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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — MAY 3, 2015

Good News!

May 3, 2015

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

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

Many enduring images of Church come to us from the New Testament. One is Paul's image: "The Body of Christ." Another comes from our gospel today: "The Vine and the Branches."

Both are metaphors of living organisms. For both, Christ is the most important element. Christ is the head of the Body and the symbol of authority and purpose. Christ is the vine that brings life and nutrients to the branches that produce fruit. Anyone who has visited a winery knows the significance of the vine. If it's cut, the branches wither and the crop fails.

Why is it important to have both images?

John's image reminds us that the Church can't survive if it's separated from Christ. We can live only if we remain in Christ so that the power of grace can continue to infuse us with everything we need to bear the fruit of love, compassion, and mercy.

Paul's metaphor keeps us humble. Regardless of how this Body is structured, Christ is the true head; we are to submit ourselves to obedience to him regardless of how important we are in this world. We also know we belong as a community to Christ and in communion with one another.

There are many parts to the Body and many clusters of fruit on the vine. To leave either is to separate ourselves from Christ.

That's why praying together each week is so important. It reminds us who we are and whom we belong to.

Let us offer praise for this vine and for this Body into which our baptism has called us.

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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 2 — 3, 2015****USHERS GROUP III****2nd COLLECTION FOR SEMINARY
EDUCATION FUND****SATURDAY, MAY 2**

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church
Baptism of Ingrid Hilary Broneill
daughter of Andrew and Gata Broneill

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

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: Judy Trzcinski
Eucharistic Minister: Linda Richardson

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

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

Altar Servers: Emilia & Marta Herasimowicz
Lector: Lee Snuffer
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 MEETING**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****STEWARDSHIP****Last week's Offertory: April 26 — \$2,783****Projected Amount needed \$3,370**

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth."

- 1 JOHN 3:18

Do you "walk the talk?" Does your action reflect what you say? If not, spend time every day in prayer, give some of your talent to help one of your parish's ministries and give some of your money to support the work of the Church.

**NEXT WEEK****SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER****MAY 9 — 10, 2015****USHERS GROUP IV****ST. MAURICE MAINTENANCE COLLECTION****SATURDAY, MAY 9**

10:00 A.M. BANNER MAKING FOR FIRST COMMUNION
in the church basement.

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for Margaret Maneggia
in celebration of her 90th Birthday
request of Beth and Michael Harney

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea
Lectors: Patti Cinea
Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement**SUNDAY, MAY 10**

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

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Nancy Shaffer,
†Rose Marie Ryan, †Delores Burns
request of David and Maureen Shaffer

Altar Servers: Alex Czercowy
Lector: Evelyn O'Connor
Eucharistic Minister: Janusz Herasimowicz

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass**COFFEE SOCIAL** after Mass in the Church Basement**MONDAY, MAY 11**

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

TUESDAY, MAY 12

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

7:30 P.M. — CHOIR REHEARSAL**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13**

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Ty Hoang
request of Thao Hoang

9:00 A.M. CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP**THURSDAY, MAY 14 — ASCENSION OF THE LORD****(HOLLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)**

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

Lector: Judy Knox
Eucharistic Minister: Bert Flynn

7:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: Emilia & Marta Herasimowicz
Lector: Georgette Pelletier
Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen Smythe

FRIDAY, MAY 15 — NO MASS**SATURDAY, MAY 16****10:00 A.M. FIRST RECONCILIATION IN CHURCH****4:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS**

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ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE



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.

60th Anniversary!!

Saint Maurice Parish owes its beginnings to a carriage shed that was converted to a chapel, until later, a bigger chapel was built as the Catholic men stood outside as Mass was celebrated! As the parish grew, it was elevated to a “corporation” status on **May 19, 1955**. Ground was broken on this present day site to build this very church. It took a congregation of dedicated, Spirit-filled people, donating their time, talent and treasure. Today, we enjoy the fruits of their labor and prayers. On **Pentecost Sunday, May 24th**, let us pause as a Catholic community and gather together to honor and celebrate an important milestone. The Most Rev. Bishop Cote will be the main celebrant at the 10 a.m. Mass. Following, a special commemoration, activities, and fellowship with a luncheon provided. Just come! Please use the sign-up sheets in either vestibule.



Readings for the Week of May 3, 2015

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
 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 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

Men's ACTS Retreat

May 28 – 31, 2015



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Location: Immaculata Retreat House, Willimantic

Catholic men present an ACTS weekend retreat under the guidance of a Catholic Guide. This unique Three-Day retreat is the perfect way to renew your faith, revive the parish and bring you closer to our Lord. The retreat begins Thursday evening and end on Sunday at 10:00AM Mass at St Bernard followed by a reception in the hall. Total cost is \$210.

There are registration forms on the usher's table.

Want to know more? Call Mark Gadzik at 860-707-4989, Hal Dufault, Jr. at 860-519-9094 or Jim Martucci at 860-268-9764.

Sunday, May 31, 2015

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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

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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