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September 22, 2014 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 55:6-9 / Phil 1:20c-24, 27a / Mt 20:1-16a

When I was a child, family allowances were pegged to age. The older we were, the more we got in reflection of our growing responsibility for household chores. If we did extra, we got extra—it was as simple as that. Complaints were few, and we waited in great anticipation for the day allowances were handed out.

Because of that experience, I feel some sympathy for the workers in today's readings who worked all day, only to find they'd receive what the latecomers got. I certainly wouldn't have thought it fair if my fourteen-years-younger sister had gotten the same allowance I did!

But, as Isaiah so gently reminds us, God's ways are not ours. God's wages cannot be measured in dollars. Grace, freedom, mercy, and love are the payment God renders for our willingness to work in his vineyard. These things cannot be divided, because God is not stingy or miserly. Nor can they be earned, for they are gifts. God gives his gifts wholly and freely to all who turn to him.

Think of it this way: Does God give less grace or freedom to the adult who is baptized at thirty than to the thirty-yearold who was baptized as an infant? The question makes us laugh—of course not.

It is very much like us to want our fair share, and we've become accustomed to earning our wages.

It is very like God to want every person to taste the joy and freedom of life in him, and the first step to doing so is simply accepting his invitation.

We might as well start now.

Mary Katharine Deeley sundaybulletin@liguori.org

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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.

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 Pas-

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

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **SEPTEMBER 20 - 21, 2014 USHERS GROUP III**

2nd. COLLECTION - CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAMPAIGN

The Catholic Elementary School Campaign is building the future of Catholic education within the Diocese. By choosing a Catholic education, parents ensure that their child is surrounded every day by people who share their values and high aspirations. Catholic schools develop the whole child by fostering academic excellence, personal responsibility and commitment to service. On Sept 20/21 we will be holding a special collection entitled "Hope for the Future" to support our 12 elementary schools. Most of you should receive an envelope in the mail to use for making your donation that weekend or, if you wish you may mail your gift to 197 Broadway, Norwich CT 06360 or donate online at www.norwichdso.org.

Our schools need the support of all Catholics.

On behalf of the children, we thank you in advance for your generosity.

SATURDAY, SEP. 20

5:00 P.M. — Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

Coffee Social after 5:00 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, SEP. 21

7:30 A.M. — Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. — Mass offered for Special Intentions of Angelica and Alex request of The Parents

Blessing of the Catechists (Catechetical Sunday)

Baptism of Anna Giovanna Coloccia and Rachael Kristiina Coloccia

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

MONDAY, SEP. 22

9:00 A.M. — Mass offered for the Intentions of Linda Bell

TUESDAY, SEP. 23

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

NO CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, SEP. 24

9:00 A.M. — Mass offered for + Matteo and + Vincent Quagliano request of Mr. & Mrs. Silvio Maratta

9:00 A.M. — CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP

THURSDAY, SEP. 25 — NO MASS

FRIDAY, SEP. 26 — NO MASS

SATURDAY, SEP. 27

4:30 P.M. — ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M MASS

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: Sep. 14 — \$2,714 Projected Amount needed \$3,370

"So the last will be first and the first last" - MATTHEW 20:16

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Through our gratitude and generosity we help each other get to Heaven!

NEXT WEEK

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **SEPTEMBER 27 - 28, 2014**

USHERS GROUP IV

Council of Catholic Women

2nd. COLLECTION FOR THE MIDDLE EAST

SATURDAY, SEP. 27

5:00 P.M. — Mass offered for + Harold Kenney

request of Rose Kenney and Lisa Maratta

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea Lectors: Patti Cinea

Eucharistic Minister: Georgette Pelletier

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, SEP. 28

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

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Joel Cohan

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

9:00 A.M. — First Faith Formation Session (for Parents and Students) Breakfast available at 8:30 A.M.

6TH ANNUAL YOUTH EXPLOSION FOR STUDENTS IN THE CONFIRMATION CLASS

10:00 A.M. — Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer

Lector: Jeffrey Monroe

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Scorso

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

6:00 P.M. — ADULT FAITH FORMATION

MONDAY, SEP. 29

9:00 A.M. — Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

TUESDAY, SEP. 30

9:00 A.M. — Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

NO CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 1

9:00 A.M. — Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

9:00 A.M. — CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP

THURSDAY, OCT. 2 — NO MASS

FRIDAY, OCT. 3 — NO MASS

SATURDAY, OCT. 4

4:30 P.M. — ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of September 21, 2014

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6 Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9--12:8/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

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SAVE THE DATE — OCTOBER 7, 2014

The Rosary will be prayed from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Please join this effort to stop abortion and for World peace.



FAITH FORMATION registration forms should be returned as soon as possible. Forms can be found on-line or in the back of the church. Please place completed forms in the collection Faith Formation basket. Classes begin on Sunday, September 28th at 9:00 am in the Parish Center. Please plan to come for breakfast at

8:30 am. New students are welcome!



Confirmation Class Students in the confirmation class will be required to attend a retreat sponsored by the Norwich Diocese on Sunday, 9/28/14. "BE FED" is the theme of this year's 6th Annual Youth Explosion.

