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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — MAY 17, 2015

dear Padre

May 17, 2015

Why does God give grace to those who don't deserve it?

Our priest says we can't earn God's grace, that God just gives it to us. That is so unfair. I've put in many hard, deliberate hours being generous, considerate, and understanding. The undeserving and unworthy are just that, yet God continues to give to them. Why?

Grace is a theological word that describes God's giving us a share in his own divine life. It's a gift of his abundant love. Or, as the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says, "Grace is a participation in the life of God....It depends entirely on God's gratuitous initiative....It surpasses the power of human intellect and will" (1997-1998).

If you've already put in many hours of hard work being good, you're already living the effects of grace operating in you.

As for those you consider "undeserving" or "unworthy," the Lord is generous and loving to all. He excludes no one. Even calling a sinner to repentance is God's grace, but the sinner needs to accept the grace being offered.

St. Augustine knew that even the *preparation* of a person to receive God's grace is God's grace. Quoted in the *Catechism*, he said, "Indeed we also work, but we are only collaborating with God who works, for his mercy has gone before us....[W]ithout him we can do nothing" (2001).

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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****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 Special Intension

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

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: May 10 — \$3,083

Projected Amount needed \$3,370

"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God."
 — 1 JOHN 4:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to defend your faith or clarify a question about your faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in your faith and share your witness with others.

NEXT WEEK**PENTACOST SUNDAY**

MAY 23 — 24, 2015
USHERS GROUP II

**SATURDAY, MAY 23**

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for Margaret Maneggia in Celebration
 of her 90th Birthday
 request of Theresa Ciscon

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea
Lectors: Georgette Pelletier
Eucharistic Minister: Patti Cinea

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, MAY 24

7:30 A.M. NO MASS

10:00 A.M. EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION
OF ST. MAURICE PARISH
60TH ANNIVERSARY
MAIN CELEBRANT

THE MOST REVEREND MICHAEL R. COTE, D.D.
BISHOP OF NORWICH
 Mass offered for All Deceased and Living
 Members of St. Maurice Parish

Altar Servers: Nicholas VanDine
Lector: Paul Brown
Eucharistic Minister: Betty Aitkin

MEMORIAL DEDICATION
RECEPTION & LUNCHEON
 after Mass in the Parish Center

MONDAY, MAY 25 — Memorial Day

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

TUESDAY, MAY 26

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

7:30 P.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

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

9:00 A.M. CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP

THURSDAY, MAY 28 — NO MASS**FRIDAY, MAY 29 — NO MASS****SATURDAY, MAY 30**

10:00 A.M. REHEARSAL FOR CONFIRMATION

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

Readings for the Week of May 17, 2015

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

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

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.



60TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT MAURICE CHURCH!!!

Please join the parish community next **Sunday, May 24th**, as we mark the **60th anniversary** of the parish through liturgical celebration, dedication, sharing a meal, fellowship, and other activities. If you cannot attend the 10 am Mass, then please come for lunch. There will be face painting and games for the youth. There is still time to sign up on the sheets in the back vestibules. Come and cheer as Fr. Wojciech and Council members square off with the youth for a soccer match!! Bring sneakers!!



**3rd ANNUAL PARISH PILGRIMAGE:
THE ABBEY OF REGINA LAUDIS**

Please join us as we journey to **Bethlehem, CT** on **Sunday, June 7th**. The **Abbey of Regina Laudis** is home to a dynamic community of contemplative nuns dedicated to the order of St. Benedict, praising God through work and prayer. They chant the Holy Mass each day, as well as the full Divine Office. The Abbey is located on 450 acres of cultivated land and wilderness. Manual work includes the care of animals, including cows and sheep, as well as orchards and hayfields. Products such as pottery, candles, leather goods, cheese, items made from the blacksmith shop, and CDs of the nuns performing Gregorian chant, may be purchased from the Monastic Art Shop. Other attractions include the Abbey Church (Jesu Fili Mariae), the Lower Monastery Chapel, and The Creche, an 18th c Neapolitan nativity scene. We will end the afternoon witnessing Vespers and Benediction. Please use the sign-up sheet on the back tables of the Church.

**OFFERTORY GIFTS**

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

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Sunday, May 31, 2015

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adminassist192@ahfbaltic.org or www.ahfbaltic.org

Dinner to be held at

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The Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will be held at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church in Baltic on Saturday, June 6th ~ 8:00 a.m. Please join us at Mass and our Celebrant, Rev.

Joseph Tito, as we pray for the dignity and respect of all natural life from conception to death. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed. There will not be a brunch. Please note the change in location and time for Mass.

Blue Mass Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Friday, June 12, 2015

Cathedral of Saint Patrick Auditorium

213 Broadway Norwich

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Spaghetti – Salad – Bread & Butter – Soda & Water

\$10.00 Adults \$8.00 Seniors \$5.00 Children 12 and under

To benefit the Blue Mass Committee to defray expenses associated with the Annual Mass honoring law enforcement personnel.

For more information or tickets please call Monsignor Brown at 860-887-9294, ext. 232 or Ms. Becky Cady 860-887-9294, ext. 235

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS

"I did not think the sorrow and wounds from my abortion, could be healed". Healing and forgiveness can begin with a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**. Retreat May 29-31 in CT call 203-631-9030. rachelvineyard.org

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Marriage Preparation Classes for Engaged Couples

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

Fri. July 10, 17 & 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.



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