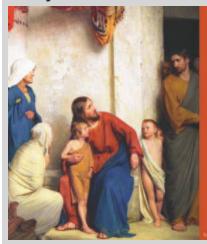
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#### 13<sup>™</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." - Mt 10:42

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When we were baptized, we were baptized into Christ's death. Take a moment to ponder these profound words. We were baptized into death. In every sense of the word, we are asked to die. This is not just about our final death but about daily deaths due to inconvenience, discomfort, pain, loss, or others' needs. This is an incredible epiphany given the way we very often approach our lives. We do everything to avoid death, let alone encounter it! Many avoid pain, discomfort, inconvenience, uneasiness, change, interference, and suffering of any kind. We put a lot of energy into finding the easiest and least inconvenient way through many things. Even holding the door open for a stranger or saying hello to someone in the store can be major undertakings.

We are called to die. One of the biggest wake-up calls we can have is realizing that life is not about us! There are millions of other people sharing life on this planet with whom I have a relationship. Does my life celebrate those relationships? The most distracting question we can ask is, "What do I want to do?" The more focused, faith-filled question is, "What do I need to do?" What I need to do may not be what I want to do. However, asking this question more frequently will teach us how to more purposefully and intentionally live so we can be a life giving vessel for others. When we learn to live more sacrificially, to put the needs of others before our own, and to not always seek our own self-interest, we become aware of what baptism into Christ's death is really all about. These are the roots of virtue and the seedbed for justice, tolerance, solidarity, love, and peace.

Learning how to accept all the "small deaths" and sacrifices life calls us to teaches us how to approach our final death. All deaths ask us to empty ourselves into something or someone else. Whether we empty ourselves into the heart and soul of another human being or empty ourselves into God at the moment of our final death, new life is always received and nurtured. A heart that exclusively seeks its own interest is a heart that is closed to love. A heart that pours itself out to others and is content with being emptied is a heart that has been touched by and open to mercy. It is a heart that overflows with joy.



### THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 28, 2020

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#### WEEKEND MASSES (will resume on July 4th-5th weekend):

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. Sundays at 7:30, 9;15 and 11:00 a.m.

Sundays at 7:30, 9;15 and 11:00 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 a Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, 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!

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by appointment only

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Please call the rectory (860-748-4560) 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 860-643-9553.

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#### **THIRTEENTH SUNDAY** IN ORDIANRY TIME

**JUNE 28, 2020** 

#### Weekend Masses

begin Saturday, July 4, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Sunday Masses will be at 7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m., and 11:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses begin Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

The celebration of Mass will continue Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday throughout July. The following steps are taken to safeguard the health of our pastor and parishioners:

- Attendees will be required to wear masks and are also asked to provide their own hand sanitizer. Appropriate seating for social distancing will be marked.
- For those wishing to receive communion, distribution will take place immediately after mass has ended. Those wearing gloves must remove them before receiving as the Eucharist must not be placed in a gloved hand.
- During this period there will be no choir.
- Those in vulnerable populations, e.g. the elderly, those with underlying health conditions, or those with any symptoms of illness are asked to remain at home. They are encouraged to watch Mass on television or via the internet
- Our church will be cleaned and disinfected following each Mass.
- The obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to be dispensed for all the faithful in the Diocese of Norwich until further notice.

#### **Livestream Masses:**

#### From the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich

https://www.norwichdiocese.org/Masses

#### Sunday 9AM

#### **Daily Mass from Blessed Sacrament Parish**

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# MASS SCHEE

#### SATURDAY, JULY 4

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

of St. Maurice Church

#### SU<u>NDAY, JULY 5</u>

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory 9:15 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners

of St. Maurice Church

11:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY, JULY 6 — No Mass TUESDAY, JULY 7 — No Mass

<u>WEDNESDAY, JUL</u>Y 8

Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory 9:00 A.M.

THURSDAY,

Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory 9:00 A.M.

