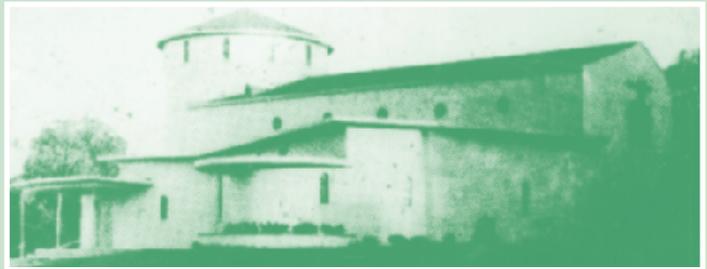


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dear Padre
Why be Catholic?

I'm engaged to a wonderful woman who was raised in a Protestant faith tradition. I want her to become Catholic. She says all the Catholic rituals aren't necessary to get to heaven. What can I say to convince her?

Your fiancée is correct about heaven: God has willed the salvation of everyone—not just Catholics (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church [*Lumen Gentium*], 13).

But being Catholic isn't only about getting to heaven. Earthly benefits abound! Take the Mass: Holy Communion gives us Jesus' very Body and Blood. The sacrament of reconciliation brings us peace and comfort. Our saints and our special devotion to the Blessed Mother inspire us. Our Church leaders—ordained and religious—bring Christ to our everyday lives. Our Catholic hymns and prayer traditions help us offer praise and thanks in a unique way.

Once we get to heaven, the need for the distinctions that help us walk our path on Earth dissolve. But until we get there, we shouldn't follow the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church simply because it's the religion of our parents or spouse; we should follow them because we believe they show us how to deepen our relationship with God by living as Jesus wanted us to.

So while "all the Catholic rituals" do prepare us for heaven, they also enrich and inform our earthly lives in ways we can't find anywhere else. I thank God for the Catholic Church every day—and you should too.

Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSSR
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Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

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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!

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By appointment.

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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**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****FEB. 2 – 3, 2013**
USHERS GROUP II**SATURDAY, FEB. 2 –****4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for +Joyce Bachl request of Ed Bachl & Family**5:30 P.M. – Youth Group Pizza Party in Parish Library****SUNDAY, FEB. 3 –****7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for +Henry Leonard**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**8:30 A.M. – Breakfast for Faith Formation****9:00 A.M. - Faith Formation****10:00 A.M. –** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice**5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS****MONDAY, FEB. 4 –****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for the Intentions of Florence Linder request of Mary Mumford**5:00 P.M. – Parish BINGO –** Food available from 5 P.M. GAMES begin at 6:30 P.M.**TUESDAY, FEB. 5 –****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Patricia Desautels request of St. Maurice Christmas Fair Group**7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal****WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6 –****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Paul & +Emily Dube and +Isabell Voisine request of the Grandchildren**3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament****THURSDAY, FEB. 7 – No Mass****FRIDAY, FEB. 8 – No Mass****SATURDAY, FEB. 9 –****3:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS**

Last week's Offertory – January 27 – \$2,941

Last year's Offertory – January 29 – \$3,292

*"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous." (1 Corinthians 13:4)***Are you jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you seek to acquire more possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these human weaknesses. Yet as stewards we are called to love God above all other things – striving always to be less jealous, less pompous and more giving.****NEXT WEEK****FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****FEB. 9 – 10, 2013**
Triple Play Café Breakfast
Blood Pressure Screening
USHERS GROUP III**SATURDAY, FEB. 9 –****4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for +Gary Martin 4th Anniv. request of Linda LaChapelle*Altar Servers: Josh Meyers**Lector: Georgette Pelletier**Eucharistic Minister: Annedda Stiller***SUNDAY, FEB. 10 –****7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for +Donald Holbrook request of his Family*Altar Servers: Lynn Mancino**Lector: Lynn Mancino**Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio***CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**8:30 A.M. – Breakfast for Faith Formation****9:00 A.M. - Faith Formation****10:00 A.M. –** Mass offered for + Fred Barbero 10th Anniv. request of the Fred Barbero Family*Altar Servers: Alex Czercowy**Lector: Evelyn O'Connor**Eucharistic Minister: Lou Cloutier***5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS****MONDAY, FEB. 11 –****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, FEB. 12 –****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Iva Lindberg request of Lynn Mancino**7:00 P.M. – Parish Council Meeting****7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal****ASH WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13 –****Masses & Ashes****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Henry Leonard**7:00 P.M.** Mass Offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice**FAIR WORKSHOP AFTER 9 A.M. MASS****No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament****THURSDAY, FEB. 14 – No Mass****7:00 P.M. – Knights of Columbus Business Meeting****FRIDAY, FEB. 15 – No Mass****5 – to 7 P.M. – Fish Dinner****7:00 P.M. – Mass and Stations of the Cross**

