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# Good News!

June 16, 2013

## ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

2 Sm 12:7-10, 13 / Gal 2:16, 19-21  
Lk 7:36-8:3 or 7:36-50

If today's media circus had been alive and well in first-century Palestine, it would have pounced on the events in today's gospel reading. You can imagine the headlines: "Mystery Woman Crashes Elegant Dinner; Host Mortified." Blogs would light up with sordid details of the woman's sinful past. Simon the Pharisee would visit talk shows expressing shock and threatening a lawsuit. The woman would be offered her own reality show: "Real Sinners of the Mediterranean." Of course, after two days of nonstop coverage, the whole event would be forgotten.

For Jesus, none of this drama mattered. His focus was solely on this woman who, though uninvited, made her way to him and publicly demonstrated her great repentance. In spite of Simon's protests and, most likely, the rest of the attendees' shock, Jesus gave her his full attention, and most important, his forgiveness. No gossip, no dramatic expelling of the woman, no show of great power. Just a quiet and humble exchange between Jesus and a repentant sinner.

And so it can be for us, especially in the sacrament of reconciliation. Jesus waits with a calm and compassionate heart for our sincere repentance. We need only to name our sin, as the woman did, and ask forgiveness. No matter what other voices complain against us, no matter how grave our sin, no matter how long it has been—Jesus' attention is on us and us alone. No media circus, no expert analysis, no dredging up everything bad we've ever done. Just an honest, humble encounter between us and the Lord.

Listen. Can you hear Jesus say, "Your sins are forgiven?"

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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.

# ST. MAURICE CHURCH

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**THIS WEEK**  
**11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**JUNE 15 – 16, 2013**  
**MAINTENANCE COLLECTION**  
**USHERS GROUP I**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Special Collection for Recovery Efforts from Recent Storms in Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and from other Natural Disasters**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 15 –**  
**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for +Francesa Quagliano  
request of Josephine Maratta

***Coffee Social after 5 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement***

**SUNDAY, JUNE 16 –**  
**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for +James Bloznalis request  
of the Dean Family

***CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY*** after Mass

**10:00 A.M. –** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St.  
Maurice

***CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY*** after Mass

**5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

**MONDAY, JUNE 17 –**  
**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Marie Ann Madore  
request of her Daughters & Son

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

**TUESDAY, JUNE 18 –**  
**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Tom Grunске request of  
Hope Grunске

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19 – No Mass**

**9:00 A.M. – FAIR WORKSHOP**

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

**THURSDAY, JUNE 20 – No Mass**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 21 – No Mass**

**FAITH FORMATION – LAST DAY FOR ON-TIME  
REGISTRATION**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 22 –**  
**4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS**

**Last week's Offertory – June 9 – \$2,692**  
**Last year's Offertory – June 10 – \$2,990**

*"When I entered your house, you did not give me water for  
my feet..." (Luke 7:44)*

**Today's Gospel calls us to consider how we serve  
God. Do we consume like the Pharisee who simply  
reclines at the table and expects to be served? Or do  
we contribute like the woman who kneels before  
Jesus and washes His feet? Every day we must make  
a choice. Take or give? Consume or contribute?  
Recline or serve?**

**NEXT WEEK**  
**12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**JUNE 22 – 23, 2013**  
**USHERS GROUP II**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 22 –**  
**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St.  
Maurice

*Altar Servers: Maria Cinea*

*Lector: Patti Cinea*

*Eucharistic Minister: Annedda Stiller*

***Coffee Social after 5 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement***

**SUNDAY, JUNE 23 –**  
**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

*Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck*

*Lector: Joel Cohan*

*Eucharistic Minister: Linda Richardson*

***CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY*** after Mass

**10:00 A.M. –** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St.  
Maurice – Baptism of Penelope Ortitelli  
**during Mass**

*Altar Servers: Elena & Catherine Fiano*

*Lector: Barbara Fiano*

*Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Scorso*

***CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY*** after Mass

**5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

**MONDAY, JUNE 24 –**  
**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Col. Werner Moore &  
+Isabel Moore request of Hope Grunске

