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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 19, 2014

Good News!

October 19, 2014

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 45:1, 4-6 / 1 Thes 1:1-5b / Mt 22:15-21

We are long removed from tax season, but I always think about it when I read today's gospel. It's nice to know that the debate about paying taxes was going on more than 2,000 years ago. Part of the issue for the Jews was that Caesar considered himself a god, and paying taxes seemed like worshiping a false god.

We don't pay taxes to a false God, but many of us would like more say over where our money goes and don't feel that our representatives really speak for us.

Jesus didn't get involved in the debate then, and he will not now. But his answer gives us something to think about: *What do we owe God?*

God loved us into being, knew us in our mother's womb, and called each of us to a life with him. When we turned our backs, God redeemed us through the incarnation and the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. God has promised to be with us always and is, through the Holy Spirit, guiding us through the ages until the end of days.

If we could look at our heart and soul, we'd find only one image stamped there: God's. We owe him nothing less than ourselves. The world can take all we possess, but it cannot take away our identity as children of God. The world can have the fruits of our labor, but God alone has our being and fulfills our desires.

How do we pay what we owe God? By loving others, using our gifts and abilities for the glory of his name and, in every way, living in a manner worthy of the reign of God.

Let's start paying that now.

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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 WEEK**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****OCTOBER 18 - 19, 2014****USHERS GROUP III****ST. MAURICE FUEL FUND COLLECTION**

Last weekend the **Mission Combined Collection** for the World Mission Appeal, U.S. Bishop's Appeal for Latin America, Black and Indian Missions, and the Catholic Home Mission Appeal was taken up in our Parish.

If you were unable to bring your gift envelope, extras are available at the usher's tables. Your support of the missionary needs of the Universal Church is greatly appreciated.

Your contribution can be placed in the collection basket next weekend or mailed directly to the parish. Thank you for your generosity in the past and thank you for what you will do now to help our missionaries continue their vital work.

SATURDAY, OCT. 18

5:00 P.M. — Mass offered for +Wanda Aubey
request of Joanna Wilson

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement**SUNDAY, OCT. 19**

7:30 A.M. — Mass offered for +Christina (Carelli) Michele
request of Antonio Michele

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

8:00 A.M. — **Triple Play Café Breakfast** — **8:00 to 10:00 A.M.**
No blood pressure screening

9:00 A.M. — **FAITH FORMATION**

10:00 A.M. — Mass offered for +Vincent Zito
request of The Heavens and Zito Families

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass**MONDAY, OCT. 20**

9:00 A.M. — Mass offered for +John Murphy

TUESDAY, OCT. 21

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

7:15 P.M. — **CHOIR REHEARSAL****WEDNESDAY, OCT. 22**

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

9:00 A.M. — **CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP****THURSDAY, OCT. 23 — NO MASS****FRIDAY, OCT. 24 — NO MASS****SATURDAY, OCT. 25**

10:00 A.M. — **Liturgical Workshop for Altar Servers** in the Church

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

Last week's Offertory: Oct. 12 — \$2,954
Projected Amount needed \$3,370

"Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's."

- MATTHEW 22:21

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second.

NEXT WEEK**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****OCTOBER 25 - 26, 2014****USHERS GROUP IV****ST. MAURICE FUEL FUND COLLECTION****SATURDAY, OCT. 25**

5:00 P.M. — Mass offered for +Jane and +James Toomey
request of The Toomey Family

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea*Lectors:* Georgette Pelletier*Eucharistic Minister:* Linda Wiley***COFFEE SOCIAL*** after Mass in the Church Basement**SUNDAY, OCT. 26**

7:30 A.M. — Special Intention for the Family Members of Anna Czercowy

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck*Lector:* Joel Cohan*Eucharistic Minister:* Linda Richardson**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**8:30 A.M.** — **BREAKFAST FOR FAITH FORMATION****9:00 A.M.** — **FAITH FORMATION**

