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dear Padre

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What is scrupulosity?

I'm a young woman with scrupulosity. I feel called to get married someday, but I'm worried about passing along my scrupulosity to my children. Is that possible?

Scrupulosity is a religious manifestation of obsessive-compulsive disorder in which people have obsessive thoughts about matters of faith and spirituality. Living with scrupulosity is lonely and emotionally draining. The shame the scrupulous feel over their perceived sinfulness often isolates them from friends and family who can't understand their fears.

The treatment for scrupulosity is a combination of good pastoral care from one—and only one—priest as well as professional guidance, which often includes drug therapy.

The medical profession agrees that scrupulosity cannot be passed on like eye color or other DNA-based attributes and that children raised with a scrupulous parent do not necessarily become scrupulous. It *may* be possible to teach your children to have a tender conscience, but for them to become scrupulous, they must also have an active physical and/or psychological disposition.

An excellent resource for people with scrupulosity—and those who love them—is Liguori Publications' free monthly newsletter, *Scrupulous Anonymous*.

It's available at liguori.org (scroll all the way down to On the Web and click on Scrupulous Anonymous).

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR
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To receive a free print version of *Scrupulous Anonymous* by regular mail, write to *Scrupulous Anonymous*, Liguori Publications, One Liguori Dr., Liguori, MD 63057.

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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

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 17 – 18, 2013

MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

USHERS GROUP II

SATURDAY, AUG. 17 –

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +John Sheetz request of Cecelia (Tony) Stone

SUNDAY, AUG. 18 –

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Michael, +John, +Anthony, +Adam, +Joseph, +Andrew Kurys request of Mary Anne Murphy

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +Cecile Lavoie request of her Daughters

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, AUG. 19 –

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.—Progressive Jackpot \$150

TUESDAY, AUG. 20 –

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

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 21 –

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

9:00 A.M. – FAIR WORKSHOP

NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, AUG. 22 – No Mass

FRIDAY, AUG. 23 – No Mass

SATURDAY, AUG. 24 –

4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS

Last week's Offertory – August 11 – \$2,334
Last year's Offertory – August 12 – \$2,756

“Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.” Luke 12:51

Living a stewardship lifestyle means stepping out of our comfort zone when needed. Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves, stay in the middle of the road. In today's world we are called to be informed and take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

NEXT WEEK

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 24 – 25, 2013

USHERS GROUP III

SATURDAY, AUG. 24 –

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea

Lector: Patti Cinea

Eucharistic Minister: Maureen Mozzer

SUNDAY, AUG. 25 –

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 +Jason Bates request of Donna Bradford

Altar Servers: Nicholas VanDine

Lector: Paul Brown

Eucharistic Minister: Clifford Scorso

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, AUG. 26 –

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

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

TUESDAY, AUG. 27 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 28 –

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

9:00 A.M. – FAIR WORKSHOP

NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, AUG. 29 – No Mass

FRIDAY, AUG. 30 – No Mass

SATURDAY, AUG. 31 –

4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of August 18, 2013

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51

Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

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FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

PRISON MINISTRY—Acting as Jesus Christ would --visit those in prison

“Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was in prison and you visited me.”

The Office of Prison Ministry in the Diocese of Norwich is seeking individuals interested in volunteering for Prison Ministry. There are many ways in which you can share your gifts. You can make a difference

Scripture Study and Sharing Retreat Days
Sacramental Preparation Small Christian Communities
Prayer Groups Music for Liturgies
Religious Education Legion of Mary

A training program, “Gift of Grace” has been developed for those interested in prison ministry. This program will take place at the Bishop Hines Conference Room, 201 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360.

The schedule for training is as follows:

Saturday, September 14, 2013
Saturday, October 5, 2013
Saturday, October 26, 2013
Sunday, December 8, 2013.

Pre-Registration is required. Parish teams are encouraged. There is a particular need for people who are bi-lingual in English and Spanish.

