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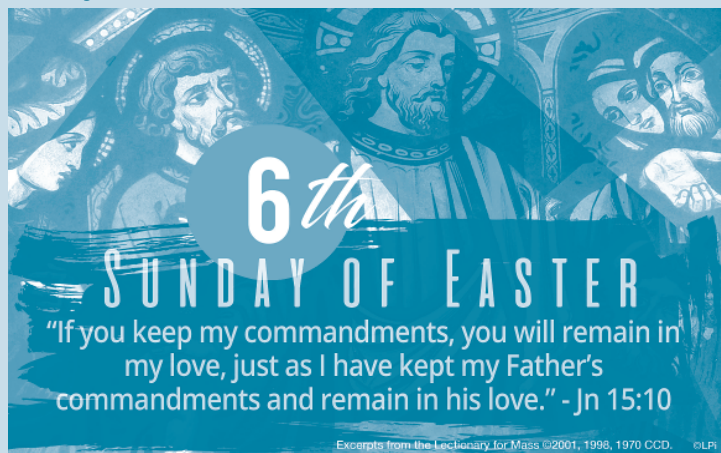
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — MAY 6, 2018



"I have called you friends." Authentic friendship can seem hard to come by these days, especially in our transient society. We move away from family, change jobs, switch parishes, and end up in entirely new places with entirely new people. When we look for new friends, we all have different qualities we're looking for. While we may think of certain standards of behavior necessary to be a "good" friend, we would hardly refer to them as rules or "commandments."

In fact, if a friendship or romantic relationship-new or old-becomes characterized by imposed obligations, we would rightly be suspicious. Friendships, we understand, ought to be characterized by freedom. We love the person, even sacrifice for them at times because, within ourselves, we want to maintain the friendship. So why does Jesus use the language of command as he calls the Apostles his friends? "You are my friends if you do what I command you."

Jesus is radically transforming the concept of commandment. In the Jewish heritage of the Apostles, they would hear the word "command" and immediately think of the strict Levitical law and distance from God. In introducing the language of friendship, Jesus ties "commandment" to inner freedom of heart. The disciples have this freedom precisely because they know "what [the] Master is doing." Jesus has invited his followers into intimate friendship all along. He shares openly with them. He has patience with their flaws. He isn't scandalized by their failures. He celebrates their successes. We, too, have been called by love and invited into a relationship with Jesus. It is you and I that Jesus chooses and appoints. He does so personally, not from a distant mountain shrouded in clouds. This "new commandment" to "love one another" is received around the shared table in the breaking of the bread.

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

## 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.

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER****MAY 5 — 6, 2018****USHERS GROUP IV****2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION FOR SEMINARY EDUCATION FUND****SATURDAY, MAY 5****5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for †Lois Dunham  
request of Linda Wiley**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** *after Mass***SUNDAY, MAY 6****7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** *after Mass***10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Elizabeth Fiano Chieffo and  
Rocco Fiano  
request of The Fiano Family**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** *after Mass***5:30 P.M.** **EVENING PRAYER**  
**FROM THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS****MONDAY, MAY 7****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church**7:00 P.M.** **OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE MINISTRY**  
**MEETING WITH FR. LEON**  
**CLEANING THE CHURCH, WASHING CHURCH**  
**LINENS, CARING THE FLOWERS, CARING THE**  
**CANDLES, OTHER TALENTS****TUESDAY, MAY 8****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church**7:00 P.M.** **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING****7:15 P.M.** **CHOIR REHEARSAL**  
*New members are most welcome***WEDNESDAY, MAY 9****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church**9:00 A.M.** **CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP****7:00 P.M.** **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES MINISTRY**  
**MEETING WITH FR. LEON**  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, FELLOWSHIP**  
**CIRCLE, SLEIGH BELLS RING****THURSDAY, MAY 10****SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD***Holy day of obligation***9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church**7:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church**FRIDAY, MAY 11 — NO MASS****SATURDAY, MAY 12****4:30 P.M.** **ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS****5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for †Mary Ann Flynn  
request of Margo and Bert Flynn**Father Leon is available at all times for any Spiritual  
needs, to call or meet with him personally, you're al-  
ways welcomed. Reach him direct at (860) 748-4560.****FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH****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:

Opportunities to serve Ministry— Cleaning the Church, Washing Church Linens, Caring the Flowers, Caring the Candles, Other Talents will meet this Monday, May 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Social Activities Ministry — Knights of Columbus, Fellowship Circle, Sleigh Bells Ring will meet this Wednesday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m.

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

**FIRST COMMUNION**

On Saturday, April 21, a First Communion Retreat was held for parents and children to make banners which will mark their pews at First Holy Communion Mass.

**First Holy Communion will take place during the 10 a.m. mass on Sunday, May 20.** Rehearsal is Saturday, May 19, immediately following First Reconciliation at 10 a.m.

**Let us keep these children in our prayers as they complete their journey to the Eucharistic table.**

**STEWARDSHIP****Last week's Offertory: APRIL 29 — \$2,483****Projected Amount needed \$2,980**

*"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends"*  
- John 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?



**FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH****ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE**

Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line.

