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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time • September 30, 2012

Good News!

September 30, 2012

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nm 11:25–29 / Jas 5:1–6 / Mk 9:38–43, 45, 47–48

As the saying goes, “Nobody likes a tattletale.” True, but I always enjoyed being a tattletale. Whether reporting my brothers’ incessant teasing or a classmate’s misbehavior, I liked feeling “morally superior” to others. I felt proud to serve as the police officer for good behavior in my world. Perhaps you’ve known — and even enjoyed—that somewhat smug feeling.

Joshua in today’s first reading and John in today’s Gospel do a bit of tattling as they complain to their leaders about people who appear to be outsiders acting in God’s name. Their complaints are dismissed because Moses and Jesus affirm that God knows no human boundaries, and these “outsiders” are doing the Lord’s work.

Not only are the tattlers’ complaints rejected, but Jesus issues a challenge to turn the eyes of judgment inward. His images of cutting off limbs and plucking out eyes are dramatic, but his point is simple: Remove from yourself anything that causes you or others to sin. Stop worrying about others’ behavior and focus on purging yourself of sinful thoughts and actions.

Seeing others’ faults comes easily—it’s more difficult to be the police officer of our own behaviors. Yet we’re called to be vigilant about removing elements that lead to sin. Perhaps we need to stop associating with people who gossip. Maybe we need to stop consuming alcohol because we’re disrespectful or engage in risky behavior after a few drinks. Perhaps we need to stop nursing grudges and forgive someone who begs mercy from us.

Can we look at ourselves with the observant eye of the tattletale and ask God to help us eliminate what leads us to sin?

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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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPT. 29 - 30 2012
USHERS GROUP IV

SATURDAY, SEPT. 29

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Clara Stygar request of Bozena Milozarek

SUNDAY, SEPT. 30 –

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass
8:30 A.M. – Breakfast for Faith Formation
9 A.M. – Faith Formation

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +Michal Czercowy, request of The Czercowy Family

MONDAY, OCT 1 –

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, Oct 2 –

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

7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, OCT 3 –

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

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

3 to 7 P.M. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, OCT 4 – No Mass

FRIDAY, OCT 5 – No Mass

SATURDAY, OCT. 6

ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of September 30, 2012
Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-8
Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

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NEXT WEEK
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCT 6 – 7 2012
USHERS GROUP I
SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE CRADLE FUND
TRIPLE PLAY CAFE BREAKFAST & BLOOD PRESSURE
SCREENING

SATURDAY, OCT. 6 -

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Marion & +Bill Miller, request of the Family

Altar Servers: Ally Cianci

Lector:

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley

SUNDAY, OCT. 7 –

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

NO FATH FORMATION

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +Clara Stygar, request of Gennie & Deleski Malinowski

Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer

Lector: Rita Sheetz

Eucharistic Minister: Rita Sheetz

MONDAY, OCT 8 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Emelia Maratta, 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.

7:00 P.M. Property Management Meeting

TUESDAY, OCT 9 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Levi & +Isabell Fournier, request of Solange Fournier

7:00 P.M. Parish Council Meeting

7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, OCT 10 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +John Marmaduke, request of Jennifer & Phil Daly

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

3 to 7 P.M. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, OCT 11 – No Mass

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

FRIDAY, OCT 12 – No Mass

SATURDAY, OCT. 13

ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

Last week's Offertory – September 23 – \$3,448
 Last year's Offertory – September 25– \$2,447

"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." (Mark 9:41)

Our Lord's comment about the simple gesture of giving a drink of water is a reminder of how Jesus taught that we would all be judged at the end of time. "For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you care for me, in prison and you visited me."

Matthew 25:35. Our service and sacrifice to our parish and the greater Church allows us to care for Jesus when He is hungry, thirsty, ill or in need.

SAINT MAURICE APPRECIATION DINNER

Sunday, October 14, 2012 at the Parish Center at 2:00 pm.

Father Wojciech would like to take this opportunity to personally invite those of you who have unselfishly given their time and efforts in support of the various ministries and events at St. Maurice. Your willingness to provide help whenever the need arose has been instrumental to our ongoing efforts in parish rebuilding. Please accept my sincere gratitude by joining me for dinner in appreciation of your help. If you are planning to attend, please sign up on the sheets at the rear entrances of the church.

ST. MAURICE CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Christmas Fair uses over 100 lbs. of flour and over 100 lbs. of sugar, along with Crisco, molasses, chocolate and many other items in our mixes, pies and food sales. If you can help us with some flour and sugar it would help cut down our expenses. If it should ever happen that we receive more than we can use we donate it our holiday families. Thank you for your support.

We are collecting candle stubs of any type including those in jars for re-melting and use. Please leave in the back of the church

The Fair Group

Marriage Preparation Class for Engaged Couples

"God's Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage" offered by the Office of Family Life. For info or to register for the 4 session class call 860-889-8346 ext.283. Cost \$50 per couple.

Date : Fridays, Oct.5, 12, 19, 26, 6:30pm-8:45pm

Location: St Joseph's Church, RT.97, Occum

NOTICE – MASS STIPENDS INCREASE

The Diocese of Norwich announced an increase for mass stipends. Weekend masses will be \$20 and weekday masses will be \$10.

Marriage Preparation—CHANGE OF DATE

The Office of Family Life will be sponsoring an informational presentation for the mentoring couples from your parish who participate in the "Twogether in Love", the parish based marriage preparation program on: **SUNDAY, OCT 14, 2012** from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at St. Patrick Parish Hall, East Hampton. For information or R.S.V.P. if you are able to attend. Call 869-889-8346, EXT. 283 or email: swilliams@ccfsn.org.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Please attend the Norwich Peaceful Public Witness Program. For this program, we will be saying the rosary continually in St. Maurice Church on Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012 from 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. Any questions call Mary Mumford, 860-537-5196.

PRO LIFE MASS

There will be a Pro-Life mass on Saturday, October 6th at 8:30 a.m. at St. Patrick Cathedral in Norwich. Following the mass, the rosary will be prayed both in the Cathedral and at the Planned Parenthood. Brunch will be served after the rosary.

ST. EDWARD TAG AND BAKE SALE

St. Edward Ladies Guild will hold its fall tag and bake sale on Saturday, Oct. 6, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon at the Church Hall at 25 Church St., Stafford Springs.

"YOUR MEDICINES AND YOU"

Please join us on Wednesday, Oct. 17 for a video and discussion on "Your Medicines and You": a Video Conversation with Dr. Bill Thomas, sponsored by AARP Starting at 10 a.m. and last about 1 hour. This will help participants manage their medication, understand how to communicate with their physicians, pharmacists, keep track of their medications, avoid drug interactions and explore medication options that may be equally effective, yet less expensive. Leading the program will be Barbara Fiano, RPh from Walgreens Pharmacy. Any questions call Kathy Perlitz 860-649-1210

WORKSHOP ON CATHOLIC FUNERALS

The Diocese will sponsor a workshop on the Order of Christian Funerals, the ceremonies and rituals of Catholic Funerals. All parish ministers and interested parishioners are invited to attend. Saturday, October 13 at St. Columba Parish, Columbia (intersection of Rtes 66 and 87). Information and registration form available at www.norwichdiocese.org or call 869-848-2237x203.

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