10:00 A.M. — Mass offered for +John Garvan
request of Frances Garvan

Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer*Lector:* Thomas Manning*Eucharistic Minister:* Betty Aitkin**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**6:00 P.M.** — **ADULT FAITH FORMATION****MONDAY, OCT. 27**

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

TUESDAY, OCT. 28

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

7:15 P.M. — **CHOIR REHEARSAL****WEDNESDAY, OCT. 29**

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

9:00 A.M. — **CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP****THURSDAY, OCT. 30 — NO MASS****FRIDAY, OCT. 31 — NO MASS****SATURDAY, NOV. 1****4:30 P.M.** — **ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS****Readings for the Week of October 19, 2014**

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Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

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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.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

REVELATION: THE KINGDOM YET to Come

The next session on the *Book of Revelation*, Chapters 6 and 7, will be on **Sunday, October 26th at 6:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center. Session is 55 minutes in length. All are welcome.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY



“Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today.

All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother.”

St. Pio of Pietrelcina....Pray for us



LITURGICAL WORKSHOP FOR ALTAR SERVERS

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



SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR CHRISTMAS FAIR NEEDS

As we move toward our Fair we ask for your help with our needs. We still need many, many baby food jars. We never get enough and they are the baseline for all sorts of things. We also need to gather flour, sugar, and cinnamon. Donations of sure jell and paraffin for the jams and jellies will also be appreciated. Keys (any kind), canning jars, Crisco. You can leave your donations in the vestibule of the Church or at the Parish Center.



Thank you.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The Connecticut Catholic Conference notes that, since 1919, the Catholic Church has been a longstanding advocate of universal, accessible and life-affirming health care. However, the HHS mandate of the Affordable Care Act harshly penalizes those employers who do not provide abortions and other contraception coverage for their employees. In its decision, the Supreme Court clearly reaffirms that freedom of religion is a basic fundamental right under our Constitution.

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the 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

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS

“I did not think the sorrow and wounds from my abortion, could be healed”.

Healing and forgiveness can begin with a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. **Retreat Oct. 17-19** in RI and Spanish Retreat Oct. 24-26 in RI call 401-421-7833 ext.118. Retreat Nov. 7-9 in Stockbridge, MA call 413-452-0661. Retreat Nov.14-16 in CT call 203-631-9030. rachelvineyard.org “PROJECT RACHEL” is our Diocesan ministry for anyone seeking healing and forgiveness. Priests in Project Rachel ministry are there for you with God's Grace and Mercy. Call 860-889-8346 ext.283. All inquiries are confidential.

Natural 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.

Diocesan Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, November 1st — 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 in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

“We thought we had a great marriage, but now our love is so much deeper than anything we could have imagined!” Rediscover each other with a heart-to-heart **Marriage Encounter**.

To register for the November 7-9th weekend in Manchester or for information call 860-376-0440. www.wvme.org.

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**

Parents divorcing and/or resolving child custody issues – participate in the court suggested **Parent Education Program**. **Catholic Charities offers ongoing, monthly Saturday Parenting Education classes in Norwich, Rockville, Middletown and Willimantic**. Fees apply and are determined by the State of CT. Please call 860-889-8346 ext. 260 for registration and monthly class locations and dates.

Twenty-Third Annual Red, White and Blue Mass

Sunday, November 16, 2014, at 10:15 a.m.

On Sunday, November 16, 2014, at 10:15 a.m., Bishop Cote will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick for all military personnel, those who are active, in the reserves and Veterans.

The purpose of this celebration is to honor our service men and women as we recognize the many sacrifices made by the families and loved ones of our military. The theme for the 2014, Red, White and Blue Mass is U.S. Air Force. The Homilist will be Reverend Raymond Introigne. The Mass Committee Chairs are BG CT Edward J. Waitte, (Ret.) and Mr. David K. Harding, U.S. Merchant Marine.

For more information call, Monsignor Brown or Mrs. Rebecca McDougal at **860-887-9294**.



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