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Exaltation of the Holy Cross - September 14, 2014

Good News!

September 14, 2014

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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

Julian of Norwich (born in 1342, died after 1416), who wrote so wonderfully about her visions of God, once said that we have our beginning in God's love. From that love we are created, and in that love we live until we are united with God at the end.

I've always loved the image of a love that wants to bear fruit in creation—that wants to create me and all the people of the world.

Why should it be any surprise, then, that in his love, God would give us himself in Jesus Christ to redeem us all and give us eternal life?

It shouldn't, yet many of us walk around unable to believe that someone might love us enough to give his life for us.

Today is an invitation to stop and ask, "What if I believed wholeheartedly the words of the gospel today? What if I knew to the core of my being that I was loved?"

I think we might carry ourselves a little differently; we might approach people more openly; we might dare even to love those we thought we couldn't.

We get occasional glimpses of love: husbands and wives, parents and children, the deep love of a friend who will drop everything to help us.

God's love is all of that and more. For our sake, God emptied himself to become one of us and, at the last, he gave himself for us that we might live more fully than we ever thought possible.

Let us know and believe God's love, which created us, redeemed us, and holds us still until that great day we are united with him forever in heaven.

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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 WEEKEXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSSSEPTEMBER 13 - 14, 2014USHERS GROUP IIMAINTENANCE COLLECTION2nd. COLLECTION - MISSION CO-OP2014 NATIONAL COMBINED COLLECTION PROGRAM

Last weekend 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 was taken up in our Parish. To all those who made a gift, thank you for your generous response. If you did not bring your gift envelope to Mass last weekend or if you were away, extra envelopes are available on the ushers' tables. Your contribution can be placed in the collection basket next weekend or mailed directly to the Parish. Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you.

SATURDAY, SEP. 13

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, SEP. 14

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

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

Blessing of the Backpacks

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

MONDAY, SEP. 15

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

TUESDAY, SEP. 16

9:00 A.M. — Mass offered for + Estella Marena Perez
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

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: Sep. 7 — \$2,481
Projected Amount needed \$3,370

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." -
John 3:16

God gave us the gift of His son so we can enjoy eternal salvation. Of all our gifts, our life, is the most precious. We belong to God. This is why we must take time every day to ask Him how He wants us to use the life He has given us.

NEXT WEEKTWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMESEPTEMBER 20 - 21, 2014USHERS GROUP IIICatholic Elementary School Campaign

The Catholic Elementary School Campaign is building the future of Catholic education within the Diocese. By choosing a Catholic education, parents ensure that their child is surrounded every day by people who share their values and high aspirations. Catholic schools develop the whole child by fostering academic excellence, personal responsibility and commitment to service. On Sept 20/21 we will be holding a special collection entitled "Hope for the Future" to support our 12 elementary schools. Most of you should receive an envelope in the mail to use for making your donation that weekend or, if you wish you may mail your gift to 197 Broadway, Norwich CT 06360 or donate online at www.norwichdso.org. Our schools need the support of all Catholics. On behalf of the children, we thank you in advance for your generosity.

SATURDAY, SEP. 20

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

Altar Servers: *Maria Cinea*

Lectors: *Bert Flynn*

Eucharistic Minister: *Jean Gately*

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

SUNDAY, SEP. 21

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 Special Intentions of Angelica and Alex
request of The Parents

Blessing of the Catechists (Catechetical Sunday)

Altar Servers: *Alex Czercowy*

Lector: *Evelyn O'Connor*

Eucharistic Minister: *Kathleen Smythe*

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

MONDAY, SEP. 22

9:00 A.M. — Mass offered for the Intentions of Linda Bell

TUESDAY, SEP. 23

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

7:15 P.M. — Choir rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, SEP. 24

9:00 A.M. — Mass offered for + Matteo and + Vincent Quagliano
request of Mr. & Mrs. Silvio Maratta

9:00 A.M. — Christmas Fair Workshop

THURSDAY, SEP. 25 — NO MASS

FRIDAY, SEP. 26 — NO MASS

SATURDAY, SEP. 27

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

Readings for the Week of September 14, 2014

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

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31--13:13/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

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.



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.



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!



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



ADULT FAITH FORMATION:
REVELATION: THE KINGDOM YET TO COME

We will begin with Chapter One of the Book of Revelation on **Sunday, September 14th at 6:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center. Session is 55 minutes in length. Bibles will be available. Refreshments will be served.

