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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time • September 9, 2012

Good News!

September 9, 2012

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 35:4–7a / Jas 2:1–5 / Mk 7:31–37

Sometimes healing isn't all it's cracked up to be.

I've read stories of people with profound deafness who receive a cochlear implant. Their initial adjustment to the new world of sound can be traumatic—going from silence to a noisy world is shocking. I've also heard that when people with vision impairments have some sight restored, they can find their new world too bright, too vivid, and actually painful. Think of how startled you feel when the lights unexpectedly come on in a dark room. Now imagine how challenging a new world of sight or sound would be if darkness or silence is all you've known.

I wonder how the man in today's Gospel reading felt when Jesus opened his ears and his mouth. Were his first words praise for Jesus, or were they confused questions about this new world he hadn't heard before? Was the noise of the crowd welcome or painful?

We might wish to be healed like this man — asking Jesus to open our eyes and unclog our ears to experience him and the world more clearly. But we might end up startled by unpleasant truths about ourselves.

The reading from James says God has chosen the poor and vulnerable, reminding us that we often disregard the poor, strive for riches, and become judgmental. When Jesus opens our eyes and ears, we can clearly see the divide between what God wants and how we act. Painful, indeed.

But this shouldn't prevent us from asking God to open us more fully. Jesus opened himself completely in life and on the cross, pouring himself out for us. He challenges us to do likewise—and it's the only way we'll grow into more compassionate, faithful disciples.

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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!

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-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

SUNDAY, SEPT. 9 –

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

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 – K of C Tootsie Roll Drive

ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

Stewardship Reflections

“Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?” (James 2:5)

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society teaches us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith we know that material things really do not matter and we are more willing to share what we have.

NEXT WEEK

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPT. 15 – 16 2012

**Blessing of the Catechists
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION
Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive
USHERS GROUP II**

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15 –

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Clara Stygar request
of Florence Tracy

Altar Servers: Elena & Catherine Fiano

Lector: Barbara Fiano

Eucharistic Minister: Ted Lloyd

SUNDAY, SEPT. 16 –

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Kenneth Devins
request of Jeanne Devins

Altar Servers: ShirleyWarbeck

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: Paul Brown

Eucharistic Minister: Betty Atkin

Baptism – Ethan Kevin Bigliazzi

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, SEPT. 17 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Matteo Quagliano
request of Mr. & Mrs. Silvio Maratta

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

TUESDAY, SEPT. 18 –

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

7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19 –

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

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

THURSDAY, SEPT. 20 – No Mass

FRIDAY, SEPT. 21 – No Mass

SATURDAY, SEPT. 22 –

ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of September 9, 2012

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk6:27-38

Friday: Num21:4b-9/Phil2:6-11/John3:13-17

Saturday: Heb5:7-9 or 1Cor 10:14-22/John 19:25-27
or Lk 2:33-35

Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

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FAITH FORMATION

Faith formation sessions will begin on Sunday September 23, 2012 from 9:00 to 9:45 A.M. in the Parish Center. A light breakfast will be available beginning at 8:30 A.M.

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

The Current Fight to Preserve Religious Liberty
Our First Freedom:

Is it real?

How will it impact religious institutions and individuals?

What can I do?

Find out at a Special Presentation

When:

Tuesday, September 11th, 7:30 – 9:00pm (immediately after the 7:00 pm Mass)

Where:

Our Lady of Lourdes Church
1650 Route 12
Gales Ferry, CT.

Presenter: Deacon David Reynolds, Legislative Liaison
Connecticut Catholic Conference

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.

3rd Annual Seton Scholarship Dinner

SAVE THE DATE – October 28, 2012

LOCATION –

Lake of Isles

1 Clubhouse Drive

North Stonington, CT 06359

For more information contact Ann Crooks at 860-887-4086.

EXCERPT - CATHECHISM FOR CATHOLIC

VOTERS – Fr. Stephen F. Torraco, Ph.D.

Is not the Church's stand that abortion must be illegal a bit of an exception? Does not the Church generally hold that government should restrict its legislation of morality significantly?

The Church's teaching that abortion should be illegal is not an exception. St. Thomas Aquinas put it this way. "Wherefore human laws do not forbid all vices, from which the virtuous abstain, but only the more grievous vices, from which it is possible for the majority to abstain; and chiefly those that are to the hurt of others, without the prohibition of which human society could not be maintained: thus human law prohibits **murder**, theft and such like." (emphasis added). Abortion qualifies as a grievous vice that hurts others, and the lack of prohibition of this evil by society is something by which human society cannot be maintained. As Pope John Paul II has emphasized, the denial of the right to life, in principle, sets the stage, in principle, for the denial of all other rights.

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.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

On August 1, 2012, the federal healthcare mandate took effect requiring that employers cover free abortion-inducing drugs, contraception and surgical sterilizations. Churches are exempt. However, religious organizations including Catholic hospitals, schools and charities are not. They have been given exactly one year – until August 1, 2013- to comply with the mandate, which violates religious freedom. Between now and then, it is imperative that you let your elected officials know how you feel about losing this freedom.

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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