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Ascension of the Lord • May 12, 2013

May 12, 2013
dear Padre
**What's the difference between
martyrdom and suicide?**

Both martyrs and people who commit suicide willingly sacrifice their lives, so how are they different? If I deliberately put myself in a probable position to be killed—even for a worthy cause—isn't that still a form of suicide?

Life is a gift from God. While both martyrdom and suicide contradict the natural human disposition to preserve and perpetuate life, the former is a totally self-giving act; the latter, a self-inflicted one.

The early Church believed that martyrs went directly to heaven because their sacrifice of life was the ultimate Christ-like expression. Their courageous endurance of indignities and tortures—their heroic willingness to die in defense of the faith or to save another's life—demonstrates a supreme love of God and neighbor over love for life itself (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2473).

Those who take their own lives to end personal suffering make a decision that belongs to God alone. It's an action that can revolve totally around the "self," often with little thought given to its consequences.

Nevertheless, our compassionate God fully knows the intensity of suffering that triggers suicide and "can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance" (2283).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
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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!

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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.

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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 (24)

THIS 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 of Bert & Marge Flynn

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

SUNDAY, MAY 12 – HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

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

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

Last week's Offertory – May 5 – \$2,974
Last year's Offertory – May 6 – \$3,600

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (Revelations 22:13)

These words from the last chapter of the Bible are a final reminder for us to put God first in our lives, in all that we do. Putting God first doesn't mean giving until it hurts. It means giving until we are filled with joy and contentment. This usually means giving more generously, not less.

NEXT WEEK
PENTECOST SUNDAY
MAY 18 – 19, 2013
2nd Collection – Catholic Elementary School Campaign
USHERS GROUP I

SATURDAY, MAY 18 –

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Wayne P. Fruke (5th Anniv.) request of Katherine Fruke

Altar Servers: *Maria Cinea*

Lector: *Bert Flynn*

Eucharistic Minister: *Linda Wiley*

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

SUNDAY, MAY 19 –

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Donald Holbrook request of the Family

Altar Servers: *Shirley Warbeck*

Lector: *Joel Cohan*

Eucharistic Minister: *Arlene Giglio*

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +John Sheetz request of Lou & Dorli Cloutier

Altar Servers: *Alex Czercowy*

Lector: *Rita Sheetz*

Eucharistic Minister: *Sharon Scorso*

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, MAY 20 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +John Sheetz and His Family request of the Edward Murphy Family

5:00 P.M. – Parish BINGO – Food available from 5 P.M. GAMES begin at 6:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, MAY 21 –

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

7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Levi Fournier and +Isabelle Voisine request of Solange Fournier

9:00 A.M. – FAIR WORKSHOP

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

THURSDAY, MAY 23 – No Mass

FRIDAY, MAY 24 – No Mass

SATURDAY, MAY 25 –

4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of May 12, 2013

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

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

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ST. MAURICE PARISH**ON THE ROAD TO EDEN HILL ...**

On Sunday, June 2nd, all parishioners and their guests 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, the Lourdes Grotto, as well as shrines to the Immaculate Conception, the Holy Innocents, Holy Family, and many more beautiful sites on the grounds of 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. 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.

2013 Annual Catholic Appeal Update

Our Parish Goal is \$10,217. 71 Gifts so far amount to \$6,487, and there are also 15 pledges amounting to \$3,480, so we are at 98% of our goal. If the 222 families yet to give would send just \$2 each, the goal would be achieved. Please donate online via our website, or pick up an envelope from one of the ushers' tables in the back of the church.

FAITH FOR THE FUTURE

The weekend of May 18th & 19th there will be a second collection for the 2013 Catholic Elementary School Campaign. Please consider a generous donation to help keep our Catholic Elementary Schools open. Thank you.

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

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

"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.

Marriage Preparation for Engaged Couples

"God's Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage"

July 12, 19, 26, 2013 6:30pm-9:00pm

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Gales Ferry

To register for the 3 session class call:

Family Life Office at: 860-889-8346 ext.283

Eucharistic Adoration—In this Year of Faith, a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration will be celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich, on Friday, May 24, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, 213 Broadway in Norwich. This Holy Hour will be celebrated on the eve of the Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon Brian Maxwell. Also, we will join with our Holy Father, Pope Francis (and with dioceses around the world) in an hour of Eucharistic Adoration in a profound communion with Christ to intensify our faith in the Eucharist during the Year of Faith. All are encouraged to participate in the Holy Hour and in Deacon Maxwell's Ordination on Saturday, May 25, at 10:30 a.m. at our newly restored Cathedral.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

From May 20 -29, 2013, Archbishop Henry J. Mansell will be leading a *Year of Faith Pilgrimage* to Rome and other Italian cities. He will celebrate Mass at the four major basilicas in Rome: St. Peter, St. Mary Major, St. Paul Outside the Walls and St. John Lateran. He and the Connecticut pilgrims will pray that the federal health care mandate is changed so that freedom of religion is protected for people of all faiths.

If you have a special intention, the Archbishop will remember your intentions during the Masses on the pilgrimage. Visit: www.archdioceseofhartford.org and click in the *Year of Faith* box to fill out and email a form.

The time is now to contact the White House and 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 visit www.whitehouse.gov/contact.

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