Let us pray for Prayer Line:

Greg, Peggy, Agnes, Sharon, Marge, Irene, Mary, David, Grace, George, Bob, Viola.

Candle Intentions: Michael, Catherine, Special Intention. May all families strengthened by their faith in God and receive the courage and hope to face the difficulties they encounter in their families today.

For our Youth in particular, that they be given the encouragement and the guidance to resist the immoral and sinful presence of current pagan culture.

**Prayer shawls are available upon request**

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

Faith Formation

**REGISTRATION OPEN**

Registration is now open for CCD classes beginning in September. If you would like to register your child please complete and return the Faith Formation Registration Forms

available on the ushers tables in the back of the church and on-line ([www.saintmauricebolton.org](http://www.saintmauricebolton.org)). You can simply drop completed forms in the collection basket at any mass. \*Register by June 10 to avoid late fees.\*

If you have any questions about the program contact Amie Tillmann at 860-212-3901 or [saintmauriceccd@gmail.com](mailto:saintmauriceccd@gmail.com).

**MAY CROWNING OF MARY**

On Sunday, May 13 (Mother's Day) we will be celebrating the May Crowning of Mary during 10:00 a.m. mass. All children present will be invited to join a procession up to the statue of Mary to place a crown on her head and pray one decade of the Rosary.

Flowers will be provided for the children to carry, but you are welcome to bring your own cut flowers.

**CATHOLIC SCOUT AWARD RECIPIENTS**

On Sunday, April 22, 2018, as a Catholic Scouts in Pack 157 Nicolo Girasoli recieved his Light of Christ emblem; while Davin Duffy, Sebastian Orfitelli, and Drew Tillmann received their Parvuli Dei emblems presented by Bishop Michael R. Cote at the Catholic Scouting Award Ceremony held at the



(Pictured from L to R: Bishop Cote, Reid Tillmann, Drew Tillmann, Nicolo Girasoli, Davin Duffy, Sebastian Orfitelli, Fr. Martin Noe)

Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich. Catholic Girl scouts and Boy scouts are recognized each Spring upon completion of a religious program designed for the scout's rank or age. The program booklets are begun in the Fall and finished by March 1st. The younger scouts work on a program booklet with their family while the older scouts work with a trained counselor.

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH****Blue Mass Breakfast Fundraiser**

**Sunday, May 20, 2018**

Billy Wilson's Restaurant

57 Broadway

Norwich

11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

MENU: Eggs, sausage wrap, pancakes, orange juice, home fries!

Tickets are available. Suggested donation \$10.00

For tickets or information please contact any Committee member or call Becky Cady at 860-887-9294, ext. 235.

To benefit the Blue Mass Committee to defray expenses associated with the Annual Mass honoring law enforcement personnel.

**Interested in World Youth Day 2019?**

*Diocesan Pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Panama, January 21-28, 2019*

*For Young Adults ages 21+; Check out the flyer at <http://www.norwichdiocese.org/upcoming-faith-events.html>*

**Registration and deposit is due by June 4th.**

*For more registration forms or questions please contact Liza Roach at [lroach@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net) or (860)848-2237 ex. 305*

**Office of Faith Events: Ministry to the Deaf**

If you or anyone you know in our Diocese could benefit from deaf ministry outreach the Office of Faith Events has recently acquired numerous resources such as books, CDs, tapes, flashcards, and posters on teaching and learning sign language.

If you are interested in any of these resources or in attending/participating in a Diocesan Mass celebrated in American Sign Language please contact the Office of Faith Events at 860-848-2237, ext. 312 or [ahoisl@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:ahoisl@norwichdiocese.net)

**Annulment Workshop** ~ If you are a divorced Catholic who would like to know more about annulments or is considering beginning the annulment process but aren't quite sure what it is or how to go about doing so, consider attending this informational workshop Wednesday, June 6, 2018, from 7-9 P.M. at St. Mark's Church Hall, 222 McVeagh Rd., Westbrook, CT.

A panel of experts from the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal will be there to answer questions and explain the numerous aspects of the annulment process. For more information, contact the Catholic Family Services Office at 860-348-2237, Ext 306.

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKEND**

If you are silently grieving or suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. The weekend healing process is confidential and offers an opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. It includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment.

**The next weekend in Connecticut is June 8-10.**

For more information call Marie at 203-631-9030, email her at [mlaffin@prolifeministry.org](mailto:mlaffin@prolifeministry.org) or visit the national website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).



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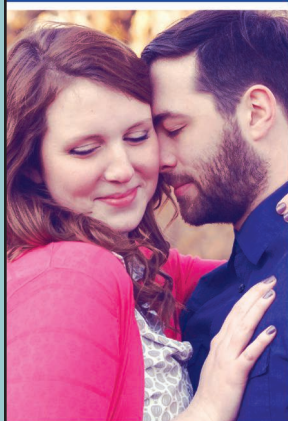
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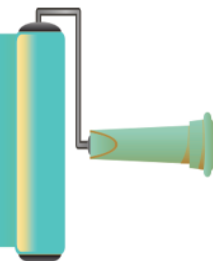
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