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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — MAY 7, 2017

WE MUST  
TRUST  
HIM TO  
LEAD



"Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture." Jesus uses the image of a gate today to help us understand how we are to relate to him. He is our path to "pasture," in other words, to the peace and prosperity that we long for. He shows us the way to find all that we need right there before us. Some people, however, may think that it's better to avoid the trouble of finding the gate and thus choose to enter another way instead. But Jesus says, "Whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber." Although this is all cast in the gentle terms of an analogy about sheep, the message is actually rather stern. Jesus is telling us that if we don't follow him, we are taking the wrong course of action. He is not suggesting a kind of relativistic principle that says, "Following me is one of many good options." No. He is telling us that in order to "have life and have it more abundantly," we must follow the path that goes by way of Christ.

This isn't always the easiest path to follow. It might mean taking the long way around a situation instead of a shortcut. It might mean waiting a little while to get to that pasture instead of hopping the fence and finding it on our own terms. Insisting on using the gate may also make us look like fools to those around us. But to be truly faithful followers of Jesus, we need to trust that his way is the best way. We need to trust that, by letting him lead, we will ultimately end up in the best possible pasture. In our culture, it is becoming less and less popular to believe in one true religion, but as Christians we know that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.

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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 860-748-4560.



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MAY 6 — 7, 2017**

**USHERS GROUP IV**

**2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION FOR THE SEMINARY EDUCATION FUND**

**SATURDAY, MAY 6**

**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for †Joel Cohan  
request of Knights of Columbus, Council #6199

*Altar Servers:* Patti Cinea  
*Lectors:* Patti Cinea  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Patti Cinea, Georgette Pelletier

**SUNDAY, MAY 7**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for †Raymond and †Lilyan Hunt  
request of Jane and Robert Hunt

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

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

**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Ken Caya  
request of The Caya Family

*Altar Servers:* Emilia & Marta Herasimowicz  
*Lector:* Evelyn O'Connor  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Janusz Herasimowicz, Sharon Scorso



**MAY CROWNING OF MARY**

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** *after Mass*

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

**MONDAY, MAY 8**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Joel Cohan  
request of Lou Dorli Cloutier

**TUESDAY, MAY 9**

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

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

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

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 10**

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

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

**THURSDAY, MAY 11 — NO MASS**

**FRIDAY, MAY 12 — NO MASS**

**SATURDAY, MAY 13**

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

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Last week's Offertory: APRIL 30 — \$2,427**

**Projected Amount needed \$2,980**

*"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...'"* ACTS 2:38

The word "repent" means to turn from sin, to change our actions. When it comes to change, do we take responsibility for change or do we think that others have to change instead? Change that is permanent comes from within, we must take control and be disciplined. Remember though that we are not alone, Jesus is there to help lighten the load.

**Off-Broadway at St. Mary's Church, Portland**



The longest running Off-Broadway show in history is coming to Saint Mary Parish! "Late Nite Catechism" will inspire and delight us, and even educate us, just like it was back in the day.

Join us as we take a nostalgic journey back to when we were kids growing up Catholic. Or come along to see what it was like - whimsically - when "Sister" ruled the roost with her ruler.

The New York Times calls the show "an uproarious piece of interactive theater ... inspired, well-written, hilarious."

"Hysterically funny," writes Heidi Schlumpf New Catholic World; "But Late Nite Catechism has something many other Catholic parodies don't- respect for the faith."

This show appeals to Catholics, practicing and non-practicing, and non-Catholics too since "Sister" clearly explains religious references in entertaining, yet instructive ways.

So, save the date, tell your friends, and get ready to enjoy an adult religion class that will have you rolling in the aisles.

Tickets go on sale April 1<sup>st</sup>  
Call the church office at (860) 342-2328

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**Parish Membership Form**

Drop in collection ^

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

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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: Bob, Joe, Fr. Leon, David, Jean, Bob, Maria, Susan.

