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Fifth Sunday of Easter • May 22, 2011

Good News!

May 22, 2011

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 6:1-7 / 1 Pt 2:4-9 / Jn 14:1-12

While working as a parish pastoral associate, I guided grieving families through the emotional process of planning funerals for their loved ones, including selecting readings for the funeral Mass.

Today's Gospel reading, particularly the first six verses, was the passage they chose most often. Jesus' words about going to prepare a place for us can be incredibly comforting to those mourning the loss of a spouse, child, or parent. In fact, Jesus intended them to soothe the anxious hearts of his disciples prior to his own death and departure from them.

Our ongoing celebration of the Easter season reminds us to treasure this gift of eternal life—a place prepared especially for us—that Jesus promised through his resurrection.

Yet if God has prepared a place for us, have we prepared a place for God within ourselves? Today's second reading from 1 Peter challenges us to think of ourselves as "living stones" being built into a "spiritual house." I find that to be a striking image—to be living stones used to build a home for God.

We've heard the Scripture passage about our bodies being "temples of the Holy Spirit" (1 Corinthians 6:19), but do we really believe that to be true? Are we making daily choices that enable God to live within us?

When we choose openness to others' needs, when we choose forgiveness instead of fostering resentment, and when we choose honesty and integrity instead of taking advantage of others, it's as if we're putting mortar between the living stones of God's home within us. We're steadily building that spiritual home in our hearts where God can dwell. How better to appreciate God's gift of eternal life, prepared especially for us, than to welcome God into this life, into our very hearts?

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WEEKEND MASSES:

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.

THIS WEEK
MAY 21ST – 22ND

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
COMBINED CONFIRMATION AT SACRED HEART
CHURCH 10:30 A.M.
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YOUNG ADULTS
2nd Collection Seminary Fund
1ST BANNES OF MARRIAGE
CHRISTOPHER KESSING AND CHRISTINA GAGLIARDI

USHERS GROUP I
COFFEE SOCIAL
YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL

SATURDAY, MAY 21

4:00 p.m. Mass offered for **+Helen, Joe, Pierre,**
Mark D'Auteuil, request of Mrs. Irene Kehl

SUNDAY, MAY 22

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for **+Donald Holbrook,**
request of the Holbrook family

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Joyce Bachl, request of**
Bill and Linda Maneggia

MONDAY, MAY 23 NO MASS

Father Wojciech will start his month long vacation on Tuesday, May 24, returning on June 28. There will be no weekday morning Masses during this time. Weekend Mass will be on the same time schedule, with Fr. Ed Dempsey as celebrant. In the event of a spiritual emergency such as a funeral please contact rectory at 860 643-4466 or Theresa Cison at 860-649-1506. If a priest is needed for anointing of the sick in the hospital, all area hospitals have chaplains that the hospital will call if they are advised of the need. Sacrament of Reconciliation will be by appointment.

TUESDAY, MAY 24 NO MASS

7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25 NO MASS

9:00 a.m. – 12 noon Christmas Fair Workshop

3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THURSDAY, MAY 26 NO MASS

FRIDAY, MAY 27, NO MASS

SATURDAY, MAY 28

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m Sacrament of Reconciliation by
appointment.

3:30 p.m. Recitation of the Rosary before Mass

MAY 28TH - MAY 29TH
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

2ND BANNES OF MARRIAGE
CHRISTOPHER KESSING AND CRISTINA GAGLIARDI
USHER'S GROUP II
YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL

SATURDAY, MAY 28

4:00 p.m. Mass offered for **+Rudy & Annita**
DeTuccio

Altar Servers: Elena & Catherine Fiano

Minister of the Word: Barbara Fiano

Eucharistic Minister: Annedda Stiller

SUNDAY, MAY 29

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for **Special Intention**

Altar Servers

Minister of the Word: Joel Cohan

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

SUNDAY, MAY 29

10:00 a.m. Sylvester E. Labanowski

Altar Servers: Angelica & Elena Czercowy

Minister of the Word: Evelyn O'connor

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Scorso



MONDAY MAY 30TH, MEMORIAL DAY

Remember what Memorial Day is all about! Take a moment to give thanks to God for them, may they rest in God's eternal peace. Amen!

Knights of Columbus Family Day Celebration

TUESDAY, MAY 31

7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

9:00 a.m. Christmas Fair Workshop

3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THURSDAY, JUNE 2 - ASCENSION THURSDAY

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Ivan Dube & Leonel**
Plourde

Minister of the Word: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Patti Cinea

7:00 p.m. Mass

Altar Server: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer

Minister of the Word: Georgette Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Clifford Scorso

SATURDAY, JUNE 4:3:30 Rosary before the 4:00 p.m.
Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment

GOD'S PLAN FOR TITHING
MAY 21ST & 22ND

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION \$ 2,932
LAST YEAR'S COLLECTION \$ 2,198

".....and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured.
There was great joy in that city."

It is easy to rejoice in the gifts that God gives when they are as outstanding as a lame man walking or a sick man cured. However, do we take time to thank God for the many miracles He gives us everyday - good health, family, friends, education, employment, housing? Being grateful is the secret to being joyful.

Fr. Stan's 40th Anniversary

Fr. Stan will be celebrating his 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood this month.

A Mass of Thanksgiving celebrating this 40th anniversary will be held on Sunday, June 5, 2011 at 10:30am . Following Mass, a luncheon buffet will be held at A Villa Louisa in Bolton .

If you are interested in attending this celebration with Fr. Stan, please contact Rella as soon as possible (860-875-4563 or rella@sacredheartchurch.net).

BANNS OF ORDINATION

THE FOLLOWING DEACON WILL BE CALLED TO THE ORDER OF PRIESTHOOD ON SATURDAY, MAY 28TH, 2011.

REV. MR. LUIS HENRY AGUDELO

SHOULD YOU KNOW OF ANY REASON WHY THIS MAN SHOULD NOT BE ORDAINED A PRIEST, PLEASE WRITE TO:

THE MOST REV. MICHAEL R. COTE, BISHOP OF NORWICH
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NORWICH, CT 06360 DIOCESE OF NORWICH

The 2011 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) is beginning to "wind down" in our Parish. As of today, we have raised a total of \$7,517 towards our parish objective of \$17,452. This represents 43% of our goal. To those who have, thus far, made their gift to the campaign, we thank you for your generosity but also for helping us to meet our Parish's share of our responsibility to support many ministries, services and programs that benefit our parishes, schools and other diocesan institutions.

Across the Diocese, every Catholic household is being asked to be part of this important faith community endeavor so if you have not yet made your commitment, please join in with thousands of others who have already responded. Gift envelopes may be found at the rear of the Church, or if you prefer you can make your gift online at: www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org. Thank you.

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Sacred Heart Parish in Groton, CT and the Diocesan School Office of the Diocese of Norwich, have begun a search process for a new principal at Sacred Heart School effective July 1, 2011.

Interested applicants should provide a letter of interest and a completed application sent to:

John F. Shine, Ph.D.

Superintendent of Schools

Diocesan School Office

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