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dear Padre

Should priests always be on call?

July 31, 2011

Shouldn't parish priests be on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week? Isn't part of the vocation of the priesthood to comfort and guide those in need at any time—not just when it is convenient for him?

Monica

Dear Monica,

A priest is a priest 24/7, as you correctly note. We never cease being priests—there is no time off, no sabbatical, and we don't retire from the priesthood.

However, being on call 24/7 is another matter. In 2001, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations issued *The Basic Plan for the Ongoing Formation of Priests* (uscbb.org/plm/ongoing.shtml). Section E of Part I stresses that priests are humans with needs for education, spiritual growth, time with friends and family, rest, and relaxation. Priests who don't take care of themselves can burn out just like anyone else.

Religious orders determine how much time off their members get. Redemptorists get one day a week plus three weeks and two weekends a year. I also currently serve in the Archdiocese of New York. Their handbook gives the amount of time off their priests get for recreation as well as for educational and spiritual retreats. Other (arch)dioceses have similar guidelines.

To cover true emergencies, priests have someone cover for them when they're away. But if the number of priests continues to decline, this will be harder to arrange, so it's important that we all pray for vocations for the priesthood as well as priests in ministry today.

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Saturdays at 4:00 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):

Saturday from 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.; also 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**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****July 30th - July 31st***USHER'S GROUP III***SATURDAY, JULY 30**5:00 p.m. Mass offered for **+Frank Delany**
request of Olga Delany**SUNDAY, JULY 31**7:30 a.m. Mass offered for **+Dale Smith** request
of John and Barbara Sposito10:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Elizabeth Lewie**
request of Linda Wiley5:30 p.m. **LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

MONDAY, AUG. 1 NO MASS

TUESDAY, AUG. 29:00 a.m. Mass offered for **Frank R. Murphy**
request of Carol and Marty Zabielski**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 3**9:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Dale Smith** request
of Christmas Fair Workshop Group

9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon



**Christmas
Fair
workshop**

3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT****THURSDAY, AUG. 4**9:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Helen Wang** request
of Philip Daly

FRIDAY, AUG 5 NO MASS

SATURDAY, AUG. 6Confessions by appointment. Please call Fr. Wojciech
early on Saturday to make arrangements.
Rosary before the 5:00 p.m. Mass**NEXT WEEK****NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****August 6th - August 7th***USHER'S GROUP IV***SATURDAY, AUGUST 6**5:00 p.m. Mass offered for **+Arthur Kehl***Altar Servers: Elena and Catherine Fiano**Minister of the Word: Barbara Fiano**Eucharistic Minister: Annedda Stiller***SUNDAY, AUGUST 7**7:30 a.m. Mass offered for **+Agnes Murphy***Altar Servers:**Minister of the Word: Stephen Paul**Eucharistic Minister: Linda Richardson***Chaplet of Divine Mercy after Mass**10:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Amelia Cassel***Altar Servers: LeeAnn and Ben Snuffer**Minister of the Word: Rita Sheetz**Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen Smythe*

MONDAY, AUG. 8 NO MASS

TUESDAY, AUG. 99:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Ivan, Emily and
Paul Dube**7:00 p.m. **Parish Council** meeting at Parish
Center**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 10**9:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Frank R. Murphy**

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP

3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THURSDAY, AUG. 119:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Patrick Silte**7:00 p.m. **K of C business meeting**, Parish Center

FRIDAY, AUG. 12 NO MASS

SATURDAY, AUG. 13Confessions by appointment. Please call Fr. Wojciech
early on Saturday to make arrangements.

Rosary before the 5:00 p.m. Mass

*In Memory of**Nancy Stoppleworth**Died on July 22, 2011**May perpetual light shine upon her*

GOD'S PLAN FOR TITHING

Last week's offertory \$ 2,328
 Last year's offertory \$ 1,895

"Why spend your money for what is not bread; your wages for what fails to satisfy?" Isaiah 55:2

Do you waste financial gifts that God has given you on things that are not necessary or on things that do not give you joy and fulfillment? This is Isaiah's challenge for us this week.

thank you! Thank you! Thank You!



for the wonderful helping hands that picked berries for our Christmas fair jams and jellies. They will be especially sweet because of your time and labor

Can you believe that July is over? September will be upon us in a flash. Are the registrations for your children's Faith Formation classes filled out and returned?

WAIM, (Willimantic Area Interfaith Ministries) has been a part of St. Maurice's outreach program, helping those who need support in daily living, whether it be Christmas gifts, back to school clothing, or being a resource for donated furniture. This year however, we are in need of a new delegate from St. Maurice to continue the work so aptly done by Mrs. Dolores Betti. It is important that this work be continued, so many people are counting on it. We are asking that each of you give consideration to taking over this position to allow this work to continue. Mrs. Betti has graciously offered to explain the ins and outs of the position to anyone willing be the delegate from St. Maurice. Our sincerest thanks go out to Dolores for her unselfish years of service. Please call the rectory office for details. 860 643 4466.

PARISH NEWS:



The Knights of Columbus Drive for Charities

Tournament was a huge success. There were 64 golfers participating. There were 11 lady golfers in the field this year. The winning foursome with a score of 13 under par was Kevin McGill, Dave Caruso, Peter Zimmerman and Ken Marshall. Dave Caruso also won the longest drive. Many golfers commented on the delicious steak dinner. There was a hole in one on the 9th hole by Bill DiYeso. Mark Fiano won the "Pot of Gold" 50/50 raffle and donated the money back to the Knights.

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Readings for the Week of July 31, 2011
 Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21
 Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:22-36
 Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
 Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25---14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Mt 15:21-28
 Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Mt 16:13-23
 Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28
 Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
 Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33



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