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Good News!

September 11, 2011

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir 27:30—28:9 / Rom 14:7—9 / Mt 18:21—35

There's no question that forgiveness is at the heart of today's Scriptures. Sometimes Christians believe that following Jesus simply means being nice or showing kindness. Actually, Jesus' life and teaching focus much more on forgiveness. That's much harder than just being nice, because Jesus demands that we forgive everyone—especially people we dislike or consider to be enemies.

Perhaps the most challenging part of today's readings is that our sins will be forgiven only to the extent that we forgive others'. Sirach says it clearly: "Should a man refuse mercy to his fellows, yet seek pardon for his own sins?" This weekend is a most appropriate time to reflect on forgiveness. Ten years after the 2001 attacks, many of us still harbor anger and hatred toward those who perpetrated the attacks as well as innocent Muslims who had nothing to do with them. Yet, as today's readings remind us, how can we expect God to forgive our sins when we harbor vengeance toward others who have wronged us?

On September 7, 2010, U.S. bishops and other inter-faith leaders met "to denounce categorically derision, misinformation and outright bigotry being directed against America's Muslim community.... All acts of intolerance aimed at a religious community should find no place in our world, let alone in our nation which is founded on the principle of religious freedom." To read the entire statement, go to usccb.org/seia/response-muslimprejudice.shtml.

It's very clear: Holding grudges, nurturing hatred, and refusing forgiveness are sins, plain and simple. Letting go and offering forgiveness may take a long time, but if we give ourselves to the process, God will help us. True forgiveness is something we rarely can do on our own.

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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):

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.

NEXT WEEK
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME
SEPTEMBER 10th - 11th

USHER'S GROUP I

Triple play cafe breakfast
 Blood Pressure Screening
 Library open

faith formation+ + blessing of back packs

Also Grandparent's Day



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

5:00 p.m. Mass offered for **+Joyce Bachl** request of Kathy Nelson

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for **+Walter & Florence Johnson** requested by Stephanie Labonowski

Chaplet of Divine Mercy after Mass

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Frank Garibaldi and +Mary Monto** request of Joe & Joan Soga

5:30 p.m. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. SAFE ENVIROMENT TRAINING. THIS IS A REQUIREMENT FOR ALL FAITH FORMATION TEACHERS, & AIDES

but is also open to all interested parishioners.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 NO MASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

9:00 a.m. Mass

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Frank R. Murphy**, request of the Armstrong Family

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon: Christmas Fair Group Parish Center
 3:00p.m - 7:00p.m Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for **James Baio, Sr.** request of Jennifer & Phil Daly

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15 NO MASS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 16

Rosary before 5 p.m. Mass

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Readings for the Week of September 11, 2011
Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:9/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

NEXT WEEK
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 17th - 18th

Usher's Group II

Maintenance Collection
 Coffee Social

Blessing of the Catechists and Aides 10 a.m. Mass



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

5:00 p.m. Mass offered for **+Joyce Bachl**

Altar Servers: Megan Shorey, Kaila Toce
Minister of the Word: Georgette Pelletier
Eucharistic Minister: Patti Cineia

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

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

Altar Servers:
Minister of the Word: Judy Knox
Eucharistic Minister: Linda Richardson

Chaplet of Divine Mercy after Mass

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Stanislaw Jablonowski & Michael Czercow**

Blessing of the Catechists and Aides

Altar Servers : Ben VanDine, Nick Nemphos
Minister of the Word: Evelyn O'Connor
Eucharistic Minister: Clifford Scorso

5:30 p.m. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 NO MASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

9:00 a.m. Mass
 7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon: Christmas Fair Group Parish Center
 3:00p.m - 7:00p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Marjorie Shapiro**

FRIDAY, SEPT. 23 NO MASS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 24

Rosary before the 5 p.m. Mass

God's Plan for Tithing
 Last Sunday's Offertory \$ 3,187

Last Year's Offertory \$ 3,151

"None of us lives for oneself...whether we live or die, we are the Lord's" Romans 14:7-8

Whatever we have in this life, we have because God gave it to us. We may think that we get all the credit for our success. However, the reality is that we are only working with the gifts that God gave us--including our family background, our natural abilities, our education and the opportunities that have crossed our paths. All of these are gifts from God. Our very lives are a gift from God and thus belong to Him. This is why we must take time every day to ask God how He wants us to use the life He has given us.

Welcoming the New Roman Missal

The Diocese of Norwich is offering a workshop for all interested Parishioners on The New Translation of the Roman Missal entitled "Understanding the Revised Texts and Understanding the Mass." The workshop will be held at St. Patrick's Parish, East Hampton on Saturday, September 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$10 payable at the door. To register e mail worship@norwichdiocese.net or call 860-848-2237

Special Masses being celebrated in the Diocese of Norwich.....

Saturday, October 8th at 5:00 p.m. Nineteenth Annual Mass for Firefighters/EMS Personnel in the Cathedral of St. Patrick.

Sunday, October 16 at 2:00 p.m. Silver and Gold Jubilee Anniversary Mass. Inviting all couples married 25 & 50 years, also those celebrating a significant anniversary year to participate in and renew your wedding vows in a Pontifical Mass, celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote at the Cathedral of St. Patrick.

Retreats being offered at Holy Family Retreat Center.....

September 23-25: **Married Couples Retreat**
"The Courage to Hope" Retreat begins on Friday evening with a buffet dinner from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and ends Sunday around noon. Offering \$450 per couple.

September 30 - October 2: **Women's Retreat**
"The Courage to Hope" Retreat begins on Friday with a buffet dinner from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and ends Sunday around noon. Retreat offering \$250
 Register online at www.holyfamilyretreat.org or send name, address and offering to:
 Holy Family Passions Retreat Center 303 Tunis Road,
 West Hartford, Ct. 860-521-0440

first FAITH FORMATION SESSION BEGINS ON SUNDAY,

SEPTEMBER 25TH,
 NOT SEPTEMBER 21ST AS LISTED IN LAST WEEK'S



BULLETIN.....SORRY!

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 Immaculate Retreat House, Willimantic. Call 860-536-8665. Early registration is advised. Visit www.engagedencounter.org

The Roman Missal.....cont.

We've covered the Greeting, and the Penitential Act, the next question to be asked is "What are some of major changes?" Well, there are a number of changes within the Gloria. Just enough to make people look at the "pew card" again. Parts of the Mass that we have memorized, will now have to be reexamined one more time and relearned. See below:

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father,

Lord Jesus Christ, Only begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen

The underlined portion in the above Gloria, is the new revised copy. Some of us are asking why? Well, words affect our lives. How we say and hear words affects how we react to life; the way we live, pray, and believe. The revised translation of the Roman Missal can convey images that can help us express our feelings of praise and thanks to God for all he does for us in many ways.

After praying the same words of the Mass for so many years, both the priest and the people will have the opportunity once again to be more conscious of the words we pray. They will not be words said by rote, but words with a fuller scriptural understanding.

Let us give Glory to God.....



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