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Good News!

September 12, 2010

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 / 1 Tm 1:12-17
Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

The discussion between Moses and God over people who are worshipping the golden calf they created would be humorous if it wasn't so deadly serious. God says to Moses, "Go down at once to your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt, for they have become depraved." Moses argues with God. "Why, O LORD, should your wrath blaze up against your own people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with such great power and with so strong a hand?" Parents might be tempted to talk to each other about their children this way. "Your son scraped the car this afternoon when he was driving." "Oh, he's my son when he can't drive straight?!"

From slavery they're brought out, chosen to live God's covenant in their own new land. Instead, they choose to worship this golden thing made by their own hands. God wants to be rid of them now. I'll let them follow the path they've chosen!

But God doesn't leave them. Scripture describes God's response after Moses pleads for the people. "So the LORD relented in the punishment he had threatened to inflict on his people." What? The Lord changed his mind?

We could go around in circles for ages trying to understand what it means for the all-knowing, all-powerful God to have a change of mind. But we should be very careful that the work of our own minds doesn't create more calves—golden, philosophical, or otherwise.

This passage shows the unimaginable power of God to forgive. God knows what we're capable of worshipping. This passage where God and Moses argue is no laughing matter. But it reveals who God is—the One who chooses us—the Source of our joy.

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 PM
Sundays at 8:45 AM
Holy Days - 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Saturday from 3:00 P.M. to 3:45 P.M.
Also by appointment.

BAPTISMAL INITIATIONS:

Please call the rectory (643-4466).
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.

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.

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 after the Sunday Masses on 2nd Sunday of the month and Pancake Breakfast every 4th Sunday. We hope you will favor your parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

VISITATION TO THE SICK

We are most anxious to help anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us in church because of illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call.

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"I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents." - Lk 15:10

Readings for the Week of September 12, 2010

Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10
 Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Lk 7:1-10
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31--13:13/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
 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: Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

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NEXT WEEK**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****SATURDAY, September 18**

4:00 p.m. Mass offered for Carol Deraleau

Altar Servers: Kyle and Kaila Toce
Lector: Michael Leiner
Eucharistic Ministers: Patti Cinea, Jean Gately and Ted Lloyd

SUNDAY, September 19

8:45 a.m. Mass offered for Carol Deraleau, and for Peter Marcroft

Altar Server: Brendan and Katelyn Donahue
Lector: Stephanie Labanowski
Eucharistic Ministers: Sharon and Clifford Scorso, and Betty Aitkin

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN will resume on Sunday, October 17, 2010 during the 8:45 a.m. Mass. We are seeking volunteers to be Prayer Leaders and Attendants. Training will be provided. For further information, contact Rella at 860-875-4563 (or e-mail: rella@sacredheartchurch.net) or Stephanie at 860-512-0501 (or e-mail: slabanowski@comcast.net).

THIS WEEK**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***September 11th and September 12th***USHERS GROUP I****SATURDAY, September 11:**

4:00 p.m. Mass offered for Carol Deraleau requested by Margaret Maneggia and Family

5:45 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church

SUNDAY, September 12:

8:45 a.m. Mass offered for Walter and Florence Johnson requested by Stephanie Labanowski; and for Daniel Denny requested by Mary Denny

Youth Choir Resumes After Mass

10:45 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church

1:30 – 4:30 p.m. Sacred Heart Church / St. Maurice Church Family Picnic on the Green at Sacred Heart Church

MONDAY, September 13:

No Mass

TUESDAY, September 14:

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for all caregivers at St. Francis Hospital and in grateful thanksgiving for those who offered prayers and masses on my behalf requested by IJK

7:15 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, September 15:

9:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church

9:00 a.m. – Noon Christmas Fair Workshop in the Church Basement

*No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until further notice.***THURSDAY, September 16:**

7:00 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church

Sept. 16 – 19 Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive

FRIDAY, September 17:

9:00 a.m. Mass offered Roberto DiPalma requested by Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Cusano

SATURDAY, September 17:

3:30 - 3:45 p.m. Confessions

SEEKING CATECHISTS ... UPDATE!

We are seeking volunteers to share their faith with the children in the Faith Formation Program, starting at St. Maurice on Wednesday, September 22nd. Catechists are needed for 3rd and 6th grades. Contact Rella at 860-875-4563 (or e-mail: rella@sacredheartchurch.net).

