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dear Padre
What is an Ignatian retreat?

I'm swamped with work and family and desperately need a retreat, but I just can't get away. I've tried sitting quietly for a few minutes every day to clear my mind, but it's not the same. Any suggestions?

Devon

Dear Devon,

How about doing an Ignatian retreat at home? Based on the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuit religious order, the 30 exercises in an Ignatian retreat are divided into 4 sections. Ignatius called these sections "weeks" even though the first "week" has 10 days, the second has 11, the third has 4, and the fourth has 5. Each exercise guides your reflection on a spiritual topic.

Ignatian retreats come in a variety of forms. Some last 30 days (4 to 5 hours of prayer per day) and some last 30 weeks (1 hour of prayer per day). Other formats are also available.

Doing a retreat at home means more than simply cutting a few moments out of your daily routine and shutting out conversations, TVs, games, music, calls, texts, and e-mails. We must also silence our continuous flow of thoughts and ideas so God can speak to us at a time when we are better disposed to listen.

An at-home Ignatian retreat will allow you to ask God to speak to you and to help you understand clearly what you're being called to do—without abandoning your everyday obligations.

Scott Katzenberger, CSsR | sundaybulletins@liguori.org

Adapted from *In the Midst of Noise: An Ignatian Retreat in Everyday Life*.

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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.

THIS WEEKTWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMEOCTOBER 1ST - 2ND, 2011*Usher's Group IV*2ND COLLECTION - CRADLE FUNDFAITH FORMATION 9 A.M - 9:45 A.M.SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

5:00 p.m. Mass offered for + **Arthur Kehl** request of Richard, Gail & Terri Gidius and for +**Albert DiNocenza, Jr.** request of His family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for +**Agnes Murphy** request of Anne Doyle
Chaplet of Divine Mercy after Mass

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for **Special Intention** request of Czercowy family

5:30 p.m. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3 Please note Mass change

9:00 a.m. +**Gladys Lanning** request of Jennifer and Phil Daly

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +**Levi Fournier** request of the Fournier family

7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal.
Tenors, Altos, Sopranos, come one come all

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

9:00 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon: Christmas Fair Group Parish Center

Apple Pie baking for the Fair is fast approaching and We need: Shortening (Crisco); sugar; cinnamon; and for jams and jellies we need: canning jars; paraffin wax; baby food jars, and tea cups with saucers. Please leave articles in the Church vestibule. thank you.....

3pm - 7pm

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6 NO MASSFRIDAY OCTOBER 7 NO MASS

7:00 p.m. "The Disciples" St. Maurice's Youth Group will meet in the lower church hall for a showing of the movie "Soul Surfer."

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

Rosary before the 5 p.m. Mass

THE PICTORIAL DIRECTORY.....

Be part of our 2011 Parish Family Album. Have you made your appointment for the Pictorial Directory yet? There are many open time slots to fit into your busy schedule.

Sign-up sheets are at both doors of church entrances. Volunteers will be available after Saturday and Sunday Masses to assist you in the sign ups..

Stewardship Reflections

Last week's offertory \$ 2,447
Last year's offertory \$ 2,186

"Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruits." Matthew 21:43

Consider this week exactly what you are doing in your life to produce fruit for the kingdom of God.

Special Masses to be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Patrick:

October 8: Nineteenth Annual Firefighters/EMS Mass; 5:00 p.m.

October 16: Pontifical Mass at 2:00 p.m. "Silver and Gold Jubilee Day Anniversary Mass" Couples married 25 and 50 years are eligible, along with any couples celebrating other anniversaries significant to them. All couples must register with their parish. Please call the Parish office 860 643 4466 during regular office hours, Tues., Thurs., Fri. 9:00 -3:30

BIRTHRIGHT**INVITES YOU TO VOLUNTEER!****Call 860 290 8800**

You can help a mother give birth to her baby! At birthright we realize that no woman wants an abortion, but she might resort to it if there seems to be no other answer. Through loving care and practical support, we can help her give birth to her child and face the future with dignity and hope. Volunteers at Birthright are blessed with the opportunity to love a mother to life. Weekly volunteer opportunities are available for friendship counseling (4hrs.) and clerical (3hrs.) volunteers. Our office is located in East Hartford and served 491 women in 2009. Training provided. Call 860-290-8800 to schedule a visit.

Need help after Hurricane Irene?**Register with FEMA**

Assistance may include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-interest loans to cover uninsured property losses and other programs to help recover from the effects of the disaster. Call 800-621-3362 (FEMA) TTY:800-462-7585 Online: www.disasterassistance.gov or smart phone: m.fema.gov

40 Days for LIFE.....

Campaign began on Sept. 28th and continues everyday to Nov. 6th. The focus is to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity with prayer, fasting and peaceful activism. October 13th has been chosen as "St. Maurice's Day for prayer". If you would like to pray in front of Planned Parenthood on Case Street in Norwich, you may register for a time slot by logging onto www.vigilcalendar.com/norwich or call Mary Mumford 860-537-5196 or contact Brian Daly at 860-822-1788. Please prayerfully discern participating in this important event *the difference you make can save a life!*

Thank you for your prayers for LIFE!

