skaggs

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

TUESDAY, AUG. 5 — NO MASSWEDNESDAY, AUG. 6 — NO MASS

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

THURSDAY, AUG. 7 — NO MASSFRIDAY, AUG. 8 — NO MASSSATURDAY, AUG. 9 —

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

Readings for the Week of July 27, 2014

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

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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 Mary Ann

WELCOME TO ST. MAURICE PARISH FAMILY

Recently Baptized—Grayson Miller Buonome and Carter Wilson Buonome—Children of Gregory and Alison Buonome

SEEKING VENDORS for St. Joseph Living Center’s Annual Outdoor Fall Festival: Saturday, September 20, 2014 from 10:00 to 3:00, 14 Club Road in Windham. Crafts, Art Work, Plants, Home Goods, Your Home Business (i.e. Avon, Pampered Chef, etc.), Tag Sale, Jewelry, Fabrics, Wood Working, and so on.

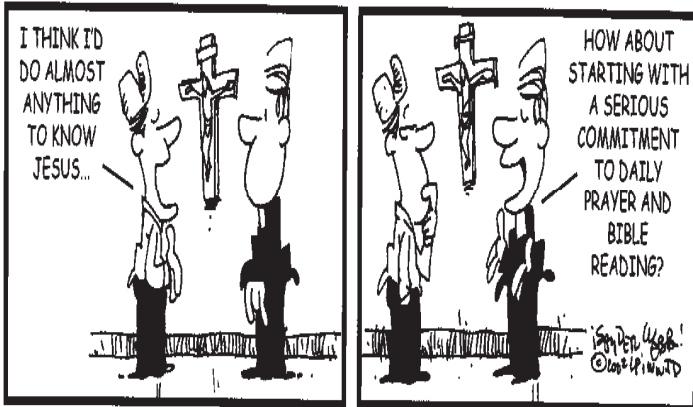
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ACTS RETREAT FOR WOMNE—September 18-21, 2014

Sponsored by St. Joseph Church, Vernon/Rockville

Retreat location: Immaculata Retreat House, Willimantic
Catholic women present an ACTS retreat weekend under the guidance of clergy. The retreat begins Thursday evening and ends at 11:30 am Sunday Mass at St. Joseph’s. Reception follows in the hall. Please join us. For information call:

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Defending our Religious Liberty

The Connecticut Catholic bishops are encouraged by the The president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, acknowledged the narrowness of the Supreme Court decision by stating that: “The Court clearly did not decide whether the so-called ‘accommodation’ violates the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) of 1993.” When applied to our Catholic charities, hospitals and schools, RFRA should protect these organizations from the federal healthcare mandate, but the Supreme Court decision did not address this. “We continue to hope that these great ministries of service, like the Little Sisters of the Poor and so many others, will prevail in their court cases as well,” continued the statement by Archbishop Kurtz.

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 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.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

Golf Enthusiasts ~ Norwich Diocese Catholic Charities 9th Annual Golf Tournament on Wednesday, September 17th at Fox Hopyard in East Haddam. A scramble format and shotgun start includes 18 holes, a BBQ lunch and ends with appetizers and awards of prizes and raffles. An excellent opportunity for a great round of golf at a premier course, with Bishop Michael R. Cote in attendance, while helping Norwich Diocese Catholic Charities support those in need. Sponsorship opportunities available. Information or registrations call 860-889-8346 ext. 285.

**Annual Diocesan Mass of Remembrance
Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 6:00p.m.
Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich**

A Mass in memory of children who have died from stillbirths, miscarriages or abortions, for children who have died recently or years ago. The Mass of Remembrance is an opportunity for families to memorialize the gift of eternal life of their preborn children. Bishop Michael Cote will be the main celebrant. Refreshments served following the Mass. Sponsored by the Family Life and Pro-Life Offices. For information call 860-889-8346 ext. 283.

The Diocese of Norwich seeks a Development Coordinator of the Catholic Charities Ministry to organize all aspects of fundraising and development efforts in concert with the ministry’s mission and strategic plan. This position reports to the Executive Director of Development for the Diocese of Norwich. Works directly with the Diocese’ Development Office in planning, organizing and implementing fundraising initiatives, events and annual giving/major gifts programs.

Submit a cover letter including salary requirements, resume, and names of three references to:
Diocese of Norwich Development Office
Development Coordinator
197 Broadway
Norwich, CT 06360
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