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

All families having children/teens in the Faith Formation Program should have received registration forms in the mail or by e-mail. **Faith Formation Program starts at St. Maurice on Wednesday, September 22nd and at Sacred Heart on Sunday, September 26th.** The sessions will be held as follows:

Levels K-5

- ❖ Sunday – 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church
- ❖ Wednesday – 4:30-5:45 p.m. at St. Maurice Church

Levels 6-8

- ❖ Sunday – 6:15-7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church
- ❖ Wednesday – 6:30-7:45 p.m. at St. Maurice Church

Confirmation Preparation (High School Level)

All Confirmation Preparation sessions for Sacred Heart Church and St. Maurice Church will be combined at Sacred Heart Church. The sessions will be held on Sundays from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., **followed by** Youth Group from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. The sessions will commence on Sunday, September 26th.

Parish families are free to choose to attend sessions at either Sacred Heart Church or St. Maurice Church (with the exception of Confirmation Prep and Youth Group). You do not have to be a parishioner at a specific parish in order to attend Faith Formation sessions there, however, you must be a parishioner of either one of the parishes.

Registration fees are as follows:

- ❖ \$50 for the first child/teen in your family
- ❖ \$45 for the second child/teen in your family
- ❖ \$115 Maximum fee per family
- ❖ \$60 for Confirmation Preparation

If you are new to the parish or will have a child/teen enrolling for the first time in the Faith Formation program, or need more information, please contact Rella at 860-875-4563, or e-mail at rella@sacredheartchurch.net. ☺

BUY A BOOK, LIFT A LIFE

Many students in Port-au-Prince lost their school books in the earthquake that struck Haiti this year. Today, Haitian Ministries for the Diocese of Norwich must purchase textbooks for 140 students in its scholarship program for high-achieving but impoverished boys and girls. The students – in both primary and secondary schools – need the books for the coming academic year, which begins in October.

Most of these students are now living in tents or other make-shift shelters. Many of their schools are destroyed or damaged, so their classes for the last school year, which ended in August, were held under tarps. Despite almost unimaginable difficulties in Haiti's capital, these students and their families have hope. That hope is for an education, which they see as the best way to rise out of poverty. Please help to make their dream a reality and donate to buy a book in Haiti. Your tax-deductible gift will change one child's world.

Suggested donations are \$25 to \$55. Any donation (marked for school books) will be greatly appreciated and can be sent to: Haitian Ministries-Partners for Haiti, 199 Broadway, Norwalk, Connecticut 06360. To learn more, contact us at 860-638-1018 or info@haitianministries.org, or go to www.haitianministries.org.



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*Fr. Donald Calloway
is Coming to St Patrick's Cathedral*

Saturday September 18, 2010, Fr. Donald Calloway will be doing a day of recollection at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich, Connecticut. Are you familiar with Fr. Donald Calloway? If not, you're missing one of the great conversion stories of our age. Growing up in a modern day "broken" family, his story tells how he came from an anti-Christian attitude complete with rebellion, drugs, jail, and even expelled from a foreign country, to today becoming an orthodox priest and a renowned speaker. An amazing story! Don't miss the opportunity to hear him tell his story, from runaway teen to Marian Priest!

Special group rates available for students are \$8 for the whole day (approx. 9:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.) including lunch, or \$5 for the afternoon session (approx. 12:15 - 3:15 p.m.) which will include his conversion story and a second talk on the Divine Mercy of Jesus, but without lunch. Standard ticket prices are \$15/adults; \$10/students full day. Call Brian Daly for group rates for students, and chaperone, at 860-822-1788. For further information, please call Beverly Brown at 860-887-7804.

**SILVER TEA
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19,**

The Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invite you to attend a Silver Tea on Sunday, September 19, 2010 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the St. Patrick Cathedral Auditorium, 213 Broadway, Norwich, Connecticut. Come for an afternoon of relaxation, refreshments and fellowship with women from throughout the Diocese of Norwich. For more information, contact Judith Pappagallo, President, Norwich Diocesan CCW, 860-889-1617 or e-mail: judyppappa@hotmail.com.



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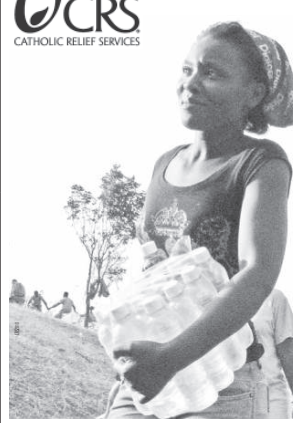
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