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April 29, 2012

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Have you ever worked for a boss who's just "in it for the money"? Perhaps he never puts in a minute beyond the absolute minimum hours. Maybe she doesn't invest any time in you-never asks how your weekend was or how your family is doing. It's rarely enjoyable to work for someone like that. It can be difficult to feel motivated to do quality work when your leader isn't invested in you or the value of your work.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, Jesus is upheld as a model leader. He contrasts himself with a hired man who works only for pay and doesn't concern himself with the flock. We hear repeatedly, though, that Jesus is willing to lay down his life for his sheep. There's a genuine investment, a deep connection, an intimate relationship between Jesus as leader and his beloved sheep.

This is more than just supervisor and supervisee, more than just a hired watcher of sheep and some random animals. The intimacy between Jesus and his people is profound.

We hear this intimacy echoed in today's second reading when John reminds us that we are God's children. God, who is so powerful and so almighty, has drawn us into such a loving relationship as to name us his children.

How does Jesus' deep love for us affect our lives? It's difficult to want to do good work for a leader who isn't invested in you, but we are led by an incredibly loving Lord-do we live our lives aware of this love? Are we willing to be transformed every day into more loving people because of how much God loves us?

It's not an easy call, but we have an incredible model to follow-a truly Good Shepherd.

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m. Holy Ďays 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.

ST. MAURICE CHURCH

<u>THIS WEEK</u> FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER <u>APRIL 28 - 29, 2012</u> <u>USHERS GROUP II</u>

SATURDAY, APR. 28

5:00 P.M. <u>Mass offered for +Arthur Kehl</u> request of Irene Kehl

SUNDAY, APR. 29

7:30 A.M. <u>Mass Offered for +Frances Treschuk</u> request of Michele & Arlene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

9:00 to 9:45 A.M. - FAITH FORMATION

9:00 A.M. - ADULT FAITH EDUCATION

- **10:00 A.M.** <u>Mass Offered for +Barbara Sullivan</u> request of the Armstrong and Zabielski Families
- 5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, APR. 30 -

- 9:00 A.M. <u>Mass offered for +Henry Leonard</u>
- **5:00 P.M.** Parish **BINGO** Food available from 5 P.M. GAMES begin at 6:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, MAY 1 -

- 9:00 A.M. <u>Mass offered for +Ivan and +Paul Dube</u> request of Solange Fournier
- 7:15 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2 -

- **9:00 A.M.** <u>Mass offered for +Levi and +Paul Dube</u> request of the Family
- 9:00 A.M. to Noon Christmas Fair Workshop
- **3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. -** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, MAY 3 - No Mass

FRIDAY, MAY 4 - No Mass

SATURDAY, MAY 5

ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

BOLTON, CT (23)

<u>NEXT WEEK</u> <u>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</u> <u>May 5 -6, 2012</u> <u>USHERS GROUP III</u> <u>Coffee Social after Sunday Masses</u> 2nd Collection for Seminary Education Fund

SATURDAY, MAY 5

5:00 P.M. <u>Mass offered for +Rev. Robert Cronin</u> request of Mary Simmons and Family *Altar Servers: Elena & Catherine Fiano Lector: Barbara Fiano*

Eucharistic Minister: Maureen Mozzer

SUNDAY, MAY 6

7:30 A.M. <u>Mass Offered for +Clara Stygar</u> request of Helen Andychowski Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck Lector: Stephen Paul Eucharistic Minister: Linda Richardson

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

9:00 to 9:45 A.M. - FAITH FORMATION

9:00 A.M. - ADULT FAITH EDUCATION

10:00 A.M. <u>Mass Offered for +Olga Guglielmino</u> request of Samuel Guglielmino *Altar Servers: Ben & Ryan VanDine Lector: Evelvn O'Connor*

Lector: Evelyn O'Connor Eucharistic Minister: Betty Aitkin

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, MAY 7 -

9:00 A.M.	Mass offered for +Henry Leonard
5:00 P.M.	Parish BINGO – Food available from 5
	P.M. GAMES begin at 6:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, MAY 8 -

9:00 A.M. <u>Mass offered for +Roland Mishio and</u> +Emily Dube request of Solange Fournier 7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9 -

9:00 A.M.Mass offered for +Barbara Sullivan request
of the Armstrong and Zabielski Families9:00 A.M. to Noon – Christmas Fair Workshop3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. - Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament

7:00 P.M. – Parish Council Meeting

<u>THURSDAY, MAY 10</u> – No Mass 7:00 P.M. – Knights of Columbus Business Meeting

FRIDAY, MAY 11 – No Mass 7:00 P.M. – Combined Youth Band and Chorus Practice in the Church Basement

SATURDAY, MAY 12

ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 29, 2012

Last week's Offertory Apr. 21 – 22 \$3,464. Last year's Offertory Apr. 23 -24 \$3,052

"It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes." - PSALM 118:8-9

Too often our society trains us to take refuge in manmade riches. Yet Thomas Merton once wrote, "*There is no poverty so great as that of the prosperous*." Too many possessions can leave us empty – always questing for more things that do not really matter – while we ignore Our Lord.