Mass offered for +Rolande Mishio and

+Lucie Dube request of the Fournier Family

SATURDAY, FEB. 16 –**3:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS**

Readings for the Week of February 3, 2013

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31--13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

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Marriage Encounter Weekend

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From Manchester Area Conference of Churches

Dearest Family of St. Maurice,

Your Annual collection to help the poor & needy in our area is so timely and a hopeful gift for 2013. We see so many families suffering but the number of angels to help them is greater. So happy to be in this work with you! I know it makes God smile. Beth

From Windham Area Interfaith Ministry

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MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASSES

“God’s Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage”. To register for the 4 session class call the Family Life Office at: 860-889-8346 ext.283. Cost: \$50 per couple

Dates: Sat. Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2013

Time: 9:30am-11:45am

Location: St. Matthew Church, Tolland.

Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment Program (ASAT)

Catholic Charities offers an age appropriate option to combat substance abuse and high risk behavior. The 6 month program for ages 13yrs-18yrs includes group meetings and is held at the Catholic Charities Offices in Norwich and New London. For information call: 860-889-8346 ext.413 or 860-443-5328.

Fair Group Starting

The Fair Group is beginning on Wednesday February 13th after the 9A.M. Mass. Come for coffee and bring your ideas and comments to share. Everyone is always welcome and new help will be appreciated.

RACHEL’S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS

If you are silently grieving after an abortion; then healing, forgiveness and peace can have a beginning with a **Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat**. Retreat February 22-24 in Hamden call 203-631-9030 and March 8-10 in Westerly call 401-421-7833 ext.118. or www.rachelsvineyard.org

“**Project Rachel**” is a Diocesan outreach for anyone in need of healing. Priests in “Project Rachel” can help you through healing and forgiveness. Call 860-889-8346 ext.283. All inquiries are confidential.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

November 4-13, 2013

You are invited to join Deacon Ron Freedman of St. Matthew Parish, Tolland on a wonderful pilgrimage to the Holy Land in November 2013. Round trip coach from St. Matthew, Tolland to Newark airport; round trip air, air taxes & fuel supplements up to \$550 (as of 1/2013, subject to change); 8 nights first class hotel accommodations full breakfast & dinner daily; comprehensive daily sightseeing by private coach and English speaking Christian guide; entrance fees to sites visited; daily liturgy at selected holy sites; hotel taxes & services charges, portorage of one suitcase per person.

Cost Per Person Sharing Twin Room From Connecticut: \$2,995;

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Final payment Friday, August 9, 2013.

Any Questions-Call Deacon Ron Freedman: 860-872-9212

Email: rfreedman54@comcast.net

PILGRIMAGE INFORMATION MEETING

THURSDAY/MARCH 14 AT 7 PM

at Parish Hall, St. Matthew Church

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For a limited time, the Catholic Cemeteries Association is offering discounts on pre-need grave, niche or crypt purchases at Holy Cross Cemetery, Glastonbury, St. James and St. Bridget Cemeteries, Manchester and St. Mary Cemetery, East Hartford. Please call the office at St. James Cemetery, 860-646-3772, to schedule an appointment or for more information. This offer will conclude on March 1, 2013.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

Last week, hundreds of thousands of pilgrims gathered in Washington, D.C. for the March for Life to pray for life. It is with this same steadfast resolve that we will fight for the preservation of Religious Liberty.

If you haven’t expressed your opposition to the federal healthcare mandate, please contact the White House at:

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