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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time • October 6, 2013

Good News!

October 6, 2013

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4 / 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 Lk 17:5-10

I'm not the world's bravest person. When I got to college, I was delighted that I no longer had to go on roller coasters or into haunted houses to avoid my friends' mocking for being afraid. My college buddies didn't base our friendship on whether I went along with the crowd. I could say, "No, I really dislike coasters and haunted houses. See you when you get done!" It was liberating.

Life is full of much scarier things than amusement-park rides and fake goblins. We hear the prophet Habakkuk speak of some of it in today's first reading. Evil, violence, strife, destruction—add to that cancer, natural disasters, Alzheimer's, domestic abuse, and unemployment, and sometimes it can take a lot of courage just to get up in the morning.

As a person who's more fearful than most, I take hope in St. Paul's reminder to Timothy today: "God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather of power and love and self-control." Feeling afraid is a normal human emotion, but it's not what God wants for us, and it isn't part of the spirit God gives us. As St. Paul reminds us, the Holy Spirit "dwells within us." The Spirit is the source of our daily strength; the Spirit can get us out of bed when all feels lost; the Spirit helps us persist in the face of incredible challenges.

Do we have faith in this Holy Spirit—faith at least the size of a miniscule mustard seed? If so, it's enough. With such faith, we will experience the courage to face our fears and to trust that God is with us through them all.

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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**27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****OCT. 5 – OCT. 6, 2013****2nd Collection—Cradle Fund****USHERS GROUP I****SATURDAY, OCT. 5 –****5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for + Barbara Sposito request of the Armstrong Family***Coffee Social after 5 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement*****SUNDAY, OCT. 6 –****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****10:00 A.M. –** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church**BAPTISM OF AMELIA ROSE CAYA****CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**5:30 P.M.— LITURGY OF THE HOURS****MONDAY, OCT. 7 –****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 \$450****TUESDAY, OCT. 8 –****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Amelia & +Nicola Maratta request of Josephine Maratta**Parish Council Meeting****7:15 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal****WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9 –****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. 10 – No Mass****7:00 P.M.—Knights of Columbus Business Meeting****FRIDAY, OCT. 11 – No Mass****SATURDAY, OCT. 12 –****4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS****Last week's Offertory—September 29 — \$2,350****Last year's Offertory—September 30 — \$3,316***"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." 2 Timothy 1:7***A good steward cannot be a coward. It takes strength, love and self-control to put God first in our lives. St. Paul assures us that we have been given the courage we need to do God's work.****NEXT WEEK****28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****OCT. 12 – OCT. 13, 2013****2nd Collection—Mission Combined Collection****Annual Fuel Collection****Triple Play Café Breakfast & Blood Pressure Screening****USHERS GROUP II****SATURDAY, OCT. 12 –****5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for + Barbara Sposito request of the Armstrong Family*Altar Servers: Maria Cinea**Lector: Georgette Pelletier**Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley****Coffee Social after 5 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement*****SUNDAY, OCT. 13 –****7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for +James P. Bloznalis request of the Dean & Bloznalis Families*Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck**Lector: Judy Knox**Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio***CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**NO Faith Formation Classes****10:00 A.M. –** Mass offered for Henry Leonard*Altar Servers: Nicholas VanDine**Lector: Rita Sheetz**Eucharistic Minister: Rita Sheetz***CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**5:30 P.M.— LITURGY OF THE HOURS****MONDAY, OCT. 14 –****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. 15 –****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Eleanor Cappa request of Phil Daly**7:15 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal****WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16 –****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Barbara Sposito request of Saint Maurice Christmas Fair Group**9:00 A.M.—FAIR WORKSHOP****3:00 to 7:00 P.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament****THURSDAY, OCT. 17 – No Mass****FRIDAY, OCT. 18 – No Mass****SATURDAY, OCT. 19 –****4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS**

