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May 25, 2014 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 / 1 Pt 3:15-18 / Jn 14:15-21

Taken by the story of the saint and the old movie (not so old then) Song of Bernadette, I took Bernadette as my confirmation name. The sister who taught us in fifth grade (yes, we were that young) had talked about saints as people we wanted to be like—our heroes who were constantly before God in heaven and looking out for us on earth. She also talked about the Holy Spirit and the gifts and fruits of the Spirit, which we had to memorize.

I confess, I was far more interested in getting the new name and curious about the light slap on the cheek from the bishop that would herald the arrival of the aforementioned Holy Spirit.

We're a couple of weeks from the celebration of Pentecost, and today's readings begin to tell us how the Holy Spirit enabled Jesus' followers to do miraculous things and helped them witness to their faith in Christ.

Jesus calls the Holy Spirit the Advocate, which is a legal term, but it can also mean spokesperson, comforter, or intercessor.

One thing is certain: The Spirit witnesses to the truth of Christ, who lives in us and with us. The Holy Spirit guides and teaches the Church, which is the Body of Christ. In confirmation, the grace of the Spirit becomes fully manifested in us, enabling us to tell the world that we follow Jesus and have become new people in Christ.

The saints who were our heroes and our namesakes allowed the Spirit of God to change their lives so they were more like Jesus. No wonder we were invited to be like them.

Maybe it's time to work on that again.

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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

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 Family

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

SUNDAY, MAY 25 -

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. – <u>Mass offered for +Anne Vieweger</u> at the request of Frances Garvan

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

MONDAY, MAY 26 -

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

NO BINGO - MEMORIAL DAY

Jackpot for Monday June 2nd \$150

TUESDAY, MAY 27 -

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

7:15 P.M.— CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28 -

9:00 A.M.— Mass offered for All Parishioners

NO FAIR WORKSHOP

THURSDAY, MAY 29 —

ASCENTION THURSDAY (Holy Day of Obligation)

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for all Parishioners

7:00 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

Last week's Offertory — May 18 — \$3,089 Projected Amount needed \$3,370

"For it is better to suffer for doing right, if that should be God's will, than for doing wrong." 1 Peter 3:17

The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning, making sure things are progressing smoothly, then disaster strikes, we don't get the result that was intended. An unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively. Why me? I did everything right! Here's the thing – God has a different and better plan in store for you.

NEXT WEEK

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SECOND COLLECTION FOR POOR & NEEDY IN HAITI

MAY 31 — JUNE 1, 2014 USHERS GROUP III

SATURDAY, MAY 31 -

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Elizabeth Fiano Chieffo at the

request of the Duprey Family

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea Lectors: Georgette Pelletier Eucharistic Minister: Annedda Stiller

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 1 -

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

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Richardson

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. - Mass offered for +Elizabeth Fiano Chieffo at the

request Linda Chamberland

Altar Servers: Amilia and Marta Herasimowicz

Lector: Jeffrey Monroe

Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen Smythe

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

MONDAY, JUNE 2 -

9:00 A.M.— <u>Mass offered for +James P. Bloznalis</u> 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, JUNE 3 -

9:00 A.M.— Mass offered for all Parishioners

7:15 P.M.— CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4 -

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

9:00 A.M. to NOON — CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP

THURSDAY, JUNE 5 -

No Mass

FRIDAY, JUNE 6 -

No Mass

Monday:

SATURDAY, JUNE 7 -

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

Readings for the Week of May 25, 2014

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 Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26--16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20 Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56 Next Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

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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.

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.

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.

UPCOMING IMMERSION TRIPS! THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH OUTREACH TO HAITI has as part of its mission, building relationships and understanding between Americans and our Haitian brothers and sisters which is done through "immersion" visits. We provide complete itineraries, 2 meals a day and in country transportation. Days are spent in and around Port-au-Prince visiting programs managed or supported by Outreach as well as other agencies and places. Travelers get a glimpse into the lives of the Haitian people through their environment and way of life, their culture, and their faith. The cost is \$100 per night plus airfare and incidentals.

We are currently trying to put a trip together for the fall. The dates we could choose are between Sept. 18th and October 9th, and Oct. 30 to Nov. 6th. Final dates chosen according to majority of travelers' availability. A minimum of 6 is needed for each trip. Please contact the Outreach to Haiti office at info@outreachtohaiti.org or 860-848-2377 x206 for more information.

PATIO CUSTOM MEMORIAL BRICK SPONSORSHIP

Dear Parishioners of St. Maurice Church,

There is a memorial patio now built on the north side of the Parish Center. It was built by a Boy Scout and lifetime confirmed member of our parish community. Many of you sponsored custom inscribed memorial bricks to help fund this beautiful project. Some folks did not have the opportunity to do this and have subsequently requested an additional chance to do so. The third and final round of memorial bricks can be ordered through parish member Jonathan VanDine. Please see the weekly bulletin for the details on how to submit an application for this.

Each Brick is	s \$30.00 to order. Up to 2 lines of text can be added as you desire. Examples are "In Memory of	or, In Honor
of	or other appropriate phrase of Christian Faith.	_

Please contact Jonathan VanDine, at the email <u>jonathan@bpe-ne.com</u> or 860-305-1561 if you need more information or would like to submit an application.

Thank you for your support.

Time is short; this project will be finalized shortly. Orders must be placed by June 30th

Donations towards this project are also welcome.

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.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The Catholic Church is not asking for special treatment when it comes to the federal healthcare mandate, she is simply asking that every American's right to religious freedom be protected. This right is not only about our ability to go to Mass on Sunday, or to pray the Rosary at home. It is about adhering to the tenets of our faith, so that we can contribute to the common good of all Americans.

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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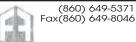
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