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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion • April 17, 2011

Good News!

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Mt 21:1-11 / Is 50:4-7 /

Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

Few fears in this world compare to a child's terror when, momentarily lost in a crowd of adults, she can't find her parent.

She looks around, sees no one familiar, and assumes her parent has disappeared. It's a moment of sheer panic, of feeling abandoned by the one she loves most. The loneliness of that moment is palpable.

If we put ourselves in that child's place, we get a sense of the loneliness and abandonment Jesus experienced in his Passion, which we recall on this Palm Sunday. We often focus solely on Jesus' physical suffering—which was indeed great—instead of on Jesus' emotional suffering during the last hours of his life.

In a week's time, the crowds laud him as a king and then call for his execution. A disciple who followed him faithfully for years sells him for silver. Committed followers fall asleep and then flee. The "rock" swears to stay by Jesus' side through everything and then, with a few words, denies ever knowing him. Before long, Jesus is left completely alone. On the cross, he even questions whether God, too, has abandoned him. The pain of his loneliness is profound.

This Holy Week we have the opportunity to stay awake with Jesus on his journey to the cross, the grave, and beyond. We can taste and touch and feel his suffering, the loneliness he willingly took on so the loneliness of death would be silenced forever.

Perhaps we can find moments this week to accompany someone else struggling with loneliness or abandonment—a frightened nursing home resident, a grieving widower, an emotional teenager. Holy Week is a most appropriate time to "stay awake" with someone else in his or her suffering as we celebrate the gift of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

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Saturdays at 4:00 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 our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both 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 from 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.; also by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643-4466) 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.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

**Ushers Group IV
2ND COLLECTION – FOR THE POOR IN HAITI
EASTER FOOD DISTRIBUTION
April 16th – April 17th**

SATURDAY, April 16:

4:00 p.m. Mass offered for **+ROBERT GALLANT** request of the Family

Altar Servers: Elena Fiano, Catherine Fiano and Maria Cinea

Minister of the Word: Barbara Fiano

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Linda Wiley

SUNDAY, April 17:

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for **Intentions of James Moran** request of the Hurst Family

Altar Server:

Minister of the Word: Joel Cohan

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Arlene Giglio

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+ROBERT ROULEAU & MICHELE RIO** request of Peg Rouleau

Altar Servers: Ben VanDine and Elizabeth Foran

Minister of the Word: Charles Luchini

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Betty Aitkin

5:30 p.m. **LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

HOLY WEEK

MONDAY, April 18 No Mass

TUESDAY, April 19

10:30 A.M. **CHRISM MASS AT ST PATRICK CATHERDRAL**

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, April 20

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+ROLANDE & CLIFFORD MISHIO**

9:00 – noon Christmas Fair Workshop

NO ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

No Faith Formation Program

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross for children

Adult & Children's Confession after Stations

3 priests will be

Available to hear confessions

Thursday April 21 HOLY THURSDAY

10:00a.m. Practice for Altar Servers serving at all Easter Liturgies

7:00 p.m. **EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Mass offered for **+Kwiatkowski & Ostrowski families**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8p.m.- 12 midnight

To facilitate the Adoration, parishioners are requested to spend an hour according to Last Name Letter

8 p.m.- 9p.m. A-F; 9p.m.-10p.m. G-L;

10p.m.-11p.m M-R.; 11p.m.-12p.m. S-Z

Altar Servers: Elena Fiano, Catherine Fiano and Maria Cinea

Minister of the Word: Barbara Fiano

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Linda Wiley

FRIDAY, April 22: GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 p.m. Service with Veneration of the Cross, distribution Of the Eucharist; Holy Land Collection

Altar Servers: Ben, Ryan and Nicholas Van Dine

Minister of the Word: Lynn Mancino, Georgette Pelletier

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Lou Cloutier

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Adoration of the Cross after Stations

Altar Servers: Angelica Czercowy and Alex Czercowy

SATURDAY, April 23

10:00 a.m. Blessing of Food

Next Week



Easter

**Ushers Group I
2nd collection Easter Norwich Diocesan Collection**



SATURDAY, April 23: EASTER VIGIL

8:30 p.m. Mass offered for **+Annita Detuccio**

Altar Servers: Kaila and Kyle Toce

Ministers of the Word: Charles Luchini, Joel Cohan

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Lou Cloutier, Georgette Pelletier, Annedda Stiller

SUNDAY, April 24: EASTER SUNDAY

7:30 a.m. **Mass offered for +Maria Madore**

Altar Server:

Minister of the Word: Stephen Paul

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Arlene Giglio

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Del & Henrietta Bernais and +JeffreyBraman**

Altar Servers: Angelica Czercowy and Alex Czercowy

Minister of the Word: Evelyn O'Connor

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Kathleen Smythe, Cliff Scorso and Sharon Scorso

MONDAY, April 25 No Mass

No Mass

TUESDAY, April 26 No Mass

WEDNESDAY, April 27 No Morning or Evening Mass:

