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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — OCTOBER 18, 2015

Good News!

October 18, 2015

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Is 53:10–11 / Heb 4:14–16 / Mk 10:35–45 or 10:42–45

We might forgive James and John for their ambition. They had, after all, been with Jesus since the beginning. They had seen him heal the ill, cast out demons, and preach about repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Surely Jesus had a power that no one else had. And surely he would give it away to those who asked for it. James and John make a mistake. They thought power and greatness have to do with position.

We are so like them. We often think that people are great if they have abundant wealth or prestigious titles. We consider them powerful if they have higher or several degrees or if the world judges them to be attractive. And the world tells us this is so. But Jesus has a different message. Greatness has nothing to do with wealth or education. Sitting at the right and left hand of Jesus does not depend on appearance, position, or accomplishments. Rather, greatness comes from being willing to empty yourself for the sake of others. Our power lies in being the least among our neighbors.

Jesus challenges us in this reading. He dares us to let go of our ideas of greatness and to become servants of all. He invites us to “do the lesser things” with no strings attached or expectation of reward. (The word “ministry” comes from the Latin *minus/minor* and Greek *meion*, meaning “less, smaller.”) We must serve in love out of love for him. This week, look for little things you can do for others, giving thanks to God for this invitation.

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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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMEOCTOBER 17 — OCTOBER 18, 2015USHERS GROUP III2ND COLLECTION — ST. MAURICE FUEL FUNDSATURDAY, OCT 17**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers:* Maria Cinea*Lectors:* Bert Flynn*Eucharistic Minister:* Linda Wiley**COFFEE SOCIAL** after Mass in the Church BasementSUNDAY, OCT 18**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for †Christina (Carelli) Michele
request of Antonio Michele*Altar Servers:* Shirley Warbeck*Lector:* Joel Cohan*Eucharistic Minister:* Linda Richardson**8:30 A.M. — 8:50 A.M. CHILDREN'S CHOIR** in the Church**8:30 A.M. BREAKFAST FOR FAITH FORMATION****9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES****10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †John Garvan
request of Frances Garvan*Altar Servers:* LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer*Lector:* Katherine Monroe*Eucharistic Minister:* Betty Aitkin**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**COFFEE SOCIAL** after Mass in the Church BasementMONDAY, OCT 19**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Joseph Chattell
request of Irene KwiatkowskiTUESDAY, OCT 20**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Samuel Guglielmino**7:15 P.M. — CHOIR REHEARSAL**WEDNESDAY, OCT 21**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Ferdinando Mona
request of Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Cusano**9:00 A.M. CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP** in the Parish Center**THURSDAY, OCT 22 — NO MASS****FRIDAY, OCT 23 — NO MASS**SATURDAY, OCT 24**4:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS****STEWARDSHIP****Last week's Offertory: October 11 — \$2,567****Projected Amount needed \$3,370***"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." (MARK 10:45)*

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God's love and grace? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from "I want more" to "thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share". This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others.

NEXT WEEKTHIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMEOCTOBER 24 — OCTOBER 25, 2015USHERS GROUP IV2ND COLLECTION — ST. MAURICE FUEL FUNDSATURDAY, OCT 24**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers:* Maria Cinea*Lectors:* Georgette Pelletier*Eucharistic Minister:* Patti Cinea**COFFEE SOCIAL** after Mass in the Church BasementSUNDAY, OCT 25**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers:* Shirley Warbeck*Lector:* Judy Knox*Eucharistic Minister:* Arlene Giglio**8:30 A.M. — 8:50 A.M. CHILDREN'S CHOIR** in the Church**8:30 A.M. BREAKFAST FOR FAITH FORMATION****9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES****10:00 A.M. YOUTH MASS**
Mass offered for †Lucianne Cloutier
request of Frances Garvan*Altar Servers:* Emilia & Marta Herasimowicz*Lector:* Rita Sheetz*Eucharistic Minister:* Rita Sheetz**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**COFFEE SOCIAL** after Mass in the Church BasementMONDAY, OCT 26**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Felix McCullagh
request of The Hurst FamilyTUESDAY, OCT 27**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Samuel Guglielmino**7:15 P.M. — CHOIR REHEARSAL**WEDNESDAY, OCT 28**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church**9:00 A.M. CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP** in the Parish Center**THURSDAY, OCT 29 — NO MASS****FRIDAY, OCT 30 — NO MASS**SATURDAY, OCT 31**4:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS****Readings for the Week of October 18, 2015**

Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45or10:42-45

Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

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FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH

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 MaryAnn.



