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Sixth Sunday of Easter • May 13, 2012

Good News!

May 13, 2012

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Could there be any sweeter words in the English language than “I love you”? OK, perhaps “Would you like some free chocolate?” are a very close second (or for salt-loving types like my husband, “Hot buttered popcorn coming right up!”) But whether the words are between grandchild and grandparent, people falling in love, or friends after an argument, they are tender and powerful and can be life-changing.

How often, though, do we let ourselves hear God saying these words to us? We think of “I love you” as being exchanged most regularly between humans or from us to God. But do we remember, in an ongoing way, how much God loves us? We hear this clearly from John in our second reading and from Jesus in the Gospel. We’re told pointedly that any love we show comes first from the love God has for us.

Before we ever knew God, God loved us. Before we ever did anything meaningful, before we ever spoke a word, before we ever emerged from our mother’s womb, God loved us. God loved us simply because we existed and because we belonged to God. It can be a bit overwhelming to think about—perhaps that’s why we don’t always let ourselves remember this love.

But in today’s readings, Jesus firmly challenges us to “Remain in my love.” Remaining in God’s love means not ignoring the deep love God has for us. It means choosing actions each day that reflect that love rather than straying from it. It means trusting that even in our moments of feeling most unlovable, God truly loves and treasures us.

Hear those words from God today—I love you—and let their sweetness transform you.

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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 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

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY TO ALL MOTHERS

SUNDAY, MAY 13

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

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

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*

**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

SATURDAY, MAY 19

10:00 A.M. – First Reconciliation

ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

NEXT WEEK

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 19 – 20, 2012

USHERS GROUP I

2nd Collection – World Charities Combined Collection

SATURDAY, MAY 19

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Michael Leiner request of Mary Anne Murphy

Altar Servers: Kyle Toce, Josh Meyers

Lector: Georgette Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley

SUNDAY, MAY 20

7:30 A.M. Mass Offered for +Casimir and +Thomas Kurys request of Helen Kurys and Family

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Joel Cohan

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Richardson

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. – First Communion

Mass Offered for 1st Communicants

Altar Servers: Ryan & Nicholas VanDine

Lector: Rita Sheetz

Eucharistic Minister: Rita Sheetz

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

MONDAY, MAY 21 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Olga Guglielmino request Samuel Guglielmino

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

TUESDAY, MAY 22 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Wayne Fruke (4th Anniversary) request of Kathy Fruke

7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23 –

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*

THURSDAY, MAY 24 – No Mass

FRIDAY, MAY 25 – No Mass

SATURDAY, MAY 26

4:30 P.M. – St. Maurice Students Confirmed at Sacred Heart Church

ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 13, 2012

Last week's Offertory May 6, \$3,600

Last year's Offertory May 8 \$3,291

"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.

Readings for the Week of May 13, 2012

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

Monday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20

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

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

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

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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.

2012 WORLD COMBINED COLLECTION PROGRAM

The Combined Collection for World Charities will be held next weekend. Your contribution will provide assistance to the Catholic Relief Services Collection, The Campaign for Human Development, Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, and The Holy Land. Shortly you will receive information in the mail about this collection. Please read this material and bring your contribution envelope to Liturgy next week, May 19th and 20th. Your support and generosity are essential to these programs of the Universal Church.

PLANNING A WEDDING?

Engaged Encounter Weekend! One of the most important parts of your wedding planning is your marriage preparation program. Engaged Encounter is a weekend-long program and meets all the aspects of marriage preparation required by the Diocese. Engaged Encounter Weekend: June 29-July 1 at Immaculata Retreat House in Willimantic call 860-536-8665. Early registration is advised.

Visit www.engagedencounter.org.

You are invited to attend a –

ONE DAY LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

At Sacred Heart Church on Saturday, May 19th from 9:00am to 4:00pm

Presented by Fr. Ray, Judith and Team

It will help you to

- deepen your personal relationship with Christ
- yield to the actions of the Holy Spirit in your life
- learn to recognize how the Holy Spirit is working in you, through you and with you
- become part of a Christian Community - even just for a day
- help you to grow spiritually

Please sign up by Monday, May 14th by calling Rella at 860-875-4563

Lunch will be provided

Free Will offering gratefully accepted

POSITION VACANCY

Part-time (14 hours/week) secretarial position at the Norwich Diocesan Ministries Offices. Must be proficient in Excel and Access. Job description available on request. Application deadline May 31, 2012. Send letter of application, resume, references, and salary expectations to:

Office of the Chancellor
201 Broadway
Norwich, CT 06360

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Four young parishioners from St. Maurice will be confirmed on **Saturday, May 26, 2012** at the **4:30 Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Vernon**. Bishop Cote will administer the Sacrament.

The four young people are:

Joshua Duncan Meyers
Zachary Duncan Meyers
Drew Joseph Monroe
Kimberly Michelle Newton

All St. Maurice parishioners are invited to this celebration.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Liberty of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has published a document, "Our First, Most Cherished Freedom," urging the clergy and laity to work to protect the First Freedom in our Bill of Rights. The document can be found at: usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/our-first-most-cherished-liberty.cfm.

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



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