9:00 a.m.-Noon Christmas Fair Workshop

3:00 – 7:00 p.m. **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

4:30- 5:45 p.m. Gr. 1-5 Faith Formation Classes

6:30 – 7:45 p.m. Gr 6-8 Faith Formation Classes

THURSDAY, April 28 No Mass

FRIDAY, April 29 No Mass

SATURDAY, April 30

Youth Group Tag Sale

3:00 -3:45 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Maurice/Sacred Heart Youth Group

Will be participating in the Vernon Townwide Tag Sale on Saturday, April 30th from 8:00a.m.-4:00p.m.the Youth Group is accepting clean useable items for their tag sale table. They are also renting tables at \$15 each to anyone who would like to participate. Call Rella 860-799-2910 for more information.

GOD'S PLAN FOR TITHING**Last Week's Collection was: \$3,728****Last Year's Collection was: \$3,018**

"Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear." Isaiah 50:4
 God will open our ears every day so that we may know His will. We simply need to make it a spiritual practice to constantly ask God to give us the grace to hear and follow Him. Archbishop Carlson recommends that we pray every day, "Lord, what do you want me to do with all the gifts that you have given me?"

An Easter Message from Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Holy week calls each of us to enter into the Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. These days made holy by these sacred events are a special time of reflection and renewal. We reflect on the depth of the Father's love and His boundless mercy. We are strengthened in the life that pours forth from Jesus' side as His nearly lifeless Body hangs on the Cross. By His Resurrection from the dead, we share in Christ's life. By embracing His love for us, we are forever changed in the outpouring of His grace and favor.

For a moment, if we could frame these sacred days of the Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection with one event, it would be the meal of the Lord's Supper. Jesus sits at Table with His Apostles and breaks and shares Bread, His Body that is broken and given for us. He gives them to drink of the Chalice of His Blood, His Blood poured out for us so that sins will be forgiven. At that meal He ordains the Apostles in the priestly ministry of eternal love, sacrifice, and service. He teaches His Church that to share that Bread, His Body, and to drink from that Cup of His Blood require His followers to become servants – even to wash the feet of another.

By sharing in Jesus' Priesthood through the call of the Church, that priestly ministry of eternal love, sacrifice, and service lives in our priests. In celebrating Jesus' Life, Death, and Resurrection in the liturgies of the Church, they deepen for us our understanding and appreciation of the gift of Jesus' Priesthood and the holy men who, sharing in that priesthood, have brought Jesus to us and us to Jesus.

During Holy Week, as we renew ourselves in the graces that flow from the events of these holy days, we gratefully remember our priests. In a special way, we pray for our priests, we remember with gratitude our retired priests, and we commend to the Lord our deceased priests and bishops.

For the past twenty-eight (28) years, the Diocese has appealed to the faithful to remember in prayer the priests who serve them in the person of Jesus Christ. The Diocese also asks your generosity on Easter Sunday for sick and retired priests. We call to mind priests who have served long and well and who now, because of age or infirmity or both, rest from their labors. We have special concern for their needs and we want to help them.

Annually, the Easter Collection is taken up for sick and retired priests of our Diocese. In the fiscal year that ended on June 30,

2010, the Easter Collection amounted to \$185,073.90. The Diocese spent \$447,005.41, for sick and retired priests.

The money was spent for medical insurance for sick and retired priests, medical costs not covered by insurance, special housing needs, the cost of necessary extended stays in nursing homes after surgery, convalescent home care, counseling, residential care, and monthly compensation for priests on sick leave.

Through your Easter gift, you help to provide security and support to these devoted priests who have served our Diocese so well for so many years. Please show your love and care for our retired and infirm priests by offering a generous gift to them in the special second collection at all Masses on Easter weekend.

May God bless your generosity to this appeal and may you have a blessed observance of Holy Week and a holy and happy Easter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Michael R. Cote

CHRISM MASS

APRIL 19, 2011

ST. PATRICK CATHEDRAL

As announced last week, all our parishioners are invited to the consecration of the Chrism and the blessing of the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens at the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, April 19, 2011, at 10:30 a.m. The Mass will be celebrated at Saint Patrick's Cathedral in Norwich, Bishop Michael R. Cote will celebrate this liturgy.

The Sacred Chrism, oil mixed with sweet perfume, symbolizes the presence of the Holy Spirit. It will be used in the parishes in the sacraments of baptism and confirmation. It is also used at the ordination of bishops and priests and at the dedication of a church and altar.

The Oil of the Sick is used to anoint those who are suffering from illness so that they may receive strength and healing, both physical and spiritual.

The catechumens will be anointed with the Oil of Catechumens in preparation of the Easter Vigil.

The Chrism Mass is a celebration of the entire local Church, and the subsequent use of the oils in the various parishes is a sign of unity among God's people. Why not plan to take your family to the Cathedral that day? It is a very special experience!





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