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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time • August 19, 2012

dear Padre

Is it wrong to fear death?

August 19, 2012

My brother is in hospice. He told me last night that he feels guilty because he's afraid to die. He thinks he should be looking forward to death because he'll be out of pain and with Jesus. He's received the anointing of the sick and is confident in his faith, but he can't shake this fear. What should I say to him?

Mary Lee

Dear Mary Lee,

Tell your brother that it's natural to be afraid to do something we've never done even when we're certain the outcome will be good, so he needn't feel guilty about his fear of dying. He should also ask his priest to come by to talk with him about his feelings.

Jesus dealt with our confusion in the face of suffering and death by giving us a lovely image. He pointed to ordinary birds and said that not one falls to the ground without God's knowing. Then he said, "You are worth more than many sparrows" (Matthew 10:31). The words are comforting. But note: The sparrows do fall and die.

Your brother is dearer to God than many sparrows, for he is his child, a brother to Jesus Christ. In your brother's pain and fear, he can pray to his Father as Jesus on the cross did: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit" (Luke 23:46).

Your brother won't be lonely as an echo when he departs this world for the next. The Father knows. And he is there, as he was with Jesus his Son. Your brother is his son, too, and you his daughter. The Father knows.

John Hamrogue, CSSR | sundaybulletins@liguori.org

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Saturdays at 5:00 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!

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By appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

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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
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUG. 18 -19, 2012
USHERS GROUP II
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

SATURDAY, AUG. 18 –
5:00 P.M. Mass offered for + Ray Lemaire request of Georgette & Lionel Pelletier

SUNDAY, AUG. 19 –
7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Andrew & +Joseph Kurys request of Mary Ann Murphy

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +Cecile Lavoie request of her daughter
Mass also offered for+ Jason Bates request of Donna Bradford

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

MONDAY, AUG.20 –
9:00 A.M. Mass of Thanksgiving for the Family of Mary Mumford request of Mary Mumford

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

TUESDAY, AUG.21 –
9:00 A.M. Mass offered for+ Steven Gaumond request of Elaine Gaumond

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 22 –
9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

THURSDAY, AUG.23 – No Mass

FRIDAY, AUG. 24 – No Mass

SATURDAY, AUG. 25
ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

Last week's Offertory – August 5 – \$2,756
Last year's Offertory – August 7 – \$2,973
"Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise..." (Ephesians 5:15)
A wise person recognizes that all we have comes from God. A Wise person thanks God every day for all His many blessings. A wise person realizes that God has blessed us for a reason and He wants us to be partners with Him in His work here on earth.

NEXT WEEK
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUG. 25 -26, 2012
USHERS GROUP III

SATURDAY, AUG. 25 –
5:00 P.M. Mass offered for + Ray Lemaire request of Georgette & Lionel Pelletier
Altar Servers: Kyle Toce, Josh Meyers
Lector: Georgette Pelletier
Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley

SUNDAY, AUG. 26 –
7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Marion & +Bill Miller request of The Family
Altar Servers: ShirleyWarbeck
Lector: Judy Knox
Eucharistic Minister: Linda Richardson

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +Olga Guglielmino request of Samuel Guglielmino
Altar Servers: Angelica & Alex Czercowy
Lector: Rita Sheetz
Eucharistic Minister: Rita Sheetz

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

MONDAY, AUG.27 –
9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Robert Rose request of the Armstrong Family

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

TUESDAY, AUG.28 –
9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 29 –
9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Levi Fournier request of Solange Fournier

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

THURSDAY, AUG.30 – No Mass

FRIDAY, AUG. 31 – No Mass

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1
ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of August 19, 2012

Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58
Monday: Ez 24:15-24/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7b/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

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Mass for Those Dedicated to Education

The Seventeenth Annual Diocesan Mass for Those Dedicated to Education will be celebrated on Sunday, September 9, 2012, in the Cathedral of St. Patrick, at 8:45 a.m. Bishop Cote will celebrate this Mass for all teachers and support staff, public, parochial, and private, active and retired, of all faiths. Reverend Monsignor Henry N. Archambault, Pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Taftville, will be the homilist. All are welcome.

The Chair for this Mass Committee is Mary Ann Enright who along with the late Winifred Riley initiated this celebration. Mrs. Enright is a parishioner of Sacred Heart Church, Norwichtown. She is a retired teacher of the Norwich Public School System. For information or if you wish to help, please call Mary Ann Enright at 860-889-0702, or Monsignor Brown at 860-887-9294.



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Practicing Catholic with good understanding of Catholic social teaching, Master's Degree in Social Work or Business Administration with related experience in human service field. 7-10 years of senior management with focus on finances/development. Apply no later than 8/24/2012. Resume and cover letter including salary requirements and 3 references should be sent to: Search Committee, 201 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360.

EXCERPT - CATHECHISM FOR CATHOLIC VOTERS – Fr. Stephen F. Torraco, Ph.D.

If I think that a candidate who is pro-abortion has better ideas to serve the poor, and the pro-life candidate has bad ideas that will hurt the poor, why may I not vote for the candidate that has the better ideas for serving the poor?

Serving the poor is not only admirable, but also obligatory for Catholics as an exercise of solidarity. **Solidarity** has to do with the sharing of both spiritual and material goods, and with what the Church calls the preferential option for the poor. This preference means that we have the duty to give priority to helping those most needful, both materially and spiritually. Beginning in the family, solidarity extends to every human association, even to the international moral order. Two important points must be made. First, when it comes to the matter of determining how social and economic policy can best serve the poor, there can be a legitimate variety of approaches proposed, and therefore legitimate disagreement among voters and candidates for office. Secondly, solidarity can never be at the price of embracing a “disqualifying issue.” Besides, when it comes to the unborn, **abortion is a most grievous offense against solidarity**, for the unborn are surely among society's most needful. The right to life is a paramount issue because as Pope John Paul II says it is “the first right, on which all the others are based, and which cannot be recuperated once it is lost.” If a candidate for office refuses solidarity with the unborn, he has laid the ground for refusing solidarity with anyone.

ST. MAURICE CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Fair Group has been hard at work since Feb. We are pleased with some new items we hope you will enjoy and looking to the Fall we are preparing to make the food related items you all like to purchase for holiday giving. We can use canning jars, jelly jars, baby food jars and Marie salad dressing jars, all with lids and dishwasher washed, tea cups with saucers, paraffin and sure-gel. We always accept thread, material and yarn. For your information, if we are unable to use any donation we pass it on to other groups that are also looking for the same type of items so no donation will go to waste. Thank you for your help.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

It is critically important that Catholics, who comprise one-quarter of the population of the United States, make their voices heard so that Catholic organizations and individuals do not suffer under the federal health care mandate, which will restrict our religious freedom as well as the religious freedom of others. To force them to choose between violating their consciences and foregoing their health care is unconscionable.

If you haven't done so 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: www.ctcatholic.org or www.norwichdiocese.org.

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