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Good News!

October 21, 2012

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Did you ever say "Yes, sure I can!" to something, only to realize moments later that you should never have said those words? A friend asks you to join a volunteer committee. "Yes, sure I can!"—and then you remember you have absolutely no time to spare. Or a buddy shooting hoops with you bets you can't make the next shot. "Yes, sure I can!"—and then you realize you're way too far from the basket to have a chance. Or your spouse asks if you can fix the leaky faucet. "Yes, sure I can!"—and then after one twist of the wrench, you know you should have called a plumber.

I wonder whether James and John had that same feeling of regret after they instantly replied "We can!" to Jesus' question, "Can you drink the cup that I drink?" I wonder whether they saw a knowing look on Jesus' face—and then realized they probably shouldn't have answered so quickly. Jesus knew they didn't understand how difficult drinking that cup would be. Their focus was on gaining a place of honor for themselves rather than on the self-sacrifice required to drink Jesus' cup.

If Jesus asked us "Can you drink the cup that I drink?," would we be as quick to answer "Yes, sure I can!"? We should answer so confidently only if we're fully prepared to do as Jesus did—to live as a servant. Parents, do you serve your children? Bosses, do you serve your employees? Teachers, do you serve your students? It's a completely different model of authority than we're taught in our culture.

Yet it's the cup we're asked to drink if we are to follow the Lord.

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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.

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THIS 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

SUNDAY, OCT. 21 –

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

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

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

Readings for the Week of October 21, 2012
Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45
Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

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NEXT WEEK

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCT 27 – 28, 2012

USHERS GROUP IV

MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

SATURDAY, OCT. 27 –

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the intentions of Charles and Mary Varrick request of Mary Gallant

Altar Servers: Ally Cianci

Lector: Georgette Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Ted Lloyd

SUNDAY, OCT. 28 –

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

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

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 + Katherine Berlin request of the Smythe Family

Altar Servers: Elena & Catherine Fiano

Lector: Barbara Fiano

Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen Smythe

MONDAY, OCT. 29 –

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. 30 –

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

7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31 –

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, NOV. 1 –

Solemnity of All Saints / Holy Day of Obligation

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

7:00 P.M. – Mass offered for all Parishioners of Saint Maurice

FRIDAY, Nov. 2 – No Mass

SATURDAY, NOV. 3 –

ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

Last week's Offertory – October 14 – \$3,395
 Last year's Offertory – October 16 – \$2,836

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)

Jesus came on this earth to serve. Anyone who wishes to follow Him must also be willing to give time, talent and treasure to serve God's people, just as Jesus gave His very life for us. True disciples are true stewards, giving service and sacrifice, just as Jesus taught us to do.

SAINT MAURICE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR

SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 17, 2012

Donations of flour, sugar, Crisco, molasses, chocolate etc. will be accepted until Sunday Nov. 11, 2012. Please remember your donations of jams, jellies, pickles, relishes etc.

AND of course, remember to come and get some of your holiday shopping done.

Election 2012: Religious Freedom Panel Discussion and Q/A Forum – Tuesday, October 23: 7:00 pm

St. Andrew Parish Hall, 128 Norwich Ave, Colchester CT

St. Andrew Church in Colchester is pleased to present Peter Wolfgang, executive director of the Family Institute of CT, as a speaker/panel discussion leader, to address the issues of religious liberty affecting this year's elections. Please plan on attending this important presentation/discussion before the elections in November. A free will offering will be taken.

Interested in learning about Adoption?

Catholic Charities provides services for all members of the adoption triad: infant adoption placements, domestic and international home studies and adoption searches. Contact our Adoption Coordinator at: 860-889-8346 ext.282 or susansedensky@ccfsn.org for more information

HOME BUYER SEMINAR

Do you need help with purchasing a home or falling behind on mortgage payments? Need help with budgeting or filling out applications for EMAP? All services are provided free at Catholic Charities, a HUD approved Counseling Agency. Also: *Free ongoing* Foreclosure Prevention and 8 hour Home Buyers Education Classes are offered by Catholic Charities in Norwich, New London and Plainfield locations. For details call 860-889-8346 ext.271.

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> .

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS

If you are silently grieving after an abortion; then healing, forgiveness and peace can have a beginning with a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**. Retreats are for women and men who have been struggling emotionally and spiritually. Retreat Oct. 26-28 in Westerly, RI
 Call Carol at 401-421-7833 ext.118.

www.rachelsvineyard.org

"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.

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this weekend supports missionary works in Latin America, Asia, Africa and parts of the United States.

By Baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church, called to share their faith as missionaries. Today our missionaries are facing incredible odds as they labor in places like Africa where drought and the AIDS epidemic are causing enormous human misery. They need and rely on our support, through prayer above all, but also through our financial gifts.

Thank you for your generosity in the past and thank you for what you will do now to help our missionaries continue their vital work. When we support them, we join them, and in this way, we too are missionaries for Christ.

Defending Our Religious Freedom

During the Vice Presidential debates, Joe Biden said, "With regard to the assault on the Catholic Church, let me make it absolutely clear. No religious institution—Catholic or otherwise, including Catholic social services, Georgetown hospital, Mercy hospital, any hospital—none has to either refer contraception, none has to pay for contraception, none has to be a vehicle to get contraception in any insurance policy they provide. That is a fact. That is a fact."

This is NOT a fact. It is totally inaccurate. The HHS mandate contains a narrow, four-part exemption for certain "religious employers," which does not extend to "Catholic social services, Georgetown hospital, Mercy hospital, any hospital," or any other religious charity that offers its services to all, regardless of the faith of those served. If what the Vice President argues is true, why would religious organizations across America be filing lawsuits against the federal government over encroachment on religious freedom?

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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