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# dear Padre Can we bargain with God?

September 2, 2012

*A while back I made a deal with God: If he let me stay healthy until my elderly mother died, he could do whatever he wanted with me after she was gone. She's still healthy, but now I'm sick and can no longer care for her. I feel so betrayed. I need God more than ever, but I just don't trust him anymore. Can you help me get over this?*

Annette

Dear Annette,

I hear my own fears in your anguished words, and I understand your frustration and worry about who will care for your mother.

"Be still and know that I am God!" Those words are from Psalm 46, a prayer that quotes God's fundamental promise: "I am with you." This promise is a gift of his whole person. It requires of us—and this scares me for myself—the gift in return of life and person, body and soul.

But we would rather bargain with God: *I'll do this and never do that, and you will help me get my children through school or keep me healthy to care for my aging mother.* But God doesn't bargain, and he didn't break a promise to you. You proposed a deal, but God didn't agree to it. Therefore, he hasn't betrayed your trust.

God will send you a word or sign to let you know he is indeed with you. I'll pray for you and your mother, and I ask that you do the same for me.

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### WEEKEND MASSES:

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!

### 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 WEEK**

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SEPT. 1 - 2, 2012**

**USHERS GROUP IV**

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 1 –**

**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for John & Barbara Sposito on their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary request of their Children and Grandchildren

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 2 –**

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

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass

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

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

**MONDAY, SEPT. 3 –**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Steven Gaumond request of Elaine Gaumond

**LABOR DAY – NO BINGO**

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 4 –**

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

**7:15 P.M. –** Adult Choir Rehearsal

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5 –**

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

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

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 6 –** No Mass

**7:00 P.M. –** Knights of Columbus Business Meeting

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 7 –** No Mass

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 8**

ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

Last week's Offertory – August 26 – \$2,629  
Last year's Offertory – August 28 – \$1,986

*"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..." (James 1:22)*

**What do you do to live God's word? Do you share time and talent with your parish or those in need? Do you support the work of the Church with the Fruits from your own work?**

**NEXT WEEK**

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SEPT. 8 – 9 2012**

**Triple Play Café Breakfast  
BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING  
USHERS GROUP I**

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 8 –**

**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for +Ray Lemaire request Georgette & Lionel Pelletier  
*Altar Servers: Ally Cianci, Kaila Toce*  
*Lector: Charles Luchini*  
*Eucharistic Minister: Jean Gately*

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 9 –**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for +Henry Leonard  
*Altar Servers: ShirleyWarbeck*  
*Lector: Joel Cohan*  
*Eucharistic Minister: Linda Richardson*

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass

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

*Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer*

*Lector: Rita Sheetz*

*Eucharistic Minister: John Sheetz*

**Blessing of the Backpacks – Fall Registration**

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

**MONDAY, SEPT. 10 –**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Steven Gaumond request of Elaine Gaumond

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

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 11 –**

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

**7:00 P.M. –** Parish Council Meeting

**7:15 P.M. –** Adult Choir Rehearsal

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12 –**

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

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

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 13 –** No Mass

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 14 –** No Mass

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 15 –** Knights of Columbus tootsie roll drive

ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

**Readings for the Week of September 2, 2012**  
**Sunday:** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23  
**Monday:** 1 Cor 2:1-5/Lk 4:16-30  
**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37  
**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44  
**Thursday:** 1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11  
**Friday:** 1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39  
**Saturday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23  
**Next Sunday:** Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

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**WORDS FROM A PARISHIONER – THE POWER OF PRAYER**

All of us have heard the song from Fiddler on the Roof which has a line that goes...“Wonder of wonders, miracle of miracles” Have you ever had a miracle happen to you or someone you know and love? Did you know how that miracle came to be? Well, this past spring and summer I had the blessings of a miracle. A long and not to nice an illness hit me like a ton of bricks. Where’s the miracle? Well, I am home, able to stand on my own two feet. Have I been cured? No! What I got was the fruits produced by others through their prayers and Masses said for me. Strength, patience, fortitude and all the virtues that come from prayer were given to me.

