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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 28, 2014

dear Padre

September 28, 2014

Who can write a prayer?

My prayer-group leader is encouraging us to write our own prayers for our meetings. I don't think we're qualified to write prayers for other people to pray. Don't you need some formal religious training? Will our prayers count?

It's given to every human being to be able to pray. On the level of the spiritual life, prayer is as basic as breathing is to physical life. Everyone at every moment has the grace to say a prayer. Sometimes I ask people, "Do you pray?" At times they tell me they don't. Then I ask them, "Well, do you talk with God?" Of course they do, at least sometimes. That's praying.

When writing your prayers, I suggest you use this ancient definition as inspiration: *Prayer is the raising of the mind and heart to God.* I'm sure your prayers will be that in word and feeling, and they will "count."

When writing more formal prayers, it's nice to include the prayer elements the Church considers important: adoration of God, contrition and sorrow for sin, thanksgiving for life and for God's care of us in good times and bad, and petition for what we desperately need in our poverty.

And for you, a final word. Remember that, no matter how bad things may get, no matter how out of control, you always have the gift and power of saying a prayer. Especially in time of temptation—when things really go bad—ask Mary your Mother to pray with you.

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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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMESEPTEMBER 27 - 28, 2014USHERS GROUP IVCouncil of Catholic Women2nd. COLLECTION FOR THE MIDDLE EAST

Schedules for Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are in the rack in back of church. Please pick them up.

SATURDAY, SEP. 27

5:00 P.M. — Mass offered for + Harold Kenney
request of Rose Kenney and Lisa Maratta

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, SEP. 28

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

9:00 A.M. — **First Faith Formation Session**
(for Parents and Students)
Breakfast available at 8:30 A.M.

**6TH ANNUAL YOUTH EXPLOSION FOR STUDENTS IN
THE CONFIRMATION CLASS**

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

6:00 P.M. — **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

MONDAY, SEP. 29

9:00 A.M. — Mass offered + Samuel Guglielmino

TUESDAY, SEP. 30

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

NO CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 1

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

9:00 A.M. — **CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP**

THURSDAY, OCT. 2 — NO MASSFRIDAY, OCT. 3 — NO MASSSATURDAY, OCT. 4

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

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: Sep. 21— \$ 2,411
Projected Amount needed \$3,370

"Son, go out and work in the vineyard today." - MATTHEW 21:28

Christian discipleship is not easy, God never promised it would be. But, what He did promise is that if we put Him first in all things, He will provide all that we need. Through our daily decisions we have the opportunity to generously share our gifts and help those who may not be in position to help themselves.

NEXT WEEKTWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMEOCTOBER 4 - 5, 2014USHERS GROUP ICRADLE FUNDSATURDAY, OCT. 4

5:00 P.M. — Mass offered for + William Miller
request of The Family

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea

Lectors: Georgette Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Maureen Mozzer

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, OCT. 5

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

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

8:30 A.M. — **Breakfast for Faith Formation**

9:00 A.M. — **Faith Formation**

9:15 A.M. — Fr. Wojciech will be meeting with the parents of confirmation candidates in the Parish Center.

10:00 A.M. — Mass offered for + Paul Sheridan, + Dr. Bernard and
+ Mary Sheridan, + Barry Sheridan, + Donald and + Norma
Tedford — request of The Tedford and Sheridan Families

Altar Servers: Emilia & Marta Herasimowicz

Lector: Rita Sheetz

Eucharistic Minister: Rita Sheetz

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

MONDAY, OCT. 6

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

TUESDAY, OCT. 7

9:00 A.M. — Mass offered for + Samuel Guglielmino

NO CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 8

9:00 A.M. — Mass offered for + Emelia and + Nicola Maratta and + Mario
Persechino — request of Mr. & Mrs. Silvio Maratta

9:00 A.M. — **CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP**

THURSDAY, OCT. 9 — NO MASSFRIDAY, OCT. 10 — NO MASSSATURDAY, OCT. 11

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

Readings for the Week of September 28, 2014

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Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

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

WELCOME TO ST. MAURICE PARISH FAMILY

Recently Baptized Anna Giovanna Coloccia and Rachael Kristiina Coloccia — Children of John and Elinor Coloccia.



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 be meeting with the parents of Confirmation Candidates on Sunday, October 5th at 9:15 am in the Parish Center.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION:



REVELATION: THE KINGDOM YET to Come

The next session on the *Book of Revelation*, Chapters 2 and 3, will be on **Sunday, September 28th at 6:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center. Session is 55 minutes in length. All are welcome.



LITURGICAL WORKSHOP FOR ALTAR SERVERS

on **Saturday, October 25th @ 10:00 a.m.** in the Church. Youth who have received the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and are interested in becoming altar servers, are invited to join seasoned servers. Pizza will follow.

For more information, please contact Fr. Wojciech or Shirley Warbeck @ 860-742-1829.



LITURGICAL WORKSHOP FOR ALL LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

on **Saturday, October 11th**. Verbal and written guidelines will be presented. Both meetings will be

held in the Church. Lectors @ 10:00 a.m. and Extraordinary Ministers @ 10:15 a.m. For more information, please contact Fr. Wojciech.

SAINT EDWARD LADIES GUILD WILL BE HOLDING ITS FALL TAG AND BAKE SALE ON SATURDAY, October 4, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon at the Church Hall located at 25 Church Street, Stafford Springs. Homemade pierogies will be available for dining in or to take home along with stuffed cabbage, corn chowder, delicious baked goods and gently used clothing items.

Donations are gratefully accepted and can be dropped off the day before at the Church Hall after 3:30 p.m. on Friday October 3rd. Unfortunately, we cannot accept any large furniture or appliances/electronics. Please call Pat Saunders at 860-306-9419 if you have any items for pickup. And please, no early birds.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The Catholic Church has always been a provider and advocate for accessible, affordable and life-affirming health care. Had the federal government made accommodations to protect religious freedom for all Americans, dozens of lawsuits filed around the country challenging it could have been avoided.

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

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. There will not be a brunch following the Rosary this month.

The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich, will host and celebrate the **24th Annual Red Mass on Sunday, October 5, 2014**, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Patrick Cathedral, 213 Broadway, Norwich, for judges, lawyers, paralegal, law students - all involved in administration of justice: legislators, public officials, civic leaders, and all interested persons are invited. The Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano, Bishop of Bridgeport, will concelebrate the Red Mass and deliver the homily this year. Bishop Cote will also host the Breakfast Reception at his Residence, 274 Broadway, Norwich. Reservations are required.

Please call Terri at 860-887-9294 x265.

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.**

A Workshop on Liturgy and Music

For all parishioners, catechists, music ministers **October 18, 2014, 9:00 to 12:30** — Tom Kendzia — Keynote speaker Program and registration information @ www.norwichdiocese.org/office-of-worship or call: **860-848-2237**

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.**

Marriage Preparation Class for Engaged Couples

"God's Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage"
October 3, 10, 17, 2014 6:30 pm-9:00 pm
St. Joseph Church Hall, RT. 97, Occum
To register for the 3 session class call:
860-889-8346 ext. 283

EnCourage Support Group — Encourage is a Catholic spiritual support group for family members of loved ones with same-sex attraction. For more information on the monthly support group meetings beginning in October please call the Family Life Office at: **860-889-8346 ext.283.**

Family Planning Class — For Married and Engaged Couples. A class begins on Monday, October 20th 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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