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Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time • November 3, 2013

Good News!

November 3, 2013

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Wis 11:22—12:2 / 2 Thes 1:11—2:2 / Lk 19:1—10

I recently read an article about marriage that suggested, “Be first to say you’re sorry.” The article acknowledged that this can be quite difficult when you feel strongly that your spouse is wrong. But the article claims (and I’ve found this to be true) that saying you’re sorry defuses a fight remarkably quickly. It’s hard to continue battling when the other person has made the first move toward reconciliation.

A similar dynamic exists between God and us. God needn’t apologize to us, but when we’re distanced from God because of our sin, he always makes the first move in reconciliation. Before we even realize we’re disconnected from the Lord, he’s reaching out with healing mercy.

The story of Zacchaeus in today’s Gospel beautifully illustrates this truth. Zacchaeus, a sinner, wants to see Jesus, but he’s practically hidden in the tree. Jesus reaches out to him, inviting himself into Zacchaeus’s home and, ultimately, his life. Zacchaeus responds with repentance and reparations for his wrongs, and his life is transformed.

Why is God this generous with mercy? Today’s reading from Wisdom tells us, “For you love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made; for you would not fashion what you hate.” In shorthand, “God doesn’t make junk.” Each of us is beloved by God no matter how sinful, broken, or distant we become. The spirit of God is still alive within us even when it seems like that light went out years ago. And that’s what God reaches out to in reconciliation.

No one is beyond the profound, powerful, all-encompassing love of our God.

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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.

THIS 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

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

SUNDAY, NOV. 3 –

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, 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.—Progressive Jackpot \$600

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

THURSDAY, NOV. 7 – No Mass

FRIDAY, NOV. 8 – No Mass

SATURDAY, NOV. 9 –

4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS

Last week's Offertory—October 27 — \$2,913

Last year's Offertory—October 28 — \$2,790

"And how could a thing remain, unless you willed it; or be preserved, had it not been called forth by you?" Wisdom 11:25

These words from the Book of Wisdom, remind us that every single gift, skill, talent or blessing that we have has been called forth for us from God. The incredible abundance that surrounds us is all given to us by our heavenly Father for a reason. These gifts are not given for us to hoard but rather for us to share.

NEXT WEEK

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOV. 9– NOV. 10, 2013

2nd Collection for Archdiocese for the Military Services
USHERS GROUP II

SATURDAY, NOV. 9 –

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Robert Simmons request of Mary Simmons and Family

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea

Lector: Georgette Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Bert Flynn

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

SUNDAY, NOV. 10 –

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +James P. Bloznalis request of the Dean & Bloznalis Families

Altar Servers: Shirley Waebeck

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +Edgar Lavoie request of his Daughters

Altar Servers: Elena & Catherine Fiano

Lector: Barbara Fiano

Eucharistic Minister: Lou Cloutier

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. 11 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Barbara Sposito request of Linda Wiley

5:00 P.M.— Parish BINGO—Food available from 5 P.M. Games begin at 6:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, NOV. 12 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Clifford Mishio (6th Anniv.) request of the Fournier Family

7:15 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Barbara Sposito request of Gloria Holbrook

9:00 A.M.—FAIR WORKSHOP

THURSDAY, NOV. 14 – No Mass

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUSINESS MEETING

FRIDAY, NOV. 15 – No Mass

SATURDAY, NOV. 16 –

4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of November 3, 2013

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

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Next Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/2 Thes 2:16--3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

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OUR CHRISTMAS ELVES ARE HARD AT WORK!!



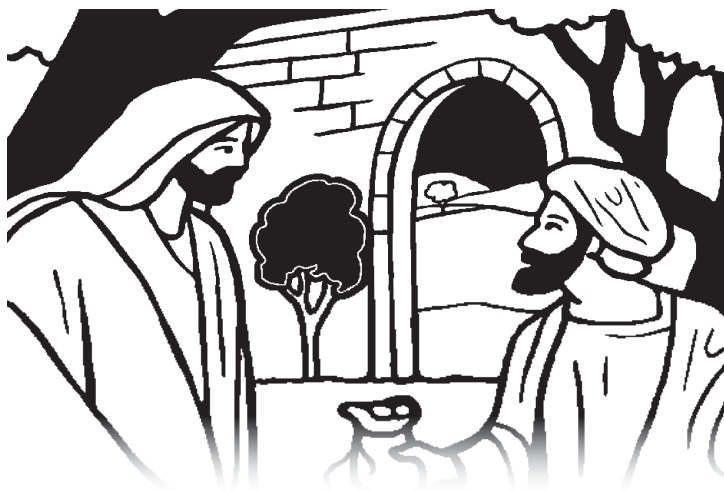
...And, YOU can help too! (There are only THREE more Wednesdays before Fair time.)

We need flour, sugar, cinnamon, paraffin wax and shortening (Crisco type). And we are still looking for tea cups and saucers, baby food jars (clean please)

and any craft supplies you wish to donate. Please drop any donations in the vestibule of the Church.

MANY HANDS MAKE FOR LIGHT (OR LIGHTER) WORK!!

Do you have some time to spare? Please join us on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to Noon in the Parish Center for some crafting and fellowship! (Coffee is always brewing.)

31st Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord,
"Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give
to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone
I shall repay it four times over." Lk 19:8

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

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.wwme.org.

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.

Natural Family Planning Classes ~ For Married and Engaged. (NFP) is the safe and loving alternative to the dangerous chemical and synthetic hormonal side-effects of contraception and birth control. NFP is scientific and 99% effective for conceiving or responsibly postponing your baby. NFP can also help with fertility problems. A three part class begins on **November 11th, 7:00pm at St. Joseph Parish Hall in Willimantic**. Call the Collisons at 860-399-8265 for information. Register for class on line at www.ccli.org. Home Study and online also available.

Pope John Paul II Bioethics Center Lecture and Recital

"Clarity and Charity: The Catholic Church and Homosexuality" by Rev. Paul Check, Executive Director of Courage International. A recital of Renaissance and Medieval sacred music by "Trio Triumvirum" precedes the lecture. **Wednesday, November 6th 6:00pm at Holy Apostles College and Seminary, 33 Prospect Hill Rd., Cromwell.**

Defending Our Religious Liberty

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome Archbishop-designate Leonard P. Blair with respect and appreciation for the distinguished record he has already accomplished. Pope Francis appointed him on October 29th, and he has my heartfelt congratulations, prayers, and assurance of support as he moves forward. With this said, I am confident that Bishop Blair will join us in our crusade to protect religious liberty. Like all of us, he is very concerned about the health care mandate and its disregard for religious freedom, and has quoted Thomas Jefferson by saying, "The price of freedom is eternal vigilance."

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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