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Good News!

September 25, 2016 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) Am 6:1a, 4-7 / 1 Tm 6:11-16 / Lk 16:19-31

How do we best love God and one another? A student, wanting to become more like Christ in welcoming all people, decided that he would greet every one of his fraternity brothers every week and ask how they were and that he would say hello to the man who sat in front of the drugstore in town begging for change and invite him to lunch. In May, when it came time to see how he did, the student had indeed talked to his fraternity brothers every week and greeted the beggar, but he never did invite him to lunch. "I just couldn't do it," he said. "I was a little afraid of what it would mean. Would I be responsible to help him again?" We talked about it a little, and I invited him to put that question to God in prayer.

I'm not sure any of us have an easy answer to what it means to look someone in the face and invite him to share a meal. And I daresay not many of us would do what that student set out to do. But St. Paul urges us to "pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness" (1 Timothy 6:11). That's a lifetime's work and possible only with the grace of God. Surely, as we grow in those virtues, we will come to see all people as worthy of our time and care without worrying about what might happen in the future. It may not be practical and it certainly won't be easy. But the demands of God's love compel us to try. And if we do so, we might not share the fate of the rich man in Luke's Gospel who learned too late how best to love.

—Mary Katharine Deeley

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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):

Saturday 4:30 PM — 5:00 PM

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

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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 24—25, 2016

<u>USHERS GROUP IV</u>

2ND COLLECTION — COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

SATURDAY, SEP 24

5:00 P.M. <u>Mass offered for All Parishioners</u>

of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: TBD Lectors: Patti Cinea

Eucharistic Minister: Patti Cinea

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, SEP 25

7:30 A.M. <u>Mass offered for Mary Radion</u>

request of Theresa Ciscon

Altar Servers: Shirley Holbrook Lector: Judy Trzcinski

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

8:30 A.M. Breakfast for Faith Formation 9:00 A.M. First Faith Formation Session

(for Parents and Students)

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

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

MONDAY, SEP 26

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners

of St. Maurice Church

TUESDAY, SEP 27

9:00 A.M. <u>Mass offered for †Lena C. Bloznalis</u> request of The Dean & Bloznalis Families

7:15 P.M. ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, SEP 28

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners

of St. Maurice Church

THURSDAY, SEP 29 — NO MASS

FRIDAY, SEP 30 — NO MASS

SATURDAY, OCT 1

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

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: September 18 — \$1,824

Projected Amount needed \$3,370

"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..."

LUKE 16:25-26

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

NEXT WEEK

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 1 — 2, 2016

USHERS GROUP I

2ND COLLECTION — CRADLE FUND COLLECTION

SATURDAY, OCT 1

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners

of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: TBD Lectors: Georgette Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Annedda Stiller

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, OCT 2

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for †Lena C. Bloznalis

request of The Dean & Bloznalis Families

Altar Servers: Shirley Holbrook

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Richardson

8:30 A.M. Breakfast for Faith Formation

9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

YOUTH EXPLOSION VIII — GOT MERCY?

12-7:00 PM AT ST. BERNARD HIGH SCHOOL, UNCASVILLE CT

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners

of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: TBD

Lector: Katherine Monroe

Eucharistic Minister: Janusz Herasimowicz

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

MONDAY, OCT 3

9:00 A.M. <u>Mass offered for All Parishioners</u>

of St. Maurice Church

TUESDAY, OCT 4

9:00 A.M. <u>Mass offered for All Parishioners</u>

of St. Maurice Church

7:15 P.M. ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, OCT 5

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners

of St. Maurice Church

9:00 A.M. CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP in the Parish Center

THURSDAY, OCT 6 — NO MASS

FRIDAY, OCT 7 — NO MASS

SATURDAY, OCT 8

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

Readings for the Week of September 25, 2016

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7-10/1 Tm 6:11-16/

Lk 16:19-31

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-8/Lk 9:51-56 Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10-15/Lk 9:57-62 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-5/

Jn 1:47-51

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14/

Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125,

130/Lk 10:17-24

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FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE

Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line, especially the new requests for this week. Thank you. Carol and MaryAnn.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

The first day of faith formation classes is September 25th 2016!

There will be a welcome meeting for parents and students at 9:00 am.



You can still register your children for Faith Formation program. Forms are available on the usher's tables in the back of the church or on the parish website. Please place completed forms in the collection basket.



The Youth Explosion VIII

Sunday October 2nd, 2016 12-7:00 pm at St. Bernard High School, Uncasville, CT.

FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP



SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR NEEDS

As we move toward our Fair we ask for your help with our needs. We are asking for your help by

donating flour, sugar and Crisco for the pies. We use sugar, sur-gel and paraffin for the jams. We also use flour and sugar for our mixes. As always, we need jam jars and baby food jars. Please leave your contributions in the church or Parish Center. Thank you.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The Catholic Church invests in the common good. It runs and operates schools, hospitals, universities, charities and social services. Our government and society have long relied on them for help and taken advantage of the vast network that churches and religious institutions provide to aid people in need and to help form good citizens. But, when we are told we've got to stop being who we are, to put aside our beliefs, or plainly go against our conscience in order to be allowed to contribute to the common good, we must speak out.

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445, and your elected state representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



The Norwich 40 Days-For-Life campaign will begin with a Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral this Tuesday, September 27, at 7 PM. Bishop Michael R. Cote will be the Principal

Celebrant and Reverend Brian C. Maxwell will be the homilist. Following Mass, 40 Days for Life Team members will be available to answer any questions, sign-up Parishes and individuals, and distribute campaign materials.

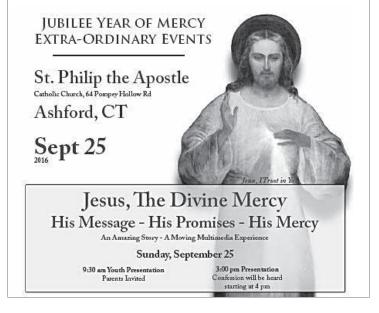
The 40 Days for Life this year runs from Wednesday, September 28th through November 6th. It is hoped that all Parishes will "Adopt-A-Day" and participate by encouraging parishioners to pray, fast, and sign-up to attend the peaceful prayer vigil held outside the Planned Parenthood facility at 12 Case St. in Norwich. For further information, please contact Fr. Brian's team at (860) 841-4357 fatherbrians40days@gmail.com The Secret - is to change hearts!

The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, October 1 at 8:30 A.M. Please join our celebrant Rev. Ray Introvigne 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.

<u>DR. EDWARD SRI</u> TO SPEAK AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK

On Saturday, October 8th, the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich will host a day with Dr. Sri, from 9:30 am until 3:30 pm. Dr. Sri is a theologian, author and nationally-known Catholic speaker. The day will include three conferences: *Having a Vibrant Faith in a Secular Age, Walking with Mary* and *Understanding the Mass*.

Tickets, which include complimentary lunch, are \$20 per person, \$10 for students. Clergy and Religious are admitted free with advanced registration. Tickets are available online at http://bit.do/DR-Edward-sri or by calling (860) 861 1895 or at *Merciful Savior Gift Shop* in Colchester.



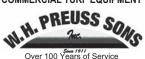


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