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# Good News!

July 21, 2013

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**

Gn 18:1-10a / Col 1:24-28 / Lk 10:38-42

**Are you hospitable?** Do you welcome guests with ease and enjoyment? Even if you can't craft place settings or party invitations like Martha Stewart, you can still be hospitable—someone others feel comfortable and at home with.

Today's readings highlight the theme of hospitality and the rewards that follow. Abraham and Sarah welcome visitors who bring surprising news about Sarah's pregnancy. Sarah laughs in disbelief, but later discovers the astounding news to be true.

Martha and Mary welcome Jesus to their home; overwhelmed by the responsibilities of hosting, Martha misses the treasure right before her—the opportunity to sit at Jesus' feet.

In addition to physical hospitality, Abraham, Sarah, and Martha also learn about hospitality of mind—allowing their minds to be open to new ideas about God's work in their lives. Abraham and Sarah couldn't imagine having a child in their old age. Martha didn't initially comprehend that sitting and conversing with Jesus could supersede the responsibilities of hospitable service. But instead of holding on to their previous ideas about God, they opened their minds in hospitality and welcome to God's newness—and God came in.

Are we as hospitable in mind as we are in our homes? Are we open to new ideas and experiences of God? Is God able to do new things in our lives, possibly through unexpected people? Or are we rigid in our beliefs and so set in our ways that God can't get in?

We may want to laugh with Sarah or complain with Martha, but our best response is openness of mind and heart to the surprising ways of 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!

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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**  
**16<sup>th</sup> 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

**SUNDAY, JULY 21 –**

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

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass

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

**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 (6<sup>th</sup> 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 (7<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Last week's Offertory – July 14 – \$2,575**  
**Last year's Offertory – July 15 – \$2,691**

*"Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." Luke 10:42*

**The story of Martha and Mary reminds us that God wants each of us to serve Him, just as Martha so graciously served. However, we will never know what God wants us to do unless we spend some time like Mary did, just sitting quietly at God's feet and listening to His words.**

**NEXT WEEK**  
**17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**JULY 27 – 28, 2013**  
**USHERS GROUP III**

**SATURDAY, JULY 27 –**

**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for +Charles & +Mary Varrick request of the Family

*Altar Servers: Maria Cinea*

*Lector: Bert Flynn*

*Eucharistic Minister: Annedda Stiller*

**SUNDAY, JULY 28 –**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for +James P. Bloznalis request of his Family

*Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck*

*Lector: Judy Knox*

*Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio*

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass

**10:00 A.M. –** Mass offered for +Kazimiera & +Walter Demusz request of Wes and Roma Demusz

*Altar Servers: Lee Ann & Ben Snuffer*

*Lector: Jeffrey Monroe*

*Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Scorso*

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass

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

**MONDAY, JULY 29 –**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Giusetina & +Giovanni Quagliano request of Josephine Maratta

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

**TUESDAY, JULY 30 –**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for the intentions of Carol Zabielski request of Mary Mumford

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 31 –**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

**9:00 A.M. – FAIR WORKSHOP**

**NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**THURSDAY, AUG. 1 – No Mass**

**FRIDAY, AUG. 2 – No Mass**

**SATURDAY, AUG. 3 –**

**4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS**

Readings for the Week of July 21, 2013  
Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42  
Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
Tuesday: Ex 14:21--15:1/Mt 12:46-50  
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Mt 13:1-9  
Thursday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28  
Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23  
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Mt 13:24-30  
Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

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**Home Buyers and Foreclosure Prevention Classes:** For help with purchasing a home, fallen behind on mortgage payments or help with budgeting or filling out applications for EMAP. All services are provided free at Catholic Charities, a HUD approved Counseling Agency. The *Free ongoing Foreclosure Prevention and 8 hour Home Buyers Education Classes* are offered by Catholic Charities in Norwich, New London and Plainfield locations. For information: 860-889-8346 ext.271.

**Diocesan Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ 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.

**Golf Enthusiasts ~ Norwich Diocese Catholic Charities 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> 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 helping Norwich Diocese Catholic Charities support those in need. Information or registration call 860-889-8346 ext. 285.

**The Firefighters/EMS Mass Committee** is appealing for new members to help plan its annual Mass on Saturday, October 12, 2013, at 5:00 p.m. in the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich. The Mass Committee will meet on Tuesday, July 30, 2013, in the Bishop Hines Conference Room of the Chancery, 201 Broadway, Norwich. For more information, please call Msgr. Brown at 860-887-9294, or e-mail: [chancellor@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:chancellor@norwichdiocese.net).

**SAVE THE DATE for Catholic Charities Flames of Charity Gala October 4, 2013, 6-10 pm at the Mystic Marriott, Groton, CT** Catholic Charities Diocese of Norwich is proud to announce our 1<sup>st</sup> annual Flames of Charity Gala, an evening to support local families in need. This gourmet Italian dinner will celebrate the "flames of charity" in our community who have helped Catholic Charities remain a beacon of light for those in need throughout the Diocese. We invite you to join us in honoring Kenneth Capano, Sr., The New London Advisory/Golf Committee (Ralph Monaco, Chair), and Rev. Robert McNulty for their commitment to helping our brothers and sisters in need. Our featured MC for the evening will be Kevin Hogan from WFSB 3. Auction includes: 2 tickets to Super Bowl XLVIII at Giants stadium!!! ~ A weekend trip to Block Island ~ African Safari for 2 and much more!! Tickets \$100 per person before September 20<sup>th</sup> (\$125 after 9/20). Call 860.889.8346 x 285 or email [annadebiasi@ccfsn.org](mailto:annadebiasi@ccfsn.org) with questions or to purchase tickets.

## WORD OF LIFE

*Let's pray for life and let's work to defend life. Every human life – from conception to natural death. Especially the lives of those who are weak and most vulnerable – the elderly, the sick, the handicapped, the child in the womb, the hungry and the poor.*

~ Most Reverend Jose Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles, California, Speech to the Youth Rosary Rally of Cantwell Sacred Heart of Mary high School, May 1, 2013.

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*"We must lift up the dignity of all human life – even for those convicted of the worst crimes, and work to transform our culture so that it respects the inherent dignity and value of all people."*

~ Most Reverend Stephen E. Blaire, Bishop of Stockton and Chair of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, "Bishop Blaire Welcomes Repeal of the Death Penalty in Maryland," USCCB Press Release May 2, 2013.

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*We are reminded that, as a gift from God, every human life is sacred, from conception until natural death. The life and dignity of every person must be respected and protected at every stage and in every condition.... The Kingdom of God is recognizing that we are all made in the image and likeness of God, and thus are called to respect each other and the dignity of every human being.*

~ Most Reverend Martin D. Holley, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, Homily marking the beginning of Respec Life, October 4, 2012.

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The federal government is failing to look at the dire consequences that the passage of the health care mandate will have on our society. In forcing religious organizations to pay for insurance coverage that violates their religious principles, it will be harming the poor and underprivileged who are served by the Catholic Church. Faith-filled charities may no longer be able to help those in need, because they will not be able to afford the severe fines imposed on them by the government for non-compliance.

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.



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