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September 7, 2014 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

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

One of my favorite retreat exercises is to ask participants to think of a motto that could guide them for the rest of their lives. What fragment of a prayer, scriptural text, or saint quotation would let people know how you want to live your life?

If nothing comes to mind, I give them Bibles and invite them to skim the epistles and Gospels for possibilities, reminding them that this is their motto for today and that they can change it tomorrow.

Once they have their mottoes, I ask them to reflect on what it would look like if they lived with the motto always on their mind. The exercise helps focus people on what they do well and on what needs a little work.

Over the years, I've returned frequently to the beginning of the epistle: "Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another." I remember when I've done that well and when, driven by anger, fear, or ego, I've fallen far short of the ideal. It has always appealed to me as a wonderful motto.

Today, however, I'm struck by the second half of this reading: "It is the hour now for you to wake from sleep...Put on the Lord Jesus Christ."

I think there are many times when we're asleep and unaware of how we hurt others by what we say and do.

What if we saw everything as Christ did, touched everyone as Christ touched them?

If we put on Christ, we wouldn't need to tell people which words we hope will guide us. We'd simply become the living example of them.

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.

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!

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By appointment.

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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.

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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 WEEK

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEP. 6 - 7, 2014 USHERS GROUP I

2014 NATIONAL COMBINED COLLECTION PROGRAM

Today we will take up the National Combined Collection which benefits: The Retirement Fund for Religious, The Annual Appeal for the Holy Father, The Catholic Communications Campaign, and Catholic University of America. This week in the mail you should have received information about this collection and a gift envelope. If you forgot to bring your envelope to Mass today or you did not receive the mailing, extra envelopes are available on the ushers' tables. Please support our elderly religious, join our Holy Father in helping the most disadvantaged, spread the Gospel through communication and help provide a Catholic based education to university students. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.

SATURDAY, SEP. 6

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

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

SUNDAY, SEP. 7

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. — <u>Mass offered for + Michal, Helena and +Henry</u> <u>Sobczak</u> request of Lucy Szwed and Family

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

MONDAY, SEP. 8

9:00 A.M. — <u>Mass offered for All Parishioners</u> of St. Maurice Church

TUESDAY, SEP. 9

9:00 A.M. — Mass offered for + Henry Leonard

7:00 P.M.— Parish council meeting

7:15 P.M. — Choir rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, SEP. 10

9:00 A.M. — <u>Mass offered for + Donald Trahan</u> request of St. Maurice Christmas Fair Group

9:00 A.M. — Christmas Fair Workshop

THURSDAY, SEP. 11 — NO MASS

FRIDAY, SEP. 12 — NO MASS

SATURDAY, SEP. 13

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

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: Aug. 31 — \$2,336 Projected Amount needed 3,370

"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel." - EZEKIEL 33:7

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, how often is our generosity at the minimum level required? We do just enough or give just enough. Remember, the Lord calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, to grow them and return them with increase.

NEXT WEEK

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

SEP. 13 - 14, 2014

<u>USHERS GROUP II</u>

<u>MAINTENANCE COLLECTION</u>

2nd. COLLECTION - MISSION CO-OP

SATURDAY, SEP. 13

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

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea Lectors: Patricia Cinea Eucharistic Minister: Bert Flynn

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

SUNDAY, SEP. 14

7:30 A.M. — <u>Mass offered for + Henry Leonard</u>

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Joel Cohan

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. — <u>Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice</u> Church

Blessing of the Backpacks

Students can bring their backpacks and place them on the altar near the Tabernacle before mass

Altar Servers: Nicholas VanDine

Lector: Paul Brown

Eucharistic Minister: Betty Atkins

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

MONDAY, SEP. 15

9:00 A.M. — <u>Mass offered for + Ernest Stokes</u> request of Louise Stokes and Helena Skaggs

TUESDAY, SEP. 16

9:00 A.M. — <u>Mass offered for + Estella Marena Perez</u> request of Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Cusano

7:15 P.M. — Choir rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, SEP. 17

9:00 A.M. — Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice
Church

9:00 A.M. — Christmas Fair Workshop

THURSDAY, SEP. 18 — NO MASS

FRIDAY, SEP. 19 — NO MASS

SATURDAY, SEP. 20

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

Readings for the Week of September 7, 2014

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

Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

or 1:18-23

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19 Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26 Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38 Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6:39-42 Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

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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.



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 of the Backpacks backpacks and place them on the altar near the

Tabernacle before mass.

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. 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.



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!



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

Defending Our Religious Liberty

It is not only religious believers who suffer when religious liberty is trampled. The people served by religious individuals and institutions also suffer.

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

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

Twenty-second Annual Mass for Firefighters/EMS Personnel Saturday, October 18, 2014, at 5:00 p.m.

On Saturday, October 18, 2014, at 5:00 p.m., Bishop Cote will celebrate Mass for all Firefighters/EMS personnel, in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick. Assembly at Chelsea Parade for the line-up and the procession (to the Cathedral) of all personnel and apparatus will begin at 3:00 p.m. Heather Mislivets-Ahern, Emergency Manager, Mashantucket Pequot Fire Department, and Robert Ziegler, President, Emergency Resource Management, are the Mass Committee Co-Chairs. The Homilist will be Father Walter Riley, Pastor at Immaculate Conception Church in Worcester, MA and Chaplain for the Worcester Fire Department. All companies, departments, and personnel and their families are cordially invited to participate. For more information call, Monsignor Brown 860-887-9294, x232, or Mrs. Terri Zampini at extension 265.

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.

"New Day" Bereavement Support Group

Living through grief is not easy and it does not have to be done alone. St. Bridget's Bereavement Ministry offers "New Day" a nine week program for those who wish to do grief work with others having the same experience. This program provides a sense of community where support is given and received, and one feels at ease knowing that those attending have also had the pain of loss.

"New Day" is led by trained facilitators and includes scripture readings, prayer, discussion and journaling. Although, "New Day" is a faith-based program, it is not restricted to Catholics and all are welcome.

We are looking forward to holding our gatherings in the St. Bridget Parish Office beginning Wednesday, September 17, 2014.

For further information or to register for the program, please call Marguerite at 860-432-5355 or Mary at 860-646-3848

Natural Family Planning Class

For Married and Engaged Couples. A class begins on Monday, September 15th 6:30pm at St. John's in Old Saybrook. NFP is scientific, safe, helps with fertility problems and 99% effective for conceiving or responsibly postponing a baby. No dangerous chemical or synthetic hormonal side effects of contraception or birth control. NFP is a gift of love to your spouse. For information call the Collisons at 860-399-8265.To register for a class go to www.ccli.org. Home Study Course also available. Classes ongoing in our Diocese

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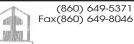
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