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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 24, 2014

dear Padre

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Is it OK to donate my body to science?

I know the Church approves of organ donation under the right circumstances, but what about donating my entire body to science?

Christians believe death is ultimately defeated in God's gift of a new creation. This new and eternal creation is made possible by the Lord Jesus Christ, who "will change our mortal bodies to be like his in glory, for he is risen, the firstborn from the dead" (*Order of Christian Funerals*, 402).

Resurrection, then, is not a return to earthly life. Our bodies are not resuscitated like Lazarus' (see John 11), but are resurrected like Christ's, transformed and glorified. Christians traditionally revere the body—alive and at death—because we are created in God's image. Some people reason that such respect prevents donating the body to science, but that is not the opinion of the Church.

In his 1956 allocution to physicians, Pope Pius XII said, "A person may will to dispose of one's body and to destine it to ends that are useful, morally irreproachable, and even noble, among them the desire to aid the sick and suffering. One may make a decision of this nature with respect to one's own body with full realization of the reverence which is due it."

Such a self-giving act in death—in consultation with family members or health care providers—is a supreme manifestation of Christ in what it means to be Christian.

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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 WEEKTWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMEAUG. 23-24, 2014
USHERS GROUP IIISATURDAY, AUG. 235:00 P.M.— Mass of Thanksgiving request of Mary Mumford

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

SUNDAY, AUG. 247:30 A.M. — Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

MONDAY, AUG. 259:00 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 \$750. Jackpot will be awarded. 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

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory — Aug. 17 — \$1,926

Projected Amount needed \$3,370

*"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" - ROMANS 11:35***St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give the Lord anything, because God already owns it all. God made everything. All that we can do is return a portion of God's many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity!**NEXT WEEKTWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMEAUG. 30-31, 2014
USHERS GROUP IVSATURDAY, AUG. 305:00 P.M. — Mass offered for + Ferdinand and + Alice Francoeur request of Elaine Gaumond*Altar Servers: Maria Cinea**Lectors: Bert Flynn**Eucharistic Minister: Annedda Stiller*

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

SUNDAY, AUG. 317:30 A.M. — Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck**Lector: Joel Cohan**Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio*

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. — Mass offered for + Henry Leonard*Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer**Lector: Alex Boutin**Eucharistic Minister: Clifford Scorso*

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

MONDAY, SEP. 19:00 A.M. — Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

NO BINGO

TUESDAY, SEP. 29:00 A.M. — Mass offered for + Henry Leonard

7:15 P.M. — Choir rehearsal resumes

WEDNESDAY, SEP. 39:00 A.M. — Mass offered for + Henry Leonard

No Christmas Fair Workshop

THURSDAY, SEP. 4 — NO MASSFRIDAY, SEP. 5 — NO MASSSATURDAY, SEP. 6

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

Readings for the Week of August 24, 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

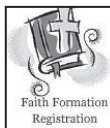
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30

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

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SAVE THE DATE — OCTOBER 7, 2014

The Rosary will be prayed starting at 7:00 A.M. till 7:00 P.M. Please join the effort for world peace and to stop abortion.



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.



Catechetical Sunday will be celebrated on **September 21st** at the 10:00 am mass. Catechists will be introduced and receive a special blessing during 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 www.youthexplosionct.com



Men's ACTS and Women's ACTS retreats

An ACTS retreat is a three-day, three-night Catholic lay retreat presented by men or women who have attended prior ACTS retreats, under the guidance of a Catholic Guide. Offering a unique format, this retreat is unlike anything you may have experienced in the past. The goals are to renew yourself spiritually, to strengthen your faith and its application in your daily life, and to create lasting and supporting friendships within your church communities.

The Retreat begins Thursday evening, with a 5:45 P.M. check-in at the sponsoring parish. Participants will then be transported to Immaculata Retreat House, Willimantic, CT for the remainder of the retreat. The retreat will end on **Sunday**, with a morning Mass and reception at the sponsoring parish. Transportation to and from Immaculata will be provided.

Go to actsct.org for more information about ACTS retreats. On the 'Events' page are links to an informative brochure and retreat registration form.

Men's Retreat September 4-7, 2014

Sponsoring Parish — Corpus Christi Community, Willimantic contact Jim Percy for more information at 860-648-2615.

Women's Retreat September 18-21, 2014

Sponsoring Parish — St. Joseph, Vernon contact Diane Tyszka for more information at 860-778-3368

Defending Our Religious Liberty

If religious liberty is not properly understood, all people suffer and are deprived of the essential contribution to the common good, be it 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 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
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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.

Twenty-fourth Annual Blue Mass For All Law Enforcement Officers

Sunday, September 21, 2014, at 10:15 a.m.

All law enforcement officers (federal, state, and municipal, active and retired) and their families are invited to the Twenty-fourth Annual Blue Mass and Reception, Sunday, September 21, 2014, in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, 10:15 a.m. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend this Mass. Bishop Cote, the Bishop of Norwich, will celebrate the Mass and Very Reverend David P. Choquette, Police Chaplain, and Pastor of Most Holy Trinity, Pomfret and Saint Mary Church, Putnam, will be the Homilist.

Norwich Police Chief Louis J. Fusaro, Sr., and Connecticut State Police Major Louis J. Fusaro, Jr., are the Blue Mass Co-Chairs. For more information, please call Chief Fusaro, Major Fusaro, or Monsignor Brown at 860-887-9294, ext. 232

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.

The Silver and Gold Jubilee Anniversary Mass

Sunday, October 19, 2014 -- 2:00p.m.

Cathedral of St. Patrick

Inviting all couples married 25 & 50 years and any significant anniversary in renewal of your wedding vows at the Pontifical Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote at the Cathedral of St. Patrick. Refreshments follow the Mass. Register in September. For information: 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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