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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time • September 19, 2010

September 19, 2010  
**dear Padre**  
**Do others' mortal sins ever become ours?**

*My godson has turned his back on the Church. I've spent a lot of time with him over the years, but it doesn't seem to have done any good. I've told him he's getting me in trouble too, but he says that's not true. Is he right?*

*Mary*

**Dear Mary,**

I appreciate your sorrow over your godson's abandonment of his Catholic faith. It is indeed a tragedy. But he's right when he tells you he's not getting you in trouble with the Lord. You are not responsible for his sin.

Our biblical Catholic faith listens to the prophet Ezekiel (18:14-18): "A son who...holds off from evildoing...shall not die for the sins of his father." The Catechism of the Catholic Church says we are responsible for other people's sins only "by participating directly and voluntarily in them; by ordering, advising, praising, or approving them; by not disclosing or not hindering them when we have an obligation to do so; by protecting evildoers" (1868). You haven't cooperated in his sin by doing any of those things.

Nevertheless, you still live with the consequences. You feel the effects of your godson's infidelity. You are sad, and you are worried for him. But his personal guilt will not become yours also.

I'm sure your sorrow has led you to prayerful pleading for him before the merciful Father. In doing this, you're still fulfilling the promises you took on at his baptism. He may continue on his current path, or he may come back to the Church. Either way, he will always be your godson.

*John Hamrogue, C.Ss.R.*

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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 or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. 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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*"No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." - Lk 16:13*

**Readings for the Week of September 19, 2010**

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13  
 Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Lk 8:16-18  
 Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13  
 Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6  
 Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9  
 Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22  
 Saturday: Eccl 11:9--12:8/Lk 9:43b-45  
 Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

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**NEXT WEEK****TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****SATURDAY, September 25**

4:00 p.m. Mass offered for Catherine and Kathleen Leiner; and for Albert DiNocenza

Knights of Columbus Honorary Life Ceremony after Mass

**Altar Servers:** Maria Cinea  
**Lector:** Georgette Pelletier  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Arlene Giglio, Annedda Stiller and Linda Wiley

**SUNDAY, September 26**

8:45 a.m. Mass offered for Thomas Krzanowski

**Altar Server:** Angelica Czercowy and Kimberly Newton  
**Lector:** Rita Sheetz  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** John and Rita Sheetz, and Donna Bradford

**THIS WEEK****TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***September 18th and September 19th***USHERS GROUP II****SATURDAY, September 18:**

4:00 p.m. Mass offered for Carol Deraleau requested by Richard, Gail and Terri Gidius

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive after Mass

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

**SUNDAY, September 19:**

8:45 a.m. Mass offered for Carol Deraleau requested by The Armstrong Family; and for Peter Marcroft requested by Jennifer and Phil Daly

Blessing of the Catechists during Mass

Youth Choir after Mass

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive after Mass

Knights of Columbus Coffee Social after Mass

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

**MONDAY, September 20:**

No Mass

**TUESDAY, September 21:**

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for Levi Fournier requested by Solange Fournier

7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting in the Rectory

7:15 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal

**WEDNESDAY, September 22:**

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

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

4:30 – 5:45 p.m. Faith Formation Classes (K - 5) at St. Maurice Church

6:30 – 7:45 p.m. Faith Formation Classes (6 – 8) at St. Maurice Church

**THURSDAY, September 23:**

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

**FRIDAY, September 24:**

9:00 a.m. Mass offered Levi, Isabelle and Oliver Fourier requested by Solange Fournier

**SATURDAY, September 25:**

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

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE – NATIONWIDE PRO-LIFE PROGRAM**  
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 SEPTEMBER 22 THROUGH NOVEMBER 1, 2010  
 VIGIL MASS ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2010

The Program will begin on Wednesday September 22, 2010 and run through Sunday, November 1, 2010. There will be a "40 Days for Life" Vigil Mass on Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich.



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MOST REVEREND  
MICHAEL R. COTE, D.D.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Every year, on the third weekend of September we celebrate Catechetical Sunday. The theme for this year's celebration is "Matrimony: Sacrament of Enduring Love." As we witness the love between a man and a woman in the Sacrament of Marriage, we catch a glimpse into the divine love of Christ for the Church.

*Christ chose to begin his ministry with the changing of water into wine at a wedding feast. "This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed in him." (John 2:11)*

All of us, as members of the Church community, are called to grow in our knowledge of the faith, and at the same time to communicate that faith to others through our actions. Catechists take on this role in a special way for the children of your parish.

Mindful of my role as Chief Catechist of the Diocese of Norwich, I want to express my deep gratitude to those who have been designated by their communities to serve as Catechists. May this day cause you and all of us to reflect on our call to hand on the faith by being witnesses to the Gospel.

On this Catechetical Sunday, I also acknowledge the essential role of parents as the primary educators of their children. Marriage is a continual commitment between husband and wife to foster the holiness of their vocation, and to share that holiness with each other and with their children.

*Children begin learning the meaning of married love at a very early age from their parents, both through the example of their lives and through their more formal instruction. The family is the most effective school for Catechesis on Christian marriage and family life. (NDC pg.142-143)*

In closing, I call on each of you to celebrate Catechetical Sunday as an opportunity to rededicate yourselves to the mission of preaching the Gospel through the actions of your daily lives.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Norwich

## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> and at Sacred Heart on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.** 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 26<sup>th</sup>.

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](mailto:rella@sacredheartchurch.net). ☺



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**Date: Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

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## SLEIGH BELLS RING ... ARE YOU LISTENING?

As Fall approaches, the sleigh bells ring as our Christmas Fair elves are hard at work ... and YOU can help too! (There are only **NINE** more Wednesdays left before Fair time.)

We need flour, sugar, cinnamon, paraffin wax and shortening (Crisco type). And we are still looking for tea cups and saucers, baby food jars (clean please) and any craft supplies you wish to donate. Please drop any donations in the vestibule of the Church.

Do you have some spare time? Please join us on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to Noon in the basement of the Church for some crafting and companionship! (Coffee is always brewing.)

## TWENTIETH ANNUAL BLUE MASS FOR ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2010 ~ 10:15 a.m.

All law enforcement officers (federal, state, and municipal, active and retired) and their families are invited to the Nineteenth Annual Blue Mass and Reception, Sunday, September 26, 2010, in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, 10:15 a.m. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend this Mass. Bishop Cote, the Bishop of Norwich, will celebrate the Mass and Monsignor Robert L. Brown, Diocesan Chancellor, will be the Homilist.

Connecticut State Police Trooper First Class Victor E. Lenda, Jr., (Ret.), and Norwich Police Chief Louis J. Fusaro, Sr., are the Blue Mass Co-Chairs. For more information, please call TFC Lenda, Chief Fusaro, or Monsignor Brown at 860-887-9294, ext. 232.





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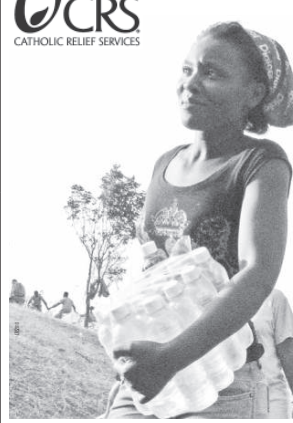
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