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**APRIL 23, 2017**  
**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Before His own townspeople, in Nazareth, Christ refers to the words of the prophet Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." In Luke, this is His first messianic declaration. It is followed by the actions and words known through the Gospel. By these actions and words Christ makes the Father present among men. It is very significant that the people in question are especially the poor, those deprived of their freedom, the blind who cannot see the beauty of creation, those living with broken hearts, or suffering from social injustice, and finally sinners. It is for these last that the Messiah becomes a clear sign of God who is love, a sign of the Father. In this visible sign the people of our own time, just like the people then, can see the Father.

When the messengers sent by John the Baptist came to Jesus to ask Him: "Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?", He answered by referring to the same testimony with which He had begun His teaching at Nazareth: "Go and tell John what it is that you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them." He then ended with the words: "And blessed is he who takes no offense at me".

Through His lifestyle and His actions, Jesus revealed that love is present in the world in which we live - an effective love, a love that embraces everything that makes up his humanity. This love makes itself noticed in contact with suffering, injustice and poverty - in contact with the whole historical "human condition," which in various ways manifests man's limitation and frailty, both physical and moral. It is precisely the mode and sphere in which love manifests itself that in biblical language is called "mercy."

Christ, then, reveals God who is Father, who is "love," as St. John will express it in his first letter; Christ reveals God as "rich in mercy," as we read in St. Paul. This truth is not just the subject of a teaching; it is a reality made present to us by Christ. Making the Father present as love and mercy is, in Christ's own consciousness, the fundamental touchstone of His mission as the Messiah; this is confirmed by the words that He uttered first in the synagogue at Nazareth and later in the presence of His disciples and of John the Baptist's messengers.

*- Dives in Misericordia, Pope St. John Paul II*

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY — APRIL 23, 2017**

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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 a Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, 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):**

Saturday 4:15 p.m. — 4:45 p.m.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

Please call the rectory (860-748-4560) 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.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
**(2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER)**  
**APRIL 22 — 23, 2017**  
**USHERS GROUP II**

**SATURDAY, APR 22**

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

*Altar Servers:* Patti Cinea  
*Lectors:* Patti Cinea  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Bert Flynn

**SUNDAY, APR 23**

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

*Altar Servers:* Shirley Holbrook  
*Lector:* Judy Trzcinski  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Arlene Giglio

**8:30 A.M. — 8:50 A.M. YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL**

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

**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Elizabeth Heffernan request of her daughter, Karen Voghel

*Altar Servers:* Alex Czercowy  
*Lector:* Katherine Monroe  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Lou Cloutier

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass**

**5:30 P.M. EVENING PRAYER**

**MONDAY, APR 24**

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

**TUESDAY, APR 25**

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

**WEDNESDAY, APR 26**

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

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

**9:00 A.M. CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP**

**THURSDAY, APR 27 — NO MASS**

**FRIDAY, APR 28 — NO MASS**

**SATURDAY, APR 29**

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

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Easter Offertory: \$3,877**  
**Projected Amount needed \$2,980**

*"The just man's offering enriches the altar and rises as a sweet odor before the Most High. The just man's sacrifice is most pleasing, nor will it ever be forgotten. In generous spirit pay homage to the LORD, be not sparing of freewill gifts. With each contribution show a cheerful countenance, and pay your tithes in a spirit of joy. Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously, according to your means. For the LORD is one who always repays, and he will give back to you sevenfold."*

- SIRACH 35:8-13



**St. Maurice Council 6199**  
**Triple Play Cafe**

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
**Sunday April 30, 2017**  
**Place:** Ryba Hall, Parish Center  
**What:** Breakfast Buffet including scrambled eggs, sausage, fresh fruit salad, orange juice, pancakes, cinnamon rolls, tea, and coffee. Blood pressure screening available.  
**Cost:** \$6 per person, \$18 per family  
**Profits support a variety of charitable activities.**  
**Contact:** Anthony Girasoli, Grand Knight  
 (860) 533-9450



**2017 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

**"Our Faith Calls US To ACTION"**

Thank you to those who have donated or pledged to the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not given in previous years, please consider a nominal donation. Participation counts! Envelopes are in the pews and on the ushers' tables in back. You can also Donate Online through the St. Maurice website.

