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Good News!

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

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

I pride myself on being prompt. It's about being considerate of those waiting for you. So my initial feelings toward the people in today's gospel—those who didn't get to the master's house before he locked the door—are not particularly sympathetic. "Should've checked your watch/stopped dawdling/planned ahead" is what cynically runs through my mind.

But that's exactly Jesus' point—once we're certain of our moral superiority and others' failures, we get in trouble. Jesus' story reveals that people who assumed they'd be welcomed by the master simply by association, heritage, or neighborhood are surprised to be left outside even as outsiders from distant lands are welcomed. God doesn't abide by our rules, divisions, and judgments.

In fact, God delights in upending our ideas of who is right and who is wrong. Jesus states it clearly,

"Some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." We hear it repeatedly—"Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own eye?" (Matthew 7:3)—yet we holler in political and religious arenas about who will be saved, who's going to hell, and who God favors and despises.

Jesus is clear: Strive to enter through the narrow door. He says many will attempt to enter but won't be strong enough. It's an interesting word choice—to fit through a narrow door, you need only be lean or thin, not necessarily strong.

Perhaps he meant strong enough to resist condemning others, strong enough to focus on stripping ourselves of sinful behaviors that keep us from intimacy with 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!

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**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**SUNDAY, AUG. 25 –****7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for +James P. Bloznalis request of his Family**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**10:00 A.M. –** Mass offered for +Jason Bates and + Rudolph Schuster request of Donna Bradford**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.—Progressive Jackpot \$200**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**Last week's Offertory – August 18 – \$2,262****Last year's Offertory – August 19 – \$2,721***"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last." Luke 13:30***Our standards in our society are so different from God's standards. We often rate or rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards.****NEXT WEEK****22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****AUG. 31 – SEPT. 1, 2013****USHERS GROUP IV****SATURDAY, AUG. 31 –****5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers: Josh Meyers**Lector: Bert Flynn**Eucharistic Minister: Annedda Stiller***SUNDAY, SEPT. 1 –****7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for +Henry Leonard*Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck**Lector: Joel Cohan**Eucharistic Minister: Linda Richardson***CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**10:00 A.M. –** Mass offered for +Julie Riddlesworth request of Mark & Barbara Fiano*Altar Servers: Alex Czercowy**Lector: Jeffrey Monroe**Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen Smythe***CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS****MONDAY, SEPT. 2 –****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Henry Leonard**Happy Labor Day—NO BINGO****TUESDAY, SEPT. 3 –****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +James P. Bloznalis request of his Family**7:15 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal****WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4 –****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Henry Leonard**NO FAIR WORKSHOP****3:00 to 7:00 P.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament****THURSDAY, SEPT. 5 –** No Mass**FRIDAY, SEPT. 6 –** No Mass**SATURDAY, SEPT. 7 –****4:30 P.M. –** ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of August 25, 2013

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

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Mk 6:17-29

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

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FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

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

Sponsored by the Office for Safe Environments

Annual Diocesan Mass of Remembrance**Tuesday, September 17, 2013 ~ 6:00p.m.****Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich**

A Mass in memory of children who have died from stillbirths, miscarriages or abortions, for children who have died recently or years ago. The Mass of Remembrance is an opportunity for family to recognize the gift of life and the loss of the life of their children. Following the Mass refreshments will be served.

Sponsored by the Family Life and Pro-Life Offices. For information call 860-889-8346 ext. 283.

Diocesan Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, September 7th ~ 8:30 a.m.

Please join us and our Celebrant, Msgr. Marek Masnicki, 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.**

Twenty-third Annual Blue Mass For All Law Enforcement Officers

Sunday, September 22, 2013, at 10:15 a.m. All law enforcement officers (federal, state, and municipal, active and retired) and their families are invited to the Twenty-third Annual Blue Mass and Reception, Sunday, September 22, 2013, in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, 10:15 a.m. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend this Mass. Bishop Cote, the Bishop of Norwich, will celebrate the Mass and Monsignor Robert Weiss, Pastor, Saint Rose of Lima Parish Community, Newtown, Connecticut, will be the Homilist.

Norwich Police Chief Louis J. Fusaro, Sr., and Connecticut State Police Captain Louis J. Fusaro, Jr., are the Blue Mass Co-Chairs. For more information, please call Chief Fusaro, Captain Fusaro, or Monsignor Brown at 860-887-9294, ext. 232.

FREE ORGAN

Mrs. Odgers has an organ she would like to give away. It is a Lowrey Festival Organ with two keyboards, stool, and booklets. Her number is 860-889-6459, and she has said it is okay to come to look at the organ, but please call her to make certain that she is available. If Mrs. Odgers is not at home, please leave a message and she will return your call.

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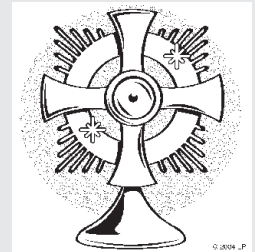
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(NFP) is scientific, helps with fertility problems and 99% effective for conceiving or responsibly postponing a baby. NFP is the loving and safe alternative to the dangerous chemicals, synthetic hormones and side-effects of contraception. A 3- part NFP class begins at 7pm on August 26th at St. John's Old Saybrook. For info call the Collisons at 860-399-8265. www.ccli.org

SAINT MAURICE PARISH

Choir rehearsals will resume Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at 7:15 P.M. in the Church. New members are most welcome.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on Wednesdays from 3 to 7 P.M. beginning September 4, 2013.

**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.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The passage of the federal health care mandate was supposed to provide universal health care to all Americans in order to prevent illness. Since when are procedures such as: surgical sterilization or prescriptions such as: contraception and drugs that induce abortions preventative health care measures?

To voice your opposition to the mandate, please call the Capitol switchboard in Washington, D.C. at 202-224-3121 and urge 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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