Readings for the Week of October 6, 2013

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Monday: Jon 1:1--2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

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ALTAR SERVERS WORKSHOP

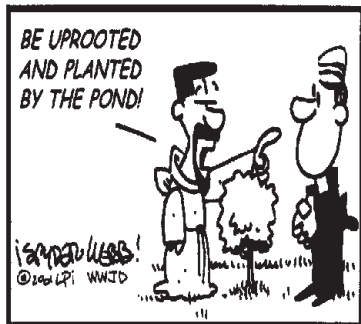
There will be a training session for youth interested in becoming altar servers, as well as for experienced servers, on **Saturday, October 26th from 10:00 a.m.-12:30 pm.** Come and learn about the special role of an altar server in preparing of the Lord's Table and serving the priest during Mass. Youth who have made their First Holy Communion, have completed second grade, and have expressed interest and commitment to the responsibilities of this ministry, are encouraged to attend. **Pizza will follow!!! For more information, please contact Fr. Wojciech after Mass, Mary Mumford @ 860-537-5196 or Maria Cinea @ 860-646-0564.**



In honor of the right to life—40 days, please join in saying the rosary on Tuesday, October 15, 2013, from 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. at Saint Maurice Church.



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FALL HAPPENINGS AT IMMACULATA

Immaculata Retreat House Fund Raiser:

Mark you calendars, Oct 20th, 2013 @ 3 pm. Immaculata presents MISGIVINGS— A "Divine" Comedy of belly laughs, blessings, blarney and bingo. Come join us and Father Patrick Aloysius Misgivings for this divine presentation of stories and one liners about growing up Catholic. Cost is \$20 for meal and presentation. Reservations can be made by phoning 860-423-8484. Space is limited.

Autumn Volunteer Day:

Another Autumn Volunteer Day will take place on Saturday Nov 2, 2013 — from 7am to 2 pm. Breakfast and Lunch provided. Projects: continued work on path of Stations of the Cross, trails and property cleanup, gearing up for winter; development of outdoor gathering and meditation areas, etc. Please RSVP 860-423-8484 as soon as you know you can join the crew.

World Wide Marriage Encounter:

Nov 8-10, 2013, World Wide Marriage Encounter will be hosted at Immaculata Retreat House. There is a limited number of spaces, so please book early. What a better time than the fall to tune-up your marriage. A weekend of Discovery can bring about a Lifetime of Love. For further information you can contact: Paul and Kim Gilbert at 860-376-0440.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

Mission Combined Collection

The Mission Combined Collection will be held next weekend. Your contribution will provide assistance to the World Mission Appeal, U.S. Bishop's Appeal for Latin America, Black and Indian Missions, and the Catholic Home Mission Appeal. You will receive information in the mail about this collection. Please read this material and bring your gift envelope to Mass next weekend, October 12/13, 2013.

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 developmentdso@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.

6th Annual Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference, Saturday October 26th 8:30 AM- 5 PM, Goodwin College, East Hartford. Come join hundreds of Catholic men from our three dioceses. The day includes talks by four inspiring speakers, holy Mass with our priests and bishops, confessions heard throughout the day by many priests, good music, opportunity to meet great men and priests from our dioceses. We have a new pope and our theme this year is **Rebuild Our Church, Our Faith and Our Life...Following Pope Francis.** Come and learn more about how Pope Francis is leading us. The \$35 ticket includes lunch and may be purchased at our website www.CTCatholicMen.org or by calling 860-739-4607. Speaker information, directions to Goodwin College are also on the site. See you there on the last Saturday of October.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The federal healthcare mandate is much more sweeping than existing state mandates. Employers can generally avoid the contraceptive mandates in 28 states by self-insuring their prescription drug coverage, dropping that part of their coverage altogether, or opting for regulation under a federal law (ERISA) that pre-empts state law. The HHS mandate closes off all these avenues of relief. We need the government to realize that it is seriously encroaching on religious liberty.

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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