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Good News!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

Acts 13:14, 43-52 / Rv 7:9, 14b-17 / Jn 10:27-30

One of the first things parents of a newborn learn is how incredibly strong their baby's grip is. Our daughter, like most newborns, clenched onto her father's and my fingers immediately after birth—and she wouldn't let go! We called it her death grip. Yes, it's a reflex, but it's one that reaches into your soul. You realize quickly what a hold this person has on you—physically and emotionally.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, Jesus speaks in the Gospel about not letting anyone take his flock out of his hand. His hold on us is even tighter than a newborn's, but it's certainly not a death grip. Quite the opposite—it's a life grip. No matter how far we scatter or how wide a path we walk, Jesus always has us in his hands. He offers us life abundant here on earth and life eternal in heaven.

Parents of newborns have such an emotional response to their child's grip because they've spent so much time with this child—feeling her movements in utero, seeing his picture in ultrasounds, preparing their lives for this new being. There's an intimate connection.

Sheep respond loyally to their shepherd's voice because they spend so much time together in the fields. The same must be true for our relationship with our Good Shepherd. Unless we're committed to spending significant time with him, we can't expect to benefit from his life grip. He always holds us, but we need to offer him that same devoted attention and intimacy.

Where can we find more time in our week to behold and be held by-our God?

Janel Esker

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Fourth Sunday of Easter • April 21, 2013

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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

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

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APR. 20 – 21, 2013

MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

USHERS GROUP I

SATURDAY, APR. 20 -

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

The Family

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

SUNDAY, APR. 21 -

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. – <u>Mass offered for the Intention of Bozena</u>

Czercowy request of the Czercowy Family

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

11 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. Banner making and Retreat for 1st Communion Children and Parents in the Church

Basement

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, APR. 22 -

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. 23 -

9:00 A.M. <u>Mass offered for +Suzanne Dower</u> request

of Lynn Mancino

7:15 P.M. - Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, APR. 24 -

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

Maurice

9:00 A.M. - FAIR WORKSHOP

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

THURSDAY, APR. 25 - No Mass

FRIDAY, APR. 26 - No Mass

6:00 P.M. Senior High Youth Group in the Parish Center

Library

7:00 P.M. Movie Night in the Parish Center

SATURDAY, APR. 27

4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS

Last week's Offertory – April 14 – \$2,706 Last year's Offertory – April 15 – \$3,558

"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." (Acts

13:52

Because the disciples heard Our Lord's call, they were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we take time to open our hearts, listen to God, ask for His direction and allow the Holy Spirit to guide our lives and our decisions.

NEXT WEEK

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APR. 27 – 28, 2013

USHERS GROUP II

SATURDAY, APR. 27 –

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Francesa & +Matteo

Quagliano request Josephine Maratta

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea Lector: Georgette Pelletier Eucharistic Minister: Ted Lloyd

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

SUNDAY, APR. 28 -

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

8:30 A.M. – Breakfast for Faith Formation 9:00 A.M. - Faith Formation (LAST SESSION)

10:00 A.M. - Mass offered for All Parishioners of Saint

Maurice

Altar Servers: Amilia Herasimowicz

Lector: Jennifer Carvalho

Eucharistic Minister: Jennifer Carvalho

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

4 to 6 P.M. Book Club Review Session in the Parish

Center

MONDAY, APR. 29 -

9:00 A.M. <u>Mass offered for +Peter Legasse</u> request

of Lou & Dorli Cloutier

5:00 P.M. – Parish **BINGO** – Food available from 5 P.M.

GAMES begin at 6:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, APR. 30 -

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

7:15 P.M. - Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 -

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Rolande & +Clifford

Mishio and +Paul Dube request of

Solange Fournier

9:00 A.M. - FAIR WORKSHOP

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

THURSDAY, MAY 2 - No Mass

FRIDAY, MAY 3 - No Mass

SATURDAY, MAY 4 -

4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of April 21, 2013

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30 Wednesday: Acts 12:24--13:5a/Jn 12:44-50 Thursday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-

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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!

