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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time • August 7, 2011

Good News!

August 7, 2011

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11–13a / Rom 9:1–5 / Mt 14:22–33

“God, if you help me pass this test, I’ll stop bugging my sister.” “God, I’ll give more money to the poor if you’ll help me get this job.” “Lord, please cure my husband’s cancer. I’ll go to church daily. I’ll do whatever you want.”

Most of us have made a similar request of God. We’re accustomed to the give-and-take of our human world—you request something, you give something in return.

But in trying to bargain with God, we forget we’re not dealing with another human being. God doesn’t need our bargaining. God is always working for our good, even if we can’t see it.

In today’s Gospel, Peter learned this same lesson. He was frightened by the storm at sea, and he doubted it was Jesus walking on the water. He bargained, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” Peter came at Jesus’ command but, still afraid, he began to sink. Jesus raised him up and calmed the storm.

Peter bargained that if Jesus was really present in the midst of the storm, Peter would be able to walk on the sea. But Jesus was already there—he didn’t need to perform a miracle to prove his existence. It was fearful Peter who wanted such proof.

Being afraid in the midst of life’s storms—exams, job losses, illnesses—often leads us to forget that God is always with us. We feel alone, and we want God to miraculously prove he’s with us. But Peter reminds us that even if God doesn’t work in the way we expect, God is still with us. God can still calm the storm. God is still the one in charge of our lives.

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WEEKEND MASSES:

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

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** request of Gloria Holbrook

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for **+Agnes Murphy** request of Irene Kwiatkowski

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Amelia Cassel** request of Barbara Cassel

5:30 P.M.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, AUG. 8 NO MASS

TUESDAY, AUG. 9

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Ivan, Emily & Paul Dube** request of Solange Fournier

7:00 p.m. **Parish Council** meeting at Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 10

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Frank R. Murphy** request of Carol & Marty Zabielski



**NO Christmas Fair
Workshop today**

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THURSDAY, AUG. 11

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Patrick Silte** request of Kathleen & Tony Conneely

7:00 p.m. **K of C business meeting**, Parish Center

FRIDAY, AUG. 12 NO MASS

SATURDAY, AUG. 13

Confessions by appointment. Please call Fr. Wojciech early on Saturday to make arrangements. Rosary before the 5:00 p.m. Mass

NEXT WEEK

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 13th - August 14th

Triple Play Cafe Breakfast

Blood Screening

Library opened to all

USHER'S GROUP I

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

5:00 p.m. Mass offered for **+Frank Chetelat**
Altar Servers: Megan Shorey, Kaila Toce
Minister of the Word: Charles Luchini
Eucharistic Minister: Georgette Pelletier

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for **+Joseph Kurys & Agnes Murphy**

Altar Servers:

Minister of the Word: Joel Cohan

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

Chaplet of Divine Mercy after Mass

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Bill Miller** and **+Jason Bates**

Altar Servers: Ben Van Dine, Nick Nemphos

Minister of the Word: Paul Brown

Eucharistic Minister: Donna Bradford

MONDAY, AUGUST 15 NO MASS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Frank R. Murphy**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Rolande & Clifford Mishio**

9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon

CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP



Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament
3:00 p.m. - 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Betty Lowry**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19 NO MASS

Confessions by appointment. Please call Fr. Wojciech early on Saturday to make arrangements. Rosary before the 5:00 p.m. Mass

PARISH NEWS:

Starting August 14th, the Triple Play Cafe is opened for breakfast. What a way to start a Sunday! Sausage, scrambled eggs, pancakes, fruit, juice, cinnamon buns, coffee/tea, who could ask for anything more? Please join us, the surroundings are nice, the company is enjoyable plus the food is great!

Along with breakfast, you can also take advantage of the blood screening program. Volunteer members of our parish who are nurses, are donating their time and talents to help you keep track of your blood pressure numbers.

You are also invited to check out the many books housed in the library. There is a lot of good reading there, from reference books, to spiritual how to books, lives of saints, novels and biographies. The entire collection has not been fully sorted, but someone will be on hand to help you out to find just what you are looking for.

If you are looking to start a prayer group or a bible study group, the library is the place to start.

GOD'S PLAN FOR TITHING

Last week's offertory \$ 2,452
 Last year's offertory \$ 2,665

"After the fire, there was a small whispering sound." 1 Kings 19:12

Remember that God's stewardship call to us is only a quiet whisper, maybe it is time to turn down some of the worldly noise and demands so that you can spend more quiet time with God.

Readings for the Week of August 7, 2011

- Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
- Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27
- Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
- Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21---19:1
- Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12
- Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15
- Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

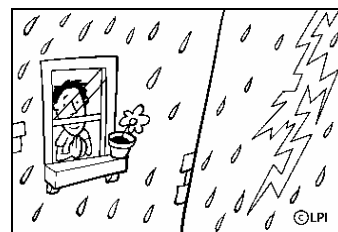
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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Needed: A delegate to WAIM to represent St. Maurice Church.

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 through 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.



*Don't be afraid of the storms that enter your life....
 Have faith and trust in God to make things right!*

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