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Good News!

May 11, 2014

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 / 1 Pt 2:20b-25 / Jn 10:1-10

On a trip to Ireland some years ago, our family was enchanted by the confident, stoic, long-haired Irish sheep. When I was still mastering the art of driving on the left side of the road, we rounded a narrow corner and came face to face with one of the sheep, who looked at us as if to say, "And you are...?" Clearly the sheep owned the road, whereas we were just interlopers. I pulled to the side and waited for the sheep to cross or move, which it did eventually, staring at us the entire time.

When we think of Jesus as the good shepherd, I think we have a different picture of sheep—docile, helpless, and eager to follow anyone who feeds them. I would prefer to think of us as *Irish* sheep who go where they want and look with suspicion at anything out of the ordinary. These sheep don't follow any stranger's voice; they just stare him or her down and go on their way.

On familiar ground, with the one who cares for them, they gather into pastures abundant with grass. When they finish grazing in one place, a gate opens to bring them to another, and to another after that.

"I am the gate," Jesus says. He is the one who leads us further and further into his life.

In Celtic spirituality, the open gate is an invitation to the spiritual life. Let us be good Irish sheep who are not afraid to wander far and wide, knowing our shepherd will come to take us home.

Let us follow our shepherd with confidence. He is not just the gate-keeper, but the gate itself, promising far more than we can ever find in this world.

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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.

THIS WEEK
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION
MAY 10 — MAY 11, 2014
COFFEE SOCIAL AFTER MASSES
USHERS GROUP IV

SATURDAY, MAY 10 —

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

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

SUNDAY, MAY 11 —

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Casimir and +Thomas Kurys at the request of Helen Kurys and Family

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. — **First Holy Communion**
Mass offered for the Children receiving First Holy Communion

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

MONDAY, MAY 12 —

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

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

TUESDAY, MAY 13 —

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

7:00 P.M.— Parish Council Meeting

7:15 P.M.— **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14 —

9:00 A.M.— Mass offered for +Elizabeth Heffernan at the request of her Family

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

THURSDAY, MAY 15 —

No Mass

FRIDAY, MAY 16 —

No Mass

SATURDAY, MAY 17 —

10:00 A.M. Rehearsal for Confirmation

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

Last week's Offertory — May 4 — \$2,632
 Projected Amount needed \$3,370

"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ...' Acts 2:38

The word "repent" means to turn from sin, to change our actions. When it comes to change, do we take responsibility for change or do we think that others have to change instead? Change that is permanent comes from within, we must take control and be disciplined. Remember though that we are not alone, Jesus is there to help lighten the load.

NEXT WEEK
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 17 — MAY 18, 2014
Triple Play Café Breakfast 8-10A.M.
Blood Pressure Screening Available
USHERS GROUP I

SATURDAY, MAY 17 —

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for Confirmands that are being confirmed today

5:00 P.M. **CONFIRMATION**

Altar Servers: Josh Meyers

Lectors: Bert Flynn

Eucharistic Minister: 2 extra priests

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

SUNDAY, MAY 18 —

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +James P. Bloznalis at the request of the Dean and Bloznalis Families

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Richardson

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. — Mass offered for +Dr. Bernard and +Mary Sheridan, +Paul Sheridan, +Barry Sheridan, +Donald and +Norma Tedford at the request of the Tedford and Sheridan Families

Altar Servers: Alex Czercowy

Lector: Evelyn O'Connor

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Scorso

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

MONDAY, MAY 19 —

9:00 A.M.— Mass offered for +Elizabeth Fiano Chieffo at the request of Lou and Dorli Cloutier

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

TUESDAY, MAY 20 —

9:00 A.M.— Mass offered for +Donald Holbrook at the request of Gloria Holbrook

7:15 P.M.— **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21 —

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

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

THURSDAY, MAY 22 —

No Mass

FRIDAY, MAY 23 —

No Mass

SATURDAY, MAY 24 —

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

Readings for the Week of May 11, 2014

Sunday:	Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday:	Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

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Please stop in any time between 7:00AM and 7:00PM to join us saying the Rosary for your own intentions.



PARISH PILGRIMAGE, SUNDAY, JUNE 1st

Fr. Wojciech cordially invites parishioners and their guests to join him on our 2nd annual Spring pilgrimage. Come on a journey to **Saint Joseph's Abbey**, a monastery located in a beautiful pastoral setting, in Spencer, MA. Witness a community of Trappist Monks living a life of contemplative prayer and work. Highlights include the witnessing of Vespers and Benediction, as well as hearing and viewing a brief history of the abbey. The gift shop offers their famous Trappist Preserves, and Ale. **There is little walking involved this year.** Transportation will be determined by # of registrants. Depart from St. Maurice at 1:30 p.m. and later the Abbey at 6:00 p.m. Sign up sheets located on both back tables of the Church. For more information, see Father after Mass or Patti Cinea @ 860-646-0564.

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 OFFERTORY AMOUNT

The Parish Council recommended that in order to cover all expenses of the parish we need a weekly budget amount of \$3,370. for our offertory collection. On an average we are approximately \$840. short of our needs per week. Prayerfully consider your ability to increase your offertory donation. Even a few extra dollars a week will make a difference.

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

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS "I did not think the sorrow and wounds from my abortion, could ever be healed". Healing and forgiveness can begin with a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**. Retreat May 30-June 1 in Hamden, CT call 203-631-9030. Retreat June 27-29 in RI call 401-421-7833 ext.118. **or www.rachelsvineyard.org** "**Project Rachel**" is a Diocesan ministry for anyone seeking healing and forgiveness. **Project Rachel Ministry** priests are there for you with God's Grace and Mercy. Call 860-889-8346 ext.283. All inquiries are confidential.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF NORWICH, INC., POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

Director of Operations for Catholic Charities: Seeking seasoned licensed mental health executive/manager to oversee daily operations and program functioning of Catholic Charities' four location sites (New London, Middletown, Willimantic and Norwich). The Director of Operations is responsible for planning, organizing, supervising, managing and directing the services and activities of the agency's clinical (BHS), emergency services/case management and immigration program operations. Provide strong leadership and presence with internal and external constituencies and work to insure outcome oriented, client focused and contractually compliant agency services within the context of the agency's mission and values. Solid understanding of private funding sources and licensing body requirements and directs agency wide compliance with all licensure, regulatory, funding and accreditation requirements. Strong, effective grant writing skills. Proven leader and effective manager of program and clinical staff. Solid understanding of current and future trends in social service and behavioral health service delivery. Experience working with DCF, DPH and other state licensing bodies. Working knowledge of laws and regulations. Please send resume to:

Catholic Charities Clinic Search Committee, 331 Main St. Norwich, CT 06360. 860-889-8346 ext. 267.

PARENTS DIVORCING AND/OR RESOLVING CHILD CUSTODY ISSUES – participate in the court suggested **Parent Education Program**. Catholic Charities offers ongoing, **monthly one day Parenting Education Classes in Norwich, Rockville and Middletown. A monthly 2- part Spanish/ bilingual parenting education class is held in Willimantic.** Attendance at both sessions in the **Willimantic** class is required for the certificate of completion. Fees apply and are determined by the State of CT. Please call 860-889-8346 ext. 260 for registration and monthly class locations and dates.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

Critics who say the Catholic Church is against universal health care are misinformed. The Catholic Church is founded on the Corporal Works of Mercy and helping others. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has always advocated for health care. The Catholic Church is opposing the federal health care mandate, because it violates the First Amendment, which is supposed to safeguard freedom of religion.

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 the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 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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