FRIDAY, JULY 10 — No Mass

#### FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



#### St. Maurice Prayer Line

Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line and Faith Formation Students Prayer Requests. New requests this week: The President and leaders of our nation. Keeping you all in our

prayers during this difficult time. Thank you, Mary Ann

#### FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

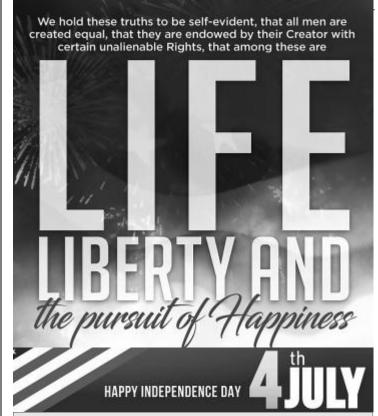


## Combined Collection for

#### 2020 WORLD COMBINED **COLLECTION PROGRAM**

Last weekend the Combined Collection for World Charities which consists of the following collections: Catholic Relief Services, The Campaign for Human Development, Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, and assistance for The Holy Land was taken up. If you were unable to bring your gift envelope, extra World Charities envelopes are available in church. Your support of these needs of the Universal

Church is greatly appreciated. Your envelope can be dropped in the collection box or mailed directly to the parish. Thank you.



#### **STEWARDSHIP**

"...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." **MATTHEW 10:38** 



Pope Benedict XVI said "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness". "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts

and live the life God intended for you!





Paid in Full for One Glass of Milk: The special joy of nature-loving boy Howard Kelly was hiking great distances and studying animals in the wild. On a walking trip up through Northern Pennsylvania one spring young Kelly stopped by a small farmhouse for a drink of cool spring water. A little girl answered his knock at the door, and instead of water, she brought him a glass of fresh milk. He thanked her profusely and went on his way. After years of medical studies, he became Dr. Kelly. Dr. Howard Kelly (1858-1943) was a distinguished physician who was one of

the four founding doctors of Johns Hopkins, the first medical research university in the U.S. and, arguably, one of the finest hospitals anywhere. In 1895, he established in that school the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics. Over the course of his career, Doctor Kelly advanced the sciences of gynecology and surgery, both as a teacher and as a practitioner. Some years later, that same little girl from Northern Pennsylvania who had given him that glass of milk years ago, came to him for an operation. Just before she left for home, fearful of a huge bill, her bill was brought into the room and across its face was written in a bold hand, "Paid in full for one glass of milk." That was Dr. Kelly's style of showing gratitude and hospitality.

While he charged the rich patients substantial fees, he provided his services free of charge to the less fortunate. By his conservative estimate, in 75% of his cases he neither sought nor received a fee. Today's Scriptures challenge us to practice hospitality, seeing Christ in others.



It's hard just to make it past the suffering part!: St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa), like some early Christian writers, notes, "suffering has to come because if you look at the cross, Jesus has got his head bending down - he wants to kiss you - and he has both hands open wide - he wants to embrace you. He has his heart opened wide to receive you. Then when you feel miserable inside, look at the cross and you will know what is happening. Suffering, pain, sorrow, humiliation, feelings of loneliness, are nothing but the kiss of Jesus, a sign that you have come so close that he can kiss you. Do you understand, brothers,

sisters, or whoever you may be? Suffering, pain, humiliation - this is the kiss of Jesus. At times you come so close to Jesus on the cross that he can kiss you." But, Mother Teresa added, "I once told this to a lady who was suffering very much. The lady answered, 'Tell Jesus not to kiss me - to stop kissing me.'"

Gospel exegesis – "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me. . .": These words may sound a bit extreme, since family comes first for most of us.

- 1) What Jesus means is that all loyalties must give place to loyalty to God.
- 2) These words of Jesus can have another meaning. All those who become followers of Jesus belong to a new family. It is a family where every single person, including relatives, friends and even strangers are truly my brothers and sisters. We become part of a larger family to whom we also have responsibilities. Jesus means that there will be times when we will have to give more love and compassion to the hungry, the sick, those in prison, the social outcasts, the unemployed or the unemployable, the handicapped, and the lonely than to the members of our own family. In other words, Jesus is not speaking against the family, but rather reminding us that we are part of a larger family of our fellow Christians.

#### An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

#### SUNDAY OBLIGATION

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to be dispensed for all the faithful in the Diocese of Norwich until further notice. Those who are considered "high risk" due to age or underlying health condition, are encouraged to stay home. Stay home also if you are experiencing symptoms of illness or not feeling well.

Since Sunday is still the Lord's Day, the faithful are encouraged to do one of the following while unable to attend Mass:

- Read and reflect on the Sunday scriptures;
- Pray the rosary reflecting on the Glorious Mysteries;
- Watch the Sunday Mass on TV, or via the internet.
- Wherever possible, pastors have been encouraged to continue live-streaming Mass for those who are unable to attend.



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