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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time • July 29, 2012

dear Padre Who was Saint Alphonsus Liguori?

July 29, 2012

I know Saint Alphonsus Liguori had terrible arthritis and is the patron saint of people with that disease, but what else is he known for?

Chelsea

Dear Chelsea,

Plenty. Alphonsus Liguori (1696–1787) shepherded a diocese as bishop, founded the Redemptorist religious congregation, and found time to write 110 books that collectively surpass Shakespeare in numbers of editions. Alphonsus' apostolate of the pen was another evangelization tool to spread Christ's good news of plentiful redemption among the poor and most abandoned.

According to biographer Frederick Jones, Alphonsus' pamphlet *Rest for Scrupulous Souls* (1751) is regarded by psychiatrists as a masterpiece even in this century. For Alphonsus himself, *The Practice of the Love of Jesus Christ* was the most useful of all his writings, including his monumental work *Moral Theology* (1748). *The Way of the Cross* (1761) and *The Glories of Mary* (1750), currently available from Liguori Publications, continue to attract new generations of readers.

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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!

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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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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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 28 – July 29, 2012

USHERS GROUP III

SATURDAY, JULY 28

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Frank Delany request of The Delany Family

SUNDAY, JULY 29

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Steven Gaumond request of Elaine Gaumond

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Olga Guglielmino request of Samuel Guglielmino

5:30 P.M. *LITURGY OF THE HOURS*

MONDAY, JULY 30 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for + Henry Leonard

5:00 P.M. Parish **BINGO** – Food available from 5 P.M. **GAMES** begin at 6:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, JULY 31 – No Mass

WEDNESDAY, AUG 1 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

9:00A.M. – Noon – Christmas Fair Workshop

THURSDAY, AUG 2 – No Mass

FRIDAY, AUG 3 – No Mass

SATURDAY, AUG 4

ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

Last week's Offertory July 22 \$2,415.86

Last Year's Offertory July 24 \$2,328.00

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" (John 6:9)

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes is the only one of Our Lord's miracles which is recorded six times in the Gospel. It carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him.

NEXT WEEK

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Aug 4 – Aug 5, 2012

USHERS GROUP IV

SATURDAY, AUG 4

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Maureen Festa request of Rich, Gail & Terri Gidius

Altar Servers: Stephanie Leiner, Maria Cinea

Lector: Kyle Toce

Eucharistic Minister: Maureen Mozzer

SUNDAY, AUG 5

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Clara Stygar request of Laretta Doleski Hopko

Altar Servers:

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Raymond Lemaire request of Yolande Tellier & Ruth Gousy

Altar Servers: Amilia Herasimowicz, Elizabeth Foran

Lector: Rita Sheetz

Eucharistic Minister: John Sheetz

5:30 P.M. *LITURGY OF THE HOURS*

MONDAY, AUG 6

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for + Clayton Skaggs request of Helena Skaggs and Ernest & Louise Stokes

5:00 P.M. Parish **BINGO** – Food available from 5 P.M. **GAMES** begin at 6:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, AUG 7 – No Mass

WEDNESDAY, AUG 8

9:00 A.M. Special Intentions –St. Maurice Prayer Line

9:00A.M. – Noon - Christmas Fair Workshop

THURSDAY, AUG 9 – No Mass

7:00 p.m. – Knights of Columbus business meeting

FRIDAY, AUG 10 – No Mass

SATURDAY, AUG 11

ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of July 29, 2012

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15
Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

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JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Diocese of Norwich seeks a Development Coordinator for Catholic Charities to organize all aspects of fundraising and development efforts in concert with the agencies mission and strategic plan. Position reports to the Executive Director of Development for the Diocese of Norwich. The Development Coordinator will be responsible for planning, organizing and implementing fundraising initiatives, events and annual giving / major gifts programs.

Submit a cover letter including salary requirements, resume, and names of three references to:

Diocese of Norwich Development Office
 Development Coordinator
 197 Broadway
 Norwich, CT 06360

OUTREACH TO HAITI – VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The Diocese of Norwich is asking our help regarding a toy drive for children in Haiti. Outreach to Haiti is collecting new, unwrapped toys for children in kindergarten through high school in our Education Scholarship Program. Many of these children's parents do not have the means to provide Christmas gifts, and we would like to send a gesture of love and support during the blessed Christmas season.

Because shipping to Haiti takes some time, the toy drive will go from July 28 through September 23, so that we can pack and ship the toys in time for the students to get them on Christmas Day.

We need a volunteer to help by setting up a large box, or a drop-off area somewhere in your church so that parishioners can drop off toys to donate. Outreach to Haiti can then pick up the toys when you have collected a substantial amount.

Please contact Theresa at the parish office at 860-643-4466.

EXCERPT – CATHECHISM FOR CATHOLIC VOTERS

– Fr. Stephen F. Torraco, Ph.D.


If I think that a pro-abortion candidate will, on balance, do much more for the culture of life than a pro-life candidate, why may I not vote for the pro-abortion candidate? If a political candidate promoted abortion, or any other moral evil, such as assisted suicide and euthanasia, for that matter, it would not be morally permissible for you to vote for that person. This is because, in voting for such a person, you would become an accomplice in the moral evil at issue. For this reason, moral evils such as abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide, are examples of a “disqualifying issue.” A disqualifying issue is one which is of such gravity and importance that it allows for no political maneuvering. It is an issue that strikes at the heart of the human person and is non-negotiable. A disqualifying issue is one of such enormity that by itself it renders a candidate for office unacceptable regardless of his position on other matters. You must sacrifice your feelings on other issues because you know that you cannot participate in any way in an approval of a violent and evil violation of basic human rights. A candidate for office who promotes abortion rights or any other moral evil has disqualified himself as a person that you can vote for. You do not have to vote for a person because he is pro-life. But you may not vote for any candidate who promotes abortion rights. Key to understanding the point above about “disqualifying issues” is the distinction between policy and moral principle. On the one hand, there can be a legitimate variety of approaches to accomplishing a morally acceptable goal. For example, in a society's effort to distribute the goods of health care to its citizens, there can be legitimate disagreement among citizens and political candidates alike as to whether this or that health care plan would most effectively accomplish society's goal. In the pursuit of the best possible policy or strategy, technical, as distinct (although not separate) from moral, reason is operative. Technical reason is the kind of reasoning involved in arriving at the most efficient or effective result. On the other hand, no policy or strategy that is opposed to the moral principles of the natural law is morally acceptable. Thus, technical reason should always be subordinate to and normed by moral reason, the kind of reasoning that is the activity of conscience and that is based on the natural moral law.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

In mid-July, Wheaton College, the leading evangelical liberal arts institution, filed a lawsuit in partnership with Catholic University of America opposing the federal healthcare mandate. This alliance marks the first-ever partnership between Catholic and evangelical institutions to oppose the same regulation in the same court.

If you haven't already, please contact the offices of your Congressional Representatives and United States Senators to express your opposition to the federal healthcare mandate. For addresses and phone numbers, please visit:
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