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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — OCTOBER 23, 2016

Good News!

October 23, 2016

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Sr 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

Why are we so often and easily convinced that our own positions and opinions are right? When faced with conflict and opposition, we can be tempted to shout down or coerce the people on the other side. In politics and religion, heated and controversial debates lead some to accuse others of being unpatriotic, uncaring, ignorant, even un-Christian. Regardless of our behavior, being convinced that we are 100 percent correct comes at a price. Rory Vaden, an author, speaker, and self-discipline strategist, writes: “[I]f I already ‘know’ what’s true, I don’t need to entertain the idea of another perspective....Many of us hold on to beliefs, even about our own lives, that aren’t accurate....Yes, we want to be proven ‘right,’ even if what we’re right about keeps us from growth and change.”

When we eliminate dialogue, we alienate ourselves. We never discover what other people know, additional (or better) solutions, and the full truth.

The Pharisee in today’s parable believes that talking with the tax collector would be beneath him, even meaningless: The tax collector is a sinner, while he is a righteous man whose works prove his worth. In his self-absorbed superiority he cannot see his lack of compassion or find humility before God. He forgets the many declarations in Scripture that God hears the cries of the poor, weak, and oppressed. This week, let us listen to these least ones and become one with them.

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.

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 4:15 PM — 4:45 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 WEEKTHIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMEOCTOBER 22 — 23, 2016USHERS GROUP IVSATURDAY, OCT 22**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 23**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for †Christine Carlone request of Keith and Cathy Depathy

Altar Servers: Shirley Holbrook

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio


8:30 A.M. BREAKFAST FOR FAITH FORMATION**9:00 A.M.** FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Joel Hoffman request of The Greene Family

Altar Servers: Emilia & Marta Herasimowicz

Lector: Evelyn O'Connor

Eucharistic Minister: Janusz Herasimowicz

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

*COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement*MONDAY, OCT 24**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice ChurchTUESDAY, OCT 25**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Lena C. Bloznalis request of The Dean & Bloznalis Families**7:15 P.M.** ADULT CHOIR REHEARSALWEDNESDAY, OCT 26 — NO MASS**9:00 A.M.** CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP in the Parish CenterTHURSDAY, OCT 27 — NO MASS**6:00 P.M.** EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS


WITH THE MOST REV. MICHAEL R. COTE, D.D.,
BISHOP OF NORWICH
at St. Maurice Church

FRIDAY, OCT 28 — NO MASSSATURDAY, OCT 29**4:30 P.M.** ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS**STEWARDSHIP**

Last week's Offertory: October 16 — \$3,154

Projected Amount needed \$2,980

"...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." LUKE 18:14

Pride and ego is the root cause of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable, your talent is better than anyone else and your money gives you status is another way of making those things "gods" before God. Remember all those gifts were God-given. Instead we should be humbled by God's abundant generosity and our hearts should be filled with gratitude.

NEXT WEEKTHIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMEOCTOBER 29 — 30, 2016USHERS GROUP I2ND COLLECTION — ST. MAURICE FUEL FUNDSATURDAY, OCT 29**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for †John Garvan - 3rd Anniversary request of Frances Garvan

Altar Servers: TBD

Lectors: Bert Flynn

Eucharistic Minister: Georgette Pelletier

*COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement*SUNDAY, OCT 30**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: Shirley Holbrook

Lector: Judy Trzcinski

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Richardson

8:30 A.M. BREAKFAST FOR FAITH FORMATION**9:00 A.M.** FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Marian Herasimowicz request of The Herasimowicz Family

Altar Servers: Alex Czercowy

Lector: Jeffrey Monroe

Eucharistic Minister: Betty Aitkin

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

*COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement*MONDAY, OCT 31**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Lena C. Bloznalis request of The Dean & Bloznalis FamiliesTUESDAY, NOV 1 — ALL SAINTS DAY (Day of Obligation)**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: TBD

