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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time • October 27, 2013

Good News!

October 27, 2013

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18 / 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18 / Lk 18:9-14

When I was in college, I found a store that sold children's award ribbons with messages like "I try hard," "#1 Speller," and "I'm Potty-Trained!" They're cute for children, but I thought they would be especially funny for adults. I bought a bunch to give as quirky birthday gifts. Fortunately, my friends put them on their bulletin boards instead of wearing them on their shirts.

The Pharisee in today's Gospel might as well be wearing an award ribbon; while praying, he proudly conveys that he is "Most Righteous" and "#1 Holy Person." On the surface, he's correct—he has lived a worthy life, and the tax collector has clearly committed more sins. However, Jesus upholds the humble tax collector as the one God favors.

Jesus' audience would have been shocked at this reversal because he usually reserves his harshest criticism for the self-important. It's one thing to live a good life; it's another to forget that God is the source of that goodness.

We may not wear spiritual award ribbons on our chests, but do we wear them in our hearts? Do they say things like, "Wears Appropriate Clothing to Church (not like that girl with the too-short skirt)" or "Stays Until The End of Mass (not like those cheaters who skip out after Communion)"? Sometimes our attempts at holiness can lead us to denigrate others—which is exactly the opposite of holiness. Jesus is clear that it's God who exalts, and it's God who doles out the award ribbons—not us. Our focus is better spent acknowledging our sins and seeking forgiveness rather than finding and using others' faults to lift ourselves up.

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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**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

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

SUNDAY, OCT. 27 –

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 the Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M.— LITURGY OF THE HOURS

6 to 8 P.M. Book Club—The Gospel of St. John—Parish Center

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.—Progressive Jackpot \$550

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 +Paul Francoeur request Theresa Ciscon

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

Last week’s Offertory—October 20 — \$2,546

Last year’s Offertory—October 21 — \$2,958

“...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” Luke 18:14

Do we exalt ourselves? We do if we think that we get credit for any of the good things in our lives. As stewards it is important that we remember that every good thing on this earth is a gift from God. We should be humbled by God’s abundant generosity. Our hearts should be filled with gratitude.

NEXT WEEK**31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****NOV. 2– NOV. 3, 2013****USHERS GROUP I****SATURDAY, NOV. 2 –**

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Howard O’Brien request of James O’Brien

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea

Lector: Bert Flynn

Eucharistic Minister: Annedda Stiller

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

SUNDAY, NOV. 3 –

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

Altar Servers: Patti Cinea

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 the Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: Alex Czercowy

Lector: Evelyn O’Connor

Eucharistic Minister: Betty Aitkin

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M.— LITURGY OF THE HOURS

6 to 8 P.M. Book Club—The Gospel of St. John—Parish Center

MONDAY, NOV. 4 –

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, NOV. 5 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Marie Jones request of Gloria Holbrook

7:15 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6 –

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, NOV. 7 – No Mass

FRIDAY, NOV. 8 – No Mass

SATURDAY, NOV. 9 –

4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of October 27, 2013

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Saturday: Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

Next Sunday: Wis 11:22--12:2/2 Thes 1:11--2:2/Lk 19:1-10

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How to Pray the Rosary

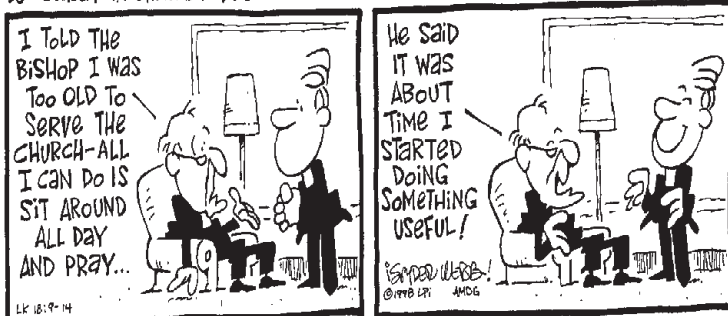
Using beads to count prayers is an ancient tradition, and not unique to the Catholic faith. The rosary as we know it today has evolved over time from its original loop of fifty beads marked out three times (to account for 150 prayers representing all the psalms) to its present configuration of five decades with some additional prayers. The rosary is begun by reciting the Apostles' Creed while holding the cross that hangs from the loop. The Lord's Prayer is prayed on the first bead on the way up from the cross to the loop joiner. Then three Hail Mary's are prayed on the next three beads (often interpreted as prayers for an increase of faith, hope, and charity), followed by a Glory Be. Another Lord's Prayer opens the first decade, which continues with ten Hail Marys, and concludes with a Glory Be, prayed while holding the chain between the final Hail Mary of the decade and the next bead for the Lord's Prayer. The prayer and meditation of the five decades is directed to one of the mysteries of which there are four sets (Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous). There are booklets that offer scriptural meditations for each of the beads as well, providing an opportunity to enrich this traditional prayer with excerpts from the word of God.

National Fair Trade Month

October is Fair Trade Month. Products that bear the "Fair Trade Certified" seal come from farmers and workers that are justly compensated. Fairly traded goods help developing communities build sustainable businesses that can use the free market to their advantage. From coffee to clothing, the purchase of fair trade goods means that the consumer is making a choice for quality products, improved lives, and protection of the environment. Fair trade items can be found at large retailers, in local grocery stores, and online. Some religious communities and civic organizations hold sales of fair trade items in connection with Fair Trade Month. You can find a list of products and partners at: www.fairtradeusa.org/. If your group or organization is interested in hosting a Fair Trade Consignment Sale you can learn more at: www.crsfairtrade.org/.

The Catholic Cemeteries Association

Choosing a family lot is inevitable. To make an important decision more calmly, prudently and economically, the Catholic Cemeteries Association suggests pre-need cemetery arrangements. For a limited time, all Catholic families have the opportunity to purchase pre-need graves with upright monument rights or shrine graves with interest free installment payments up to 48 months at Holy Cross Cemetery in East Hartford. (Mausoleum entombment space for casket and cremation is also available at Holy Cross and St. Mary Cemeteries). This offer will conclude November 15, 2013. Please call the office at St. James Cemetery, 860-646-3772, for more information or to schedule an appointment.

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH****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.

Marriage Encounter Weekend ~ "We thought we had a great marriage, but now our love is so much deeper than anything we could have imagined!" Rediscover each other with a heart-to-heart **Marriage Encounter**. To register for the Nov. 8-10 weekend in Willimantic or for information call 860-376-0440. www.wvme.org.

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 the Retreat on **Nov. 1-3** in Stockbridge, MA call 413-252-0661 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.

Catholic Charities FT Position Available: Primary Service Manager for DSS grant funded, Empowering People for Success Program (EPS). Applicant will provide outreach, case management, and advocacy for home based families with barriers to employment. BA/BS in a human service field or Associates with home visitor experience. Office based in Willimantic with cases located throughout Windham County. Extensive travel required. Bilingual preferred. Send resume to Search Committee, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich, 331 Main Street, Norwich, CT 06360. Closing date: November 13, 2013.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

According to a lawsuit filed by the Archdiocese of Washington, the federal healthcare mandate requiring that Catholic institutions pay for prescriptions and procedures such as: abortion-inducing drugs, contraception and sterilization that violate their religious principles is a deliberate plan to attack and marginalize Catholic beliefs "by holding them up for ridicule on the national stage." We mustn't permit the government to trample on religious freedom.

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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