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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — MAY 8, 2016

dear Padre

May 8, 2016

Pay heed at Mass

Should I read the bulletin at Mass? And should the priest make announcements during his homily?

The Mass is the high point of Christ's work to sanctify us and of the worship that we offer to the Father through his Son (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 1). Therefore, it is of greatest importance that the celebration "be so arranged that the ministers and the faithful who take their own proper part in it may more fully receive its good effects"; this is best accomplished when the Mass "brings about in the faithful a participation in body and spirit that is conscious, active, full, and motivated by faith, hope, and charity" (*GIRM* 2, 3).

Reading the bulletin—or even praying the rosary or breviary—during Mass would prevent this highest participation that the Church desires, the nature of the celebration demands, and the duty for the Christian people dictates. Brief commentaries on the Scripture readings that assist the faithful are better read *before* Mass. The homily also assists the faithful in their full participation. In explaining the Word of God, the homily "must always lead the community of the faithful to celebrate the Eucharist actively, 'so that they may hold fast in their lives to what they have grasped by their faith'" (*Lectionary* 2.24). Thus, "any necessary announcements are to be kept completely separate from the homily; they must take place following the prayer after Communion" (*Lectionary* 2.27).

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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.

**THIS 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 †Charles Minicucci
request of Dorli and Lou Cloutier**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 SACRET HEART CHURCH**4:30 P.M.** ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS**STEWARDSHIP**

Last week's Offertory: May 1 — \$2,701

Projected Amount needed \$3,370

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

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week — putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is a lifestyle, it's how I make all my decisions.

NEXT WEEK**PENTECOST SUNDAY****MAY 14 — 15, 2016****USHERS GROUP I****SATURDAY, MAY 14****4:30 P.M.** CONFIRMATION AT SACRET HEART CHURCH**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for Mary Ann Flynn
request of Marge and Bert Flynn

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea

Lectors: Georgette Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Patti Cinea

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement**SUNDAY, MAY 15****7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for †Casmir and †Thomas Kurys
request of Helen Kurys and Family

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 †Elizabeth Fiano Chieffo
request of The Fiano Family

Altar Servers: Emilia & Marta Herasimowicz

Lector: Evelyn O'Connor

Eucharistic Minister: Janusz Herasimowicz

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass**COFFEE SOCIAL** after Mass in the Church Basement**MONDAY, MAY 16****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Helen Veitch
request of Patti Cinea**TUESDAY, MAY 17****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Lena C. Bloznalis
request of The Dean & Bloznalis Families**7:15 P.M.** CHOIR REHEARSAL**WEDNESDAY, MAY 18****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Robert Hyland
request of The Prayer Group**9:00 A.M.** CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP in the Parish Center**7:00 P.M.** KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUSINESS MEETING**THURSDAY, MAY 19 — NO MASS****FRIDAY, MAY 20 — NO MASS****SATURDAY, MAY 21****10:00 A.M.** FIRST RECONCILIATION
followed by a practice for 1st Communion Mass**4:30 P.M.** ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS**Readings for the Week of May 8, 2016**

Sunday: Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-7/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-36/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-8/Jn 15:9-17

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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.

First Reconciliation will be on Saturday, May 21st at 10:00 A.M. Immediately following this there will be a practice for First 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 invited our Confirmation Candidates to share a Mass together on Sunday, May 8th at 10:00 A.M. and a Coffee Social afterwards for them. First year candidates are welcome too.

Please join us for this special celebration!

**Defending Our Religious Liberty**

Religious liberty is not eccentric uncle of the human rights family. It is as real as our Constitution. It is very real to our ministries, to our clients and to all Americans. Catholic organizations will have to face exorbitant penalties amounting to tens of millions of dollars, or shut down, if the federal healthcare mandate is not revised.

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**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 Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or (860)848-2237 ex. 305.

Evening for Parents - Wednesday, May 25, 6-9 p.m., *Parenting Upstream: How to Live a Faith-Filled Family Life in the Face of a "Throwaway Culture,"* with Liza and Ben Peters. Explore how to live out the Catholic vocation of parenthood in the midst of the messiness of raising a family. \$40 per person/ \$60 per couple - **includes dinner.** Call to register - 860-760-9705 or register online at www.holyfamilyretreat.org
Holy Family Retreat Center, West Hartford.

Summer Program at Northeast Catholic College

Northeast Catholic College 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 2016. 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 24 – Saturday, August 6, 2016.

Register today at <http://www.northeastcatholic.edu/>

For more information, contact the admissions office at admissions@northeastcatholic.edu 603.456.2656.

All women in the Diocese are cordially invited to attend

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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