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Lou Cloutier

7:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer

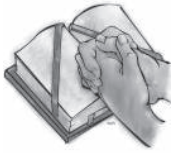
Lector: Lee Snuffer

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Scorso

WEDNESDAY, NOV 2 — NO MASS**9:00 A.M.** CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP in the Parish CenterTHURSDAY, NOV 3 — NO MASSFRIDAY, NOV 4 — NO MASSSATURDAY, NOV 5**4:30 P.M.** ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS**Readings for the Week of October 23, 2016****Sunday:** Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23/2
Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14**Monday:** Eph 4:32--5:8/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 13:10-17**Tuesday:** Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-32/Ps 128:1-5/
Lk 13:18-21**Wednesday:** Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-14/Lk 13:22-30**Thursday:** Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1-2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35**Friday:** Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 6:12-16**Saturday:** Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2-3, 5/Lk 14:1, 7-11**Next Sunday:** Wis 11:22--12:2/Ps 145: 1-2, 8-11, 13-14/2
Thes 1:11--2:2/Lk 19:1-10

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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.

This month's prayer intentions for the **Month of the Holy Rosary: The protection of all life from the moment of conception until natural death and the abolishment of abortion.**

Eucharistic



HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION WITH THE BISHOP OF NORWICH

On Thursday, October 27, 2016, come and join in praying with Bishop Cote a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations. This month the holy hour will be at St. Maurice Church from 6:00—7:00 pm. Come pray for those who are called to priestly or consecrated religious life. Pray for our seminarians and those in process of applying to the Diocese. Join our Diocesan Prayer Team for vocations by emailing the vocation office for more information at vocations@norwichdiocese.net and check out our website at god-calls.com!

The **Most Rev. Michael R. Cote, D.D., Bishop of Norwich**, will lead an hour of **Eucharistic Adoration**. As a parish community, please plan to attend and pray for much needed vocations to the priesthood and religious life, that those whom God is calling will hear His voice and be inspired to respond. Refreshments will be served following in the lower level of the Church.

FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP



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

Through Our Lady of the Rosary's aid, may voters and elected leaders uphold the virtues of religious freedom in their political engagement.

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.

Father Leon is available at all time for any Spiritual needs, to call or meet with him personally, your always welcomed.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

Closing Celebration of the Extraordinary Jubilee.

Bishop Cote will celebrate the Closing of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy on Sunday, November 13, 2016, 10:25 a.m., Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Norwich. Participants are asked to bring an item of food or personal hygiene items for the needy in the area. These donated items will be presented prior to this Mass. For further information call Ms. Becky Cady at 860-887-9294, ext. 235.

Twenty-Fifth Annual Red, White and Blue Mass

Sunday, November 6, 2016, at 10:15 a.m.

On Sunday, November 6, 2016, at 10:15 a.m., Bishop Cote will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick for all military personnel, those who are active, in the reserves and Veterans. The purpose of this celebration is to honor our service men and women as we recognize the many sacrifices made by the families and loved ones of our military. The theme for the 2016, Red, White and Blue Mass is **Connecticut's Submarine Century**. The Homilist will be Deacon Robert P. Hayes. The Mass Committee Chairs are BG CT Edward J. Waitte, (Ret.) and Mr. David K. Harding, U.S. Merchant Marine. For more information call, Monsignor Brown or Mrs. Rebecca McDougal at 860-887-9294.

Please join Bishop Cote at the **Seventh 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, October 30, 2016 at the Mystic Marriott Hotel, 625 North Road, Groton, Connecticut. This year's honorees are: Mother Mary David Riquier, S.C.M.C., Principal, Academy of the Holy Family, Baltic, CT; Attorney Michael E. Driscoll, representing the law firm of Brown Jacobson, P.C. as Diocesan Counsel for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Norwich; and Mr. William J. Russell, C.P.A., recently retired Diocesan Finance Officer, after serving 12 years with the Diocese of Norwich. Tickets are \$150/person and will be available for purchase until October 24, 2016. All proceeds benefit Catholic Elementary Schools within the Diocese. For tickets and more information, please contact Kathy Gaito at 860-886-1928 ext. 15, kgaito@norwichdiocese.net or visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org



If you are 70 ½ years old, you can now make a direct transfer of up to \$100,000 from your IRA to a qualified charity, such as our Parish, without having to pay income taxes on the money. The law allowing this was made permanent by President Obama when he signed the PATH Act last December.

If you are interested in making such a gift, please contact Mary Ellen Mahoney, Development Manager- Major Gifts at memahoney@norwichdiocese.net or (860) 886-1928, ext. 14 for more information.

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