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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 17, 2014

dear Padre

August 17, 2014

What can I do about neglectful godparents?

The people I chose to be my child's godparents are making no attempt to build a special relationship with her. I've talked to them about it, but it didn't help. Is it possible to replace them?

When my niece Hayley was five, she asked me to be her "step"-godfather because she didn't know who her godfather was. The family friend my sister invited to be Haley's godfather has moved out of state and seems to have forgotten that Haley is his godchild.

Godparents have responsibilities beyond baptism day. The *Code of Canon Law* says a godparent also "helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it" (872). A godparent should be present for the child's first Communion and encourage the child to live a Christian life as he or she grows older.

Unfortunately, parents can't "fire" neglectful godparents and replace them, but neither are parents limited to asking only two godparents to help their child grow in the faith. Parents can—and should—ask others to help support their child's faith development as he or she grows up: a teacher, a grandparent, or a friend in the town where your child has gone away to college. After all, children are baptized into a community of believers, and we all have the responsibility to help children—and one another—lead Christian lives.

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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 WEEKTWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMEAUG. 16-17, 2014USHERS GROUP IIMaintenance CollectionSATURDAY, AUG. 16 –

5:00 P.M.— Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

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

SUNDAY, AUG. 17 –

7:30 A.M.— Mass offered for + Henry Leonard

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for + Cecile Lavoie request of the Family

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

MONDAY, AUG. 18 –

9:00 A.M.— Mass offered for +Shawn Baird request of Gloria Holbrook

5:00 P.M.— Parish BINGO—Food available from 5 P.M. Games begin at 6:30 P.M. Jackpot \$700

TUESDAY, AUG. 19 – NO MASSWEDNESDAY, AUG. 20 – NO MASS

9:00 A.M.— Christmas Fair Workshop

THURSDAY, AUG. 21 – NO MASSFRIDAY, AUG. 22 – NO MASSSATURDAY, AUG. 23 –

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

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory—Aug. 10—\$2,655

Projected Amount needed \$3,370

"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." - ROMANS 11:29

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.

NEXT WEEKTWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMEAUG. 23-24, 2014USHERS GROUP IIISATURDAY, AUG. 23 –

5:00 P.M.— Mass of Thanksgiving request of Mary Mumford
Altar Servers: Maria Cinea
Lectors: Georgette Pelletier
Eucharistic Minister: Maureen Mozzer

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

SUNDAY, AUG. 24 –

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

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Richardson

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for + Jason Bates request of his mom, Donna Bradford

Altar Servers: Alex Czercowy

Lector: Jeffrey Monroe

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Scorso

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

MONDAY, AUG. 25 –

9:00 A.M.— Mass offered for +Shawn Baird request of Gloria Holbrook

5:00 P.M.— Parish BINGO—Food available from 5 P.M.

Games begin at 6:30 P.M. This will be our last BINGO game. Thank you for your participation.

TUESDAY, AUG. 26 – NO MASSWEDNESDAY, AUG. 27 – NO MASS

9:00 A.M.— Christmas Fair Workshop

THURSDAY, AUG. 28 – NO MASSFRIDAY, AUG. 29 – NO MASSSATURDAY, AUG. 30 –

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

Readings for the Week of August 17, 2014

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Mk 6:17-29

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

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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

Faith Formation registration forms should be returned as soon as possible. Forms can be found on-line or in the back of the church. Please place completed forms in the collection basket. Classes begin on **Sunday, September 28th at 9:00 am** in the Parish Center. Please plan to come for **breakfast at 8:30 am**. New students are welcome!

Fr. Wojciech will offer a special blessing for all who are going back to school on **Sunday, September 14th** at the **10:00 am** mass. Students can bring their backpacks and place them on the altar near the Tabernacle before mass.

Students in the confirmation class will be required to attend a retreat sponsored by the Norwich Diocese on **Sunday, 9/28/14**. "BE FED" is the theme of this year's 6th Annual Youth Explosion. This will be held at St. Bernard High School in Uncasville, CT. Please save the date and more information will be forthcoming! You can also visit their website at

We Can Help

To report inappropriate contact of any kind by a representative of the Diocese of Norwich or for assistance to victims, please call:
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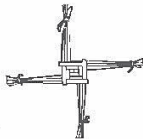
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**Sat. AUG 23
9am to 6pm
Free admission**

Defending Our Religious Liberty

Numerous court cases filed by religiously affiliated non-profits around the country are yet to be adjudicated. Therefore, our efforts to protect our First Amendment right to religious freedom must continue.

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the health care 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

Blue Mass Steak Dinner Fundraiser

Friday, September 5, 2014
East Great Plain Fire Department
488 New London Turnpike
Norwich
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Steak – Baked Potato – Salad – Bread & Butter – Soda & Water

\$20.00 Adults \$10.00 Children 12 and under

The Blue Mass is celebrated at the Cathedral on September 21, 2014, 10:15 a.m., for all law enforcement personnel and their families.

For more information or tickets please call Monsignor Brown at 860-887-9294, ext. 232 or Ms. Becky Cady 860-887-9294, ext. 235.

Diocesan Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, September 6th ~ 8:30 a.m. Please join us and our Celebrant, Rev. Jonathan Ficara, at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed both at the Cathedral and Planned Parenthood. A brunch will follow the Rosary at the Cathedral.

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.

Nineteenth Annual Mass for Those Dedicated to Education

September 7, 2014, at 8:45 a.m.

The Nineteenth Annual Diocesan Mass for Those Dedicated to Education will be celebrated on Sunday, September 7, 2014, in the Cathedral of St. Patrick, at 8:45 a.m. Bishop Cote will celebrate this Mass for all teachers and support staff, public, parochial, and private, active and retired, of all faiths. Reverend Brian J. Romanowski, will be the homilist. All are welcome.

The Chair for this Mass Committee is Mary Ann Enright who along with the late Winifred Riley initiated this celebration. Mrs. Enright is a parishioner of Sacred Heart Church, Norwichtown. She is a retired teacher of the Norwich Public School System. For information or if you wish to help, please call Mary Ann Enright at 860-889-0702, or Monsignor Brown at 860-887-9294.

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