This will be held at St. Bernard High School in Uncasville, CT. Please save the date and more information will be forthcoming! You can also visit their website at www.youthexplosionct.com

ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

REVELATION: THE KINGDOM YET to Come

The next session on the Book of Revelation, Chapters 2 and

3, will be on Sunday, September 28th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Session is 55 minutes in length. All are welcome.

A Day of Reflection: "Fan Into Flame The Gift Of Our Faith"

St. Matthew Parish, Tolland, CT, will be hosting a stimulating — and personally challenging — Day of Reflection.

During this Day of Reflection, we will explore how we can take our faith experience to a new level. When we truly die to ourselves, get into God's Word, seek guidance from the Holy Spirit, and live in the presence of God... and when we live for God and others... this will fan into flame the gift of faith that God has given us. Our lives will be joyfully transformed; and the lives of those around us may be as well. During this Day of Reflection, there will be sharing of faith-enriching insights and compelling testimonies of how God has been working in lives around the world.

Date: Saturday, October 11, 2104; Time: 10:00 – 2:00; Cost: FREE

Place: St. Matthew Parish (basement), 111 Tolland Green, Tolland, Connecticut 06084. (860) 872-0200.

Lunch: You can bring your own lunch, or soup and salad will be available to purchase.

About Our Day Of Reflection Leaders: St. Matthew parishioner, Tim Maurer who is also the founder of the Church-endorsed, ecumenical ministry, Global Institute For Transformation (GIFT) - will be leading the session. Tim will be joined by another St. Matthew parishioner, Gina Raymond, who is involved in ACTS retreats, prison ministries and spiritual direction.

WAIM 30th Anniversary Celebration—Sunday 9/21/2014

Time: 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Franco-American Club, 116 Club Road, North Windham CT Place:

(Directions on parish website.)

A relaxed, family-friendly potluck and barbecue. WAIM will be What:

providing hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages.

Please

Cole slaw or Veggie baked beans (please label) bring:

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NOTICE

Sometimes parishioners want to attend the Saturday Vigil or Sunday Mass at St. Maurice and only need transportation. If you are willing to be available, when your schedule permits, either to bring someone to and from Mass or just a ride home (if the person bringing them can't) please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket.

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Mass Sat. Vigil, Sun. 7:30 a.m	, Sun. 10:00 a.m
Both ways, To Mass only	, Return home only

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

<u>Catholic Charities Adoption Program</u> will be holding monthly meetings for couples who are waiting to adopt or who are interested in learning about adoption. Meetings will be held on September 24, October 22 and November 19 at 7:00 pm at the Catholic Charities Office, 331 Main St., Norwich.

Catholic Charities Adoption Program will also be holding weekly Birth Mother Support Group meetings every Tuesday, beginning on September 16, at 9:30 am at the Catholic Charities Office, 331 Main St.,

For more information on both meetings please call our Adoption Program at 860-889-8346 ext. 282.

Tuesday, September 23, 2014, Bishop Cote will celebrate Mass for 40 <u>Days for LIFE Campaign.</u> The 8th Annual 40 Days for Life campaign kicks off with a Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral in Norwich, CT on Tuesday, September 23, 2014, beginning at 7:00 pm. The main Celebrant and Homilist will be the Most Rev. Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich. Following Mass there will be refreshments downstairs. For more information go to www.40daysforlife.com/norwich. The Mass is to prepare and to pray for 40 days and 40 nights of prayer, fasting, and a peaceful vigil in front of Planned Parenthood at 12 Case St. in Norwich CT. Please come and bring a friend!

Twenty-second Annual Mass for Firefighters/EMS Personnel Saturday, October 18, 2014, at 5:00 p.m.

On Saturday, October 18, 2014, 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 (to the Cathedral) of all personnel and apparatus will begin at 3:00 p.m. Heather Mislivets-Ahern, Emergency Manager, Mashantucket Pequot Fire Department, and Robert Ziegler, President, Emergency Resource Management, are the Mass Committee Co-Chairs. The Homilist will be Father Walter Riley, Pastor at Immaculate Conception Church in Worcester, MA and Chaplain for the Worcester Fire Department. 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 at extension 265.

The Silver and Gold Jubilee Anniversary Mass Sunday, October 19, 2014 -- 2:00p.m. Cathedral of St. Patrick

Inviting all couples married 25 & 50 years and any significant anniversary in renewal of your wedding vows at the Pontifical Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote at the Cathedral of St. Patrick. Refreshments follow the Mass. Register in September. For information: 860-889-8346 ext.283.

Diocesan Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, October $4^{th} \sim 8:30$ 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. A brunch will follow the Rosary at the Cathedral.

Marriage Preparation Class for Engaged Couples

"God's Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage" October 3, 10, 17, 2014 6:30 pm-9:00 pm St. Joseph Church Hall, RT. 97, Occum To register for the 3 session class call: 860-889-8346 ext. 283

CT. Catholic Men's Conference—2014

Annual Connecticut Men's Conference Saturday, October 25th 8:00 A.M. — 5:00 P.M., 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. Our theme this year is I Thirst! For justice, compassion, forgiveness, salvation, truth, wisdom, for you. Come and learn more about your faith! The tickets are \$35. Ticket includes lunch if purchased before 9/30; after 9/30 they are \$40 and may be purchased at our website www.CTCatholicMen.org or by calling 860-484-7950. Speaker information, directions to Goodwin College are also on the site. See you there

on the last Sunday of October.



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