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## Good News!

May 18, 2014

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

Acts 6:1-7 / 1 Pt 2:4-9 / Jn 14:1-12

When the planes flew into New York's twin towers on that fateful Tuesday in September 2001, I had just arrived early to set up for a meeting of campus ministers. I had caught the first account on the car radio. "Are you listening to this?" I asked a colleague. She hadn't heard the news, but my boss came down from his apartment upstairs and said quietly, "I have it on TV." I couldn't think of anything to say except, "Show it to me; can I see it?"

We went upstairs and watched as long as we could before our colleagues arrived, and we talked and listened and then went into Mass to pray for the lives lost and for the future of our world.

"Show me," we say, when things seems impossible to imagine. "Show me," we say when a child comes in wide-eyed wonder with a treasure she has just found. "Show me," Philip said, because he couldn't imagine the God-Father that Jesus was speaking about. He expected some grand sign—an earthquake, a thunderstorm, or any of the ways the presence of God was depicted in the Old Testament.

What he did not expect was that Jesus, who was standing right in front of him, was God himself: "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."

We often miss the evidence that God is with us. It may be something as simple as the beauty of creation or the outpouring of love and support the world gave to the people of New York that long-ago day.

Let us pray that we see his presence in our midst this week—and always.

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):

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****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 the Confirmands who are being confirmed today5:00 P.M. **CONFIRMATION****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**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass10:00 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**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 Cloutier5:00 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 Holbrook7:15 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**Last week's Offertory — May 11 — \$3,213  
Projected Amount needed \$3,370*"The very stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." 1 Peter 2:7*

Everyone is given unique gifts. Many people are able to recognize their talents and abilities, but there are many people who are unsure of their gifts. This may make them feel worthless. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern how they might use their skills.

**NEXT WEEK****SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER****MAY 24 — MAY 25, 2014****USHERS GROUP II****SATURDAY, MAY 24 —**5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Dawn Marrotte at the request of the O'Brien FamilyAltar Servers: *Maria Cinea*Lectors: *Patti Cinea*Eucharistic Minister: *Bert Flynn***Coffee Social after 5:00 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement****SUNDAY, MAY 25 —**7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All ParishionersAltar Servers: *Shirley Warbeck*Lector: *Joel Cohan*Eucharistic Minister: *Arlene Giglio***CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass10:00 A.M. — Mass offered for +Anne Vieweger at the request of Frances GarvanAltar Servers: *Elena and Catherine Fiano*Lector: *Barbara Fiano*Eucharistic Minister: *Betty Aitkin***CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**MONDAY, MAY 26 —**9:00 A.M.— Mass offered for +Samuel Guglielmino5:00 P.M.— Parish **BINGO**—Food available from 5 P.M. Games begin at 6:30 P.M.**TUESDAY, MAY 27 —**9:00 A.M.— Mass offered for +James P. Bloznalis at the request of the Dean and Bloznalis Families7:15 P.M.— **CHOIR REHEARSAL****WEDNESDAY, MAY 28 —**9:00 A.M.— Mass offered for +All Parishioners**NO FAIR WORKSHOP****THURSDAY, MAY 29 —****ASCENSION THURSDAY (Holy Day of Obligation)**9:00 A.M. Mass offered for all Parishioners7:00 P.M. Mass offered for all Parishioners**FRIDAY, MAY 30 —**

No Mass

**SATURDAY, MAY 31 —**4:30 P.M. — **ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS**

Readings for the Week of May 18, 2014

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11

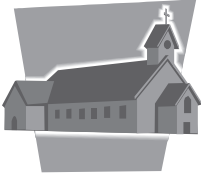
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16/  
Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a

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**PARISH PILGRIMAGE, SUNDAY, JUNE 1st**



Fr. Wojciech cordially invites parishioners and their guests to join him on our 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>**. 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](http://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 nation. 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 office hours.

**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](http://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.

**MSW Facilitator needed for court ordered Parenting Education Program in Willimantic.** 6 hours of education per month required for divorcing parents or parents filing for custody. Bilingual necessary. A MSW Facilitator also needed for the Rockville location, need not be bilingual. Please call Sylvia at Catholic Charities 860-889-8346 ext. 268 for more information.

**Defending Our Religious Liberty**

We must continue to fight for freedom of religion, as guaranteed in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. There has been no other time in our history, when the government has forced people to choose between violating Church teaching and breaking the law. We should not be forced to choose!

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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