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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — MAY 14, 2017



## MAY 14, 2017 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do." What were the works that Jesus did? Miracles, sometimes, but what were the essence of these miracles? Caring for the sick, comforting the sorrowful, feeding the hungry ... much of Jesus' ministry was spent in carrying out what we call the works of mercy. But he did more than that; he also preached and publicly shared the good news, he fostered fellowship and community, and he prayed. All of this makes a kind of plan of action for us as Christians. As Jesus says today, if we truly believe in him, we will follow in his footsteps and do these same things. What this all suggests is that belief itself--having faith, being Christian--is only part of the picture. Jesus expects us to take this faith and put it into concrete, practical action. Apparently this goes hand in hand with real faith. If actions don't follow, then faith is not being lived to its fullest.

This of course presents a real challenge. Our lives are busy and our plates are full, just with the tasks and demands of daily existence. It can seem like a burden to serve others, to share the Gospel, to be actively involved in a faith community, to find time to pray. But these are meant to be priorities for true disciples of Christ. And as many will testify, when we sincerely ask God to help us get our priorities in order, he has a way of miraculously multiplying our time. Somehow, we find the opportunities right before us to follow God's will and bring our faith to life. That simple prayer of asking for help may be where we need to start. The first step is not so much to fill our calendar as to fill our hearts, or just to pray that God will fill our hearts, with the desire to "do the works" of Jesus.

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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.



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 13 — 14, 2017  
USHERS GROUP I**

2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION — MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

**SATURDAY, MAY 13**

**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for †Nancy Shaffer  
request of Rosemarie Ryan and Delores Burns

*Altar Servers:* TBD  
*Lectors:* Georgette Pelletier  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Annedda Stiller

**SUNDAY, MAY 14**

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

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

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

**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Elizabeth Van Dine  
request of Jonathan and Sharon Van Dine

*Altar Servers:* Alex Czercowy  
*Lector:* Jeffrey Monroe  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Kathleen Smythe

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

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

**MONDAY, MAY 15**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Bird Connolly  
request of Anthony and Kathleen Conneely and Family

**TUESDAY, MAY 16**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for Kevin Hurst  
request of His Family

**7:00 P.M. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUSINESS MEETING**

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

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 17**

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

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

**THURSDAY, MAY 18 — NO MASS**

**FRIDAY, MAY 19 — NO MASS**

**SATURDAY, MAY 20**

**10:00 A.M. REHEARSAL FOR CONFIRMATION**

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

**5:00 P.M. CONFIRMATION MASS**  
Mass offered for the Confirmands  
who are being confirmed today

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Last week's Offertory: MAY 7 — \$2,838**

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

*"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."*

*1 PETER 2:7*

Everyone is given unique gifts. Many people are able to recognize their talents and abilities, but there are many people who are unsure of their gifts. This may make them feel worthless. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern how they might use their skills. No gift is too small or insignificant.

*100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima*

**The First Apparition May 13, 1917**

About noon, while pasturing their little flock of sheep on the fields of the Cova da Iria, Lucia and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta, were startled by a the flash of a brilliant light. Then just above a holm oak tree, they saw a beautiful lady made of light, holding a white rosary in her hands. She spoke to the children, reassuring them not to be afraid. She stated she was from Heaven. She told the children three things: to pray much and say Rosaries; to make sacrifices for the reparation of sins and the conversion of sinners; and to come to this place on the thirteenth day for the next five consecutive months at that hour. When they asked, she assured them they would all go to Heaven. Their lives would be forever changed. The children grew in their faith, and honored the requests of the Lady from Heaven, despite many obstacles.

At a later apparition, Our Lady foretold of the early deaths of the two youngest visionaries. Francisco died first at age 10, followed ten months later by his sister at age 9, during an epidemic which swept Europe. On May 13, 2000, now Saint Paul John Paul II, beautified Francisco and Jacinta as Blesseds of Heaven. This weekend, May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, our Holy Father Pope Francis will travel to Fatima for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the apparitions, and canonize these two children. They will be forever known as St. Francisco and St. Jacinta of Fatima.



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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) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

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: Doris, Marilyn, Terry, Jackie, Bill, Michael, Bernice, Earle.

And for: Gary, Elaine, Beth, Ellen.

Special prayers for those who are attending Mass at our church for the first time. May they and their families be blessed and their prayer requests be granted.

**Prayer shawls are available upon request**

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann



**CONFIRMATION**



Confirmation Mass will take place here at St. Maurice on Saturday, May 20th at 5:00 P.M. Please join us for this special celebration!

Practice for this year's Confirmation Candidates will be at St. Maurice on Saturday, May 20th at 10:00A.M.

**FIRST COMMUNION**



First Holy Communion will be on Sunday, May 28th at 10:00 A.M.

The Sacrament of Penance, also known as First Reconciliation, will be on Saturday, May 27th at 10:00 A.M.

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

**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.

**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](tel:860-887-9294), x265, or Monsignor Brown at x232.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** ~ A Catholic-based Bereavement Support group will meet the 3rd Thursday of each month at three alternating diocesan parishes. The next meeting is Thursday, May 18 from 7-8:30 P.M. at St. Mary's Parish Center, 34 North Main St., Jewett City, CT. For more information, contact Catholic Family Services at 860-848-2237, ext. 306.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do" Let the Lord into your marriage to do His works 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://www.mectw.org/>.

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**Employment Opportunities at Catholic Charities**

Full-time Clinical Site Supervisor (LCSW) - Norwich, CT Catholic Charities is seeking a full-time Behavioral Health Clinical Site Supervisor for our Behavioral Health Clinic in Norwich. This person will be responsible for managing our outpatient behavioral health clinic in Norwich. Responsibilities include supervision of staff, quality assurance, and utilization management. This position requires direct service responsibilities. Requirements: MSW, LCSW with at least five year's post-graduate experience. Please email resume, cover letter and salary requirements to Laura Malone, Executive Assistant at [lauramalone@ccfsn.org](mailto:lauramalone@ccfsn.org)

**Defending Our Religious Liberty**

The fight for religious freedom is not a Catholic issue, not a Jewish issue, not an Orthodox, Mormon, or Muslim issue. It is an American issue. The passage of the Affordable Care Act has imposed dangerous implications on all religions. If we allow the government to have the final say on what type of health care coverage a religious organization must provide, we are basically enabling them to interfere in all religious liberty concerns in areas such as immigration and humanitarian services.

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