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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time • June 30, 2013

Good News!

June 30, 2013

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21 / Gal 5:1, 13-18 / Lk 9:51-62

When our eight-month-old daughter began to crawl, it quickly became evident that we needed to teach her the meaning of the word no. She was drawn to all the things she shouldn't touch—computers, electrical outlets, hot liquids. However, in response to our firm “No!,” she smiled and giggled. Not exactly what we were hoping for. It took a while for her to learn the meaning of no and that she had some restrictions on her newfound freedom.

I recalled my daughter's amused reaction to “No!” when I read Saint Paul's warning against “biting and devouring one another” in his letter to the Galatians. He was speaking of unethical behavior among the Galatian community—gossip, backbiting, cheating. Clearly, God had said no to these behaviors long ago, but the Galatians continued to exhibit them—kind of like laughing in God's face.

Saint Paul reminds them that in Christ they do have freedom, but it's not unbridled. This freedom comes with responsibilities—a commitment to love and serve one another rather than treat each other immorally and unethically.

This week we celebrate our country's gift of freedom. But the freedom we enjoy through Jesus is deeper. It's freedom from sin and death, and it isn't restriction free. It comes with the responsibility to work for the good of others with love.

It's a full-time, wholehearted commitment, as Jesus notes in today's Gospel. It's less about hearing *no* from the Lord and more about saying *yes* to what God asks of us—in gratitude for such a great gift.

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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
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

SUNDAY, JUNE 30 –

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

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

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. – Progressive Jackpot \$550

TUESDAY, JULY 2 –

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3 – No Mass

NO 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

Last week’s Offertory – June 23 – \$2,415
Last year’s Offertory – June 24 – \$2,517

“For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather serve one another through love.” (Galatians 5:13)

We like to celebrate the fact that we are free to “live the good life.” But Jesus calls us to a different kind of freedom. St. Paul reminds us that Jesus sets us free so that we can serve one another, share our gifts and promote God’s work here on earth to glorify His name and not honor ourselves.

**NEXT WEEK
14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 6 – 7, 2013**

**2ND COLLECTION/MISSION CO-OP MARYKNOLL FATHERS
USHERS GROUP IV**

SATURDAY, JULY 6 –

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for Parishioners of St. Maurice
*Altar Servers: Josh Meyers
Lector: Georgette Pelletier
Eucharistic Minister: Jean Gately*

SUNDAY, JULY 7 –

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Agnes & +George Murphy, Sr. & Jr. request of Mary Anne Murphy

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Joel Cohan

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Richardson

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for the Intention of Alex Czercowy request of his Family

Altar Servers: Alex Czercowy

Lector: Rita Sheetz

Eucharistic Minister: Rita Sheetz

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, JULY 8 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Martha Marshall request of Ernest & Louise Stokes and Helena Skaggs

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

TUESDAY, JULY 9 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Intentions of Mary Ann Murphy request of Mary Mumford

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10 – No Mass

9:00 A.M. – FAIR WORKSHOP

NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, JULY 11 – No Mass

FRIDAY, JULY 12 – No Mass

SATURDAY, JULY 13 –

4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of June 30, 2013
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62
Monday: Gn 18:16-33/Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29
Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Mt 9:14-17
Next Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**Golf Enthusiasts ~ Save the Date!**

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich 8th Annual Golf Tournament on Wednesday, September 18th at Fox Hopyard in East Haddam. A scramble format and shotgun start includes 18 holes, a BBQ lunch and ends with appetizers and awards of prizes and raffles. An excellent opportunity for a great round of golf at a premier course while supporting those in need. For information, applications or sponsorship call 860-889-8346 ext. 285.

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
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish- Storrs
Open to all clergy, parishioners, diocesan employees and volunteers
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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.

DIOCESE OF NORWICH PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE AND ROME

November 16-25, 2013

For information or reservations call 860-887-9294

Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich, will lead a ten day pilgrimage to Rome and the historic cities of Corinth and Thessaloniki, Greece, as well as the ancient city of Ephesus. When in Rome, enjoy a panoramic sightseeing tour of the Palazzo Venezia, the Circus Maximus, the Forum, the Arch of Constantine, and the Coliseum. The group will attend the Closing Ceremonies for the *Year of Faith* at Saint Peter Basilica in Vatican City.

Price includes local bus to/from Boston airport, departure lunch, all tips, breakfast and dinner daily, and also includes departure tax and fuel surcharge.
Reservations must be made by August 13, 2013.

Cost of Tour: \$3,899.00 per person double occupancy
\$ 300.00 deposit required
\$ 450.00 single supplement (*limited number*)
\$ 239.00 Optional Travel Insurance (*paid with deposit*)

Defending Our Religious Liberty

It is ironic that as we prepare to celebrate Independence Day this year, our most cherished First Amendment Right, Freedom of Religion, is being sullied by the passage of a federal healthcare mandate, which is forcing Catholic institutions to pay for medical practices that go against our religious principles.

To voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate, please call the Capitol switchboard in Washington 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.



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