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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time • October 14, 2012

Good News!

October 14, 2012

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 7:7-11 / Heb 4:12-13 / Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

While on maternity leave I learned some difficult lessons, including how to handle explosive diapers and how to convince a bright-eyed baby that 3 am isn't really "morning."

But my toughest lesson was discovering that my to-do lists were no longer important. As someone who thrives on crossing things off the list, I was shocked to realize I could only get one or two things done each day while feeding, soothing, and diapering my daughter. It took me months to understand that the to-do lists that had been central to my life had become a distraction from my life's new center—my daughter and her unique coos, kicks and, yes, cries. The lists weren't bad, but they did draw my focus from her.

Similarly, Jesus doesn't condemn the rich man's wealth in today's Gospel reading. But his teaching that "it is easier for a camel to pass through [the] eye of [a] needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God" reminds us that wealth can become a distraction from recognizing our dependence on God. The time needed to manage wealth and the security it appears to provide can leave little room for God. Just like my to-do lists, such comforts that seem so essential ultimately serve as distractions.

We may not imagine ourselves as wealthy even though we're richer than most of the world if we have a roof and three daily meals. But how does our "stuff"—homes, bank accounts, clothes, shoes—distract us from God? We spend a lot of time shopping, making home improvements, and moving money to more lucrative accounts. Do we give that much time to our relationship with God?

Maybe we too have some hard lessons to learn about what is central to our lives—and what is mere distraction.

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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!

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By appointment.

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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.

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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.

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THIS WEEK

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCT 13 – 14, 2012

USHERS GROUP II

SECOND COLLECTION – ANNUAL FUEL COLLECTION

SATURDAY, OCT. 13 -

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +James & +John Marvin,
request of Kurt O'Brien

SUNDAY, OCT. 14 -

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

8:30 A.M. – Breakfast for Faith Formation

9:00 A.M. - Faith Formation

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for A Special Intention for the
Czercowy Family, request of The Czercowy
Family

2 P.M. APPRECIATION DINNER -- AT PARISH CENTER

MONDAY, OCT 15 -

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Ivan Dube & +Lomen
Fournier request of The Family

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

TUESDAY, OCT 16 -

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

7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, OCT 17 -

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

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

10:00 A.M. – “Your Medicines and You” program in
the Parish Center

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

THURSDAY, OCT 18 – No Mass

FRIDAY, OCT 19 – No Mass

SATURDAY, OCT. 20

ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of October 14, 2012

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31--5:1/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9

Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or
10:42-45

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NEXT WEEK

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCT 20 – 21, 2012

USHERS GROUP III

2ND COLLECTION – MISSION COMBINED COLLECTION

SATURDAY, OCT. 20 -

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Christina (Carelle)
Michele request of Antonio and Sandra
Michele

Altar Servers: Stephanie Leiner

Lector: Georgette Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Jean Gately

SUNDAY, OCT. 21 -

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the Parishioners of St.
Maurice

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Joel Cohan

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Richardson

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

8:30 A.M. – Breakfast for Faith Formation

9:00 A.M. - Faith Formation

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for + Stanislaw Jablonowski
request of the Czercowy Family

Altar Servers: Nicholas VanDine

Lector: Evelyn O'Connor

Eucharistic Minister: Betty Aitkin

APPRECIATION DINNER-- 2 PM AT PARISH CENTER

MONDAY, OCT 22 -

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Clifford Mishio and
+Paul Dube request of The Family

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

TUESDAY, OCT 23 -

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

7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, OCT 24 -

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 25 – No Mass

FRIDAY, OCT 26 – No Mass

SATURDAY, OCT. 27

ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

Last week's Offertory – October 7 – \$2,967

Last year's Offertory – October 9 – \$2,642

"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." (Mark 10:25)

These words of Jesus are so harsh that sometimes we are tempted to ignore them, thinking that He really could not have meant them. Yet when our lives revolve around too many material possessions it is difficult to find the necessary time for God, for salvation and for God's beloved poor.

Parish Cluster News!

