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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time • August 4, 2013

Good News!

August 4, 2013

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

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You may be familiar with the TV show *Hoarders*, which features people living in horrid conditions surrounded by stuff they've been unable to throw away for years. Many of us find these extreme reality shows entertaining because it feels good to be unlike the people in them.

We may not qualify to be on *Hoarders*, but that doesn't mean we're really living the truth Jesus spoke: "One's life does not consist of possessions." Undoubtedly, we all could use a good *Hoarders*-like clean-out of our homes, closets, and cars. We have a lot of stuff. And stuff requires work—cleaning, maintenance, storage. The number of storage facilities in the United States has skyrocketed in recent years. Think about that: *We need buildings to do nothing but house stuff we can no longer fit into our homes.*

In itself, stuff isn't bad. The problem occurs when stuff turns into clutter—and clutter, when it turns into a verb, clutters! It clutters our homes, our lives, and our hearts, and it certainly can clutter our relationship with God.

Think of the time we spend protecting our stuff with insurance, lockboxes, and alarms. Think of the energy we expend deciding who will get our stuff after we're gone—which child or relative should have which piece of jewelry or collectible. Think how often we complain about not having *more* stuff when we ought to be living every day in immense gratitude for all we already have. Such time and energy could be spent much more fruitfully in service to God and to each other.

It's time for an honest look inside our homes, hearts, and spiritual lives: Do our possessions possess us?

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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.

ST. MAURICE CHURCH

BOLTON, CT (36)

THIS WEEK
18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 3 – 4, 2013
USHERS GROUP IV

SATURDAY, AUG. 3 –

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Genevieve Malec request of the O'Brien Family

SUNDAY, AUG. 4 –

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 Church

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, AUG. 5 –

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

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

TUESDAY, AUG. 6 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Adam Mancino request of Lynn Mancino

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 7 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Clayton Skaggs request of Helena Skaggs

9:00 A.M. – FAIR WORKSHOP

NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, AUG. 8 – No Mass

7:00 P.M. Knights of Columbus Business Meeting

FRIDAY, AUG. 9 – No Mass

SATURDAY, AUG. 10 –

4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS

Last week's Offertory – July 28 – \$2,289

Last year's Offertory – July 29 – \$2,968

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." Luke 12:15

The Gospel message today is so contrary to our modern culture where advertising continually tries to convince us that our value lies in the things we possess. Jesus showed us that our true value lies in the way we live our lives. He challenges us to not store up or hoard material possessions, but rather to live a grateful and generous lifestyle.

NEXT WEEK
19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 10 – 11, 2013
USHERS GROUP I

SATURDAY, AUG. 10 –

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Michael Hickey request of the Hickey & Kippenberger Families

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea

Lector: Bert Flynn

Eucharistic Minister: Patti Cinea

SUNDAY, AUG. 11 –

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Leigh Ferguson request of Mary Ann Ferguson

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

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

Altar Servers: Amilia Herasimowicz

Lector: Evelyn O'Connor

Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen Smythe

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, AUG. 12 –

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

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

TUESDAY, AUG. 13 –

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

7 P.M. Parish Council Meeting in the Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 14 –

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

9:00 A.M. – FAIR WORKSHOP

NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, AUG. 15 – THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – Holy day of Obligation

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Rev. Robert W. Cronin request of Mary Mumford

7:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners

FRIDAY, AUG. 16 – No Mass

SATURDAY, AUG. 17 –

4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of August 4, 2013

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25--14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26

Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

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FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

On **Thursday**, August 22, 2013, come join in praying with Bishop Cote a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations. This month the holy hour will be at Sacred Heart Church, Vernon, CT from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Come pray for those who are called to priestly or consecrated religious life. Pray for our seminarians and those in the process of applying to the Diocese. Join our Diocesan Prayer Team for Vocations by emailing the vocation office for more information at vocations@norwichdiocese.net and check out our website at god-calls.org.

The Silver and Gold Jubilee Anniversary Mass

Sunday, September 29, 2013 -- 2:00p.m.

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

EXCERPT FROM A PAULINE FATHERS NEWS LETTER

Mary, the most humble servant of God, is a symbol of help, hope and love for all of us. That is why each of us during this year's vacation may there be within us a specific moment of renewal, a moment of entrusting our lives, our families and our community to Mary. Following the example of Blessed John Paul II, let us look up for the great sign in heaven – Mary, so that we do not lose our way. We should listen to the words of Pope Francis who said, "How beautiful it would be if each of us could say at the end of the day: *"today I made a gesture of love towards another!"*

LEADERSHIP GREATER HARTFORD

Our community needs you --- your wisdom, maturity and experience!

Leadership Greater Hartford, the premier leadership development organization serving Greater Hartford for more than 35 years, is now accepting applications for Class #12 of the Third Age Initiative. This program began in 2001 and is designed for older adults seeking meaningful involvement in community organizations, non-profit organizations, faith based organizations and other voluntary settings. You will join individuals from all walks of life whose ages range from the mid-fifties to the late eighties. In addition, you will develop and implement a project that addresses an issue you care about and that will enhance the quality of life in Hartford. The program is supported by grants and donations; there is no fee. The new class will begin September 26.

For more information contact:
Doe Hentschel
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LETTER FROM THE HAITIAN HEALTH FOUNDATION

Dear Father Pelczarski,
I thank you and the parish family of St. Maurice Church for the generous gift of \$1,158 that was made in the Haiti Collection. This generous donation will be used to purchase food for the thousands of people who look to the Haitian Health Foundation each day for life-sustaining nutrition.

As I mentioned in my appeal letter, we had a very unfortunate surprise in March when we received notification that the food from USAID was no longer going to be available to the poor of Jérémie after June 1st. For twelve years, USAID has been supplying HHF with almost a half million dollars worth of food annually. The food was delivered directly to our warehouse in Jérémie, making it even more appreciated.

On June 1st this all came to an end because of policy changes in the USAID offices, and we are now frantically seeking donors to make up the void left by the curtailment of this program. Your gift is certainly going to be appreciated by the poor who depend on us.

Please let your parish family know that you and they will be remembered in the daily prayers of the poor, and the volunteers who are privileged to serve them.

ST. MAURICE PARISH

Newly Registered Parishioners –

From Bolton:

Chris and Kahe Duffy, Children – Davin, age 6 and Cami age 2

From Andover:

Brian and Sharon St. Rock, Child – Emily 3 month old

Recently Baptized –

Thomas Michael Gladue son of Roger and Katherine Gladue
Kevyn Anthony Robinson son of Kyle Robinson and Michelle Brown

Penelope Rose Orfitelli daughter of Michael and Nicole Orfitelli

Defending Our Religious Liberty

Religious freedom is a cornerstone of our democracy. The HHS mandate fundamentally alters the fragile balance between government and religious groups created by the framers of our Constitution. The same First Amendment that protects religious freedom protects freedom of the press. We wouldn't stand for the government telling news programs whom to interview or what articles to write.

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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