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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time • July 14, 2013

Good News!

July 14, 2013

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Dt 30:10-14 / Col 1:15-20 / Lk 10:25-37

“Who is my neighbor?” the scholar asked Jesus. If he’d asked me, I’d have answered, “A neighbor watches your house while you’re tending to a loved one in the hospital. A neighbor cares for your baby while you get emergency medicine. A neighbor comes over at 10 PM to investigate why your water is off.”

That fits with Jesus’ answer: “The one who treated [the injured man] with mercy.”

When we’re on mercy’s receiving end, the provider doesn’t much matter—we’re just glad to receive it. The bogeyman could have come over to fix my water at 10 PM, and I’d have been grateful.

Then why are we sometimes stingy, judgmental, or discriminating against those in need of mercy? We’d like to *think* we’re the Good Samaritan, merciful even to someone we dislike.

But if we’re honest, we’d admit we’re often the priest or the Levite, not just passing by someone in need, but going out of our way to “pass on the opposite side.” We forget how strongly Jews and Samaritans hated each other—and that we too are capable of such distaste and disregard.

When we’re in need of mercy, we accept it without complaint no matter who it comes from.

May we be generous with our mercy without determining whether someone is worthy of it. For God has showered mercy on us and we, as sinners, are undeserving of such grace.

If God is so generous to us, who are we to withhold mercy from others?

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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.

THIS WEEK
15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 13 – 14, 2013
USHERS GROUP I

SATURDAY, JULY 13 –

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Cornelius Flynn request of Bert & Marge Flynn

SUNDAY, JULY 14 –

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Mary Radion (4th Anniv.), and +Kathleen Leiner request of the Radion Family

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +Vincent Szwed request of Lucy Szwed & Family

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, JULY 15 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Ivan Dube & +Leonel Plouide request of His Family

5:00 P.M. – Parish BINGO – Food available from 5 P.M. GAMES begin at 6:30 P.M. – Progressive Jackpot \$650

TUESDAY, JULY 16 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +James P. Bloznalis request of his Family

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17 – No Mass

9:00 A.M. – FAIR WORKSHOP

NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, JULY 18 – No Mass

FRIDAY, JULY 19 – No Mass

SATURDAY, JULY 20 –

4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS

Last week's Offertory – July 7 – \$2,894
Last year's Offertory – July 8 – \$3,596

"...go and do likewise." Luke 10:37

This was Jesus' simple command to all of us at the end of the Good Samaritan story. How do we do "likewise?" By sharing our skills. By reaching into our pockets when financial help is needed. By taking the time to help when we are needed, not when it's convenient for us.

NEXT WEEK
16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 20 – 21, 2013
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION
USHERS GROUP II

SATURDAY, JULY 20 –

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Evannie Yarnott request of Irene Kehl

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea

Lector: Patti Cinea

Eucharistic Minister: Bert Flynn

SUNDAY, JULY 21 –

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Agnes Hierl request of the Barbara Dean Family

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Joel Cohan

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Richardson

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +Michael Czercowy request of the Czercowy Family

Altar Servers: Nicholas VanDine

Lector: Paul Brown

Eucharistic Minister: Betty Aitkin

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, JULY 22 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Levi Fournier (6th Anniv.) request of Solange Fournier

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

TUESDAY, JULY 23 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +James P. Bloznalis request of his Family

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Lomen Fournier (7th Anniv.) request of Solange Fournier and Family

9:00 A.M. – FAIR WORKSHOP

NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, JULY 25 – No Mass

FRIDAY, JULY 26 – No Mass

SATURDAY, JULY 27 –

4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of July 14, 2013
Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37
Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34--11:1
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Ex 11:10--12:14/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

YEAR OF FAITH/60TH ANNIVERSARY/10TH ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE MASS OF THANKSGIVING

On Saturday, July 27, 2013, at 10:30 a.m., in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, the Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich and the Church of Norwich will celebrate a Mass rededicating our Diocese and our Cathedral to the honor and glory of God. You are cordially invited to participate in this Mass. Please call the rectory office at 860-643-4466 for more information.

Diocesan Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, August 3rd ~ 8:30 a.m. Please join us and our Celebrant, Msgr. Robert Brown, at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed both at the Cathedral and Planned Parenthood. A brunch will follow the Rosary.

Is your marriage tearing you apart, little or no communication, considering separation or divorce? For serious marriage building and repair: Retrouvaille is a lifeline. At a Retrouvaille weekend couples are given tools to re-establish communication, work on their issues, gain new insights and heal. A series of 6 post sessions follows the weekend phase. For information or to sign up for the next weekend on Sept. 27-29 in Hartford area call 413-525-1634. **Website www.retrouvaille.org** or sponsorship call 860-889-8346 ext. 285.

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 Colosseum. 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*)

Please Note: The Christmas Fair Group is in need of baby food Jars. Please leave any you may have in the rear of the church or at the Parish Center. Thank you!

WORD OF LIFE

I would also say emphatically that we must all commit ourselves with clarity and courage to every human person, especially children, who are among the most vulnerable, that they might always be defended and protected.

~ Pope Francis, Regina Caeli Address, May 5, 2013

I ask everyone to continue to pay special attention to this most important issue of respect for human life from the moment of conception... safeguarding every human being from the very first moment of his or her existence.

~ Pope Francis, Regina Caeli Address, May 12, 2013

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Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service offering caring and practical support to pregnant women in crisis. Our guiding principle: It is the RIGHT of every pregnant woman to give BIRTH and the RIGHT of every child to be Born.

You can help a mother give birth to her baby!

At Birthright we realize that no woman wants an abortion, but she might resort to it if there seems to be no other answer. Through loving care and practical support, we can help her give birth to her child and face the future with dignity and hope. Since 1972, our Birthright chapter has offered free pregnancy testing, friendship counseling, and practical support to thousands of women. Volunteers at Birthright are blessed with the opportunity to help a mother give life to her baby. Weekly volunteer opportunities are available for friendship counseling (4hrs.) and clerical (3 hrs.) volunteers. Our office is located in East Hartford and served 374 women in 2011. Training provided. Call 860-290-8800 to schedule a visit.

BIRTH RIGHT NEEDS

Birthright needs gently worn MATERNITY and BABY CLOTHING and BOOKS on pregnancy and baby and child care. Call 860-290-8800 to arrange for drop off.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

Those who say that the Catholic Church is discriminating against poor women by opposing the health care mandate are completely misinformed. The Catholic Church is against requirements contained in the mandate that would force them to pay for surgical procedures such as: sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception that go against our moral convictions, and therefore, impede religious freedom.

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 Congressman or Congresswoman and/or U.S. Senators. Ask them to support legislation that will overturn the mandate.

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