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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):

By appointment.

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.

Good News!

April 27, 2014

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER / SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY (A)

Acts 2:42-47 / 1 Pt 1:3-9 / Jn 20:19-31

Exaltation, sincerity of heart, indescribable and glorious joy—these are the words that describe the gathering of believers that formed the early Church after Pentecost. Filled with the Spirit, they committed themselves to “The Way” by caring for one another, following the teaching of the apostles, and breaking bread in their homes. Imagine going to Mass every week and being greeted as an old friend or a new one, not worrying whether someone was genuine, and feeling that something miraculous and new was in the world.

Why isn't it this way in every church? In an age that demands proof, I wonder whether we've grown suspicious of faith. In a culture that thinks most people have an angle, I wonder whether we have a hard time believing that someone could love us so much that he would die for us.

Maybe we've all become a little more like Thomas in his doubt rather than in his belief. I keep returning to Peter's words: “Although you have not seen him you love him.”

It takes a remarkable faith to love someone you haven't seen. But parents do it for their unborn children. We love those who have been taken from us in death. If we can love these, however imperfectly, surely we can love Christ, who died that we might live. Surely we can strive to love all people, known and unknown, because they are God's children.

In the stories of the early Church, we see the evidence of love—joy and compassion for all.

What if every church could do this today?

MARY KATHARINE DEELEY

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THIS WEEKSECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER/DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APR. 26 — APR. 27, 2014

USHERS GROUP IISATURDAY, APR. 26 —

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +John Garvan at the request of
Frances Garvan

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

SUNDAY, APR. 27 —

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

8:30 A.M.— Breakfast for Faith Formation

9:00 A.M.— Last session of Faith Formation Classes

10:00 A.M. — Mass offered for +John Sheetz at the request of
Jennifer and Phil Daily

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

7:00 P.M.— Confirmation Class and their parents movie
(Grace Unplugged)

MONDAY, APR. 28 —

9:00 A.M.— Mass offered for +Louis Rakszawski at the request
of the Helen Kurys Family

5:00 P.M.— Parish BINGO—Food available from 5 P.M. Games
begin at 6:30 P.M. Jackpot \$800 **MUST GO**

TUESDAY, APR. 29 —

9:00 A.M.— Mass offered for +James Bloznalis at the request of
the Dean and Bloznalis Families

7:15 P.M.— CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, APR. 30 —

9:00 A.M.— Mass offered for +Samuel Guglielmino

9:00 A.M. TO NOON — Christmas Fair Workshop

THURSDAY, MAY 1 —

No Mass

FRIDAY, MAY 2 —

No Mass

7-9 P.M.— Junior Youth Group, The Disciples meeting in the
Church Basement

SATURDAY, MAY 3 —

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

Last week's Offertory — April 20 — \$4,553 (Easter)

Last year's Offertory — April 21 — \$3,495

*"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace
be with you.'" John 20:19*

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet
someone new, a new neighbor, a new work colleague, a new pa-
rishioner, do you make them feel at home? Many of us can proba-
bly do a much better job at this. When we make people feel wel-
come, we make them feel like they are included instead of being
excluded. A simple "hello" and a smile goes a long way.

NEXT WEEKTHIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3 — MAY 4, 2014

SECOND COLLECTION - SEMINARY EDUCATION FUNDUSHERS GROUP IIISATURDAY, MAY 3 —

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Anthony Sobol at the request of
Irene Kehl

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea

Lectors: Patti Cinea

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley

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

SUNDAY, MAY 4 —

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Richaradson

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. — Mass offered for +Elizabeth Fiano Chieffo at the
request of Dolores Beaudette

Altar Servers: Amilia and Marta Herasimowicz

Lector: Alex Boutin

Eucharistic Minister: Lou Cloutier

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

MONDAY, MAY 5 —

9:00 A.M.— Mass offered for +Samuel Guglielmino

5:00 P.M.— Parish BINGO—Food available from 5 P.M. Games
begin at 6:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, MAY 6 —

9:00 A.M.— Mass offered for +Anthony and +Donald Sobol at the
request of Rita Sheetz

7:15 P.M.— CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7 —

9:00 A.M.— Mass offered for +James P. Bloznalis at the request
of the Dean and Bloznalis Families

9:00 A.M. TO NOON — Christmas Fair Workshop

THURSDAY, MAY 8 —

No Mass

7:00 P.M.— Knights of Columbus meeting

FRIDAY, MAY 9 —

No Mass

SATURDAY, MAY 10 —

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

Readings for the Week of April 27, 2014

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36 or Gn 1:26--2:3 or Col 3:14-
15, 17, 23-24/Mt 13:54-58

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

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CONFIRMATION CLASSES

This Sunday there will be a brief meeting for all first and second year confirmation candidates and their parents at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. This meeting will be followed by a second showing of the movie "Grace Unplugged", which Father Wojciech wants you all to see.

