

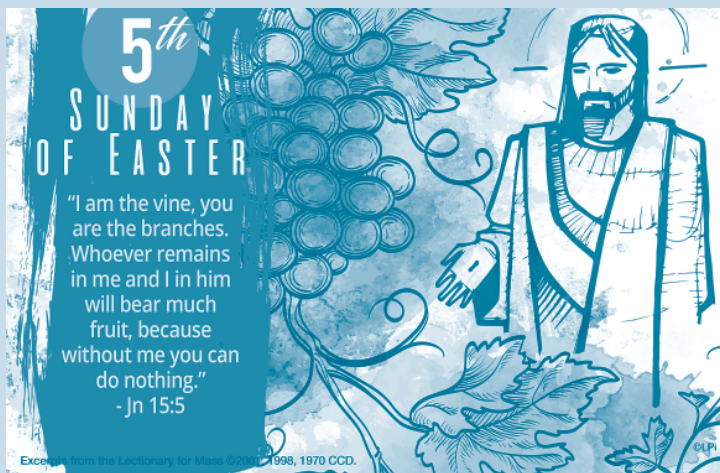
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — APRIL 29, 2018



Are you ready for a trim? In today's Gospel, we hear the familiar teaching of the vine and the branches. Jesus reminds us that if we remain close to him—living in humility, following God's law, loving our neighbor—we will notice a positive change in our life and the lives of those around us. "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit." The Holy Spirit is life-giving. He is fruitful. The Spirit of God won't refuse grace to a heart that is open.

As we progress through life, learning how to live and love, we grow. Our personalities flower. We discover what it is to be a blessing to others. We also experience lack, loss, and the results of our failures. We know what it is like to "wither" at times, particularly the times when we willingly separate ourselves from Jesus. "Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me." For most of us, this experience of being disconnected and off track generates a desire to return to what is right and good, to return to the vine.

But this Gospel is more than "Are you in or are you out?" Even when we remain in God, when we follow Jesus, we are not exempt from the challenge, the pruning. "Everyone that [bears fruit] he prunes." A prudent trim is necessary in the natural world of trees and vines. Dead wood, broken shoots, and diseased branches need to be cut back in order for the plant to bear fruit. Jesus wants us to be healthy! He says as much himself: "By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples." Take a look at your life today. Where are you bearing fruit? Where do you need to be pruned?

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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****APRIL 28 — 29, 2018****USHERS GROUP III****SATURDAY, APRIL 28**

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for †Marion Miller
request of The Family

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass***SUNDAY, APRIL 29**

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for †Corinna Chamberlain
request of Laurie Chamberlain

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

8:00 A.M. **TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ BREAKFAST**
Parish Center from 8:00AM to 10:00AM

Blood pressure screening available in the library during breakfast

9:00 A.M. **LAST SESSION OF FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**
PARENTS AND STUDENTS

10:00 A.M. **Children and Youth Mass**
Mass offered for †Frank Hilbie
request of Chris and Kate Armstrong

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

5:30 P.M. **EVENING PRAYER**
FROM THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, APRIL 30

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

TUESDAY, MAY 1

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

7:15 P.M. **CHOIR REHEARSAL**
New members are most welcome

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

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

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

7:00 P.M. **MINISTRIES MEETING WITH FR. LEON**
FAITH FORMATION, RCIA STAFF, MARRIAGE
PREPARATION AND ADULT FAITH FORMATION

THURSDAY, MAY 3 — NO MASS

7:00 P.M. **OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN MINISTRY**
MEETING WITH FR. LEON
BIBLE STUDY, BOOK REVIEW, AND SPECIAL
PRESENTATIONS

8:00 P.M. **PASTORAL MINISTRY**
MEETING WITH FR. LEON
PRAYER LINE, AND MINISTRY TO THE SICK

FRIDAY, MAY 4 — NO MASS

7:00 P.M. **FIRST FRIDAY**
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND
BENEDICTION

SATURDAY, MAY 5

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

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for †Lois Dunham
request of Linda Wiley

**FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH**

Saint Maurice Church
First Friday
Eucharistic Adoration

May 4th**7:00 pm – 8:00 pm****Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

*“O Most Holy Trinity, I adore You; my
God, my God, I love You in the Most Blessed
Sacrament.”*

*Our Lady of Fatima***PARISH MINISTRIES***Reaching In & Reaching Out with God's Love***SPECIAL MINISTRY COMMISSION****MEETINGS WITH FR. LEON**

The following Ministry groups for all those who are now serving and those who have signed up to participate, will meet with Father Leon this week in the Parish Center:

Catechetical Ministry - Faith Formation, RCIA Staff, Marriage Preparations, and Adult Faith Formation will meet this Wednesday, May 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

Opportunities to Learn Ministry - Bible Study, Book Review, and Special Presentations will meet this Thursday, May 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Pastoral Ministry - Prayer Line, and Ministries to the Sick will meet this Thursday, May 3rd at 8:00 p.m.

Please mark your calendar and attend these special meetings with Father Leon.

**STEWARDSHIP****Last week's Offertory: APRIL 22 — \$2,945****Projected Amount needed \$2,980**

“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.”
- 1 JOHN 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you “walk the talk?” Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

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

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: Joe, Muriel, Anne, Marge, Irene, Mary, David, Francis, Margaret, Grace, George, Bob, Viola, Vivian.

Candle Intentions: Nick, Noah, Josh.

Special prayers for vocations to the priesthood and to concentrated religious life.

For openness to the Spirit: that we may be attentive to the invitation of God to grow and change .

For Pope Francis, successor to St. Peter, that he will faithfully proclaim the Good News, be guided by the Spirit in promoting unity in the Church and leading us to greater love and service.

That we take time in silent daily prayer to talk and listen to God.

Prayer shawls are available upon request

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann



**2018 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPRING FLING
TOOK PLACE AT ST. MAURICE PARISH CENTER
ON SATURDAY, APRIL 21.**



FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

The monthly **Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church, 70 W. Main St., Baltic, on Saturday, **May 5, at 8 A.M.** Please join our celebrant Rev. Joseph Tito 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. (Please note the change of time and place for the Mass.)

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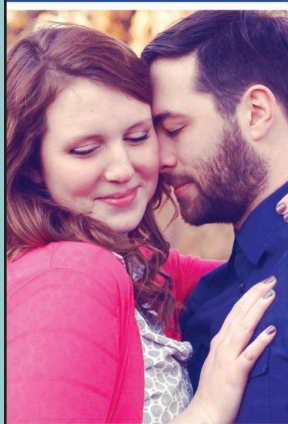
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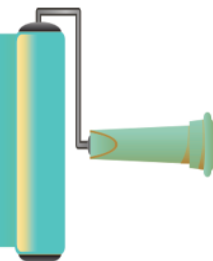
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