Readings for the Week of April 29, 2012Sunday:Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18Monday:Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10Tuesday:Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30 or Gn 1:26--2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Mt 13:54-58Wednesday:Acts 12:24--13:5a/Jn 12:44-50Thursday:1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14Friday:Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6Saturday:Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14Next Sunday:Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

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HARTFORD AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

This summer, between July 10-14, Hartford Habitat is holding a 'Building on Faith' week. During this time, we would like to get 30-45 volunteers per day from area faith groups to come to our South Marshall Street construction site in Hartford and build together.

All faith communities are welcome to take part in the event as we build houses, fellowship and partnerships with families in need. Please RSVP by June 28. Register your faith group by emailing <u>Turquoise</u> or call 860-541-2208 x108.

Can't build?

There are many other ways your faith organization can participate:

- Organize a small group (2-4 individuals) to help with logistics at the worksite (set up, registration, handing out t-shirts, cleaning up)
- Deliver our morning or mid-morning devotions
- Provide morning snacks and/or lunch for about 15-20 people during one of our build days
- <u>Donate</u>. We are only 1/3 of the way to our \$100,000 fundraising goal for the *House of Faith*.

Looking for a special Mother's Day gift?

Give her a **CT "Choose Life" License Plate** from the Children First Foundation. "**Choose Life" License Plates** with smiling faces are promoting adoptions and traveling everywhere as a witness to Life and Love. Give a gift that keeps on giving, it's so easy! Go to <u>www.fund-adoption.org</u> for info or to download a state's application form. The license plate helps fund agencies such as Catholic Charities. What may happen by the end of 2012 and soon after? Saints and Scripture have foretold great events with the Triumph of Mary's Immaculate Heart. You'll love the coming era of Peace. A great message of hope and God's mercy (despite potential unprecedented tribulation soon). Presented by Catholic psychologist Michael Petrides at Our Lady of the Lakes Parish Hall, Oakdale on Tuesday, May 1, at 6:30pm.

DIOCESE OF NORWICH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND October 9 to 18, 2012

For information or reservations call 860-887-9294

Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich, will lead a ten day pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Caesarea, Mount Carmel, Nazareth, Mount Tabor, Cana, Galilee, Capernaum, Tabgha, Jordan River, Beit Shean, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Masada, and other several sites.

Price includes local bus to/from Boston airport, departure lunch, all tips, breakfast and dinner daily, and also includes departure tax and fuel surcharge.

Reservations must be made by July 6, 2012.

Cost of Tour:

- \$3,440.00 per person double occupancy
- \$ 539.00 deposit required (\$239.00 optional insurance)
- \$ 500.00 single supplement (*limited number*)
- \$ 239.00 Travel Insurance

CONFIRMATION

Josh Meyers, Zach Meyers, Drew Monroe, and Kim Newton from St. Maurice will be Confirmed by Bishop Cote at Sacred Heart Church on Saturday, May 26, 2012 at the 4:30 p.m. Mass. Congratulations to our Candidates! Pray that the Holy Spirit will rush down upon them with His Gifts, and that they will use them for the glory of God the Father.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are still in need of volunteers for our BINGO Program. We need floor help and help with food service etc. We are also in need of an Assistant Manager. Our goal is to have <u>one</u> <u>team</u> for each week. "Many hands make light work." To volunteer or for more information, please contact Father Wojciech at 860-643-4466.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

Hello friends, I am Bishop Michael Cote. In the current struggle on freedom of religion, we make it clear that we are not trying to impose our teachings on anybody. We are saying don't impose your teaching upon us, and make us as a church, do what we find unconscionable to do. By requiring the Catholic Church to fund procedures that go against our moral convictions, the government is taking away our right to freedom of religion.

Please contact the offices of your Congressional Representatives and United States Senators to express your opposition to the mandate. For addresses and phones numbers, please visit: <u>www.ctcatholic.org</u> or <u>www.norwichdiocese.org</u>.



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