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Good News!

April 24, 2011

EASTER SUNDAY: THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Col 3:1-4 or
1 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10
Afternoon or evening Lk 24:13-35

The spring after I bought my first home, my mother and I spent an evening exploring the extensive garden, identifying budding flowers and plants. We discovered a large stone hidden among the leaves of several yucca plants. I wanted to move the stone to a more prominent place, but after one failed attempt to lift the heavy boulder I declared, "That thing isn't moving!" My 71-year-old mother, persistently stubborn, said, "That's ridiculous," and she bent down and lifted the stone herself. I could have fallen over and hit my head on the stone in shock. She was stronger than I was in that moment, stronger than I had imagined she could be.

An even larger and heavier stone rested in front of Jesus' tomb. In Jesus' day, it was common for heavy boulders to be placed in front of tombs to keep out animals and grave robbers. You can imagine the shock of Jesus' followers when they discovered the stone rolled away from the tomb. That was no light stone! Something profound had taken place for it to be moved...something we now know as the resurrection—the miracle of Jesus' triumph over death.

Though we might be hesitant to acknowledge them, we all have heavy stones covering the tombs in our lives. But instead of keeping out intruders, they keep in failures, dead dreams, and unhealed hurts. We may have given up hope and declared about our stones, "That thing isn't moving!" Yet because of Easter, Jesus says to us, "That's ridiculous"—and lifts, rolls, shoves, and explodes our tombstones away.

Jesus' resurrection not only brought us eternal life, but also brings us new life from the tombs of everyday life. He is stronger than we are—stronger even than we've imagined him to be.

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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!

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Saturday from 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.; also by appointment.

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Please call the rectory (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

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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.

This Week

Easter

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. - Jn 20:6-8

Ushers Group I

2nd collection Easter Norwich Diocesan Collection

SATURDAY, April 23: EASTER VIGIL

8:30 p.m. Mass offered for **+Annita Detuccio**, request of Dolores Annita and Genivita Betti

No youth choir rehearsal after Mass.

SUNDAY, April 24: EASTER SUNDAY

7:30 a.m. **Mass offered for +Marie Madore**, request of daughters Trudy, Betty and Barbara

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Del & Henrietta Bernais & Jeffrey Braman**, request of Bernadette Devlin

No youth choir rehearsal after Mass. No Faith Formation classes

Father Wojciech will be away this week. There will be NO morning Masses. Office will be open at the normal hours, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

MONDAY, April 25 No Mass

TUESDAY, April 26 No Mass;

7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, April 27 No Morning or Evening Mass:

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

3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m..

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Faith Formation Classes

4:30 – 5:45 p.m. gr. 1-5

6:30 – 7:45 p.m. gr. 6-8

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

MOVIE SATURDAY EVENING AFTER THE 4:00 P.M. MASS

In celebration of the Beatification of Pope John Paul II, tomorrow, May 1st, Divine Mercy Sunday, Fr. Wojciech invites the entire parish to a 6:30 p.m. viewing of the movie “Karol, the pope, the man”. This is an adult film and will run from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

1930s' Poland. 10-year-old Karol Wojtyla has dreams, many dreams. One by one they are shattered. First, by the loss of his beloved mother and brother. Then, by the outbreak of the war and the death-fleeing human exodus which ensued. And finally, by the first signs of the Jewish persecution. These events will mark the start of Karol's long journey from worker, to poet and teacher. A journey full of encounters that eventually leads him to become a priest and finally, in 1978, to become the man we all now know, a man who has marked an era, a man who has made history as Pope John Paul II. With an extraordinary soundtrack by multi-award winner Ennio Morricone.

NEXT WFFK



April 30th – May 1st

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Ushers Group II

SATURDAY, April 30:

3:30 p.m. Rosary before Mass

4:00 p.m. Mass offered for **+Olga Guglielmino**

Altar Servers: Megan Shorey, Kaila Toce

Minister of the Word: Michael Leiner

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Linda Wiley

SUNDAY, May 1:

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for **+Deceased members of the Henry Clark family & Margaret Fontanella**
Chaplet of Divine Mercy after Mass

Altar Server:

Minister of the Word: Judy Knox

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Arlene Giglio

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+John and Leon Wandzy**

Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer

Minister of the Word: Linda Chamberland

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Betty Aitkin

5:30 p.m. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Last Sunday classes for the school year at Sacred Heart

MONDAY, May 2: No Mass

TUESDAY, May 3

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for a special intention

7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, May 4

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+ Ruth McNamara**

9:00 – noon Christmas Fair Workshop

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT 3 p.m – 7 p.m.

Faith Formation Classes

4:30 – 5:45 gr. 1-5

6:30 - 7:45 gr. 6 - 8

THURSDAY May 5

9:00 a.m. Mass

FRIDAY, May 6 No Mass

K of C annual Plant Sale

SATURDAY May 7

K of C annual Plant Sale

3:00 – 3:30 Sacrament of Reconciliation

Schedules for Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are in the rack in the back of the Church. Please pick them up.

Readings for the Week of April 24, 2011

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

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The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday!

How should we prepare for this great Feast of Mercy?

Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when **“all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened”** (Diary 699) Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to Confession and then received Him in Holy Communion on the Feast of Mercy, the Sunday after Easter, which is now called Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the Catholic Church.

Jesus promised the **“The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.”** (Diary 699) He went on to say **“I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy.”** (Diary 1109)

We want to encourage everyone to take advantage of this incredible promise and the additional Plenary indulgence on this great Feast of Mercy ‘Divine Mercy Sunday’. We want you to benefit fully from these promises, and we also want you to notify all of your family and friends about them too and urge them to return to the practice of their faith!

Jesus said to St. Faustina “I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is the image with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You.” The red rays stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy, when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the cross...Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him. (Diary 699)

About the feast day “Divine Mercy Sunday,” Jesus said **“...tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon the souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet...Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.**

Our Lord said **“When you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul...”** and **“Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace**

upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy. Make your confession before Me. The person of the priest is...only a screen. Never analyze what sort of a priest that I am making use of; open your soul in confession to Me, and I will fill it with My light. (1725)

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Last Year’s Collection was \$

“If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.”..

Colossians 3:1-2

Easter is a good time to recommit ourselves to a simpler lifestyle – concentrating more of our efforts on what God wants from us and less of our efforts on what we want for ourselves. Jesus sacrificed everything for us. What can we sacrifice, not just at Lent, but every day, so that we can better serve Our Lord?

2011 Annual Catholic Appeal

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As Catholics of the Diocese of Norwich, we are called to something greater than giving to our inner circle of friends and loved ones. We are called to walk the path of Christ, stopping to serve and help others who make up our larger Christian family.

In a compassionate response to the needs of humankind, the Catholic Church extends a wide range of compassionate ministries and services underwritten in whole or in part by the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Your charitable gift to the Appeal supports vital ministries and programs throughout the Diocese. We are able to care for the sick and elderly, give a helping hand to families in need, provide resources to people living in poverty, support our retired priests all because of your support.

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