For more information, please contact Sheree Antoch at the Prison Ministry:

Office (860) 848-2237 X211
prison@norwichdiocese.net.

Science Teacher Needed

St. Edward School in Stafford Springs is looking for a science teacher for grades 5-8. Candidates should have CT State certification or being working toward certification. Knowledge of safe lab practices and technology necessary. Interested candidates should contact the school office at 860-684-2600 for more information.

Safe Environments

Parish volunteers who plan to participate in ministries that come into regular contact with minors must complete either the electronic *Armatus* program or attend a "*Called to Protect*" workshop. Parents and caregivers who would like to learn more about child abuse, protection and safe environment strategies may attend also. Local workshops being held are:

Saturday, September 7, 2013
St. Edward's Parish, Stafford Springs
9:00 - Noon, call to pre-register @ 860-684-2705

Sunday, September 8, 2013
St. Mary's Parish, Coventry

1:00 pm, pre-register: dina.dan.g@charter.net
Those who wish to complete the computer training at home, please contact Fr. Wojciech or Patti Cinea.

Mission Trip & Parish Twinning Conference

A conference in mid-September led by Catholic Relief Services (CRS) at St. John the Evangelist in Uncasville will offer great opportunities for people and groups involved in, or considering, mission trips and/or partnerships in Haiti.

The Mission & Twinning Conference offers three options for attendance:

- 1) 1:30-4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13 (with refreshments concluding the half-day);
- 2) 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14 (with breakfast and lunch);
- 3) Both days (half-day Friday and full-day Saturday).

The conference will be led by Kim Lamberty, the head of the CRS Haiti Partnership Unit and a theologian with a PhD from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. She has extensive experience in parish twinning and sustainable project development in Haiti.

On Friday, Ms. Lamberty will focus the workshop for priests and other leaders involved in mission trips and/or parish partnerships. These leaders might be travelers or others who help to organize or oversee people preparing for missions and returning from them.

On Saturday, discussion and workshops will be aimed for all new or veteran travelers or for those considering mission trips or parish twinning.

Overall, Ms. Lamberty intends to create a common understanding of the basic theology, spirituality and principles of solidarity-based parish partnerships. She will give participants practices and tools for partnerships and for the development of a vision for project sustainability.

Also, the conference will provide opportunities to share experiences and network with others.

To register to attend, or to learn more, please contact (no later than Friday, Aug. 30): Kyn Tolson or Catherine Foley at Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti; 860.848.2237 ext. 206; or at: info@outreachtohaiti.org.

The fees for attendance (which covers all food and drinks and all materials from CRS and Outreach to Haiti) are: \$25 for Friday; \$45 for Saturday; \$55 for both days. (If needed, special sponsorships for attendance will be provided.)

Youth Explosion 2013 on September 22, 2013, 12:30-7:00 pm.

The biggest Catholic Youth Retreat/Concert in Eastern CT.

This 5th annual youth event is open to all youths in grades 7 to 12 at St. Bernard School in Uncasville. Be excited about your faith with the LIFT Band from Boston, celebrate Mass with Bishop Cote, be inspired by Jackie Francois, a nationally known ‘youth’ speaker, singer/songwriter, and worship leader. Spend the afternoon sharing your faith with other youths from around the Diocese.

Visit www.youthexplosionct.com for registration and information or call Pamela Plasse, Office of Faith Events 860-848-2237 ext 311.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

A federal judge has temporarily exempted Hobby Lobby Stores, an arts and crafts chain and its affiliated Mardel Christian bookstore chain, from complying with the federal health care mandate on the grounds that it violates the retailer’s Christian beliefs.

The Becket Fund, the law firm that represents Hobby Lobby, says there are 63 other lawsuits challenging the mandate.

Let us join in this crusade to protect our religious freedom by calling the Capitol switchboard in Washington, D.C. at 202-224-3121 and urging your Congressmen or Congresswoman and/or U.S. Senators to support legislation that will overturn the mandate. You can also write to the White House at: 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20500.



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