Candle Intentions: Beth

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann

**FAITH FORMATION**



Faith Formation

Registration forms are now available for our faith formation program beginning in September. Forms can be found on-line or in the back of the church.

You can simply drop completed forms in the collection basket at any mass.

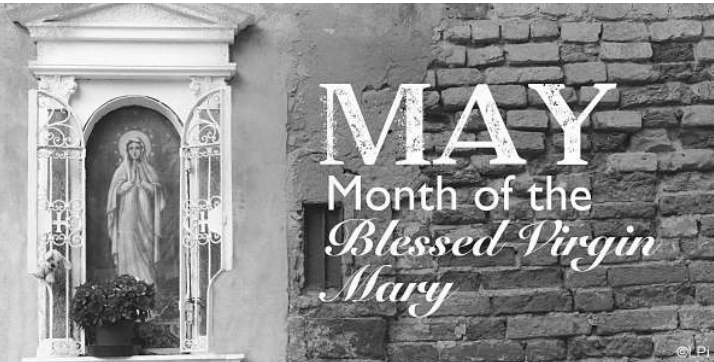


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**Father Leon is available at all time for any Spiritual needs, to call or meet with him personally, you're always welcomed. Reach him direct at (860) 748-4560.**

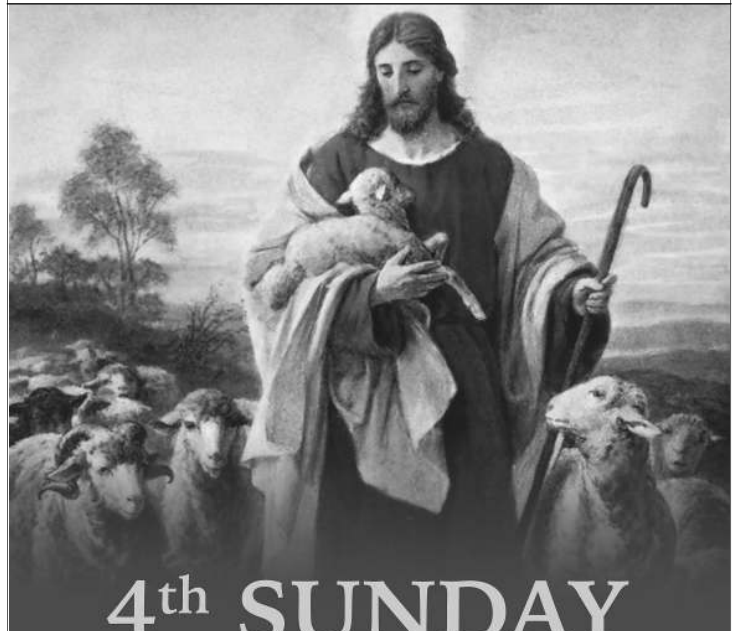
**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**

Please join us on Wednesday, May 31, 2017, at 7:00 pm at the Chancery as we begin planning the

**25<sup>th</sup> Annual Firefighters/EMS Personnel Mass** scheduled for Saturday, October 14, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. Bishop Cote will celebrate Mass for all Firefighters/EMS personnel in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick. Each year, brothers and sisters of all faiths gather to thank God for their calling, to pray for their safety, and to remember their fallen colleagues. For more information call, Mrs. Terri Zampini at [860-887-9294, x265](tel:860-887-9294), or Monsignor Brown at x232.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

“I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.” Live your married lives “more abundantly” 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 Dennis & Jane Lamondy at [860-376-0440](tel:860-376-0440) or visit us at <https://wwmectw.org/>.



**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

“Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.” - Jn 10:2-3

**Defending Our Religious Liberty**

Religious liberty is not an eccentric uncle of the human rights family. It is as real as our Constitution. It is very real to our Catholic ministries, to the people that the Catholic Church serves, 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.

Let us pray that as lawmakers make changes to the current mandate that it return the safeguards that protect religious freedom in the Constitution of the United



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