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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — MAY 10, 2015

# Good News!

May 10, 2015

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)**

Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48 / 1 Jn 4:7–10 / Jn 15:9–17

It's not often we're caught in our prejudices. My moment of reckoning came with the birth of my second daughter. My hospital roommate was a teenager giving birth to her third child. My husband and I were having trouble making ends meet, and even with insurance we'd still have hospital bills.

I resented the free care my roommate was receiving. Why can't you be more responsible? I thought. Because of people like you, my hospital bills are higher.

Reflecting back, I'm ashamed of my attitude. I held the unconscious assumption that I had a "right" to this fine hospital because I was working, could pay bills, and had insurance. Would I deny my roommate's child the level of care I wanted for my own?

The early Church wrestled with that type of question. Could Gentiles be admitted to the Christian community? They were considered unclean, and any Jew who touched or ate with them would be made unclean.

In the encounter with Cornelius, Peter comes to realize that there is no clean or unclean when it comes to people. God shows no partiality. The Holy Spirit makes a convincing argument to the believers by falling on the Gentiles even before they're baptized.

We often decide, consciously or subconsciously, who is worthy of our care or God's. But Jesus commanded us to love one another and to dwell in love, because God is love.

It's our prejudice that gets in the way.

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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 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

*COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement*

**SUNDAY, MAY 10**

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

*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

*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  
 (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)**



**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*

Ascension

**FRIDAY, MAY 15 — NO MASS**

**SATURDAY, MAY 16**

**10:00 A.M.** FIRST RECONCILIATION IN THE CHURCH

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

**STEWARDSHIP**

Last week's Offertory: May 3 — \$3,162

Projected Amount needed \$3,370

*"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" - JOHN 15:12-13*

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we should be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him.



**NEXT WEEK**  
**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MAY 16 — 17, 2015**  
**USHERS GROUP I**

**SATURDAY, MAY 16**

**10:00 A.M.** FIRST RECONCILIATION IN THE CHURCH

**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for †James Giansanti  
 request of Maureen Shaffer

*Altar Servers: Maria Cinea*

*Lectors: Bert Flynn*

*Eucharistic Minister: Bert Flynn*

*COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement*

**SUNDAY, MAY 17**

**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.** **FIRST COMMUNION**  
 Mass offered  
 for the First Communicants

*Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer*

*Lector: Jessica Merry*

*Eucharistic Minister: Cliff Scorso*



*CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass*

*COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement*

**MONDAY, MAY 18**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Roland Langlois  
 request of the Holbrook Family

**TUESDAY, MAY 19**

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

**7:30 P.M.** CHOIR REHEARSAL

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 20**

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

**9:00 A.M.** CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP

**7:15 P.M.** KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUSINESS MEETING

**THURSDAY, MAY 21 — NO MASS**

**FRIDAY, MAY 22 — NO MASS**

**SATURDAY, MAY 23**

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

**Readings for the Week of May 10, 2015**

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

Monday: 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: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13 or Eph 1:17-23/Mk 16:15-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

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**SAINT MAURICE PARISH****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.



**May is the month of our Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother, Queen of Peace. Let us pray one extra Hail Mary every day for world peace. Thank you.**

**OFFERTORY GIFTS**

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

**60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!!!**

The state of Connecticut had been served under one diocese until it was divided into three on September 2, 1953. Did you know that the present day church of Saint Maurice was the first church to be built in the new Diocese of Norwich? In **two weeks**, on **May 24<sup>th</sup>**, we will commemorate both the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the corporation of this parish, as well as join parishioners who were instrumental in the beginnings of the newly built church, to celebrate and share their memories, along with creating new ones. Following Pentecost Mass at 10 am celebrated by the Most Rev. Michael Cote, DD, Bishop of Norwich, activities will include the blessing of a dedicated granite bench and flowering tree, a luncheon, games and face painting for the young and young at heart. Please join this special celebration!! Sign-up sheet located in both vestibules.

**Defending Our Religious Liberty**

The federal health care mandate tramples on religious liberty because: it coerces objecting employers, including religious organizations, to offer coverage that goes against their moral principles, and forces employees who share the same objections to do the same.

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.

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[adminassist192@ahfbaltic.org](mailto:adminassist192@ahfbaltic.org) or [www.ahfbaltic.org](http://www.ahfbaltic.org)

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"God's Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage"

Fri. July 10, 17 &amp; 24, 2015 6:30pm-9:00pm

at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Gales Ferry.

To register for the 3 session class call:

The Family Life Office at: 860-889-8346 ext. 283.

**DIOCESE OF NORWICH PILGRIMAGE TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC, AUSTRIA AND HUNGARY**

October 5-15, 2015

For information or reservation ca 860-887-9294

Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich, will lead an eleven day pilgrimage to many holy sites in the Czech Republic, Austria and Hungary. In the Czech Republic the pilgrimage will visit the statue of Infant Jesus of Prague, as well as enjoy a boat ride on Europe's largest subterranean lake. In Austria we will visit St. Stephen's Cathedral, the State Opera House and, while in Hungary, the largest indoor market in Europe

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