As you may know, at the request of the Diocese of Norwich, Sacred Heart, St. Bernard, St. Joseph and St. Matthew parishes have formed a "cluster" within the Vernon Deanery, to plan for the pending, acute priest shortage within our Diocese. St. Maurice in Bolton attends Cluster Team meetings as a "cluster observer", and may join us in our collaborative efforts. The Cluster Planning Team, consists of clergy and lay parish members from each parish.

Current projections estimate that in the next five years, approximately 14 priests will retire from active ministry (age 75). We are blest that nine men are studying for the priesthood for our Diocese ... but as newly ordained priests, they will not be ready to assume the responsibilities of a retiring pastor for a while. Also, as you may realize, four parishes in our Deanery are not staffed by Diocesan priests but are currently staffed by religious order priests: Saint Joseph in Rockville, Saint Maurice in Bolton, St. Luke in Ellington and St. Edward the Confessor in Stafford Springs.

The Cluster Planning Team met at Sacred Heart Church on September 18, 2012 to finalize "draft" recommendations to the Diocese on how the cluster can best deal with the upcoming priest shortage. Recommendations include areas of planned and potential collaboration between parishes, and how best to absorb reductions in priests available to staff parishes within our cluster. Our recommendations have been forwarded to the Diocese for review.

We will share updates with you as collaborative actions move forward, and as clergy staffing plan decisions are finalized by the Diocese of Norwich,

God Bless ...

Cluster Planning Team

Defending Our Religious Freedom

The Year of Faith should be an engaging pilgrimage for all of us, making possible wonderful developments in our families and parishes. For events taking place in our Diocese, visit www.norwichdiocese.org. As we prepare to cast our votes for the next President of the United States, this is also an ideal time to contemplate our religious freedom. A compelling video is available at:

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=D9vQt6IXaM&hd for your review.

If you haven't expressed your opposition to the federal healthcare mandate, please contact the White House at: www.whitehouse.gov/contact or call: 202-456-1111 or 202-456-1414.

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"Project Rachel" is a Diocesan outreach for anyone in need of healing. Priests in "Project Rachel" can help you through healing and forgiveness. Call 860-889-8346 ext.283.

All inquiries are confidential.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Please attend the Norwich Peaceful Public Witness Program. In addition, 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.

SETON SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

The Diocese of Norwich-Office of Catholic Schools invites you to attend the Seton Scholarship Dinner honoring the recipients of the *2nd Annual Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, D.D. Award*, on Sunday, October 28, 2012, at Lake of Isles, North Stonington from 4 to 8 PM. Tickets are \$150 per person. All proceeds benefit Catholic Schools within the Diocese. For information, please contact 860-887-4086. To purchase tickets go to : <http://www.norwichdso.org> .

MISSION COMBINED COLLECTION

The Mission combined Collection will be held next weekend. Your contribution will provide assistance to the World Mission Appeal, U.S. Bishop's Appeal for Latin America, Black and Indian Missions, and the Catholic Home Mission Appeal. You will receive information in the mail about this collection. Please read this material and bring your gift envelope to Mass next weekend, October 20/21, 2012.

SILVER AND GOLD JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY MASS

Sunday – October 21, 2012 at 2 PM

All couples married 25 & 50 years and aslo those celebrating an anniversary year 50+ or 60+ are invited to participate in and renew you wedding vows in a Pnotifical Mass which will be celebrated by Bishop Michael

R. Cote at the Cathedral of St. Patrick. Family and friends are invited to share in this special testimony and witness to love and marriage. Light refreshments will be provided in the Cathedral Hall following the Mass. Registration is through the Parish office. (Sponsored by the Annual Catholic Appeal.)

Family Day at St. Edward School Children's Fair!

St. Edward School in Stafford Springs will host its 7th Children's Fair on Saturday, October 20th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the School's gymnasium located at 25 Church St in Stafford Springs. The event will include games and activities for children, vendors of children's products and services, a children's items tag sale, a used book sale, refreshments, door prizes, raffles, a Scholastic Book Fair with Clifford the Big Red Dog, face-painting and more! A "truck explore" will take place outside weather permitting. Admission is free. For more information, call St. Edward School at 860-684-2600.



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