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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — APRIL 26, 2015

# Good News!

April 26, 2015

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)**

Acts 4:8-12 / 1 Jn 3:1-2 / Jn 10:11-18

My mother lived for a time on a ranch in Texas. The ranch had cattle and sheep. My mother told me that sheep are pretty dumb and need a lot of care. She had great respect for the ranch hands who patiently got them out to pasture and then rounded them up when it was time to come in. Left to their own devices, she said, sheep would be easy prey for coyotes, foxes, and bobcats that roam the hill country.

Sheep were important for many families living in first-century Palestine as well. They provided food, clothing, milk, and a source of income.

A good shepherd was worth his weight in gold, because he spent his days with the sheep, leading them to pasture, protecting them from harm, and finding them when they got lost.

Shepherds may not have had a high social status, but it would have been hard to live without them.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, does all these things for his flock, and then goes even further: "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

The ranch hands my mother talked about would have grieved over a dead sheep but wouldn't have died trying to save it. They made sure the sheep were watered and fed, but they didn't make the sheep's lives more abundant.

But we have abundant life because Jesus laid down his life for us. He is our Good Shepherd.

Can we ask anything more?

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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**

**APRIL 25 — 26, 2015**  
**USHERS GROUP II**

**SATURDAY, APR. 25**

**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for †Elizabeth Heffernan  
 Request of her daughter and grandchildren

*Altar Servers:* Maria Cinea  
*Lectors:* Patti Cinea  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Patti Cinea

**COFFEE SOCIAL** after Mass in the Church Basement

**SUNDAY, APR. 26**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for †Harry Soucy  
 Request of Irene Kwiatkowski

*Altar Servers:* Lynn Mancino  
*Lector:* Judy Knox  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Arlene Giglio

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass

**8:00 A.M.** **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**9:00 A.M.** **FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for Robert Rouleau and  
Michele Rouleau Andresio  
 Request of the Family

*Altar Servers:* Nicholas VanDine  
*Lector:* Evelyn O'Connor  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Kathleen Smythe

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass

**COFFEE SOCIAL** after Mass in the Church Basement

**MONDAY, APR. 27**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Henry Leonard

**TUESDAY, APR. 28 — NO MASS**

**7:30 P.M.** — **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

**WEDNESDAY, APR. 29 — NO MASS**

**\*\*\* No CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP \*\*\***

**THURSDAY, APR. 30 — NO MASS**

**FRIDAY, MAY 1 — NO MASS**

**SATURDAY, MAY 2**

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

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Last week's Offertory: April 19 — \$2,239**

**Projected Amount needed \$3,370**

*"The community of believers was of one heart and mind and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own."*

- ACTS 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your talents and abilities – these are all gifts from God. We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with.

**NEXT WEEK**



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MAY 2 — 3, 2015**  
**USHERS GROUP III**

**2nd COLLECTION FOR SEMINARY EDUCATION FUND**

**SATURDAY, MAY 2**

**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for †Samuel Guglielmino

*Altar Servers:* Maria Cinea  
*Lectors:* Georgette Pelletier  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Linda Wiley

**COFFEE SOCIAL** after Mass in the Church Basement

**SUNDAY, MAY 3**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church

*Altar Servers:* Shirley Warbeck  
*Lector:* Joel Cohan  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Arlene Giglio

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass

**8:30 A.M.** **BREAKFAST FOR FAITH FORMATION**

**9:00 A.M.** **FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Kenneth Caya  
 request of Basia Caya and Family

*Altar Servers:* Elena & Catherine Fiano  
*Lector:* Barbara Fiano  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Sharon Scorso

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass

**COFFEE SOCIAL** after Mass in the Church Basement

**MONDAY, MAY 4**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Samuel Guglielmino

**TUESDAY, MAY 5**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †John Garvan  
 request of Frances Garvan

**7:00 P.M.** — **PARISH COUNCIL**

**7:30 P.M.** — **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Henry Leonard

**\*\*\* No CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP \*\*\***

**THURSDAY, MAY 7 — NO MASS**

**FRIDAY, MAY 8 — NO MASS**

**SATURDAY, MAY 9**

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

**Readings for the Week of April 26, 2015**

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24--13:5a/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6 (Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26-2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Mt 13:54-58)

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

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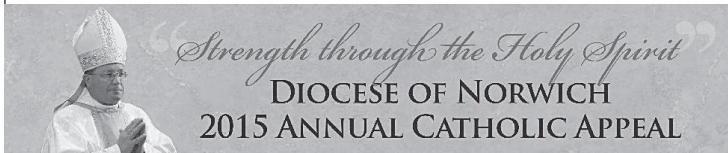


Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line, especially the new requests for this week. Thank you. Carol and MaryAnn.

**OFFERTORY GIFTS**



When you have requested a Mass and wish to present the gifts, please contact an usher before Mass.



*Heavenly father, we know that you will always provide the strength and the wisdom to help us overcome any hardship.*

We know that Christ is always with us. We know he would never abandon us. He is our Savior, today, tomorrow, and always. Easter is a time to reflect on the sacrifice Christ made for each of us. He gave his own life so that we would be saved. We in turn are called to make sacrifices for others...help our neighbors. The **Annual Catholic Appeal** offers us the opportunity to share our gifts with many in our Diocese, helping to pave the way for them to find a path that provides strength and hope. A path that can be viewed similar to the road Jesus walked with his cross. A road that gave to all, strength, hope and a new beginning...paved by Christ's love for us.

*If you haven't made your pledge to the 2015 ACA "Strength through the Holy Spirit" campaign, please consider doing so by calling 860-886-1928 or visit [www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org) to donate.*

**Defending Our Religious Liberty**

We must remember that when the Supreme Court rendered its decision about the federal health care mandate and upheld it as a tax, it did not rule on the First Amendment aspect of the mandate. This is why we must encourage our lawmakers to continue to fight to change the mandate so that it honors our God-given right to freedom of religion.

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445. Let her know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**

**Diocesan Pro-Life Bilingual Mass will be held at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church in New London on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ 8:30 a.m.**

Please join us and our Celebrant, Rev. Robert Washabaugh, at this special bilingual Mass as we pray for the dignity and respect of all natural life from conception to death. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed. Refreshments will be served. Please note the change in location.

**Sunday, May 31, 2015**

**Academy of the Holy Family Dinner**

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**Holy Family Mini-Camp**

Holy Family Mini-Camp an overnight Summer Camp will be held from July 31– August 2 at Holy Family Mother House in Baltic, Connecticut. This 12th annual summer camp run by the Sisters of Charity of Our Lady Mother of the Church is open to girls 11-15. The theme for this years Camp is Christ is Our Light.

Activities include Saturday and Sunday Mass spiritual talks and prayer as well as crafts, games, swimming and various physical activities. There is a \$50.00 dollar registration fee and a \$100.00 dollar camping fee. For more information please call:

Sister Mary De Paul at (860) 822-8241 or e-mail [sistermarydepaul@yahoo.com](mailto:sistermarydepaul@yahoo.com)

Please register as soon as possible—May 1 at the latest

**Norwich Diocese and Office of Faith Events**

**Papal Pilgrimage**

**Thursday, Sept. 24 – Sunday, Sept. 27**

**There are just a few seats left. Be there to see Pope Francis celebrate Mass and Canonize Juniper Serra Ferrer OFM. We will also visit Shrines, as well as Historic Landmarks.**

**For more information Contact: Duane Hartley, Assistant Coordinator of Faith Events @ 860-848-2237 X304**



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