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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time • September 15, 2013

Good News!

September 15, 2013

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

I lost my wedding ring once. For two days I was frantic, practically turning my whole house upside down. The loss was devastating—the ring symbolized so much and obviously couldn't be replaced. I couldn't do much else during those days but worry—I had trouble working, sleeping, and focusing. When I found the ring safely tucked amid some blankets that had fallen off the bed, my joy was nearly indescribable. Palpable relief filled me, and my world was back on track.

That experience gives me insight into "the joy in heaven" Jesus describes in today's gospel at the repentance of a sinner. Sin causes a rift in our relationship with God—it's a profound loss, like that of a shepherd losing a sheep or a woman losing a coin or a careless woman losing her wedding ring.

Jesus tells us that God's joy at our repentance is even more profound—it's worthy of a grand party and celebration. Take my joy at finding my ring and multiply it a hundredfold or more—that's the rejoicing in heaven when a sinner comes home.

Knowing that's how God feels about our repentance should bring us relief and peace—and it should also move us to extend mercy to those who have wronged us. Broken relationships are losses—we may try to pretend they don't affect us, but deep down they can still eat away at us, slowly destroying our sense of peace and well-being. We can continue nurturing grudges and anger, or we can grab on to the palpable joy that comes with mercy and healing.

Are you missing out on some much-needed joy? Forgive someone, and then rejoice.

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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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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**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***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**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass****10:00 A.M. –** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church**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****Last week's Offertory—September 8—\$4,249****Last year's Offertory—September 9— \$3,359***"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:33*

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

NEXT WEEK**25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****SEPT. 21 – SEPT. 22, 2013****USHERS GROUP III****SATURDAY, SEPT. 21 –****5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers: Maria Cinea**Lector: Bert Flynn**Eucharistic Minister: Jean Gately****Coffee Social after 5 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement*****SUNDAY, SEPT. 22 –****7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for +Henry Leonard*Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck**Lector: Judy Knox**Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio***CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass****8:30 A.M. – Breakfast for Faith Formation****9:00 A.M. - Faith Formation First Session (for parents & students)****10:00 A.M. –** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers: Nicholas VanDine**Lector: Paul Brown**Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Scorso***YOUTH EXPLOSION, Uncasville, CT****CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass****NO LITURGY OF THE HOURS****MONDAY, SEPT. 23 –****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +James P. Bloznalis request of the Dean & Bloznalis Families**5:00 P.M.**— Parish **BINGO**—Food available from 5 P.M. Games begin at 6:30 P.M.**TUESDAY, SEPT. 24 –****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Ivan Dube request of his Sister Solange Fournier**7:15 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal****WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25 –****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Matteo Quagliano request of Josephine Maratta**9:00 A.M.—FAIR WORKSHOP****3:00 to 7:00 P.M. *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*****THURSDAY, SEPT. 26 – No Mass****FRIDAY, SEPT. 20 – No Mass****SATURDAY, SEPT. 27 –****4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS**

Readings for the Week of September 15, 2013

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

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13

Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

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THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH—OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Friends in Christ,

Each Year, on the third weekend of September parishes nationwide celebrate Catechetical Sunday to highlight the importance of the catechetical ministry. We are given the responsibility of sharing our faith with others, but on the weekend of September 14-15, 2013, we recognize the many faithful who have chosen to share their faith as catechists in their parishes.

This year's theme for Catechetical Sunday is taken from the apostolic letter issued by Pope Benedict XVI to mark the Year of Faith. Pope Benedict wrote: "to enter through that door (of faith) is to set out on a journey that lasts a lifetime."

We are all challenged to heed these words, to open the doors of our hearts and to make our faith visible to others.

Mindful of my role as chief catechist of the Diocese of Norwich, I want to express my deep gratitude for the many and varied ways catechists assist me in proclaiming the Word of God and sharing faith with the children and adults of our Diocese.

Of course, catechists do not carry out their ministry in isolation. We must keep in mind that parents are the primary educators of their children. Our parish faith formation programs exist only to support parents in their responsibility of instilling faith in their children.

As the catechetical year begins, it is my prayer that our parish communities will come together to show gratitude to catechists and to support parents and families. Then we will, indeed, walk together on a lifetime journey of faith and hope. Catechesis is a life-long pursuit. We can never fully know or understand God, nor exhaust God's riches.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Michael R. Cote
Bishop of Norwich

**Defending Our Religious Liberty**

Starting next year, virtually all Americans must carry health insurance, or face a fine of approximately \$95 per person in 2014, even if the coverage violates their religious principles. The fine will increase to \$695 or more per individual per year by 2016!

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.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

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. Fr. Walter Nagle, Director of Pro-Life, will be the main celebrant. Refreshments served following the Mass. Sponsored by the Family Life and Pro-Life Offices. For information call 860-889-8346 ext. 283.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS

If you are silently grieving after an abortion; then healing, forgiveness and peace can have a beginning with a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**. For a retreat **Sept. 13-15** in Westerly, RI call 401-421-7833 ext.118 or **Sept. 27-29** in Hamden, CT call 203-631-9030 or www.rachelsvineyard.org.

"Project Rachel" is a Diocesan outreach for anyone in need of healing. Priests in the "Project Rachel" Ministry are here to help you through healing and forgiveness. Counseling is also available. Call 860-889-8346 ext.283. All inquiries are confidential.

DIOCESE OF NORWICH PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE AND ROME

November 16-25, 2013

For information or reservations call 860-887-9294

Departure for the 2013 Pilgrimage to Greece and Rome is only two and a half months away. The Catholic Tour Company has informed us that a few airline seats remain open and in order to hold these seats, we have to make reservations as soon as possible. If you are interested in joining this pilgrimage, please notify Rebecca McDougal at 860-887-9294 ext. 100 at your earliest convenience.

Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich, will lead a ten day pilgrimage to Rome and the historic cities of Corinth and Thessaloniki, Greece, as well as the ancient city of Ephesus. When in Rome, enjoy a panoramic sightseeing tour of the Palazzo Venezia, the Circus Maximus, the Forum, the Arch of Constantine, and the Coliseum. The group will attend the Closing Ceremonies for the *Year of Faith* at Saint Peter Basilica in Vatican City.

Price includes local bus to/from Boston airport, departure lunch, all tips, breakfast and dinner daily, and also includes departure tax and fuel surcharge.

Reservations must be made immediately.

Cost of Tour: \$3,899.00 per person double occupancy
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