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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time • June 23, 2013

Good News!

June 23, 2013

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)
Zec 12:10–11; 13:1 / Gal 3:26–29 / Lk 9:18–24

I'm a woman of routine, particularly in the mornings. I do certain things in a certain way every morning as if I'm crossing items off a to-do list. Get up. Rub eyes. Stumble to the bathroom. Put in contacts. Wash face. Take shower. And on and on. Even if you aren't a routine-driven person during the rest of the day, you probably do some of the same things every morning.

What if "take up your cross" was also on our to-do list, right after "take shower" or "drink coffee"? Jesus asks us to do nothing less in today's Gospel when he declares we should take up our cross *daily*. Ugh. I'm not so enthusiastic about that. Aren't crosses just for *some* days—those harder-than-ordinary days? Not *every* day, Lord. That seems like too much.

But while we may resist, we know the Lord is right. Even Jesus, who didn't carry a physical cross with him every day, carried the burden of knowing his way of life would lead him to crucifixion. He was aware of what lay ahead for him—but even with that heavy emotional cross, he still brought healing and peace to so many. He carried his cross with grace, courage, and perseverance.

Jesus doesn't simply tell us to carry our cross; he also says, "Follow me." Everyone has crosses, but how we carry them makes a difference. Do we follow him in the way we carry our cross—without complaining, still praising God, always seeking to bring life to others? Are we still joyful and hopeful while carrying our cross?

Jesus has given us quite an example. When drinking your coffee tomorrow morning, take time to ponder how you will take up your cross—and follow Jesus—that day.

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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.

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BOLTON, CT (30)

THIS WEEK
12th 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

SUNDAY, JUNE 23 –

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

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

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 \$550

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

Last week's Offertory – June 16 – \$2,289
Last year's Offertory – June 17 – \$2,831

"If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." (Luke 9:23)

We are not very good at "denying ourselves" in our society. Our current economic situation is evidence of what happens when people think they can have everything they want. Jesus calls us to set our own personal "wants" aside so that we have the resources to follow Him instead.

NEXT WEEK
13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 29 – 30, 2013

2ND COLLECTION – WORLD COMBINED COLLECTION
USHERS GROUP III

SATURDAY, JUNE 29 –

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

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea

Lector: Bert Flynn

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley

SUNDAY, JUNE 30 –

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +James Bloznalis request of Mark & Barbara Fiano

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Arelene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +Edgar Lavoie request of his Daughters

Altar Servers: Lee & Ben Snuffer

Lector: Jeffrey Monroe

Eucharistic Minister: Clifford Scorso

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, JULY 1 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +John Baptist Nguyen request of Kurt O'Brien

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

TUESDAY, JULY 2 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Roland Mishio (3rd Anniv.) request of Solange Fournier

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3 – No Mass

9:00 A.M. – FAIR WORKSHOP

NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, JULY 4 – No Mass

FRIDAY, JULY 5 – No Mass

SATURDAY, JULY 6 –

4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of June 23, 2013
Sunday: Zec 12:10-11; 13:1/Gal 3:26-29/Lk 9:18-24
Monday: Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Mt 7:15-20
Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/Mt 7:21-29
Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Mt 8:1-4
Saturday: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62

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FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**2013 World Combined Collection Program**

The Combined Collection for World Charities will be held next weekend. Your contribution will provide assistance to the Catholic Relief Services Collection, the Campaign for Human Development, Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, and The Holy Land. Shortly you will receive information in the mail about this collection. Please read this material and bring your contribution envelope to Liturgy next week, June 29th and 30th. Your support and generosity are essential to these programs of the Universal Church.

Natural Family Planning Classes ~ For Married and Engaged

(NFP) is the safe and loving alternative to the dangerous, chemical, synthetic hormonal side-effects of contraception and birth control. **NFP** is scientific, helps with fertility problems and 99% effective for conceiving or responsibly postponing a baby. Why wait any longer! Discover the truth for yourself about **NFP**. A class begins on June 23rd at St. John's Old Saybrook, call the Collisons at 860-399-8265. A class begins on July 13th in Westerly, RI, call the Brodeurs at 401-596-3443. www.ccli.org. Home Study, online or classes available. Questions? Call 860-889-8346 ext. 283.

Marriage Preparation for Engaged Couples

"God's Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage"

July 12, 19 and 26, 2013 6:30pm-9:00pm

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Gales Ferry

To register for the 3 session class call:

Family Life Office at 860-889-8346 ext.283.

SAVE THE DATE:

Internet Safety Informational Session

Tuesday September 17th

1:00-2:30 pm –or- 7:00-8:30 pm

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The Silver and Gold Jubilee Anniversary Mass will be held Sunday, September 29, 2013 -- 2:00p.m.

Inviting all couples married 25 & 50 years in renewal of your wedding vows at the Pontifical Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote at the Cathedral of St. Patrick. Register in August through your parish. For information call: 860-889-8346 ext.283.

Parents divorcing and/or resolving child custody issues –

participate in the court suggested Parent Education Program. Are you concerned about the effects of divorce, separation or family disruption on your children? **Catholic Charities offers ongoing, monthly one day Parenting Education Classes in Norwich, Rockville and Middletown. A monthly 2- part Spanish/bilingual parenting education class is held in Willimantic.** Attendance at both sessions in the Willimantic class is required for the certificate of completion. Fees apply and are determined by the State of CT. Please call toll free 1-866-883-1624 ext. 263 for registration and monthly class locations and dates.

Fourth Annual Seton Scholarship Dinner

The Diocesan School Office invites you to attend the Fourth Annual Seton Scholarship Dinner honoring the recipients of the 3rd Annual Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, D.D. Award, on Sunday, November 3, 2013 at The Riverhouse at Goodspeed Station, Haddam, from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$150/person. All proceeds benefit Catholic Schools within the Diocese. Opportunities for sponsorship, program advertising and raffle donations are available.

For tickets and more information, please contact Mary Ellen Mahoney at 860-886-1928 ext. 14 or developmentdso@norwichdiocese.net.

Summer Program at the College of Saint Mary Magdalen

The College of Saint Mary Magdalen in Warner, NH still has openings for its Summer Program for high school students. The Collegiate Summer Program offers participants the opportunity to study theology, philosophy, literature and political science. During the summer program, students also attend daily Mass and enjoy sports, socials and day trips including hiking and canoeing. The program is for students who will be entering their sophomore, junior or senior year of high school in the fall of 2013. It is also open to students who have just graduated high school. The Collegiate Summer Program is a two-week session that runs from Sunday, July 28 – Saturday, August 10, 2013. Register today at www.magdalen.edu! For more information, contact the admissions office at admissions@magdalen.edu or 603.456.2656 x 119.

Teen's ACTS Retreat-Theme Strong Enough

A teen's ACTS retreat given by teens for teens will be held on July 11-14th at Immaculata Retreat House. Join us for some food, fun and faith! Sponsored by St. Matthew's Church in Tolland. Weekend cost is \$210 which includes all meals, and private rooms! Financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from attending. For information, contact Brenda Koskovich 860-742-8008. Application forms are on line at actsct.org.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

During the Fortnight for Freedom, it is imperative that we consider that the federal healthcare mandate violates religious freedom by: forcing religious insurers to write policies that violate their beliefs; forcing religious employers and schools to subsidize and facilitate coverage that violates their beliefs; and forcing conscientiously objecting employees and students to purchase coverage that violates their beliefs.

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

Schedules for Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are in the rack in back of the Church.

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