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Good News!

October 2, 2016

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4 2; Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

I have a little jar of mustard seeds on the bookcase in my office. They were given to me as a going-away present by a priest I knew, a little reminder to keep the faith. Every time I hear the Gospel about the mustard seed, I am reminded of him. He was a mentor and friend, one of the many people who have inspired my faith from young adulthood until now. He is also the example of what I hope to be for the students I teach. The faith which we explore is a rich inheritance, indeed, and I can only hope to influence my students as much as he influenced me.

Being a faith-filled person isn't for cowards. As Paul tells Timothy, God gave us gifts of power and love to be able to stand against evil and to love those who seem unlovable. God called us to a holy life which means that we occasionally have to turn away from what the world has to offer and embrace a different way of living. Christ's disciples are called to help make the world holy through word and example, by inviting others to know Christ and acting in such a way that knowing Christ seems the only possible response. Finally, God gives us the Holy Spirit, who makes it possible for us to live lives that are worthy of the calling to which we have been called.

"Stir into flame the gift of God," Paul exhorts. Fire is the perfect metaphor. It lights our way and gives us warmth. It also purifies us for the work ahead. Who inspired you in your faith? How will you become a better disciple today because of them?

Mary Katharine Deeley

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — OCTOBER 2, 2016

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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):

Saturday 4:30 PM — 5:00 PM

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 WEEKTWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMEOCTOBER 1 — 2, 2016USHERS GROUP I2ND COLLECTION — CRADLE FUND COLLECTIONSATURDAY, 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.** Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice ChurchTUESDAY, OCT 4**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners
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***7:00 P.M.** **SPECIAL MEETING WITH FATHER LEON**
*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****STEWARDSHIP****Last week's Offertory: September 25 — \$2,898****Projected Amount needed \$3,370***"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control."* 2 TIMOTHY 1:7

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything, all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party, at work or out shopping, would your actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

NEXT WEEKTWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMEOCTOBER 8 — 9, 2016USHERS GROUP II2ND COLLECTION — MISSION COMBINED COLLECTIONSATURDAY, OCT 8**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for †William Miller
request of The Family

Altar Servers: TBD

Lectors: Patti Cinea

Eucharistic Minister: Patti Cinea

*COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement*SUNDAY, OCT 9**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for †Irene Kwiatkowski
request Gloria Holbrook

Altar Servers: Shirley Holbrook

Lector: Judy Trzcinski

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: Alex Czercowy

Lector: Lee Snuffer

Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen Smythe

*CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass**COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement*MONDAY, OCT 10**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Lena C. Bloznalis
request of The Dean & Bloznalis FamiliesTUESDAY, OCT 11**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church**ROSARY RECITED AFTER MASS****7:15 P.M.** **ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL**WEDNESDAY, OCT 12**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 13 — NO MASS****FRIDAY, OCT 14 — NO MASS**SATURDAY, OCT 15**4:30 P.M.** **ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS****Readings for the Week of October 2, 2016****Sunday:** Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/2
Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10**Monday:** Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1-2, 7-10/Lk 10:25-37**Tuesday:** Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1-3, 13-15/
Lk 10:38-42**Wednesday:** Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1-2/Lk 11:1-4**Thursday:** Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-75/Lk 11:5-13**Friday:** Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 11:15-26**Saturday:** Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-7/Lk 11:27-28**Next Sunday:** 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/
Lk 17:11-19

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.

ATTENTION - A SPECIAL MEETING WILL BE HELD WITH FATHER LEON, WITH ALL GROUPS OF THE PARISH including ALL Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and their parents, Ushers, Choir members and Organist, this Wednesday, October 5 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center.

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.



On Sept. 18th, thirteen members of the parish participated in the pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy, **walking through its Holy Doors, prayed for the intentions of the Pope**, and able to receive

the plenary indulgence during this Jubilee Year if the other criteria are met: **make a Sacramental Confession within 20 days, receive Holy Communion, and detach oneself from sin.**

The **Jubilee Year of Mercy** ends on November 20, 2016. It is still not too late to attain this indulgence....plan to walk through the Holy Doors of St. Patrick's Cathedral in Norwich, or any diocesan cathedral...or plan a short trip to Eden Hill, Stockbridge. We recommend highly a stop for lunch at the Red Lion Inn, and enjoy the sights and serenity of the Berkshire Mountains.....

Defending Our Religious Liberty

According to Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the USCCB's Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, comments made by Martin Castro, chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, saying that religious liberty is reduced to "nothing except hypocrisy," and religion is being used as a "weapon... by those seeking to deny others equality" are shocking. It suggests that Catholic, evangelical, orthodox Jewish, Mormon, and Muslim communities are comparable to fringe segregationists from the civil rights era. These statements, said Lori, painting those who support religious freedom with the broad brush of bigotry are reckless and reveal a profound disregard for the religious foundations of his own work.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

2016 MISSION COMBINED COLLECTION PROGRAM

The Mission Combined Collection will be held next weekend. Your contribution will provide assistance to the World Mission Appeal, U.S. Bishop's Appeal for Latin America, Black and Indian Missions, and the Catholic Home Mission Appeal. You will receive information in the mail about this collection. Please read this material and bring your gift envelope to Mass next weekend, October 8/9, 2016.

On Saturday, October 15, 2016, at 5:00 p.m., Bishop Cote will celebrate **Mass for all Firefighters/EMS personnel**, in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick. Each year, brothers and sisters of all faiths gather to thank God for their calling, to pray for their safety, and to remember their fallen colleagues. Assembly at Chelsea Parade for the lineup and the procession (to the Cathedral) of all personnel and apparatus will begin at 3:00 p.m. The Homilist will be Deacon Robert Dio, Diocese of Worcester. Reception immediately following. All companies, departments, and personnel and their families are cordially invited to participate. For more information call, Mrs. Terri Zampini at 860-887-9294, x265, or Monsignor Brown at x232.

SILVER AND GOLDEN JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY MASS

All couples married 25 & 50 years or celebrating any significant anniversary year are invited to attend a Silver and Gold Jubilee Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Sunday, October 23 at 2 P.M. Come and renew your wedding vows in a Pontifical Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote. Family and friends are invited to share in this special testimony and witness to love and marriage. Light refreshments will be served following the Mass in the Cathedral Hall. Register through your parish. For more information call the Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext. 306.

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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.
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