Do you need a miracle? Does someone you know need one? The St. Maurice Prayer Line is there to help in a most unobtrusive way. A simple call is all it takes (Carol, 860-643-2837) to give the first name only of the person and/or situation in need and your prayer request has been completed. No more information is required.

Think about it. Take advantage of it. Sometimes it does not appear to work, there was no cure, there was no job. But miracles come in all sizes. Maybe the job was not right for you and a better one came along. Or maybe a cure for an illness doesn’t come about, maybe this is one that only God can make a decision on. The suffering is taken away. We are here for you and we want to help in the hour of greatest need. Give Carol a call at 860-643-2837 or use the “Prayer Request Box” at the back of the church.

For those of you that are not already a Prayer on the prayer line, we can always use more voices for more prayers. The telephone is the same.....Please volunteer by calling Carol (860-643-28370)

P.S. Thanks to everyone for the prayers and Masses... and especially for your love.

*A MOST GRATEFUL PARISHIONER*

**YOUTH EXPLOSION IV**

on September 23, 2012, 12:30-7:30 pm, at St. Bernard School in Uncasville. This youth event is open to all youths in grades 7 to 12. Be excited about your faith with the LIFT Band from Boston, celebrate Mass with Bishop Cote, and be inspired by Chris Stefanic, a nationally known ‘youth’ speaker. Spend the afternoon sharing your faith with other youths from around the Diocese. Visit [www.youthexplosionct.com](http://www.youthexplosionct.com) for registration and information or call Marge Vanner, Office of Faith Events 860-848-2237.

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

*What if all the candidates from whom I have to choose are pro-abortion? Do I have to abstain from voting at all? What do I do?*

Obviously, one of these candidates is going to win the election. Thus, in this dilemma, you should do your best to judge which candidate would do the least moral harm. However, as explained previously, you should not place a candidate who is pro-capital punishment and anti-abortion in the same moral category as a candidate who is pro-abortion. Faced with such a set of candidates, there would be no moral dilemma, and the clear moral obligation would be to vote for the candidate who is pro-capital punishment, not necessarily because he is pro-capital punishment, but because he is anti-abortion.

**CATHOLIC VOTERS EDUCATION GUIDE**

The "Catholic Voters Education Guide" is a resource that can be valuable while prayerfully considering which candidate you will cast your vote for in this presidential election. It provides an overview of 23 Catholic social teaching items that are directly relevant in this election. It also compares both presidential candidates position on each of the items.

Please share this guide with others through email, Facebook or other means you may have.

The guide is available at:  
<http://www.catholicispanic.org/pdf/Catholic-Voter%27s%20Guide-2012.pdf>

**PREPARING FOR THE YEAR OF FAITH**

Save the date, Saturday, 9/22/2012, for an exciting and inspiring event, “Preparing for the Year of Faith and the New Evangelization” held at Symphony Hall in Springfield. Speakers include Father Mitch Pacwa, Sister Jane Morrissey, Jeff Cavins, Marcellino D’Ambrosio, and Patrick Madrid. Tickets are available at the box office and on Ticketmaster. For more information online- [www.yearoffaithconference.com](http://www.yearoffaithconference.com) or call 413-523-0263.

**Defending Our Religious Liberty**

As we continue our crusade to protect our religious liberty by opposing the health care mandate, which would require Catholic institutions to for pay for medication such as: abortion-inducing drugs that go against our moral convictions, I ask you to participate in the Diocesan *40 Days for Life* campaign.

It will run from September 26 through November 4, and consist of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils, and community outreach to end abortion in our Nation. Bishop Cote will be the Celebrant and Homilist at a Mass on Tuesday, September 25, 2012, in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, 213 Broadway, Norwich, to kick-off the *40 Days for Life* campaign in our diocese. For more information, please visit [www.norwichdiocese.org](http://www.norwichdiocese.org) or [www.40daysforlife.com/](http://www.40daysforlife.com/)

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