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**Parish Membership Form**

Drop in collection ^

Please enroll the following as members of the Church of St. Maurice:

Adults \_\_\_\_\_

Children (under 18) \_\_\_\_\_

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Send offertory envelopes  Send form for EFT (electronic donation)  We will Donate Online

We can help out as: Altar server  Lector  Usher  Eucharistic Minister  Choir  Crafts workshop

**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: Nick, Jerry, Fr. Burns, Matt, Fr. Leon, John.

Candle Intentions: Donald, Gregg, Mary, Jean, Jackie, Carmine. Special prayers for all who are attending our Church today, for their families and for all their Intentions. Special prayers for Joel Cohan who died, and for his family.

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

*Special Service*

lead by Father Leon

3:00 p.m.

April 23, 2017

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Benediction

**Retreat Theme:** *The Light of Simplicity* - Join Holy Family's retreat team for a weekend of peace and reflection as we explore the simple and transformative message at the heart of Jesus' teaching. Discover how simplicity can shine a light on what is truly essential and important in our lives. Be renewed and inspired by the paradox of simplicity and the gift of faith. The retreat includes: home-cooked meals, inspirational liturgies, uplifting music, free time, and workshops. The retreat begins with dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Friday evening and concludes with Sunday brunch at noon.

[www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org)

or call Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford CT at [860.760.9705](tel:860.760.9705) for more info.

**Men's Retreat Date:** June 9-11, 2017

**Women's Retreat Date:** June 2-4, 2017

**Faith Formation Teachers Needed**

Teachers are needed for Grades 5-6 (Middle School) and Grades 9-10 (Confirmation Preparation). How about some of the fathers getting involved too? We will train you and develop the program. Contact the office at (860) 643-4466 or Amie Tillman at [saintmauriceccd@gmail.com](mailto:saintmauriceccd@gmail.com)

**Father Leon is available at all time for any Spiritual needs, to call or meet with him personally, you're always welcomed. Reach him direct at (860) 748-4560.**

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**

**WHITE MASS FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS AND CAREGIVERS OF ALL FAITHS**

will be celebrated at the **Cathedral of Saint Patrick, 213 Broadway, Norwich, on Sunday, April 30, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.** Brunch will immediately follow in the Church Hall. The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote will be the Celebrant and the Homilist, and the featured speaker will be Sister Judith Jacobus, M.D. The topic will be "Compassion for the Infirm". The donation for brunch is \$25.00. Health care workers of all faiths are invited. For further information call Monsignor Brown at 860-887-9294, ext. 232.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

"They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." Happy Easter! He has risen! Let us welcome Jesus even more into our marriages by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Jul 7-9, 2017 in Manchester, CT and Nov 3-5, 2017 in Manchester, CT. For more information, call Paul & Kim Gilbert at [860-376-0440](tel:860-376-0440) or visit us at <https://www.mectw.org/>

**DIOCESAN YOUTH POP**

*Play Hard, Pray Hard*

All High School youth, grades 9 – 12, are invited to Play and Pray!! This event on Saturday, May 6th will kick off with a

**Youth Mass at St. Joseph in Rockville at 4 p.m. and continue to Spare Time in Vernon at 5 p.m.**

for Endless bowling, one game of Laser tag, pizza, soda, and prayer. Permission form and fee must be in to the Diocese by Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. If you need forms, please email Liza Roach at [lroach@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net). Rides are not provided by event. Event ends at 7:30 p.m.

You may also download the flyer and permission form in PDF from the home page of the St. Maurice website via the Youth POP link under **Also This Week** at the end of the Fellowship line. It can be filled out electronically in Adobe Reader and sent to Church Coordinator Tom Manning at [tmanning818@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tmanning818@sbcglobal.net).

**Defending Our Religious Liberty**

When demanding that the federal health care mandate be revised, the Catholic Church is asking that the same consideration be extended to the faithful who are awaiting judicial reliefs so that they can live by their religious beliefs without facing government penalties for doing so.

When amending the mandate, pray that the new administration protects religious freedom.



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