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COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFULL DEPARTED
All Souls Day - November 2, 2014

dear Padre

November 2, 2014

Why pray for the dead?

Every year I go to Mass on the anniversary of my grandmother's death to pray for her soul. My Protestant friend thinks it's strange that Catholics pray for the dead. Can you help me explain it to him?

Love reaches across time and space, even across the divide of death. One of the articles of the Apostles' Creed affirms our belief in the *communion of saints*, the spiritual bond between the souls in heaven (all of them, not just the canonized) and purgatory and the faithful still alive on Earth. All are united with Christ and with one another in grace, prayer, and good works (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 946-948).

We're praying for them, and they're praying for us.

If your friend is looking for a scriptural basis for praying for the dead, you can direct her to two passages. In the Old Testament, 2 Maccabees 12:38-46, Jewish soldiers pray and offer sacrifices for fallen comrades who had gotten mixed up with pagan practices: "He made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin" (46). This is held to be a good and holy practice done in expectation of the resurrection of the dead.

In the New Testament, 2 Timothy 1:18, Paul speaks of praying for God's mercy on a deceased man named Onesiphorus: "May the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that day" of judgment.

May the souls of the departed rest in peace.

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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

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFULL DEPARTED
NOVEMBER 1 - 2, 2014
USHERS GROUP I
ALL SAINTS OFFERING

SATURDAY, NOV. 1

5:00 P.M. — Mass offered for +Billy Maneggia — 1st Anniversary request of The Family

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, NOV. 2

7:30 A.M. — Mass offered for Michael and Arlene Giglio on the 60th Wedding Anniversary — Congratulations!

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 +William Maneggia request of Donna Tedford Sheridan

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

MONDAY, NOV. 3

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

TUESDAY, NOV. 4

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

7:15 P.M. — **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 5

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

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

THURSDAY, NOV. 6 — NO MASSFRIDAY, NOV. 7 — NO MASSSATURDAY, NOV. 8

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

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: Oct. 26 — \$3,124
 Projected Amount needed \$3,370

All Soul's Day

"Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his elect, and he watches over his holy ones." - WISDOM OF SOLOMON 3:9

Here's the ironic thing about people who are generous. Those that give freely and cheerfully do not do it to be rewarded. They do it to show their love for God and their neighbors. Yet, because of their generosity, they typically are given more than they gave away!

NEXT WEEK

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA
NOVEMBER 8 - 9, 2014
USHERS GROUP II
ST. MAURICE FUEL FUND COLLECTION

SATURDAY, NOV. 8

5:00 P.M. — Mass offered for +Lorraine Baker

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea

Lectors: Patti Cinea

Eucharistic Minister: Bert Flynn

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, NOV. 9

7:30 A.M. — Mass offered for +Wanda Aubey request of Joanna Wilson

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 +Edgar Lavoie request of The Family

Altar Servers: Nicholas VanDine

Lector: Thomas Manning

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Scorso

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

6:00 P.M. — **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

MONDAY, NOV. 10

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

TUESDAY, NOV. 11

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

7:15 P.M. — **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 12

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

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

THURSDAY, NOV. 13 — NO MASSFRIDAY, NOV. 14 — NO MASSSATURDAY, NOV. 15

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

Readings for the Week of November 2, 2014

Sunday: Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17--4:1/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Lk 16:9-15

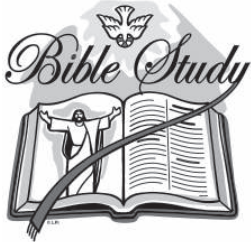
Next Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/
 Jn 2:13-22

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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 8 — 11, will be on **Sunday, November 9th at 6:00 P.M.** in the **Parish Center Library**.

Session is 55 minutes in length. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

**SLEIGH BELLS RING
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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

The **40 Days for LIFE** campaign continues until midnight on Sunday, November 2nd. We thank you for all your support and prayers for LIFE!

On Sunday, November 2nd from 7:00 - 8:00PM we will be holding our closing candlelight prayer vigil. Please come and bring the family or a friend. Also one way to support Mothers who choose Life is by donating diapers and wipes. We will be collecting any donations at the candlelight vigil at 12 Case Street in Norwich. For more information please contact Brian Daly at 860-822-1788 or BJDaly@aol.com Thank you for your participation in this 40 DFL campaign!

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The Catholic Church is not asking for special treatment when it comes to the federal healthcare mandate, she is simply asking that every American's right to religious freedom be protected. This right is not only about our ability to go to Mass on Sunday, or to pray the rosary at home. It is about adhering to the tenets of our faith, so that we can contribute to the common good of all Americans.

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**. A Retreat Nov. 7-9 in Stockbridge, MA call 413-452-0661 and 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.

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 Introvigne. 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**.

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.

The **Cathedral of St. Patrick** will be having a "**Day of Recollection**" on Saturday November 8th 2014, featuring Father Andrew Apostoli, CFR. Father will be speaking on Fatima: A message of Hope in the midst of the world crisis and Padre Pio - The Living Crucifix.

Father Andrew Apostoli, CFR, is a member and co-founder of the Community of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and is a well known author and speaker, as seen on EWTN.

For more information or tickets (\$20/person or \$10/students, Religious free w/ pre-registration) - Lunch included, please contact Karen at (860) 303-0513. Thank you.

State and National Life, Liberty, Faith Issues ~ to be informed and involved on important issues: **The CT Catholic Public Affairs Conference** representing all CT Bishops and CT Diocese will keep you informed as state and national issues on Life, Liberty and Faith become apparent. Receive email action alerts and information at: ctcatholic.org. **The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops, USCCB's** website is available to keep you informed and involved on all national pertinent Life, Liberty and Faith issues at: usccb.org. Click onto *Issues and Action* to receive email action alerts and be informed. **The Family Institute of CT** at: ctfamily.org is also available for you to receive emails to keep you informed and involved with pertinent state issues on life, marriage and family issues. A CT state issue presently being addressed is Assisted Suicide. As the bill to legalize Assisted Suicide in CT was defeated twice, it will be brought up again for a third vote. Information on the schedule of upcoming Conferences against Assisted Suicide throughout the state can be found at ctfamily.org website.



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