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Good News!

August 31, 2014

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

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

When my children were school age, my husband and I decided to use TV commercials as teaching moments. "What are they trying to sell you?" we'd ask. "How are they trying to get you to want it?" Their answers grew as they did. "They want you to think you'll be cool." "They're showing you that rich people have this and hope you want to be like them."

I often learned as much as our children did, and I like to think that, as a result, we were a little less vulnerable to the techniques. A consumer culture like ours depends on making people want more and better than they have. To support it, manufacturers must convince us that this cereal is better than that, this present will fill the void we have experienced, or that our true happiness depends on a brand name, location, degree, or career.

"Do not conform yourselves to this age," Paul tells us. This age tells us we cannot be whole until we've achieved or obtained certain things.

But Paul reminds us that our goal is not to be formed with (conformation) this age; rather, it lies in changing our form (transformation) with Christ—actually changing our mind and heart so we can know and love God ever more deeply.

What does changing form look like for the Christian? It looks like loving the enemy, caring for those who have less, gathering at the eucharistic table, being good stewards of resources and, yes, taking up a cross and following Christ—even to death, if necessary.

There we will find our joy and our freedom.

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 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

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. — Mass offered for + Henry Leonard

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

MONDAY, SEP. 1HAPPY LABOR DAY9:00 A.M. — Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice ChurchNO BINGOTUESDAY, SEP. 29:00 A.M. — Mass offered for + Henry Leonard7:15 P.M. — Choir rehearsal resumesWEDNESDAY, SEP. 39:00 A.M. — Mass offered for + Henry Leonard

No Christmas Fair Workshop

THURSDAY, SEP. 4 — NO MASSFRIDAY, SEP. 5 — NO MASSSATURDAY, SEP. 64:30 P.M. — ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS**STEWARDSHIP**

Last week's Offertory — Aug. 24 — 3,2999

Projected Amount needed \$3,370

*"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and
forfeit his life?" - MATTHEW 16:26*St. Francis of Assisi once said, "Remember, you are what you
are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this
stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and
treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our
priorities based on God's values and not the values of the mater-
ial world.NEXT WEEKTWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMESEP. 6 - 7, 2014
USHERS GROUP I2014 NATIONAL COMBINED COLLECTION PROGRAMNext weekend our parish will take up the **National Combined Collection** which
benefits: **The Catholic Communications Campaign, The Annual Appeal for the
Holy Father, The Retirement Fund for Religious, and Catholic University of
America.** This collection communicates the gospel and enriches our faith through
Internet, television radio, and print media; provides the Holy Father with the funds
he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world; helps provide
prescription medications, nursing care, and much more for thousands of elderly
religious; and allows a countless number of students to experience an education
grounded in Catholic tradition. You will be receiving a mailing with more detailed
information this week. Please read the material and if you are so inclined, please
bring your gift envelope to Mass next weekend, September 7/8, 2014. (Gift
envelopes and an informational brochure are also available at the church.) Your
support of these needs of the Universal Church will truly make a difference.
Please be as generous as your means allow.SATURDAY, SEP. 65:00 P.M. — Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice ChurchAltar Servers: *Maria Cinea*Lectors: *Georgette Pelletier*Eucharistic Minister: *Linda Wiley*

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

SUNDAY, SEP. 77:30 A.M. — Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice ChurchAltar Servers: *Shirley Warbeck*Lector: *Judy Knox*Eucharistic Minister: *Linda Richardson*

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. — Mass offered for + Michal, Helena and +Henry Sobczak
request of Lucy Szwed and FamilyAltar Servers: *Emilia & Marta Herasimowicz*Lector: *Rita Sheetz*Eucharistic Minister: *Rita Sheetz*

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

MONDAY, SEP. 89:00 A.M. — Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice ChurchNO BINGOTUESDAY, SEP. 99:00 A.M. — Mass offered for + Henry Leonard7:00 P.M. — Parish Council meeting7:15 P.M. — Choir rehearsalWEDNESDAY, SEP. 109:00 A.M. — Mass offered for + Donald Trahan
request of St. Maurice Christmas Fair Group9:00 A.M. — Christmas Fair WorkshopTHURSDAY, SEP. 11 — NO MASSFRIDAY, SEP. 12 — NO MASSSATURDAY, SEP. 134:30 P.M. — ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS**Readings for the Week of August 31, 2014**

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

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39

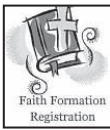
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

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SAVE THE DATE — OCTOBER 7, 2014

The Rosary will be prayed from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Please join this effort anytime during the day for 1 Hail Mary or a decade.



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!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION 2014-2015

Did you know that there is another meaning for the acronym **GPS**?

It is **God's Plan** for **Salvation**.

Our culture is growing more distant to God. It is so important now to strengthen our relationship with Him through prayer, the Sacraments, deepening our knowledge of His Word, and evangelize through how we live out our faith.

We will begin with a DVD Bible study spread out over a series of months.

Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come. Jeff Cavins explores the last book of Scripture. Learn what all the mysterious figures and images of Revelation represent, as well as what will happen during the Second Coming of Christ, what has already happened, and what is happening now in salvation history. Each session, **55 minutes**, with an elective brief discussion of content.

Save these dates: Sunday evenings, Sept 14th, and 28th; Oct. 12th and 26th; Nov. 9th and 23rd; Dec. 7th; Jan 4th and 18th and Feb. 1st.

February 2015, we will read a book by well-known Catholic apologist and Professor of Biblical Studies, Dr. Scott Hahn, **A Father Who Keeps His Promises**. A discussion group will follow.

Lent will bring us to Fr. Robert Barron's new series, **Priest, Prophet, King**. **Late Spring**, our 3rd annual group pilgrimage.

CHRISTMAS FAIR NEEDS

We still need many, many baby food jars. We never get enough and they are the baseline for all sort of things. We also need to gather about 75 lbs. of flour and 50 lbs. of sugar. Donations of sure jell and paraffin for the jams and jellies will also be appreciated. You can leave your donations in the vestibule of the Church or at Parish Center.

September is Safe Environment Month

Saint Maurice Parish strives to create a safe environment for children. We help to ensure safety through providing adequate supervision of youth, following appropriate boundaries between adults and children, and training all catechists and youth ministers to help prevent and recognize the warning signs of child abuse, and respond appropriately. New employees, and parish volunteers working with children, have undergone background checks and online/workshop training. As part of our compliance with the Diocesan Policy regarding Safe Environments, once again this September, there will be inserts into the bulletin. This is mandatory. These inserts will provide information on sexual abuse and misconduct, reporting procedures, things that parents, teens, children, employees and volunteers can do to help create and maintain safe environments, as well as an overall summary. Please review the youth oriented inserts with your children. For questions/concerns, please contact Fr. Wojciech or Patricia Cinea.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

Unless reversed or modified, the current federal health care mandate threatens religious liberty, guaranteed to all Americans in the U.S. Constitution under the First Amendment.

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.

**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**.

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.**

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 are also available. Information or registrations **call 860-889-8346 ext. 260**

**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**

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.**



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