PARISH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Property Management Committee is seeking an individual to water the flowers in the window boxes and planters on the parish grounds over the summer months. This commitment involves about 1 hour 2 times per week. If you are interested please contact Lou Cloutier at 860-649-6255.

SAINT MAURICE CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

Twenty-one adult parishioners currently are reading St. Augustine's Confessions. For those readers wishing to participate, an afternoon for reflection on the material will be held on Sunday, April 28th from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Thank you for taking part in this first formal book reading adventure for our parish.

CORRECTION TO BULLETIN DATED APRIL 14, 2013

The Offertory Amount for 4/7/2013 was incorrectly stated as \$2,646. The correct amount was \$2,993.

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE SALVATORIAN FATHERS

Dear Parishioners -

I would like to thank all of you who made a donation to our yearly collection for my Order the Salvatorian Fathers. This year the collection has been moved from November to April 7th. A special envelope has been prepared for the collection. However, those of you who do not use or do not have the envelope may use any envelope and write on it "Salvatorian Fathers" OR "SDS". Once again THANK YOU ALL for your generosity and support.

Fr. Wojciech Pelczarski, SDS

FROM THE OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE

Parents divorcing and/or resolving child custody issues participate in the court suggested Parent Education Program. Are you concerned about the effects of divorce, separation or family disruption on your children? Catholic Charities offers ongoing, monthly one day Parenting Education Classes in Norwich, Rockville and Middletown. A monthly 2- part Spanish/bilingual parenting education class is held in Willimantic. Attendance at both sessions in the Willimantic class is required for the certificate of completion. Fees apply and are determined by the State of CT. Please call toll free 1-866-883-1624 ext. 263 for registration and monthly class locations and dates.

Please join us for the monthly Pro-Life Mass on Saturday. May 4th~ 8:30a.m. Fr. Raymond Introvigne will celebrate the Mass to be held at SS. Peter & Paul Church in Norwich due to Cathedral renovations. Following the Mass the Rosary will be prayed both at SS. Peter & Paul Church and at the Planned Parenthood. There will not be a brunch after the Rosary for May 4th. Your presence is welcomed as we work together to bring about a culture of life.

SAVE THE DATE!! The much anticipated FROM BROADWAY TO THE MET concert returns to St. Matthew's on Sunday April 28th at 3pm.

Rochelle Bard will present a concert with music from Broadway shows and enchanting classical tunes. A children's choir will be added this year! The proceeds from this concert will support our parish's mission in Haiti. Please mark your calendars and tell your friends! More information at www.RochelleBard.com.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Fr. David Kashen, Pastor of St. Edward Church, invites you to a 6 week Life in the Spirit Seminar, present by Fr. Ray Introvigne, Judith Hughes & Team – beginning on Monday, April 22, 2013 at 7 P.M. Come join us for music, hospitality and a life changing experience. All this will be happening at the St. Edward Church, 59 High Street, Stafford Springs.

WHEELCHAIRS WANTED!

I you have a manual wheelchair no longer being used, Chariots of Hope, a non-profit volunteer organization, is collecting them to provide one at no cost to persons in need. Saturday, June 1st is our fifteenth annual 1000 Wheels Day, and chairs will be collected at all State Police Barracks from 10-2 p.m.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

Many Catholic organizations, and many other associations have been voicing their opposition against the Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate. The Knights of Columbus, for example, have stated strongly: "Our Church teaches that nobody may be forced to act against his convictions, nor is anyone to be restrained from acting in accordance with his conscience in religious matters in private or in public, alone or in association with others, within due limits...To require a person to violate his conscience, then, is to require him to surrender not only his rights, but also his dignity.

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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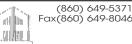
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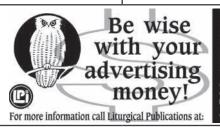
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