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dear Padre

Do we hurt the poor with our "help"?

January 22, 2012

My sister's family is poor but always has money for cigarettes, alcohol, and cell phones because they get help from the government and charities. Maybe they'd make more of an effort to find and keep jobs if they couldn't afford those things. Christ said we should help the poor, but is this "help" actually perpetuating the problem?

Sophie

Dear Sophie,

When I was growing up with seven siblings, my mother amazed me. Working with a limited budget—and at times receiving help—she shopped sales and cut coupons. We ate chicken when it was on sale. We didn't eat it when it wasn't. She also bought powdered milk—yuk!

We have rules to keep people from doing things like using food stamps to buy cigarettes or beer. But, as you point out, some people either find ways around the rules or spend the money the food stamps free up on nonessentials instead of saving it for a rainy day.

So what should we do? We're called to help each other have basic necessities: food, shelter, clothing, and medical care. We must do what we can to be sure the money we give is used wisely, but there's always the possibility that it won't be.

Bottom line: We're called to help those in need, and those in need are called to use our help wisely. But even when they don't, we can take comfort in the peace of mind and soul that comes from knowing we're modeling Jesus when we try our best to help.

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Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

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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!

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By appointment.

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Please call the rectory (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

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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.

ST. MAURICE CHURCH

THIS WEEK

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 21ST - 22ND, 2012

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES RESUME

COFFEE SOCIAL

Ushers' Group IV

SATURDAY, JAN. 21

**4:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Joyce Bachl
request of Teresa Macutkiewicz ; and for
+Robert Gallant**

SUNDAY, JAN. 22

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

Divine Mercy Chaplet

**10:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Jason Bates
request of Donna Bradford**

5:30 p.m.

Liturgy of the Hours

MONDAY, JAN. 23

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

6:30 p.m. Meeting of Bingo Bankers Group

TUESDAY JAN. 24

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 25

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

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

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT**

THURSDAY, JAN. 26 NO MASS

FRIDAY, JAN. 27 NO MASS

SATURDAY, JAN. 28

10:00 a.m. Altar Servers meeting and pizza party

ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS



**Schedules for Altar Servers, Lectors and
Eucharistic Ministers are in the rack at the back of the
church. Please pick them up.**

BOLTON, CT.

NEXT WEEK

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 28TH - 29TH, 2012

FAITH FORMATION 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

USHERS' GROUP I

SATURDAY, JAN. 28

**4:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Agnes Murphy
Altar Servers: *Kyle Toce, Josh Meyers*
Lector: *Charles Luchini*
Eucharistic Minister: *Linda Wiley***

SUNDAY, JAN. 29

**7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Mae Mancino
Altar Servers: *Shirley Warbeck*
Lector: *Lynn Mancino*
Eucharistic Minister: *Arlene Giglio***

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Mary Nicholson

Altar Servers: Ben VanDine, Elizabeth Foran

Lector: Jennifer Carvalho

Eucharistic Minister: Jennifer Carvalho

5:30 p.m.

Liturgy of the Hours

MONDAY, JAN. 30

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

TUESDAY, JAN. 31

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

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

***Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament***

THURSDAY, FEB. 2 NO MASS

FRIDAY, FEB. 3 NO MASS

SATURDAY, FEB. 4

ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of January 22, 2012

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18

Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

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Parish Council Meeting of December 13, 2011

Father Wojciech opened the meeting with prayer at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Fr. Wojciech Pelczarski, Kathy Perlitz, Sharon Scorso, Janusz Herasimowicz, Sharon Snuffer, Ron Massimino, Dorli and Lou Cloutier, Tom Manning, and Patti Cinea.

The following agenda was discussed:

1. The minutes of the meeting of November were reviewed and accepted.
 2. **Faith Formation:** enrollment continues to increase with now 71 registrants. The Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion will be held on May 19th and 20th, respectfully. There are six children scheduled to receive these sacraments. The Youth Band has been rehearsing under the direction of Dennis Sheridan. The children are scheduled to perform during the 10:00 a.m. Mass of January 15th
 3. **Safe Environments:** no report.
 4. **Finance Report:** The response to the Increased Weekly Giving Program has been favorable with a slight increase in the offertory collection. This will help the parish meet future expenses.
 5. **Property Management:** The contractor who replaced the flat roof sections on the Church roof will evaluate the flat roof sections on the Rectory. The bricks on the tower have been sealed with no further water intrusion to date. The recommendation is to repeat this process every five years. Catholic Mutual has reimbursed for some of the damage to the inside of the worship space. The inside walls of the worship space and sacristy will need painting. Bulletin boards located in the back of the Church will be moved out into the vestibules as discussed previously. Currently under review is how to best mount them. The plan for the spare confessional still is to convert it to a Quiet Room. A parishioner with carpentry experience will complete the work. With respect to the problem of drainage and erosion in front of the Parish Center, two contractors have reviewed and provided cost estimates. Cracks in the parking lot eventually will need to be dug, patched and sealed. To prevent a reoccurrence of a water pipe break in the Parish Center, Sonitrol has offered to install a low temperature sensor which acts as a warning if the furnace malfunctions. There is a fee for the installation; however, the company will not charge a monthly fee, as the parish is under contract with this company for security monitoring. The Property Management Committee is prioritizing the task list, and will review with both Father Wojciech and the Finance Council.
 6. **Parish Center Rental:** The Parish Council has not addressed this issue in several months. Recommended is to establish specific guidelines for property use. Some issues of concern: how to prevent damage to the property; what type of events are allowable; garbage removal as the parish only has two garbage containers; deposit fee in case of improper clean up and need to hire a professional cleaner; time restrictions; who would oversee, open and close the Center; liability; and whether to allow use of the kitchen facilities. No alcohol. No smoking. There will need to be a written contract, reviewed by the parish lawyer. The Diocese requires all necessary paperwork forwarded, along with a \$120 fee for insurance to Catholic Mutual. There would be two separate costs, one for rental by parishioners, and another for those persons not registered with the parish. Parishioners who request to use the facility for parish related/ministry activities will not be charged a fee. BINGO might be a good indicator of how manageable this undertaking may be.
 7. **BINGO:** A formal request for approval from Bishop Cote has been made. A tentative start date is February. The Parish Council expresses sincere gratitude to Rod Fournier, who provided the necessary electrical hardwiring in the Parish Hall.
 8. **Parish Directory:** Sybil Bartone and Mark Fiano are coordinating the group ministry photos. Sybil will then provide a draft directory, which Patti will assist in proofreading.
 9. **Phone Project:** A small group of volunteers from the Council will meet this Friday to review the parish membership list.
 10. **Christmas Fair:** The Fair was successful with the money incurred by this important fundraiser to be used judiciously on parish expenses.
 11. **Shared Christmas:** There is a need for persons to help deliver food. There was an incident of food being stolen when delivered for Thanksgiving. It will become protocol not to leave donations on the doorstep of receivers who are absent from their homes. In lieu of CCD teachers appreciation gifts at Christmas, the children may bring a nonperishable good to place under the statue of Mary, in procession, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. This food will be added to the Shared Christmas food delivery collection.
 12. There are still 11 memorial plaques available for purchase for the bookshelves in the Rev. Robert Cronin Library.
- The meeting concluded at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Cinea



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