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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time • September 22, 2013

Good News!

September 22, 2013

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

I love spending Saturday mornings at garage sales. Recently I held my own sale, and I had even more fun selling than buying. I love seeing what “treasures” others find amidst my leftovers. Often they get so excited it’s as though I’ve just been borrowing the item—it actually belongs to someone else, who has finally come to claim it.

We have a tendency to focus on what we own, what we’ve earned, and what is ours alone. We forget that all our stuff, and the ability to acquire stuff, originally comes from God. But how much do we have a right to if others don’t have enough?

Jesus’ line from today’s gospel struck me: “If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours?” Certainly our world’s resources belong to all humanity. Are we being trustworthy stewards of these resources? Are we aware of how our use of these resources affects others, especially the poor? The Amos reading reminds us that God observes and remembers how we treat others, particularly those in need.

Do you question where your shoes are made, or what the companies in which you hold stock are doing to the environment? Are resources or people being maltreated so you can have easy access to groceries, clothes, and toys?

We may not have millions to build a school or rescue an orphaned child in a developing nation—but we can adjust our use of God’s gifts so others are treated more justly and resources are more widely shared.

Ultimately, what we have does “belong to another”—to God and to all of God’s children.

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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.

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THIS 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***Coffee Social after 5 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement*****SUNDAY, SEPT. 22 –****7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for +Henry Leonard**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**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.—Progressive Jackpot \$350**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. 27 – No Mass****SATURDAY, SEPT. 28 –****4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS****Last week's Offertory—September 15—\$2,583****Last year's Offertory—September 16— \$2,963**

"It is my wish, then, that in every place the people should pray, lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument."
1 Timothy 2:8

Try to make it a habit to give God the first few minutes of each day by simply praying, "Lord, what do You want me to do today with all the gifts You have given me?" Then be sure to listen for His response throughout each day.

NEXT WEEK**26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****SEPT. 28 – SEPT. 29, 2013****USHERS GROUP IV****SATURDAY, SEPT. 28 –****5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers: Maria Cinea**Lector: Georgette Pelletier**Eucharistic Minister: Maureen Mozzer****Coffee Social after 5 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement*****SUNDAY, SEPT. 29 –****7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for +Eric Dean request of the Dean Family*Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck**Lector: Joel Cohan**Eucharistic Minister: Linda Richardson***CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**8:30 A.M. – Breakfast for Faith Formation****9:00 A.M. - Faith Formation****10:00 A.M. –** Mass offered for +Samuel Guglielmino*Altar Servers: Alex Czercowy**Lector: Jeffrey Monroe**Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen Smythe***CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**NO LITURGY OF THE HOURS****MONDAY, SEPT. 30 –****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.**TUESDAY, OCT. 1 –****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Neda Skehan request of Gloria Holbrook**7:15 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal****WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2 –****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +James P. Bloznalis request of the Dean & Bloznalis Families**9:00 A.M.—FAIR WORKSHOP****3:00 to 7:00 P.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament****THURSDAY, OCT. 3 – No Mass****FRIDAY, OCT. 4 – No Mass****SATURDAY, OCT. 5 –****4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS**

Readings for the Week of September 22, 2013

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

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

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THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH—OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

My dear brothers in Christ,

As you probably know, for the past five years Catholic men have been coming together at an event entitled the "Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference," and this year is no exception. On Saturday, October 26th, some 500-600 men from all over the State will again gather for a day of faith, reflection, and Reconciliation. This year's Conference is entitled, "Rebuild Our Church, Our Faith, and Our Life: Following Pope Francis." The Conference will be held at Goodwin College in East Hartford, and as in the past, we again have the privilege of several distinguished speakers who will be addressing this group.

I urge you to attend, preferably accompanied by men from your parish. In the past, those pastors and/or parochial vicars who have done so, have found it to be an excellent way to get acquainted with the men of their parish in a non-formal, yet faith-filled and inspiring setting. Additionally, with some 600 men queuing up to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, your presence will be greatly appreciated.

I encourage you to make every effort to attend and lend your support to this important event. More information can be found at: <https://www.ctcatholicmen.org/>

With every best wish, I am Sincerely yours in Christ,
Michael R. Cote
Bishop of Norwich

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Bingo is back at St. Edwards Parish!**

Due to its overwhelming success, Bingo is coming back to the St. Edward Hall in Stafford Springs. Saturday, October 5th. Doors open at 5:00 pm and calling starts at 6:30. Over \$700 in cash prizes. Family and friends welcome.

There will be homemade Baked Ziti dinner with meatballs, salad, bread, coffee and dessert for \$8.00, (kids \$5.00) from 5:00-6:00 or until we run out. Take out is available. Proceeds benefit St. Edward School. Please call 860 684-2600 with questions.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

Government has no place defining religion and religious ministry, and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) are united in their ongoing and determined efforts to protect religious freedom. To help them in their quest, 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

Diocesan Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, October 5th ~ 8:30 a.m. Please join us 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. There will not be a brunch following the Rosary.

FOURTH ANNUAL SETON SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

Please join Bishop Cote at the Fourth Annual Seton Scholarship Dinner honoring the recipients of the *Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, D.D. Award for Contributions to Catholic Education* to be held at 4 pm on Sunday, November 3, 2013 at The Riverhouse at Goodspeed Station, Haddam, CT. This year's honorees are Reverend Roger Lamoureux, O.M.I., Sister Patricia Anne Barry, R.S.M. posthumously and John F. Shine, PH.D. Tickets are \$150/person. All proceeds benefit Catholic Schools within the Diocese. Opportunities for sponsorship, program advertising and raffle donations are available. For tickets and more information, please contact Mary Ellen Mahoney at 860-886-1928 ext. 14 or development-dso@norwichdiocese.net.

FIREFIGHTERS/EMS MASS:

Twenty-first Annual Mass for Firefighters/EMS Personnel
Saturday, October 12, 2013, at 5:00 p.m.

On Saturday, October 12, 2013, at 5:00 p.m., Bishop Cote will celebrate Mass for all Firefighters/EMS personnel, in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick. Assembly at Chelsea Parade for the line-up and the procession of all personnel and apparatus will begin at 3:00 p.m. Firefighter Heather Mislivets is the Mass Committee Chair. The Homilist will be Reverend J. Leckie, Chaplain, New England Association of Fire Chiefs and Pastor, Saint Joseph Church, Hope Valley, Rhode Island. All companies, departments, and personnel and their families are cordially invited to participate. For more information call, Monsignor Brown 860-887-9294, x232, or Mrs. Terri Zampini 860-887-9294 x 240.

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.**

Home Buyers and Foreclosure Prevention Classes: For help with purchasing a home, fallen behind on mortgage payments or help with budgeting or filling out applications for EMAP. **All services are provided free at Catholic Charities, a HUD approved Counseling Agency. The Free ongoing Foreclosure Prevention and 8 hour Home Buyers Education Classes** are offered by Catholic Charities in Norwich, New London and Plainfield locations. **For information: 860-889-8346 ext.271.**

BOLTON ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

The next Bolton Ecumenical Council will be held on Monday, September 30th, 7:00 pm. The location will be at Saint Maurice Church, Parish Center, lower level, Classroom One.

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