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Good News!

August 21, 2011

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Imagine you're reviewing applications for the newly created position of Rock Upon Whom Jesus Will Build His Church.

You come across a Simon Peter's resumé. Here are some of his qualifications:

- Wavering faith—some days it's strong; other days, I'm so full of doubt I could sink in the sea
- Dense, slow to understand, uncertain about following directions
- A tendency toward violence with the sword, especially around people's ears
- Voted Most Likely to Deny Knowing a Friend in Need

Would you hire him? It seems laughable, but that's exactly what Jesus did. He called Simon Peter to be the foundation of this new community called Church. Today's reading from Romans certainly applies here—"How inscrutable are [God's] judgments and how unsearchable his ways!" Our human minds can't grasp why God would name such a fallible person as the leader of the Church.

Yet it's precisely because of Peter's weaknesses that he was chosen. As Saint Paul wrote, God's "power is made perfect in weakness." God works best when we are open to God's transformation. It's humility, not pride, that makes us most effective in God's eyes.

So, too, God has chosen us. Yes, we're sometimes selfish, angry, unfaithful, dishonest, and stubborn, yet God still calls us to discipleship. If we offer these less-than-attractive qualifications to God for healing and forgiveness, God can work wonders with us. In fact, with God's help, we might find that the job Follower of Jesus is one we can actually fill quite well.

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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):

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
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME
AUGUST 20TH -21ST

2nd Collection - Maintenance Collection
USHER'S GROUP II

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

5:00 p.m. Mass offered for +Cecile Lavoie,
request of the family.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for +Mary Gozdz and
+Joan Volkert, request of the family
Chaplet of Divine Mercy after Mass

10:00a.m. Mass offered for +Sister Lillian Maher
request of Frank and Joanne Auger

5:30 p.m. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, AUGUST 22 NO MASS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Arthur Kehl
request of Don & Pat Dubiel

9:00 a.m.- 12 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,
on their 10th Wedding Anniversary
CONGRATULATIONS!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26 NO MASS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

Confessions by appointment

ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M MASS

NEXT WEEK
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME
AUGUST 27TH-28TH
USHER'S GROUP III

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

5:00 p.m. Mass offered for +Arthur Kehl
Altar Servers: Kyle Toce, Josh Meyers
Minister of the Word: Georgette Pelletier
Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for +Agnes Murphy
Altar Servers:
Minister of the Word: Stephen Paul
Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio
Chaplet of Divine Mercy after Mass

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Frank R. Murphy
Altar Servers :Elizabeth Foran, LeeAnn Snuffer
Minister of the Word: Rita Sheetz
Eucharistic Minister: John Sheetz

5:30 p.m. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, AUGUST 29 NO MASS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Levi Fournier

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Frank R. Murphy
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP
if you have Wednesday morning free
please come and join the group

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



**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT**

THURSDAY, SEPT. 1

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for a Special Intention

FRIDAY, SEPT. 2 NO MASS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 3

Rosary before 5 p.m. Mass
START OF THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND



GOD'S PLAN FOR TITHING

Last week's offertory \$ 2,988
 Last year's offertory \$ 1,976

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?
 Rom.11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give the Lord anything, because God already owns it all. God made everything. All that we can do is return a portion of God's many gifts back to Him. The good steward does this with gratitude.

Sacred Passion:

A Married Couples Retreat

Renew and rejuvenate your relationship over a week-end to remember.

September 16, 17, 18, 2011

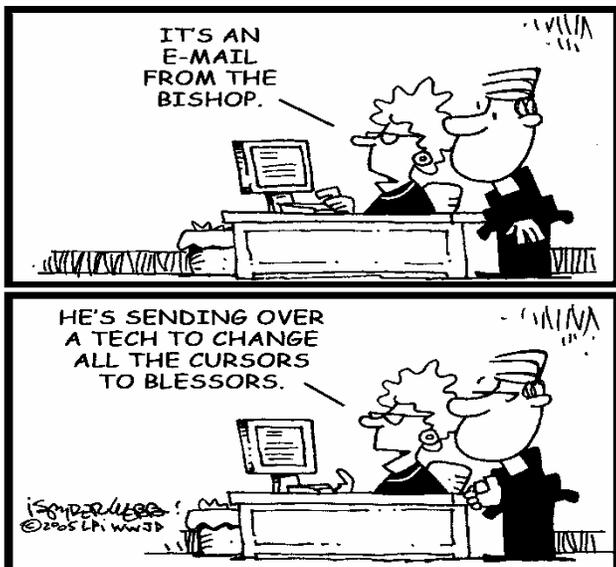
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Planning a Wedding? Engaged Encounter Weekend

One of the most important parts of your wedding planning is your marriage preparation program. Engaged Encounter is a weekend-long program and meets all the aspects of marriage preparation required by the Diocese. Engaged Encounter weekend: October 28-30 at Immaculata Retreat House, call 860-536-8665. Early registration is advised. Visit www.engagedencounter.org

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Help needed corner

Volunteers are needed in several areas of our Parish ministries. Please give serious thought to giving of your talents and your time to help make our Parish a vibrant, growing community. Many hands makes the work a little easier for all.

Our Parish Council has been reviewing the use of the Parish Center, with the possibility of renting it out to the public. Tom Manning along with Sharon Scorso are doing the preliminaries and certainly could use some help. Anyone who has knowledge/background or interest should contact Tom at tmanning818@sbcglobal.net.

The Parish Nursing Program is also seeking volunteers. RN's that can assist with our Blood Pressure Screening program which is available to all parishioners during the monthly Sunday breakfasts held at the Parish Center are asked to contact **Kathy Perlitz @ 860-649-1210 for more information.**

There will be a "**Safe Environment Training**" session for all Faith Formation Instructors. It is a requirement for all teachers, but is also open to any interested parishioners. The program will be held Sept. 11, 2011 from 6p.m.- 9p.m. There will be video and a Q & A period. Since Sept. 11 will be upon us very shortly, it is asked that those attending rsvp by calling the rectory at 860-643-4466, Tuesdays/Thursdays/Fridays.

A request was also received from the **St. Maurice Knights of Columbus** to put out the word that volunteers are sorely needed in that area. Please check with Ron Massimino to offer your assistance.

On November 27, 2011, The First Sunday of Advent, the new Roman Missal with all its changes will be used for the first time. It has been a long time in coming and is now only 14 weeks away. During these 14 weeks, our bulletin will carry what the changes are and hopefully will explain the how and why of these changes.

The question arises, "what is the Roman Missal?" The Roman Missal is the official prayer book which we use for all the Masses in the Catholic Church. It is more commonly called a sacramentary. We see it present at every Mass we attend.

Why the changes now? Much like upgrading your cell phone with new apps, the Church is updating new instructions and prayers. The prayers we use today and it is safe to say that almost everything used at Mass is originally a Latin text. More careful attention must be made on how those changes get translated from Latin into other languages and to ensure that what we are saying fits the original text. We are a universal Church and Mass is celebrated in different languages around the world, we all use the original Latin as our foundation.

In future weeks we will be addressing other questions relating to the Missal and its changes, and to take a look at some areas that will definitely affect us.



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