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Good News!

September 8, 2013

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 9:13-18b / Phlm 9-10, 12-17 / Lk 14:25-33

I love following a recipe that leads to a beautiful, delicious dish, but I often make a very amateurish move—I start cooking without first reading the recipe to the end. I'll start to sauté the onions and garlic and then discover I should have marinated the chicken overnight.

The tower-builder and king in today's gospel sound like me. But Jesus was talking about something far more serious—the requirements for discipleship. He suspected the large crowds following him didn't know what they were getting into. They hadn't read the whole discipleship recipe, which included carrying your cross, leaving family members behind, and renouncing possessions. For many, these requirements were too much.

Have you read the Recipe for Discipleship? Here are some of the instructions:

- Make God your first priority—not your money, family, or schedule.
- Carry your cross every day without complaining.
- Discard possessions that possess you.
- Give generously.
- Marinate your heart in forgiveness.
- You aren't the center of your world. Others are.
- Be grateful.
- Believe in God even when all you feel is doubt.
- Be prepared to lay down your life—for a friend and for the Lord.

Jesus challenges us to read the whole recipe and still commit wholeheartedly to discipleship. The result is more beautiful than a decadent cheesecake or the finest beef bourguignon. It's the kingdom of God—and eternal life.

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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**23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****SEPT. 7 – SEPT. 8, 2013****THE NATIONAL COMBINED COLLECTION****Coffee Social after Sunday Masses****USHERS GROUP I****SATURDAY, SEPT. 7 –****5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church**Coffee Social after 5 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement****SUNDAY, SEPT. 8 –****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**FAITH FORMATION BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS AND REGISTRATION At 10 A.M. MASS****CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS****MONDAY, SEPT. 9 –****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Samuel Guglielmino**5:00 P.M.**— Parish **BINGO**—Food available from 5 P.M. Games begin at 6:30 P.M.—Progressive Jackpot \$250**TUESDAY, SEPT. 10 –****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +James P. Bloznalis request of the Dean & Bloznalis Families**7:15 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal****WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11 –****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Samuel Guglielmino**9:00 A.M.—FAIR WORKSHOP****3:00 to 7:00 P.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament****THURSDAY, SEPT. 12 – No Mass****KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUSINESS MEETING****FRIDAY, SEPT. 13 – No Mass****SATURDAY, SEPT. 14 –****4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS****STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS***“Everything I have is yours.” Luke 15:31*

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we really want to turn our backs on all that God offers in exchange for a material wealth that has no lasting value?

NEXT WEEK**24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****SEPT. 14 – SEPT. 15, 2013****MAINTENANCE COLLECTION****8—10 A.M. Sunday Triple Play Café Breakfast****Blood Pressure Screening****USHERS GROUP II****SATURDAY, SEPT. 14 –****5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers: Maria Cinea**Lector: Patti Cinea**Eucharistic Minister: Georgette Pelletier***Coffee Social after 5 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement****SUNDAY, SEPT. 15 –****7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for +James P. Bloznalis request of the Dean & Bloznalis Families*Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck**Lector: Joel Cohan**Eucharistic Minister: Linda Richardson***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***BLESSING OF THE CATECHISTS AT THE 10 A.M. MASS****CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS****MONDAY, SEPT. 16 –****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, SEPT. 17 –****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Vincenzo Quagliano request of Josephine Maratta**7:15 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal****WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18 –****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Henry Leonard**9:00 A.M.—FAIR WORKSHOP****3:00 to 7:00 P.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament****THURSDAY, SEPT. 19 – No Mass****FRIDAY, SEPT. 20 – No Mass****SATURDAY, SEPT. 21 –****4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS**

Readings for the Week of September 8, 2013

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Monday: Col 1:24--2:3/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

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FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

The Year of Faith is coming to an end. The Norwich District Council of Catholic Women invites you to an "Evening of Reflection" on Tuesday, October 15, 2013, at St. John the Evangelist Church hall, 22 Maple Avenue, Montville, CT. The evening will begin with a buffet dinner at 6:00 p.m. and conclude with a prayer service led by Judith Hughes, co-director of Spiritual Renewal. Cost is \$15 per person. Checks should be made out to Norwich District CCW and mailed to Viola Mulcahy, 24 Teecomwas Drive, Uncasville, CT 06382. Deadline is Tuesday, October 8, 2013. Everyone attending is asked to bring items that cannot be purchased with food stamps i.e. paper goods, soaps (personal, dish & laundry), cleaning supplies, etc. These will be distributed to the Senior Citizen housing complexes in the District.

Marriage Preparation Class for Engaged Couples

"God's Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage"
 October 4, 11, 18, 2013 6:30pm-9:00pm
 St. Joseph Church Hall, RT. 97, Occum
 To register for the 3 session class call:
 Family Life Office/Catholic Charities
 at 860-889-8346 ext. 283

Blue Mass Steak Dinner Fundraiser

Friday, September 13, 2013
 East Great Plain Fire Department
 488 New London Turnpike
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 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Steak – Baked Potato – Salad – Bread & Butter – Soda & Water
 \$20.00 Adults \$10.00 Children 12 and under

For more information or tickets please call Monsignor Brown at 860-887-9294, ext. 232 or Ms. Becky Cady 860-887-9294, ext. 235.

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.

A LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR will be offered at St. James Church, Manchester starting Tuesday, September 17th at 7:00 P.M. This seven week program will show you how God is alive in your life! All are welcome. For more information please call Jim (860)643-1365 or Ray (860)888-2269.



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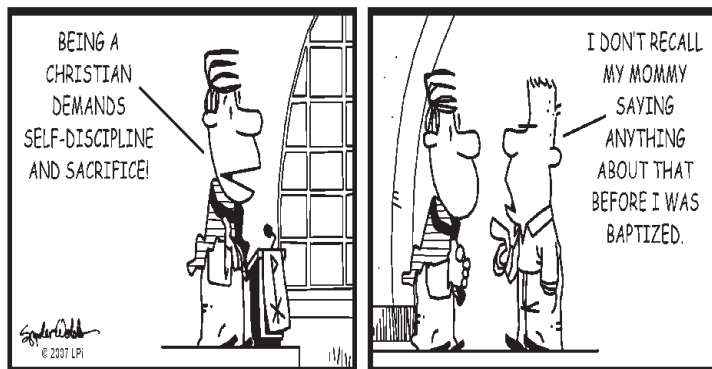



Blood Pressure Screening Available
Time: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Date: Sunday, September 15th
Location: Parish Center
\$6.00 / Person \$18.00 / Family

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." — Lk 14:25-27

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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Defending Our Religious Liberty

A Washington Post-ABC News poll indicates that the public is sharply divided about the healthcare mandate, with 42% percent of Americans in favor of it and 49% against it. Yet, the Administration has not shown any indication that it will revise any part of it. What will it take?

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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