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Good News!

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (C) SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY (C)

Acts 5:12-16 / Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 / Jn 20:19-31

One of the best things about Easter is the candy. Even more spectacular than the jelly beans are those crèmefilled, fat-laden chocolate eggs. And some people (though not me) claim a love of marshmallow chicks and bunnies.

I think we love this candy so much in part because it only comes around once a year. Its rarity makes it special. The same can be said about the apostle Thomas. He's the crè me egg of the Bible—his story comes around only on the second Sunday of Easter, and it's usually a favorite of Christians who take heart in believing without seeing. Thomas's rarity makes him special.

But this story is about more than Thomas; it also reveals much about the risen Jesus. First, he can move through locked doors and walls to get to his beloved disciples; his love knows no boundaries. Second, even in his resurrected body, he still has wounds. He knows what it's like to be broken and hurt deeply. And third, he speaks and breathes peace. Not an easy, everything's-going-to-be-just-dandy peace, but a hard-won peace that trusts in God despite suffering and fear.

Jesus does the same for us today. The risen Jesus can move beyond the spiritual walls we've built and the emotional doors of doubt we've triple-locked. The risen Jesus can identify with our wounds and pain. The risen Jesus promises us a deep, hard-won peace. And, fortunately, Jesus comes around much more often than Thomas or chocolate-covered crème eggs. The Risen Jesus is with us

Do we believe?

Janel Esker

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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.

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

THIS WEEK

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER / SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY APR. 6 – 7, 2013

TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ BREAKFAST BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING USHERS GROUP III

2ND COLLECTION FOR THE SALVATORIAN FATHERS

SATURDAY, APR. 6

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

Irene Kehl

Coffee Social After 5 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, APR. 7 -

7:30 A.M. <u>Mass offered for +Margaret Fontanella</u>

request of Irene Kwiatkowski & Gloria

Holbrook

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

9:00 A.M. - Faith Formation

10:00 A.M. – <u>Mass offered for +John Sheetz</u> request of St.

Maurice Christmas Fair Committee

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, APR. 8 - No Mass

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, APR. 9 - No Mass

7:15 P.M. - Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, APR. 10 - No Mass

9:00 A.M. – FAIR WORKSHOP

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

THURSDAY, APR. 11 – No Mass

7:00 P.M. - Knights of Columbus Business Meeting

FRIDAY, APR. 12 - No Mass

SATURDAY, APR. 13 -

4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS

Last week's Offertory – March 31 – \$4,044 (Easter) Last year's Offertory – April 1– \$3,571

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (John 20:21)

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world to share His peace and Good News, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be grateful and generous. We should look for opportunities to share His peace with our brothers and sisters not only within our local parish boundaries, but outside of them as well. In giving, you will receive the peace of Christ.

NEXT WEEK

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APR. 13 – 14, 2013

USHERS GROUP IV

SATURDAY, APR. 13 –

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Gary Martin request

of Linda LaChapelle

Altar Servers: Josh Meyers Lector: Georgette Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley

Coffee Social After 5 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, APR. 14 -

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of

Saint Maurice

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Judy knox

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

NO FAITH FORMATION

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +Robert Rouleau

request of Margaret Rouleau

Altar Servers: Alex Czercowy

Lector: Paul Brown

Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen Smythe

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, APR. 15 -

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, APR. 16 -

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

Saint Maurice

7:15 P.M. - Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, APR. 17 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Levi Fournier request

of His Family

9:00 A.M. - FAIR WORKSHOP

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

THURSDAY, APR. 18 – No Mass

FRIDAY, APR. 19 - No Mass

SATURDAY, APR. 20 –

4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of April 7, 2013

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31 Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19

or 21:1-14

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ADDITIONAL EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Perlitz

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Phelon/Arthur Flynn Sr., Herbert Phelon Jr.

Thanksgiving & Christmas Thank You

Please forgive my taking so long to send this note of thanks. My family and I would like to sincerely thank your parish for making both our Thanksgiving & Christmas this past year so memorable. Both the food & gifts helped us out tremendously. It's been difficult the last 6 months or so but everyone is doing better healthwise now. Thank you again from all of us.

Shelby, Nick and Daniel Robson

To the Care and Share Group

The John Sheetz family wishes to thank the Care and Share Group that provided the reception after his funeral Mass on March 16, 2013. We are so grateful for your help. You lifted a large burden from the family. The reception was done with grace and caring. I have donated to Care and Share for years but never realized just how much it meant to the family that had lost a loved one.

Faith Formation

Children making their First Communion and their Parents will have a special gathering on Sunday, April 21st after the 10:00 Mass in the basement of the church. A pizza lunch and refreshments will be available. There will be no morning classes for these students only, all other grades will meet for CCD classes.

Youth Ministry

The Senior High Youth Group, will meet on Friday, April 26th, at 6:00pm in the Parish Center Library. The Junior High Youth Group, The Disciples, will meet on Friday, May 3rd at 7:00 in the basement of the church.

Upcoming Parish Event

Parishioners are invited to attend a Movie Night on Friday, April 26th at 7:00 pm. in the Parish Center. The movie "Courageous" is a story about faith and fatherhood. This is a mature movie recommended for adults and older youth. Popcorn and refreshments will be provided. We hope you can join us!

Spring Visitor Weekend at the College of Saint Mary Magdalen –

April 11-14, 2013. All high school students and recent graduates are invited to attend our Spring Visitor Weekend. Visitors will have the opportunity to attend classes, meet one on one with faculty and admissions representatives, stay in the student residences, attend Mass and participate in spiritual life on campus, and tour our campus. **Reserve your place today!** Contact the Admissions Office at admissions@magdalen.edu or call toll free: 877.498.1723.

Gala to Benefit Haiti's Children

The annual 'For the Love of a Child' gala to benefit children in Haiti will be Saturday evening, April 20th at Saint Clements Castle in Portland, CT. The gala is the annual fundraiser for Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti to support programs that feed, shelter, medically treat, and educate children in Portau-Prince.

Tickets to attend are \$150, with \$75 tax-deductible. The event begins at 6 p.m. with a cocktail welcome-hour, followed by a three-course meal, entertainment, and an auction that includes vacation opportunities. Cocktail attire is suggested, and we ask that you make reservations by contacting Outreach to Haiti at: 848.2237 ext. 206; or info@outreachtohaiti.org.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKENDS FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend May 3-5, 2013 in Hamden, CT. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$100.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, e-mail her at mlaffin@prolifeministry.org, or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops is calling the current proposed revisions of the Obama Administration's healthcare mandate "an unprecedented ...violation of religious liberty by the federal government" that must be changed. The bishops have sent a letter to the Department of Health and Human Services delineating their opposition. To review the full letter, visit: ussb.org and search: general counsel comments from March 20, 2013.

If you haven't expressed your opposition to the federal healthcare mandate, please contact the White House at: www.whitehouse.gov/contact or call: 202-456-1111 or 202-456-1414.



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