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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time • August 14, 2011

# dear Padre

## Can lay Catholics preside at civil weddings?

August 14, 2011

*My grandson bought a license on the Internet so he could officiate his best friend's wedding. The bride and groom aren't Catholic, but my grandson is, and I think he has committed a sin. Am I right?*

*Concerned Grandma*

**Dear Grandma,**

If he got a certificate of ordination, even one from the Internet, your grandson presented himself as a minister of another church. For a Catholic, that is a serious sin.

On the other hand, if he bought a license to perform civil marriages, he committed no sin as long as the couple were eligible for civil marriage in the state they were married in. Catholic judges officiate civil marriages all the time, and they even sanction divorce. These marriages, like the one your grandson officiated, are civil events with no canonical (sacramental) standing.

If your grandson bought a certificate of ordination, he shouldn't preside at any more weddings. He should go to reconciliation as soon as possible to talk about his participation as a minister in his friend's wedding.

If he wants to continue to preside at civil weddings, he must get a license that doesn't call him a "minister" of any church.

The Catholic Church takes all weddings—civil or sacramental—seriously. Even if the weddings your grandson officiates are "only" civil, he and the couple must take them as seriously as the Church does.

*Patrick Keyes, CSSR  
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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**

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**August 13th - August 14th**  
**Trilple 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**, request of his children

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 14**

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for **+Joseph Kurys and Agnes Murphy** request of MaryAnn Murphy  
10:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Bill Miller** request of The Family and **+Jason Bates** request of Donna Bradford  
5:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Hours

**MONDAY, AUGUST 15**

9:00 a.m. Mass for the  
**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY**  
this year only not a holy day of obligation

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 16**

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

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17**

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Rolande & Clifford** request of the Fournier Family  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 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 **+Berry Lowry** request of Phil Daly

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 19** NO MASS

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 20**

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

**NEXT WEEK**

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**August 20th - August 21st**

**Maintenance Collection**

*USHER'S GROUP II*

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 20**

5:00 p.m. Mass offered for **+Cecile Lavoie**  
*Altar Servers: Ally Cianci, Maria Cinea*  
*Minister of the Word: Kyle Toce*  
*Eucharistic Minister: Patti Cinea*

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 21**

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for **+Mary Gozdz and +Joan Volkert**  
*Altar Servers:*  
*Minister of the Word: Judy Knox*  
*Eucharistic Minister: Linda Richardson*  
*After Mass*  
*Chaplet of Divine Mercy*

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Sister Lillian Maher**

*Altar Servers: Ryan & Nicholas Van Dine*  
*Minister of the Word: Evelyn O'Connor*  
*Eucharistic Minister: James Boylan*

**MONDAY, AUGUST 22** NO MASS

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 23**

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

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24**

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Arthur Kehl**

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



CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP

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

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 25**

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Anne & Joseph Tindal**  
Tenth Wedding Anniversary

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 26** NO MASS

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 27**

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

**Planning Ahead**

Faith Formation:

Sept. 11, 2011 Blessing of Back Packs  
Sept. 18, 2011 Blessing of the Catechists

Sept. 25, 2011 First Session

All sessions will be held on Sundays from 9:00-9:45 a.m. in the Parish Center. A light breakfast will be available beginning at 8:30 a.m.

A reminder: Are your children's registrations in for Faith Formation Classes?

KofC

Sept. 8, 2011 Business Meeting

Sept. 11, 2011 Triple Play Cafe Breakfast

Sept. 15-18 Tootsie Roll Drive



God's Plan for Tithing

Last week's offertory \$ 3,504

Last year's offertory \$ 2,981

"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." Rom 11:29  
 God has a special mission in mind for each of us and He has given us the gifts that we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using the gifts that God has given us to do the work that God has planned for us alone. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of God's work will be left undone.

Readings for the Week of August 14, 2011

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Monday Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24 a/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15 /Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12/Next

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

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The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 15 August; also called in old liturgical books *Pausatio, Nativitas* (for heaven), *Mors, Depositio, Dormitio S. Mariae*.

This feast has a double object: (1) the happy departure of Mary from this life; (2) the assumption of her body into heaven. It is the principal feast of the Blessed Virgin.

Regarding the day, year, and manner of Our Lady's death, nothing certain is known. Catholic faith, however, has always derived our knowledge of the mystery from Apostolic tradition. The dates assigned for it vary between three and fifteen years after Christ's Ascension

Two cities claim to be the place of her departure: Jerusalem and Ephesus. Common consent favors Jerusalem, where her tomb is shown; but some argue in favor the city Ephesus. The first six centuries did not know of the tomb of Mary at Jerusalem.

On November, 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared infallibly that the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was a dogma of the Catholic Faith. Likewise, the Second Vatican Council taught in the Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen Gentium* that "the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, when her earthly life was over, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things



The Immaculata Retreat House, Willimantic Fr. Roger will be offering (4) Senior Renewal Days at Immaculata this Fall. The theme is "Saints as Models for Seniors." We are all called to holiness and it can be a great help to us to look at how people before us progressed in their quest for God during their latter years.

Wed. Sept. 28: "St. Monica"

Wed. Oct. 26: "Venerable Louis & Zelig Martin" (parents of St. Theresa de Lisieux)

Wed. Nov. 16: "St. Katherine Drexel"

Wed. Dec. 14: "Blessed John XXIII"

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. includes Conference, Mass and Lunch  
 Suggested offering: \$10

AUGUST 15

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mary



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