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Good News!

April 28, 2013

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 14:21–27 / Rv 21:1–5a / Jn 13:31–33a, 34–35

Our refrigerator is covered with a panoply of family photos and children's artwork. Usually the artwork stays for a while and then is replaced by newer creations, but one piece has stood the test of time: a homemade valentine from our then-5-year-old niece Lucia. It's a sweet pink-and-red heart, and in the center is written "I love you?"—the pièce-de-résistance being the question mark. I'm pretty certain Lucia didn't intend to question her love for us, but the thought of that valentine in which she ponders her love always makes me smile.

Love is on Jesus' mind in the Gospel today, but it's definitely not set in the form of a question. In fact, it's a command—"love one another." But even more challenging are his next words: "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." He said it as he was about to show the depth of that love on the cross. He loved completely, self-sacrificially, pouring out the fullness of his life—no questions asked.

To "love one another" is one thing. To love as Jesus loved is quite another. If we're honest, our valentines to others may indeed say, "I love you?"—question mark included—if we're measuring our love against the standard Jesus set.

Think about all those we are commanded to love—those easy to love and those more difficult to love. How can we deepen that love into self-sacrifice? How can we break down our resistances and love more fully?

How can we love as Jesus loved: without question?

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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.

ST. MAURICE CHURCH

BOLTON, CT (22)

THIS 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

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

SUNDAY, APR. 28 –

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 (LAST SESSION)

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

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. Mass offered for +Peter Legasse 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

Last week's Offertory – April 21 – \$3,682

Last year's Offertory – April 22 – \$3,464

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (John 13:34)

Jesus showed His love by healing the sick, giving hope to the hopeless and ultimately dying on the cross for us. We, too, are called to show our love for one another. The agencies supported by the Annual Catholic Appeal carry on the work and the love of Jesus. When you give to the ACA you give love to someone in need.

NEXT WEEK
6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 4 – 5, 2013

Triple Play Café Breakfast & Blood Pressure Screening
2ND COLLECTION – Seminary Education Fund
USHERS GROUP III

SATURDAY, MAY 4 –

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for A Special Intention for Tami O'Brien request the Saturday Rosary Group

Altar Servers: Josh Meyers

Lector: Georgette Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Maureen Mozzer

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

SUNDAY, MAY 5 –

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Aniela, +Michael, +Joseph & +Andrew Kurys request of Mary Anne Murphy

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Joel Cohan

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

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

Altar Servers: Elena & Catherine Fiano

Lector: Barbara Fiano

Eucharistic Minister: Betty Aitkin

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, MAY 6 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Harold Picard 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, MAY 7 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Frank Anderson, Jr. request of Jennifer & Phil Daly

7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8 –

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

9:00 A.M. – FAIR WORKSHOP

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

7:00 P.M. – KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 9 – Holy Day of Obligation

The Ascension of the Lord

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

7:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice

FRIDAY, MAY 10 – No Mass

SATURDAY, MAY 11 –

10:00 A.M. – First Reconciliation – Immediately following will be the practice for 1st Communion

4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of April 28, 2013
 Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
 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 or Gn 1:26--2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Mt 13:54-58
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
 Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
 Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

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FROM THE OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT – Norwich Diocese

Catholic Elementary School Collection: May 18th and 19th, we will be kicking off our Catholic Elementary School Campaign with a special collection to support our schools. We have titled this campaign, “Faith for the Future” in recognition that our futures truly do belong to the children we are educating in our schools today. Our 13 Diocesan elementary schools need the support of all Catholics. On behalf of the children, we thank you in advance for your generosity.

Summer Program at the College of Saint Mary Magdalen

Once again, the College of Saint Mary Magdalen in Warner, NH is pleased to announce the dates for its Summer Program for high school students. The Collegiate Summer Program offers participants the opportunity to study theology, philosophy, literature and political science. During the summer program, students also attend daily Mass and enjoy sports, socials and day trips including hiking and canoeing. The program is for students who will be entering their sophomore, junior or senior year of high school in the fall of 2013. It is also open to students who have just graduated high school. The Collegiate Summer Program is a two-week session that runs from Sunday, July 28 – Saturday, August 10, 2013. Register today at www.magdalen.edu! For more information, contact the admissions office at admissions@magdalen.edu or 603.456.2656 x 119.

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 Pennsylvania Catholic Health Association (PCHA), for example, has stated tellingly: “...The assault on religion mounted by this mandate is staggering. It is time for the mandate to be amended to shed the bias against the very ministries created to advance Christ’s gospel values.”

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.

ST. MAURICE PARISH

2103 Annual Catholic Appeal Update

Our Parish Goal is \$10,217. 64 Gifts so far amount to \$6,257, and there are also 12 pledges amounting to \$3,140, so we are at 92% of our goal. If the 230 families yet to give would send just \$5 each, the goal would be achieved. Please donate online via our website, or pick up an envelope from the ushers’ tables in the back of the church.

Using Our Pictorial Directory Online

Misplaced your pictorial directory? New to the Parish? To access our pictorial directory online, go to our website and from the left menu select **Pictorial Directory**, then **Online Directory**. Select “photo directory” from the top menu. Enter 7Gifts in the box and Submit. If you select “our members” from the top menu, you can find families, family members, and contact information that may not be in the photo directory. If your family or its picture are not included in the directory and you would like them to be, contact tmanning818@sbcglobal.net. A photo session can be arranged and the directory updated.

Saint Maurice Prayer Line - UPDATE

Our Prayer Line has been active for over 20 years and currently has approximately 30 members. Since its inception, the mode of contact has been via the telephone. We have recently expanded the way in which you can reach us, by providing a “Prayer Request Box”. It is located in the front of the Church on Our Blessed Mother’s side.

The purpose of the box is to make available to all, including children and teenagers, a place to submit their prayer requests. All requests will be forwarded to the St. Maurice Prayer Line. Parishioners and visitors to St. Maurice are also welcomed to use this option for placing their petitions on the prayer line.

Of course, you may still call the Prayer Line phone numbers that are listed on the Bulletin Cover. If you have any questions, Please call 860-643-2837 or 860-649-5449.

MANAGE YOUR GIVING ONLINE

You can now manage your donations and payments to St. Maurice online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet.

Simply follow these steps:

1. Visit our website at www.saintmauricebolton.org,
2. Select **Donate Online** from the menu at left,
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4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.



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