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Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time • November 4, 2012

# Good News!

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## Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 6:2-6 / Heb 7:23-28 / Mk 12:28b-34

At the staff meetings of a religious institution I once worked for, we took turns leading an opening prayer. Many of us prepared prayers with detailed language, noting the day's feast or particular intentions drawn from the day's headlines. However, the only prayer I remember was led by a laywoman who began by saying, "God, we love you." I don't remember the rest of the prayer, but I've never forgotten her basic but profound beginning: "God, we love you."

We do a lot of asking God for things, we probably do plenty of complaining to God, and we do a good amount of thanking God. But how much time do we spend loving God? Jesus upholds the centrality of loving God in his answer to the scribe in today's Gospel. Instead of naming one of the 613 commandments of the Judaic Law as the "first," he quotes the central Jewish prayer, the Shema, and its injunction to love God with our whole being. This, for Jesus, is the most essential commandment.

When was the last time you prayed, "God, I love you"? Loving God is different than loving a person you can actually see, touch, and hear—yet it's so fundamental to the spiritual life. Maybe, like couples who've been married a long time, we just assume God knows we love him. "We've been together so long, we don't even need to say it anymore."

But even long-married couples renew their marriage vows and fall in love all over again. God is always reaching out in love to us, and Jesus challenges us today to recommit ourselves to God. Can we continue to fall in love with God?

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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**  
**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**NOV. 3 – 4, 2012**  
**USHERS GROUP I**

**SATURDAY, NOV. 3 –**

**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for +Lois Dunham request of Linda Wiley

**SUNDAY, NOV. 4 –**

**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 +Mary Nicholson request of Dolores Lynch

**2 to 4 P.M. – Video Presentation of “Call to Protect” at the Parish Center**

**MONDAY, NOV. 5 –**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice

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

**TUESDAY, NOV. 6 –**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for a Special Intention for Barbara Sposito request of Linda Wiley

**7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal**

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 7 –**

**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. 8 – No Mass**

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

**FRIDAY, Nov. 9 – No Mass**

**SATURDAY, NOV. 10 –**

ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

**NEXT WEEK**  
**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**NOV. 10 – 11, 2012**  
**Triple Play Café Breakfast**  
**Blood Pressure Screening**  
**USHERS GROUP II**

**SATURDAY, NOV. 10 –**

**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for +Robert Simmons request of Mary Simmons and Family

*Altar Servers: Stephanie Leiner*

*Lector: Georgette Pelletier*

*Eucharistic Minister: Annedda Stiller*

**SUNDAY, NOV. 11 –**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for +Steven Gaumond request of Elaine Gaumond

*Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck*

*Lector: Joel Cohan*

*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 +Edgar Lavoie request of his Daughters

*Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer*

*Lector: Paul Brown*

*Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Scorso*

**MONDAY, NOV. 12 –**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Clifford Mishio (5<sup>th</sup> Aniv.) request of Solange Fournier

**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, NOV. 13 –**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +John Cicon request of Theresa Cicon

**7:00 P.M. PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal**

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 14 –**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Lorraine Baker request of her Friends,

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

**THURSDAY, NOV. 15 – No Mass**

**FRIDAY, Nov. 16 – No Mass**

**SATURDAY, NOV. 17 –**

**9:00 A.M. to 3 P.M. – CHRISTMAS FAIR AT ST. MAURICE**

ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

*“... Which commandment is the first of all? ...and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.” (Mark 12:28-30)*

**When people talk about their gifts of time, talent and treasure, many combine time and talent together, thinking they are giving their time and talent to their parish ministry. But, don't be confused, your gift of time refers to the time you give back to God. Spend time in prayer with God throughout the day – thanking Him, asking Him for forgiveness and listening for His guidance. Have the courage to trust God more and make room for Him in your heart.**

**Readings for the Week of November 4, 2012**

- Sunday:** Dt 6:2-6/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34
- Monday:** Phil 2:1-4/Lk 14:12-14
- Tuesday:** Phil 2:5-11/Lk 14:15-24
- Wednesday:** Phil 2:12-18/Lk 14:25-33
- Thursday:** Phil 3:3-8a/Lk 15:1-10
- Friday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
- Saturday:** Phil 4:10-19/Lk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday:** 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

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**PRO-LIFE MASS**

Join our Diocesan family for the monthly Pro-Life Mass on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ 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 served after the Rosary. Join us with your prayer and presence as we work together to bring about a culture of life.

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When: **Friday, Nov. 16, 6-9 PM**

**Saturday, Nov. 17, 9 AM-2:30 PM**

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**JOIN THE CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS!**

Rehearsal of music for Advent and Christmas is about to begin. Practice with the choir for the season on Tuesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. in Church and perform at 10:00 Mass on Sundays and the 10:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. All parts needed. Solo opportunities are available.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

This is the perfect weekend for couples to experience a richer and loving life together. Rediscover each other for an entire weekend with a heart-to-heart Marriage Encounter. To register for the next weekend in Groton on November 16-18 or for info call 860-376-0440.



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