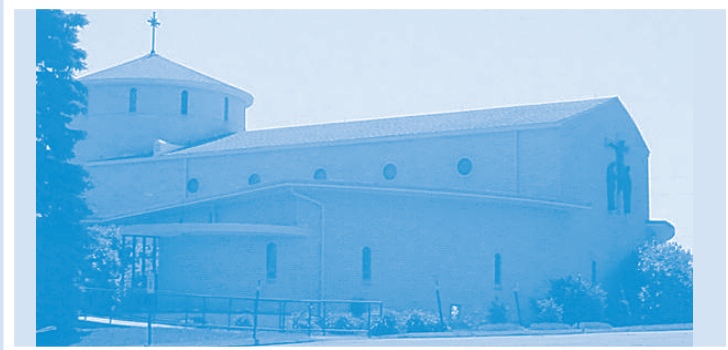


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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER/DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY— APRIL 3,

Good News!

April 3, 2016

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER / DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (C)

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

In our time, seven days have passed since we celebrated Christ's rising. But in the Church's reckoning, it is still Easter. We may have gotten on with our earthly lives, but our spiritual calendar (and reality) remains steeped in awe, wonder, and gratitude that God incarnate walked among us and gave his life for us. The readings of the Easter Octave offer a taste of what it is like to live in God's time—in his presence and kingdom—as he calms our fears, strengthens our faith, and fills us with the Spirit. Much happens after Mary Magdalene visits and leaves the tomb. Other women who come to anoint Jesus meet him, embrace him, and obey his command to spread the Good News. Mary herself obeyed and ran to tell the apostles—though she mistook the Lord for a gardener until he spoke her name. Two disciples on the road out of town listen to Jesus' teaching and finally know him in the breaking of bread. Jesus eats with others and assures them of the Father's promise. There is another miraculous catch of fish and a breakfast with the disciples on the Sea of Galilee.

Within the scriptural context of this weeklong feast, we realize that the risen Christ is everywhere, with all of us, and existing throughout and beyond time. He appears when we least expect him; he is our teacher and our master; he feeds us with heavenly food; and he is there when we break bread together. May this knowledge strengthen our faith that Christ lives and will in time carry us home.

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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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By appointment.

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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.



THIS WEEK

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 2 — 3, 2016
USHERS GROUP III

SATURDAY, APR 2

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Walter Hetzer
request of Marge and Burt Flynn.

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea
Lectors: Bert Flynn
Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley

6:00 P.M. **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**
SPRING FLING MIXER in the Parish Center

SUNDAY, APR 3

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

Altar Servers: Shirley Holbrook
Lector: Joel Cohan
Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

8:30 A.M. — 8:50 A.M. **YOUTH CHOIR** in the Church

8:30 A.M. **BREAKFAST FOR FAITH FORMATION**

9:00 A.M. **FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for
All Donors of Divine Mercy Painting

Altar Servers: Emilia & Marta Herasimowicz
Lector: Lee Snuffer
Eucharistic Minister: Janusz Herasimowicz

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

MONDAY, APR 4

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Lynn Hebler Pinard
request of Mary Mumford and Family

TUESDAY, APR 5

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

7:15 P.M. **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

WEDNESDAY, APR 6

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

9:00 A.M. **CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP** in the Parish Center

THURSDAY, APR 7 — NO MASS

FRIDAY, APR 8 — NO MASS

SATURDAY, APR 9

4:30 P.M. **ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS**

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: March 27 — \$3,078

Projected Amount needed \$3,370

"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



APRIL 9 — 10, 2016
USHERS GROUP IV

SATURDAY, APR 9

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for †Arthur Kehl
request of Irene Kehl

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea
Lectors: Patti Cinea
Eucharistic Minister: Annedda Stiller

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, APR 10

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for †Raymond Poniatoski
request of Bob and Jane Hunt

Altar Servers: Shirley Holbrook
Lector: Judy Knox
Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

8:30 A.M. — 8:50 A.M. **YOUTH CHOIR** in the Church

NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer
Lector: Jeffrey Monroe
Eucharistic Minister: Clifford Scorso

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

MONDAY, APR 11

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Suzanne Dower
request of Lynn Mancino

TUESDAY, APR 12

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Lena C. Bloznalis
request of The Dean and Bloznalis Families

7:00 P.M. **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

7:15 P.M. **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

WEDNESDAY, APR 13

9:00 A.M. — NO MASS

9:00 A.M. **CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP** in the Parish Center

THURSDAY, APR 14 — NO MASS

FRIDAY, APR 15 — NO MASS

SATURDAY, APR 16

4:30 P.M. **ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS**

Readings for the Week of April 3, 2016

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE

Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line, especially the new requests for this week.

Thank you. Carol and MaryAnn.



Thank you to all who helped with the Easter food delivery. To ShopRite for all the hams, to the Keenans for the 40 bags of potatoes, to all our parishioners who donated food and money, to our Faith Formation students who put it together, and the parents and young people who made the delivery. We've started receiving "Thank you" a couple of hours after the delivery.



FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

Please join the Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, D.D. on Saturday, April 9th at the Mystic Marriott in Groton CT to celebrate Catholic Charities "95th Anniversary Gala." The evening begins at 6:00 PM with a Silent Auction and Dinner. We will honor the following individuals: Humanitarian of the Year: Meg Gustafson; Community Servants of the Year: Willimantic Advisory Board; Honoring our Heritage Award: Jacqueline Keller and Catholic Charities Employee of the Year: Therese Fontaine. Tickets are \$125. Proceeds from this event allows Catholic Charities to continue our mission of providing services for our neighbors most in need in Eastern Connecticut. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please contact: Christine Jackel 860-886-1928 x12 or via e-mail at cjackel@norwichdiocese.net.

WORKSHOP

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Defending Our Religious Liberty

Critics who say the Catholic Church is against universal health care are misinformed. The Catholic Church is founded on the Corporal Works of Mercy and helping others. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has always advocated for health care. The Catholic Church is opposing the health care mandate, because it violates the First Amendment, which is supposed to safeguard freedom of religion.

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