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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time • October 20, 2013

dear Padre

October 20, 2013

Should prayer be given as penance?

Recently my son made his first reconciliation and was told to say some prayers as his penance. Doesn't this make prayer seem like something you do as a punishment for being bad?

I couldn't agree with you more. In fact the new rite of reconciliation suggests that, if at all possible, penance must right the wrong and be clear enough that the penitent knows he or she has fulfilled it. Penance should not just show God we're sorry; it should also put us on the path to a Christian life and correct the harm our sins caused.

For instance, if someone has stolen something and returning it would reveal their sin (this cannot be part of the penance), making a comparable donation might be a fitting penance. When someone confesses gossiping, I challenge them to tell someone else something good about the person they gossiped about. In other words, instead of spreading pain, learn to spread joy. The penance for disobeying parents might be to do something nice for them or do chores without being asked. This type of penance is far more beneficial to the penitent and the community at large.

Using prayer as a penance can send the signal that we pray only when we've been bad or need something from God, like forgiveness. On the contrary, prayer should be constant. We should pray always and in all ways, if for no other reason than to give glory to God.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR / sundaybulletin@liguori.org

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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!

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By appointment.

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Please call the rectory (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

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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**29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****OCT. 19– OCT. 20, 2013****COFFEE SOCIAL AFTER SUNDAY MASSES****USHERS GROUP III****SATURDAY, OCT. 19 –**

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Barbara Sposito request of Edward Bachl and Family

Coffee Social after 5 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, OCT. 20 –

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Christina (Carelli) Michele request of Antonio Michele

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 the Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

Baptism of Mallory Antoinette O'Brien

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M.— LITURGY OF THE HOURS

6:30—8:30 P.M. Senior Youth Group in the Parish Center Library

MONDAY, OCT. 21 –

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 \$500

TUESDAY, OCT. 22 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Samuel Guglielmino

7:15 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Bill Lawson request of Jennifer and Phil Daly

9:00 A.M.—FAIR WORKSHOP

3:00 to 7:00 P.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, OCT. 24 – No Mass

FRIDAY, OCT. 25 – No Mass

SATURDAY, OCT. 26 –

10:00 A.M.— ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS

Last week's Offertory—October 13 — \$3,060

Last year's Offertory—October 14 — \$3,549

*"Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?"
Luke 17:18*

Jesus seems so sad and disappointed in the nine lepers who did not return to thank Him. Do we regularly return to thank God? Or do we run off to our busy lives, taking for granted all the wonderful blessings that God gives to us every day?

NEXT WEEK**30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****OCT. 26– OCT. 27, 2013****MAINTENANCE COLLECTION****USHERS GROUP IV****SATURDAY, OCT. 26 –**

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Jannette Violette request of Linda LaChapelle

Altar Servers: Maria Cineca

Lector: Patti Cineca

Eucharistic Minister: Georgette Pelletier

Coffee Social after 5 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, OCT. 27 –

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

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for the Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: Amilia Herasimowicz

Lector: Paul Brown

Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen Smythe

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M.— LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, OCT. 28 –

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. 29 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +James P. Bloznalis request of the Dean & Bloznalis Families

7:15 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Michael O'Shea request of Tony & Kathleen Conneely

9:00 A.M.—FAIR WORKSHOP

3:00 to 7:00 P.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, OCT. 31 – No Mass

FRIDAY, NOV. 1 – ALL SAINTS DAY

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

7:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Samuel Guglielmino

7—9 P.M. Junior Youth Group / the Disciples in the Church Basement

7—9 P.M. Senior Youth Group in the Parish Center Library

SATURDAY, NOV. 2 –

4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of October 20, 2013
 Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14--4:2/Lk 18:1-8
 Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21
 Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Lk 12:35-38
 Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48
 Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53
 Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59
 Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Lk 13:1-9
 Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

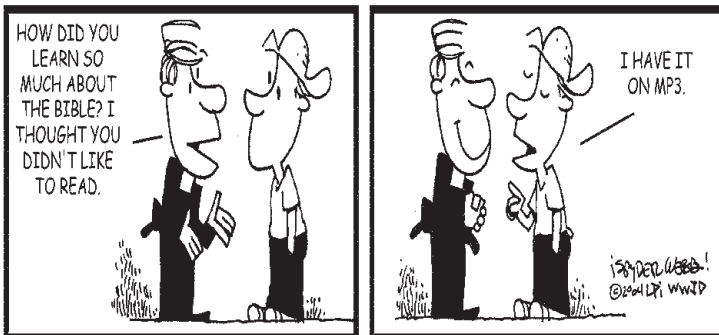
As part of adult faith formation, the St. Maurice Catholic Book Club has chosen as its next reading, *The Gospel of John*. Come and learn why this gospel has been referred to as the "Spiritual Gospel" and its uniqueness from the Synoptic Gospels. There are extra Bibles in the Library for those in need of borrowing. Please begin reading this Gospel. There will be a video scripture study by Dr. Timothy Gray. It is geared to parish groups, including young adults. These sessions will be held in the Parish Hall on Sunday October 27th, November 3rd and 10th from 6:00-8:00 pm. For more information, please contact Fr. Wojciech after Mass, or Patti Cinea @ 860-646-0564.

"That these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name (John 20:30-31).

"FRENCH-CANADIAN DAY" was signed into law by Governor D. Malloy on 6/25/13 to be celebrated yearly in the State of CT on June 24th. On that day next year, there will be a French mass at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford followed by a ceremony at the State Capitol. Please send an e-mail to: HeleneLabrecque@hotmail.com to give her the names in your group of those planning to join us or call her at 860-896-1096 by Oct. 18, 2013. Odette D. Manning, "French-Canadian Day" committee.

POPE FRANCIS DOCUMENTARY. A documentary entitled "Francis: The Pope of the New World," will air **this Sunday, October 20th from 5 P.M.-6 P.M.** on the **Fox Business Network Channel**. The documentary was produced and directed by the Knights of Columbus. To view or record it locally, it will be on Channel 122 on Cox Cable, and Channel 211 on AT&T U-verse. To watch the trailer, go to www.kofc.org, click on the Pope's picture, then click on "Trailer".

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

MISSION COMBINED COLLECTION

Last weekend the Mission Combined Collection for the World Mission Appeal, U.S. Bishop's Appeal for Latin America, Black and Indian Missions, and the Catholic Home Mission Appeal was taken up in our Parish.

If you were unable to bring your gift envelope, extras are available at the ushers table. Your support of the missionary needs of the Universal Church is greatly appreciated.

Your contribution can be placed in the collection basket next weekend or mailed directly to the parish. Thank you for your generosity in the past and thank you for what you will do now to help our missionaries continue their vital work.

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.

Diocesan Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, November 2nd ~ 8:30 a.m. Please join us and our Celebrant, Rev. Walter Nagle, 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.

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.

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