This fall we will be offering an opportunity for your children to form a **children's choir at St Maurice Church!** Our Organist and Choir Director, Don Benevides, will hold practices every **Sunday from 8:30 to 8:50 am.** The first practice will be on Sunday, October 4th. Our hope is to have the children singing monthly during mass beginning in November. The intent is to build community and to share the joy of the Lord in song. No experience necessary and all children are welcome to participate!

PARISH FAMILY FAITH FORMATION:



"GOD OR NOTHING"

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2015 7:00-8:30 PM

PARISH CENTER

GUEST SPEAKER: FR. SKIP THOMPSON,
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Presentation oriented to youth high school age and adults

"Our Christian worldview embraces God, which is open and oriented to an infinite, true and objective reality, and which has been revealed to us by the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ. The "Christian God view" is personal and relevant and gives us an eternal destiny. The other view is secular: a closed, material, universe, which fails to logically examine its own presumptions concerning life and reality. Indeed by rejecting God, it is unable to affirm anything objectively true about reality and leads to confusion and ultimately, despair. Moral relativism is the result of the latter view, which cannot give an answer to the ultimate questions that we ask ourselves: "What is the meaning and reason for my life? And: "How should I live?" One view leaves us alone and stranded, knowing nothing, because it presumes we are no more than a material accident in a cold and indifferent cosmos. The other view reveals to us an infinite personal God who knows us and loves us and offers us divine relationship for all eternity. These two views lead us to either to: God or nothing." Blessings, Fr. Skip



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. Canning jars, Crisco. You can leave your donations in the vestibule of the Church or at the Parish Center. Thank you.



NO KID HUNGRY

The Bolton PTA created a program called "No Kid Hungry". The PTA has begun to supply these children with easily prepared nutritious food in special backpacks to take

home over the weekend.

WHAT KIND OF FOOD DOES NO KID HUNGRY NEED?

The menu of items will vary from week to week but we could really use the following items: packets of instant oatmeal, boxes of cereal, peanut butter, jelly in plastic bottles, boxes of macaroni and cheese, boxes of pasta, canned or plastic jarred pasta sauce, granola bars, fruit snacks, single serving snack sizes of crackers, cheese-its, pretzels, canned soup, canned tuna and packets of juice, canned fruit and vegetables. Basically, they can use items that are kid-friendly, nonperishable and easy to prepare.

If you wish to make a donation please place yours in either church foyer. Janusz Herasimowicz is our parish liaison for this program if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

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 (state the place where the envelopes can be found). 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.

Please join Bishop Cote at the Sixth Annual Seton Scholarship Dinner honoring the recipients of the Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, D.D. Award for Contributions to Catholic Education to be held at 4 PM on Sunday, November 1, 2015 at The Riverhouse at Goodspeed Station, 55 Bridge Road, Haddam, Connecticut. This year's honorees are Brother Lawrence Harvey, CFX, Sister Mary A. McCarthy, RSM and Mrs. Kathleen R. Clancy. Tickets are \$150/person. All proceeds benefit Catholic Schools within the Diocese. Opportunities for sponsorship and program advertising are available.

For tickets and more information, please contact Kathy Gaito at 860-886-1928 ext. 15, kgaito@norwichdiocese.net or visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

40 Days for LIFE Continues till Nov. 1

Our 9th consecutive year of running this round-the-clock prayer vigil to raise awareness for the sanctity of LIFE here in Norwich, CT. Please prayerfully consider your participation in this important campaign.

To sign up online or for more information please visit www.40daysforlife.com/norwich or contact Brian Daly at BJDaly@aol.com or 860-822-1788

We pray for an end to abortion here in CT and in our Nation and we ask that you prayerfully discern your personal role in this Fall's 40 Days for LIFE campaign...Thank you!

Workshop for New Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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Registration form at: worship@norwichdiocese.net or call 860-848-2237x203

Assumption School in Manchester has opened an Early Learning Center for students in PreK (Ages 3 – 4) and Kindergarten,

offering full year or school year options with family friendly hours from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Assumption Early Learning Center will be having three Open Houses at 27 South Adams Street in Manchester.

Sunday, October 25th from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 27th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 29th from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 pm.

For more information call: 860-649-0889

Or email: mouellette@assumptionelc.org.

Please check out the website @ www.assumptionelc.org.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

When listening to the upcoming presidential debates, it is important to hone in on the candidates' positions regarding freedom of religion and rights of conscience.

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445, and your elected representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

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