WAIM 30th Anniversary Celebration—Sunday 9/21/2014

Time: 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Place: Franco-American Club, 116 Club Road, North Windham CT (Directions on parish website.)
What: A relaxed, family-friendly potluck and barbecue. WAIM will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages.
Please bring: Cole slaw or Veggie baked beans (please label)
Contact: Tom Manning
tmanning818@sbcglobal.net / (860) 830-1934 cell



October is the Month of the Holy Rosary.

*St Matthew Parish in Tolland will recite this beautiful devotion every **Wednesday after the***

9:00AM Mass and Tuesday at 7:00 PM in the Chapel. Join us at either time or both. If either time is not possible for you, please consider praying privately at home with your family.

Safe Environments:

There will be a **Call to Protect Workshop** at St. Mary's Parish, Coventry on Sunday, September 21st, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. To pre-register, please call 860-742-1092. This is for anyone who is considering becoming certified in Safe Environments, as an alternative to on-line training.

Is your marriage tearing you apart, little or no communication, considering separation or divorce? For serious marriage building and repair: Retrouvaille is a lifeline. At a **Retrouvaille weekend couples** are given tools to re-establish communication, work on their issues, gain new insights and heal. A series of 6 post sessions follows the weekend phase. For information or to sign up for the next weekend on Sept. 19-21 in Hartford area call **413-525-1634**. Website www.retrouvaille.org.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

In the Church's opposition to the Health & Human Services (HHS) mandate, the issue is forced compliance with provisions that are contrary to Catholic teaching. Historically, the Church has delivered quality health care to people who need it through Catholic hospitals and social service programs. What the Church opposes is authorizing or paying for procedures that violate Catholic teaching.

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**VOLUNTEERS FOR PRISON MINISTRY NEEDED**

"Come, you who are blessed by my Father. *Inherit* the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was in prison and you visited me."

The Office of Prison Ministry in the Diocese of Norwich is seeking individuals interested in volunteering for Prison Ministry. There are many ways in which you can share your gifts. You can make a difference.

Scripture Study and Sharing	Retreat Days
Sacramental Preparation	Small Christian Communities
Prayer Groups	Music for Liturgies
Religious Education	Legion of Mary

A training program, "Gift of Grace" has been developed for those interested in volunteering for prison ministry. This program will take place at the Bishop Hines Conference Room, 201 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360.

The schedule for training is as follows: Saturday, September 20, 2014; Saturday, September 27, 2014; Saturday, October 4, 2014; Saturday, October 18, 2014; Saturday, November 15, 2014; Sunday, December 7, 2014.

Pre-Registration is required. Parish teams are encouraged. There is a particular need for people who are bi-lingual in English and Spanish.

For more information, please contact Sheree Antoch at the Prison Ministry Office (860) 848-2237 X211 or prison@norwichdiocese.net.

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.

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**

Catholic Charities Adoption Program will be holding monthly meetings for couples who are waiting to adopt or who are interested in learning about adoption. **Meetings will be held on September 24, October 22 and November 19 at 7:00 pm** at the Catholic Charities Office, 331 Main St., Norwich.

Catholic Charities Adoption Program will also be holding weekly **Birth Mother Support Group** meetings every Tuesday, beginning on September 16, at 9:30 am at the Catholic Charities Office, 331 Main St., Norwich.

For more information on both meetings please call our Adoption Program at 860-889-8346 ext. 282.

Diocesan Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, October 4th ~ 8:30 a.m. Please join us 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.

CT. Catholic Men's Conference—2014

Annual Connecticut Men's Conference Saturday, October 25th

8:00 A.M. — 5:00 P.M., Goodwin College, East Hartford

Come join hundreds of Catholic men from our three dioceses. The day includes talks by four inspiring speakers, holy Mass with our priests and bishops, confessions heard throughout the day by many priests, good music, opportunity to meet great men and priests from our dioceses. Our theme this year is **I Thirst! For justice, compassion, forgiveness, salvation, truth, wisdom, for you.** Come and learn more about your faith! The tickets are \$35. Ticket includes lunch if purchased before 9/30; after 9/30 they are \$40 and may be purchased at our website www.CTCatholicMen.org or by calling 860-484-7950. Speaker information, directions to Goodwin College are also on the site. See you there on the last Sunday of October.



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