**5:00 P.M. – Parish BINGO – Food available from 5 P.M.**  
**GAMES begin at 6:30 P.M. – Progressive Jackpot \$500**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 25 –**  
**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Anne Boss request of  
Hope Grunске

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26 – No Mass**

**9:00 A.M. – FAIR WORKSHOP**

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

**THURSDAY, JUNE 27 – No Mass**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 28 – No Mass**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 29 –**  
**4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS**

Readings for the Week of June 16, 2013  
Sunday: 2 Sm 12:7-10, 13/Gal 2:16, 19-21/Lk 7:36--8:3 or  
7:36-50  
Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Mt 5:38-42  
Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Mt 5:43-48  
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Mt 6:7-15  
Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Mt 6:19-23  
Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Mt 6:24-34  
Next Sunday: Zec 12:10-11; 13:1/Gal 3:26-29/Lk 9:18-24

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FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM PLANNED FOR JUNE 21 TO JULY 4

By: USCCB and Four County Catholic News Desk

WASHINGTON — The second annual Fortnight for Freedom will take place from June 21 to July 4, and will address the challenges to religious liberty both at home and abroad. As with last year's Fortnight, the event will begin and end with a special Mass.

Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, will open the 2013 Fortnight for Freedom by celebrating Mass at Baltimore's historic Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, scheduled for June 21 at 7 p.m. EDT. Cardinal Donald Wuerl of Washington will celebrate the closing Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington on July 4 at 12 p.m. EDT. This year's Fortnight occurs just weeks before August 1, when the administration's HHS mandate coercing us to violate our deeply-held beliefs will be enforced against most religious non-profits. During the Fortnight, the Supreme Court's decisions on the definition of marriage will likely be handed down as well. Those decisions could have a profound impact on religious freedom for generations to come.

Bishop Cote reminds us that "It is through prayer, study, and peaceful public action during the Fortnight for Freedom, that we in the Diocese and across the Country will help preserve the fundamental right of religious freedom." Bishop Cote asks that each day during the Fortnight, we pray the following *Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty*. "Prayer," Bishop Cote stresses, "...is the most powerful tool we have among the many responses to the crisis we face. Let us pray that those who govern will trust and uphold the First Amendment."

#### *Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty*

##### **O God our Creator,**

from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith. Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome— for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us— this great land will always be "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

##### **SAVE THE DATE:**

Internet Safety Informational Session

Tuesday September 17<sup>th</sup>

1:00-2:30 pm –or- 7:00-8:30 pm

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##### **SAVE THE DATE**

The Diocesan School Office of the Diocese of Norwich announces the Fourth Annual Seton Scholarship Dinner honoring the recipients of the *3rd Annual Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, D.D. Award for Contributions to Catholic Education in the Diocese of Norwich* on Sunday, November 3, 2013, at The Riverhouse at Goodspeed Station, Haddam, from 4:00- 8:00 pm. This year's award recipients are Dr. John F. Shine, former Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Norwich, Father Roger Lamoureux, O.M.I. Pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Willimantic, CT and Defender of the Bond for the Tribunal of the Diocese of Norwich, and Sister Patricia Anne Barry, RSM, former Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Norwich. We are looking forward to a wonderful evening, hosted by the Most Reverend Michael R. Coted, D.D., Bishop of Norwich, in celebration of our recipients as well as all the many people in our Diocese who have committed their lives to providing exceptional Catholic education to all. All proceeds benefit Catholic Schools within the Diocese and support tuition assistance to needy families. Opportunities to support the dinner are available in the form of sponsorships, program advertising and raffle donations. For tickets and more information, please contact Mary Ellen Mahoney, at 860-886-1928, ext. 14 or [developmentdso@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:developmentdso@norwichdiocese.net)

##### **Defending Our Religious Liberty**

The U.S. bishops have called for a *Fortnight for Freedom*, a two-week period of prayer and action, to address many current challenges to religious liberty, including the August 1, 2013 deadline for religious organizations to comply with the Human Health Service mandate. Supreme Court rulings that could redefine marriage and religious liberty concerns in areas such as immigration and humanitarian services will also be remembered during the fortnight.

To voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate, call the Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121 and ask for your Congressmen and/or U.S. Senators. Ask them to support legislation that will overturn the mandate.



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