The days of all Saints and All Souls are approaching. Let us take short look at Theological fundamentals to better understand the meaning of those Holy days, as well as the value of our prayers for our deceased.

On very first pages of Bible we read "...Lord God formed man out of the clay of ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life.... (Gen 2,7). It does not say making the man gave him life. Life has been given as a result of creating, as a result of action performed by God (blew into his nostrils the breath of life which is Soul). This specific way of receiving life left the mark on human heart, (You have made them little less than a god [angel] (Psalm 2). A long time before Christ people were able to understand this meaning.

In the 2 Maccabees (32 – 45) we read a story of Juda Maccabees who after battle, prayed and offered sacrifice for the dead who fell in battle of what he did after battle. In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view; for if it were not expected that the fallen would rise, it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death.

We see there strong believe in life after death. In Psalm 16 there is another strong belief expressed by a author probably King David For you will not abandon me to Sheol, nor let your faithful servant see the pit. You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand for ever. (Ps. 16, 10-11.) In the book of Wisdom we find another important message ...For God formed men to be imperishable, the image of his own nature he made him. (Wis 2, 23.). As we can see these Holy Scriptures show us how important the question about Eternal Life is.

The Church in its pilgrim members, from the very earliest days of the Christian religion, has honored with great respect the memory of the dead, and because it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins she (The Church) offers her Most Holy and powerful prayer of Eucharist for them. Our prayer for them is capable not only of helping them, but also of making their intercession for us effective. That is Old Testament knowledge about Life after death. Jesus Christ teaches us much more, specifically about Eternal Life. His actions, miracles (giving life back to the dead) it shows he is The Lord of Life. At the end of His earthly life He establishes The Sacrament of Eucharist, the treasure of the church – the Most Powerful Prayer. Why?- because through the Priest He Himself becomes present among the people. For centuries all Catholic believers nursed this Treasure and used every occasion to use it (offer a Mass) especially for departed loved ones. All Souls Day 'Day of the Dead' is celebrated by many catholic countries, worldwide. This celebration originated with the Roman Catholics, and was established in the Catholic calendar as an official holy day. The Catholic religion is based on works, and the theological idea of Purgatory that has been accepted as a means of paying for sins.

Those believers who died in a 'state of grace' were promised 'heavenly rewards', after paying for their sins in purgatorial flames, while those who did not die in a 'state of grace', were to spend eternity suffering in Hell. Catholics did, however, believe (after Jesus' prayer) that they could pray their loved ones out of Purgatory. This practice gives us an idea of the spiritual significance of honoring the deceased.

November 1, is the official All Saints Day, which honors all saints who attained Beatific Vision, followed on November 2, All Soul's Day honoring the faithful departed. Generally, people celebrating this holiday would attend Mass, sometimes exhibiting the relics of saints on a catafalque, and by their prayer assist the souls of their loved ones from Purgatory to Heaven. They would then proceed to the cemetery to visit, bless and decorate the graves. This tradition is universal among Catholic countries, and accepted by the church. In many countries, it is the tradition of the Church to offer prayers for the intention of loved ones departed. On All Saint's Day every parish

celebrated solemnly the Holy Eucharist at the cemetery. People in churches offered the Eucharist for departed loved ones and prayed for them much more during the month of November than at any other time of the year.

Father Wojciech would like to cultivate this old and good tradition of the Church. He will say nine Holy Masses for our brothers and sisters. The names of loved ones should be **PRINTED** on envelopes or sheets of paper to help the names to be read correctly.

The Novena Masses (nine Masses) will start with All Saints Mass on Tuesday November 1, at 5 P.M. The remaining Masses for the Souls of the faithful departed will be said on November 2; 14; 15, 16, 21, 22,; 28, and November 29.

May the Souls of all Our Loved ones Rest in Peace.

**NEXT WEEK
OCTOBER 8TH - 9TH
TWENTYEIGHT SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Usher's Group 1

**TRIPLE PLAY CAFE BREAKFAST
BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
2ND COLLECTION: ANNUAL FUEL COLLECTION
NO FAITH FORMATION SESSION THIS WEEK**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

5:00 p.m. Mass offered for **+Emelia Maratta**

Altar Servers: Kyle Toce

Minister of the Word: Georgette Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Ted Lloyd

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

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 **+Bill Miller**

Altar Servers : Ryan & Nicholas Van Dine

Minister of the Word: Rita Sheetz

Eucharistic Minister: Betty Aitkin

5:30 p.m. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY OCTOBER 10 NO MASS

TUESDAY OCTOBER 11

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Ivan Dube

7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 12

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

9:00-12:00n Christmas Fair Workshop

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

THURSDAY OCTOBER 13

7:00 p.m. K of C Business meeting

FRIDAY OCTOBER 14 NO MASS

SATURDAY OCTOBER 15



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