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Fifth Sunday of Easter • May 6, 2012

Good News!

May 6, 2012

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Now that summer is around the corner, I look forward to breaking out my favorite outdoor friend: our electric hedge trimmer. My husband does a good amount of the yard work, but I might as well have carved my initials in the trimmer—I love it. We have lots of bushes in our yard that need regular trimming, and I delight in shearing excess branches and pruning foliage to invite new growth and life. And I have to admit that the “power tool” aspect of the trimmer is especially addictive.

Today’s readings have a lot to say about pruning and shearing, but it’s important to remember who holds the power tool. In the first reading, the early Christian community is suspicious of Saul’s sudden conversion from Christian-persecutor to active disciple. They have a right to be uncertain, of course, but they learn that God pruned Saul and transformed him and that they must welcome him into their community.

We’re familiar with the image of Jesus as the vine and us as the branches, but sometimes we forget that in this image we’re connected to Jesus the vine and to all the other branches through him.

We may not like all the other branches, or we may think they’re in need of serious pruning or shearing. Yet our initials aren’t carved in the trimmer. God’s is. We’re not in charge of pruning others (and ourselves)—God is.

Our job is to stay connected to the vine and to one another, to welcome even those we might find suspicious or distasteful or foreign to us. The community of branches belongs to Jesus—and to its members.

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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 5 -6, 2012

USHERS GROUP III

Coffee Social after Sunday Masses

2nd Collection for Seminary Education Fund

SATURDAY, MAY 5

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Rev. Robert Cronin
request of Mary Simmons and Family

SUNDAY, MAY 6

7:30 A.M. Mass Offered for +Clara Stygar request
of Helen Andychowski

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

9:00 to 9:45 A.M. – FAITH FORMATION (Final
Classes for this season)

9:00 A.M. – ADULT FAITH EDUCATION

10:00 A.M. Mass Offered for +Olga Guglielmino
request of Samuel Guglielmino

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. Mass offered for +Roland Mishio and
+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
Families

9:00 A.M. to Noon – Christmas Fair Workshop

3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. - *Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament*

7:00 P.M. – Parish Council Meeting

THURSDAY, MAY 10 – 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

NEXT WEEK

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 12 – 13, 2012

USHERS GROUP IV

Triple Play Café Breakfast

Blood Pressure Screening

MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

SATURDAY, MAY 12

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Michael Leiner request
of Richard and Gail Gidius

Altar Servers: Ally Cianci, Kaila Toce

Lector: Charles Luchini

Eucharistic Minister: Annedda Stiller

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY TO ALL MOTHERS

SUNDAY, MAY 13

7:30 A.M. Mass Offered for +Michael+Helena and
+Henry Sobczak request of Lucy Swed &
Family

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. Mass Offered for +Dr. Bernard & +Mary
Sheridan, +Paul Sheridan, +Barry
Sheridan, +Donald & Norma Tedford
request of the Tedford & Sheridan
Families

Altar Servers: Amilia Herasimowicz, Elizabeth Foran

Lector: Jennifer Carvalho

Eucharistic Minister: Jennifer Carvalho

5:30 P.M. *LITURGY OF THE HOURS*

MONDAY, MAY 14 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Mary Ann Flynn request
of Marge & Bert Flynn

5:00 P.M. Parish BINGO – Food available from 5
P.M. GAMES begin at 6:30 P.M.

7:00 P.M. Property Management Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 15 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Jean Watts

7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Barbara Sullivan request
of the Armstrong and Zabielski Families

9:00 A.M. to Noon – Christmas Fair Workshop

3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. - *Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament*

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NEXT WEEK continued

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 12 – 13, 2012

THURSDAY, MAY 17 – Ascension of the Lord

Holy day of Obligation

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Walter McEnaney request of Jennifer & Phil Daly

7:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Steven Gaumond request of Dorli & Lou Cloutier

FRIDAY, MAY 18 – No Mass

7:00 P.M. – Combined Youth Band and Chorus Practice in the Church Basement

SATURDAY, MAY 19

10:00 A.M. – First Reconciliation

ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

Last week's Offertory Apr. 29 \$3,340.

Last year's Offertory May 1 \$3,552.

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth" – 1 JOHN 3:18

How do we love in deed and truth? The answer is through stewardship – giving some of our time to spend with Our Lord in prayer, giving some of our talents to do ministry in the parish, giving some of our financial blessings to support the work of the Church.

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St. Maurice Parish Annual Catholic Appeal Update

As of today 73 families have committed \$8,168 towards our parish goal for the 2012 Annual Catholic Appeal.

If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, on behalf of our parish please prayerfully consider a contribution.

You can make a one-time gift or a pledge that can be paid between now and December, 2012.

No gift is too small.
Every gift changes a life.



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.

Readings for the Week of May 6, 2012

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

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PARISH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

1. The **Property Management Group** is putting out a call for any parishioner who would like to join the team. This group oversees the maintenance, repair and general upkeep of our Church, Parish Center and Parish Rectory. No particular expertise is required; however, concerned input is all that is needed. Please contact the parish office or Lou Cloutier.
2. The need to increase membership in our **Ushers Group** is ever present, but now that need is becoming urgent. There are four teams per Mass, so the duty cycle is only once per month. Please contact the Parish Office or Lou Cloutier or any Usher.
3. 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 one team 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 Recently, the five Connecticut democratic candidates running for the nomination for the U.S. Senate stated that they would support the idea of allowing abortions to be performed at Catholic hospitals. Abortions are a violation of the natural law and are prohibited by the four Catholic hospitals in Connecticut. As in the case of the federal health care mandate, we cannot permit the government to trample on our religious freedom by requiring us to go against our religious convictions.

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



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