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Sixth Sunday of Easter • May 5, 2013

Good News!

May 5, 2013

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 15:1–2, 22–29 / Rv 21:10–14, 22–23 / Jn 14:23–29

Some experiences you can have only when living with someone. You have a regular dinner companion, someone to share household responsibilities with, someone to share your day's experiences with. No matter what the relationship, it can be fantastic.

But sometimes it's not. Your parent snores loudly enough to wake the neighbors. Your roommate prefers the floor for clothes storage as opposed to a closet. Your spouse can't write "laundry detergent" or "olive oil" on the well displayed grocery list (not that my husband is guilty of any of these...).

That's why I did a double-take when reading today's Gospel. Jesus, in his farewell discourse from John, declares that he and the Father will "make our dwelling" with those who keep God's word. The Greek word for "dwelling" is *monē*. It indicates that this is not temporary—it's not an overnight camping trip or a two-week can-I-crash-on-your-couch situation. *Monē* intends a permanent home for God with us—not over us or next to us or down the street. With us, within our very selves.

But hasn't God learned about roommates? Doesn't God know about the snoring? About our sins and our brokenness? Our unworthiness and our doubts? I certainly can't explain God's choices.

I can only rejoice that God has decided to dwell with us in spite of our many flaws, foibles, quirks, and outright sin.

It's the best experience of "living with someone" I can imagine.

Janel Esker
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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 (23)

THIS 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

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

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

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

Last week's Offertory – April 28 – \$3,326

Last year's Offertory – April 29 – \$3,340

"...do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." (John 14:27)

When we let the daily pressures of life trouble us, we begin to believe that we are responsible for taking care of everything.

This causes us to frantically cling to our time and treasure.

Yet, Jesus tells us not to be troubled or afraid. Take a deep breath, pray and place your trust in God. When you do, you will be a better steward of all that God has placed in your care.

NEXT WEEK
7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 11 – 12, 2013
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION
USHERS GROUP IV

SATURDAY, MAY 11 –

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Mary Ann Flynn request the Bert & Marge Flynn

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea

Lector: Patti Cinea

Eucharistic Minister: Annedda Stiller

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

SUNDAY, MAY 12 –

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Michal, +Helena, Henry Sobczak & +Thomas Krzanowski request of Lucy Szwed

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Richardson

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. – First Holy Communion Mass offered for the Children Receiving First Communion

Altar Servers: Nicholas VanDine

Lector: Evelyn O'Connor

Eucharistic Minister: Clifford Scorso

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, MAY 13 –

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.

7:00 P.M. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 14 –

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

7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15 –

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

THURSDAY, MAY 16 – No Mass

FRIDAY, MAY 17 – No Mass

SATURDAY, MAY 18 –

4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of May 5, 2013

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26--16:4a

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

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

Thursday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

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

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

Next Sunday: Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26

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FROM THE OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE – Norwich Diocese

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"Catholic Underground CT" College age and young adults gather at Holy Apostles College and Seminary in Cromwell monthly Sept. through May. The night begins at 7:30pm with Adoration, vespers and praise. At 8:30pm the social begins with live music and refreshments. The next gathering is Saturday, May 18th. For more information: Website: www.catholicundergroundct.com.

Home Buyers and Foreclosure Prevention Classes: Do you need help with purchasing a home or falling behind on mortgage payments? Need help with budgeting or filling out applications for EMAP? All services are provided free at Catholic Charities, a HUD approved Counseling Agency. Also: *Free ongoing* Foreclosure Prevention and 8 hour Home Buyers Education Classes are offered by Catholic Charities in Norwich, New London and Plainfield locations. For information: 860-889-8346 ext.271.

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Thursday, May 16 th (Pre-K to Grade 8) 74 Main Street, Manchester, is hosting an Open House, from 6 pm to 8 pm. Catholic academic excellence in a community grounded in faith. Balanced curriculum that includes art, music, physical education and Spanish instruction (Gr. 3 to 8). Emphasis on moral development, service to others and leadership skills. Safe and disciplined environment. Come see firsthand the latest learning technologies available! Interactive white boards K to 8 rooms, Apple iPad mobile learning lab, and 2 laptop labs. St. Bridget School is a Pre-K, through elementary/middle school with an average student to teacher ratio of 17:1. Saint Bridget School is open to all religious faiths, and draws a diverse student population from 18 area towns. Come meet the faculty, staff, students, parents and recent Alumni. Questions? Call us at: 860.649.7731 x18 or visit our website at: www.saintbridget-school.com

Banns of Ordination

The Following Deacon will be called to the Order of the Priesthood on Saturday, May 25, 2013:

Rev. Mr. Brian Christopher Maxwell

Should you know of any reason why this man should not be ordained a priest, please write to:

The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich
201 Broadway
Norwich, CT 06360

ST. MAURICE PARISH

ON THE ROAD TO EDEN HILL ...

On Sunday, June 2nd, all parishioners are invited to travel as a parish community on retreat, to the **National Shrine of the Divine Mercy** in Stockbridge, MA. Highlights include the recitation of the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at 3 pm, adoration of the Eucharist, the Lourdes Grotto, as well as shrines to the Immaculate Conception, the Holy Innocents, Holy Family, the groves of St. Therese and St. Francis, and visit many more beautiful sites on the grounds in Eden Hill. All areas are handicap accessible. Our goal is to obtain a sign-up of 55 persons, which would enable us to fill a coach bus for a cost of about \$13 a person. There are no entrance fees at the Shrine. A sign up sheet is on the back table. Seating is limited. The bus will leave St. Maurice at 11:30 am and the Shrine at 4:00 pm. For more information please contact Fr. Wojciech or Patti Cinea @ 860-646-0564.

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.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

With the federal healthcare mandate taking effect in August, many religious employers, businesses operated by people of faith, and individuals will not be exempt, and will be forced to violate their religious beliefs or pay a fine. The time is now to contact the White House. Let them know that the mandate violates the First Amendment, which guarantees every American freedom of religion. Call the White House at: 202-456-1111 or 202-456-1414 or email: www.whitehouse.gov/contact.



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