SAVE THE DATE
May 13, 2014

SAVE THE DATE!!!! SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST

Parishioners and guests are invited on our 2nd annual pilgrimage. This year, we will journey to **St. Joseph's Abbey** in Spencer, MA on Sunday afternoon, **June 1st**. Come witness a community of **Trappist Monks** living a contemplative life of prayer. Activities include hearing a brief account of the history of the abbey from one of the monks, and witnessing Vespers and Benediction. On site is a gift shop where among other items, the monks sell their Trappist Preserve Products—a selection of jams & jellies. **There is little walking involved this year!** There are sign up sheets located on the table at the back of the church. Transportation TBD. For more information, please contact Fr. Wojciech after Mass.

HOLY FAMILY RETREAT

Holy Family's retreat team invites you to experience a dynamic weekend retreat which explores the meaning and potential of love to transform our lives. Love is our source and our destination. Christ gave us nothing less than complete love on the cross, and we, in turn are called to love one another. The Retreat begins with a buffet dinner Friday from 6 to 8 P.M. and ends with brunch at noon on Sunday. Register at www.holyfamilyretreat.org or call 860.760.9705 for additional information.

Men's Retreat Date: June 6-8, 2014
Women's Retreat Date: May 30-June 1, 2014

NCBC

Have you ever wondered how to make sense of the Bible? Do you wish you could sit down with the Scriptures and hear the voice of God speaking to your heart? Do you want to learn an authentically Catholic approach to reading the Bible and sharing its wisdom with others? **The National Catholic Bible Conference** will return to the **Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa** in Doylestown, PA on **June 27th and 28th**. The theme of this year's event is "**Scripture: The Heart of the Father.**" Presenters include gifted Catholic speakers and biblical scholars, including Scott Hahn, Jeff Cavins and Mark Hart. For more information and registration, please visit CatholicBibleConference.com or call 1-888-842-2853. Two St. Maurice parishioners have registered to attend. If interested in joining them, please contact Fr. Wojciech.

NEEDED: Bulletin Editor

Our parish is in critical need of a volunteer who can assist Theresa by editing our weekly bulletin. Any information submitted by parishioners, deanery or diocese can be electronically cut and pasted, along with inserting the parish schedule of weekly events. This work can be done at the convenience of your home, or in the Parish Office. Elaine will be back during the months of June and July to provide direction. This position could be shared by multiple volunteers on a rotating basis. Interested persons, please contact Fr. Wojciech after Mass, or Theresa during regular office hours.

ADDITIONAL FLOWER MEMORIALS

Mrs. Susan Hein / Deceased Members of the Hein and Sheridan Families
Mr. & Mrs. Keith Allsop
Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Dubois

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE MASS WILL BE HELD AT ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH IN NEW LONDON ON SATURDAY, MAY 3RD ~ 8:30 A.M. Please join us and our Celebrant, Rev. Robert Washabaugh, 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. Please note the change in location.

WHITE MASS FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS AND CAREGIVERS OF ALL FAITHS The 24th Annual White Mass for Health Care Workers and Caregivers of all faiths, Cathedral of Saint Patrick, 213 Broadway, Norwich, Sunday, May 4, 2014, 9:00 a.m. Brunch will immediately follow in the Church Hall. Celebrant: Rev. Msgr. Anthony S. Rosaforte. Homilist and Speaker: Reverend Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D. For information call 860-887-9294, ext. 232.

Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's 59th Annual Convention

All women in the Diocese are cordially invited to attend the Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's 59th Annual Convention on Saturday, May 17, 2014, at St. Mary Church of the Visitation, 218 Providence Street, Putnam, CT. The day begins at 9:00 with registration and coffee. Our keynote speaker will be Sr. MaryEllen SCMM and her topic will be The Transformative Power of Dreams. Very Rev. Leszek Janik, JCL, VG will celebrate the liturgy at 12 p.m. and a luncheon will immediately follow. Registration fee for lunch and materials is 525.00. Checks should be made out to PDCCW and mailed to Patricia Blain, 21 Rachel Drive, North Grosvenordale, CT 06255. For more information call Pat at 860-923-9259

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Diocese of Norwich is most blessed with a faithful flock of Catholic stewards. Through the Annual Catholic Appeal, you can "Shine the Light of HOPE" on those in darkness by extending Christ's compassion to people in need. ACA supported ministries and programs demonstrate the corporal and spiritual acts of mercy, which serves as cornerstones to our faith. Your donation helps to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and visit the sick. Your gift provides comfort, consolation, education and empowerment. Please consider making your pledge to the ACA by visiting www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The U.S. Supreme Court listened to oral arguments in the case of *Sebelius v. Hobby Lobby* in March. In its mission statement, Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc., a nation-wide chain of craft stores, includes: "Honoring the Lord in all we do by operating the company in a manner consistent with Biblical principles." Hobby Lobby is arguing that it should not be forced by the government to pay for provisions of the federal health insurance mandate that violate its moral beliefs. The ruling by the Supreme Court is expected in June before the Court breaks for summer recess.

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the mandate by calling President Obama at the White House at 202-456-1111 or Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius at 202-205-5445. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom



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