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Good News!

May 1, 2016

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

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

For many Catholics, Vatican Council II was a watershed moment in Church history. I remember the nuns in our school turning on the radio to listen to reports. They shared what Pope St. John XXIII said at the start of the council. The media still follow large Church events, but it's easy to forget that Church leaders have been gathering to talk about the issues of the day since the first century.

In the first reading, we hear (in fairly abbreviated form) about the Council of Jerusalem. The apostles and other leaders of the Church came together to discuss whether Gentiles had to be circumcised (a tenet of Jewish Law) before they were baptized. There were legitimate claims on both sides. Remarkably, the leaders prayed, talked, and prayed some more. They spoke from their experience and their faith. They assumed that all the assembled were people of faith, and so they wrestled together to find the answer most in keeping with the commands of Jesus.

In the end, when they decided to admit Gentiles without circumcising them, the whole community recognized that the Holy Spirit was at work, and the letter sent to the various churches began, "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us..." The Council of Jerusalem gives us a model for resolving our differences: pray, dialogue, and pray some more. This week, read all of Acts 15 to see what happens when we trust the Spirit to guide us rightly: arguments fall silent, and we find delight, strength, and peace (see 15:12, 31-32; John 14:27).

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — MAY 1, 2016

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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!

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.

**THIS WEEK****6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER****APRIL 30 — MAY 1, 2016****USHERS GROUP III****2ND COLLECTION FOR SEMINARY EDUCATION FUND****SATURDAY, APR 30**

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for †Ken Caya
request of The Caya Family

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea

Lectors: Patti Cinea

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement**SUNDAY, MAY 1**

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

Altar Servers: Shirley Holbrook

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Richardson

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

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Richard FitzHenry and
†Elizabeth VanDine

request of Jonathan and Sharon VanDine

Altar Servers: Emilia & Marta Herasimowicz

Lector: Rita Sheetz

Eucharistic Minister: Janusz Herasimowicz

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass**COFFEE SOCIAL** after Mass in the Church Basement**MONDAY, MAY 2**

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

TUESDAY, MAY 3

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Nancy Stoppeworth
request of The Prayer Group.

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

THURSDAY, MAY 5 — ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Louis Cloutier

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

Altar Servers: Alex Czercowy

Lector: Jeffrey Monroe

Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen Smythe

FRIDAY, MAY 6 — NO MASS**SATURDAY, MAY 7**

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

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: April 24 — \$3,792

Projected Amount needed \$3,370

"...do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." *JOHN 14:27*
Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust He has a better plan for you.



ASCENSION

NEXT WEEK**7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER****MAY 7 — 8, 2016****USHERS GROUP IV****2ND COLLECTION — MAINTENANCE OFFERING****SATURDAY, MAY 7**

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea

Lectors: Bert Flynn

Eucharistic Minister: Georgette Pelletier

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement**SUNDAY, MAY 8**

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for †Lena C. Bloznalis
request of The Dean & Bloznalis Families

Altar Servers: Shirley Holbrook

Lector: Judy Trzcinski

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

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

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Nancy Shaffer,
†Rosemarie Ryan and †Delores Burns.
request of David and Maureen Shaffer

Altar Servers: Alex Czercowy

Lector: Lee Snuffer

Eucharistic Minister: Lou Cloutier

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

COFFEE SOCIAL FOR ST. MAURICE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES
after Mass in the Church Basement

MONDAY, MAY 9

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

TUESDAY, MAY 10

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church
Rosary will be recited after Mass

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Margaret Fontanella
request of The Prayer Group

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

THURSDAY, MAY 12 — NO MASS**FRIDAY, MAY 13 — NO MASS****6:00 P.M. CONFIRMATION PRACTICE AT SACRED HEART Church****SATURDAY, MAY 14**

4:30 P.M. **CONFIRMATION AT SACRED HEART CHURCH**

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

Readings for the Week of May 1, 2016

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Jn 15:26--16:4a
Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-5/Jn 14:6-14
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-14/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-9/Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23 or Eph 1:17-23/Lk 24:46-53
Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-7/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10/Jn 16:23b-28

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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.

**FIRST COMMUNION**

First Holy Communion will be on Sunday, May 22nd at 10:00 A.M.

The Sacrament of Penance will be on Saturday, May 21st at 10:00 A.M.

Immediately following this there will be a practice for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion Mass.

**CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation Mass will take place at Sacred Heart Church in Vernon on Saturday, May 14th at 4:30 P.M.

Mass will be celebrated by Monsignor Brown.

Practice will be on Friday, May 13th at 6:00 P.M. at Sacred Heart.

St. Maurice Parish Council invites our Confirmation Candidates to share a Mass together on Sunday, May 8th at 10:00 A.M. and will have a Coffee Social afterwards for them. First year candidates are welcome too.

Please join us for this special celebration!

St. Luke Church 15th Annual Golf Tournament will be on Friday, June 3, 2016 at the Rolling Meadows Country Club, Ellington. Donation is \$120 per golfer and includes Green Fees, Golf Cart, Lunch, Dinner, T-Shirt and Goody Bag, Prizes and Contests and chances to win a car and other prizes for a hole-in-one. To reserve your golf or dinner only reservation (\$15.00) please call Kitty Walker at 860-872-0229 or Bob Ohrt at 860-871-2542.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

If insurance companies offer vision and dental plans separately, why can't the federal healthcare mandate offer separate plans for services that violate the religious freedom of Catholic organizations?

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445, and your elected state representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.


FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, May 7 at 8:30 a.m. Please join us and our celebrant Rev. Robert Washabaugh at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed both at the Cathedral and Planned Parenthood. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.

It is time to **register for World Youth Day-CT.**

World Youth Day-CT will take place on Saturday, July 23rd at Xavier High School in Middletown beginning at 1pm. All rising 7th Grade through High School are welcome as we bridge the themes and music of World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland to CT. Dioceses from around New England will be joining us. To lead our celebration, Cooper Ray will be sharing his stories and joyous lyrics then Bishop Cote will be celebrating our weekend liturgy. There will also be a time to learn about the Acts of Mercy and how each of us can help one another. Snacks will be provided. All this for a mere \$10 entrance fee, but after May 20th the fee will go up to \$15.

If you are interested, please contact your Catechetical Leader or Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or (860)848-2237 ex. 305.



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All women in the Diocese are cordially invited to attend the

Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's 61th Annual Convention on Saturday, May 14, 2016, at St. Andrew's Church, 128 Norwich Ave., Colchester CT.

The day begins at 9:00 with registration and coffee. Our keynote speaker will be Fr. Brian Maxwell, Spiritual Advisor for the Norwich Diocesan Council and Missionary of Mercy appointed by Bishop Michael Cote. His topic will be *Beautiful Mercy*. Mass will be at noon and the luncheon will immediately follow.

Registration fee for lunch and the materials is \$25.00. Checks should be made out to WDCCW and mailed to Annette Murphy, 46 Highland Road, Mansfield, CT 06250.

Call Annette at 860-423-2397 if you have any questions.

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