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Fifth Sunday of Lent • March 25, 2012

# Dear Padre

## What is the Triduum?

March 25, 2012

*I've been Catholic my entire life and have never heard Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday referred to as the Triduum until this year. Why are they called by that name?*

*Sandy*

**Dear Sandy,**

The Latin word *triduum* means "three days." Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are the paschal Triduum, the days we celebrate Christianity's most sacred events—the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. They're the Christian high holy days.

The *paschal Triduum* officially begins on Holy Thursday evening, when we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper. This day is also referred to as *Maundy Thursday* because Jesus gives a command (*mandatum*) to his followers to be an example of love and service to others. The Mass of the Lord's Supper ends in somber stillness as the tabernacle is emptied and the altar stripped bare. The priests, ministers, and congregation exit in silence.

Good Friday is a day of somber quiet as we relive the passion and death of Jesus. The service (not a Mass) centers on the solemn veneration of the cross.

A spirit of waiting and quiet anticipation characterizes Holy Saturday until the festive Easter Vigil celebrated that evening. The Church comes alive with the new light of Christ as catechumens are joyfully received into the eucharistic community.

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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):

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**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**MARCH 24 – 25, 2012**  
**USHERS GROUP I**

**Annual Catholic Appeal Follow Up Weekend**

**SATURDAY, MAR. 24**

**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for +Joseph M. Bartle request of Rich, Gail & Terri Gidius

**7:00 P.M.** **Movie Night for all Parishioners – “The Passion of Christ” – this is especially for Confirmation Students and their Parents**

**SUNDAY, MAR. 25**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass Offered for +Barbara Sullivan request of Michele & Arlene Giglio

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass

**9:00 to 9:45 A.M.** – FAITH FORMATION

**9:00 A.M.** – **ADULT FAITH EDUCATION**

**10:00 A.M.** Mass Offered for +Father Wojciech and his Ministry request of Kinghts of Columbus Fourth Degree

**After Mass** – Youth Band Practice in Church Basement

**5:30 P.M.** LITURGY OF THE HOURS

**6:30 P.M.** – **ADULT FAITH EDUCATION**

**MONDAY, MAR. 26**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass Offered for +Henry Leonard

**5:00 P.M.** Parish BINGO – Food available from 5 P.M. GAMES begin at 6:30 P.M.

**TUESDAY, MAR. 27**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass Offered for +Henry Leonard

**7:00 P.M.** Parish Council, Special Meeting

**7:15 P.M.** Adult Choir Rehearsal

**WEDNESDAY, MAR. 28**

**9:00 A.M.** – Mass Offered for +Barbara Sullivan request of The Armstrong and Zabielski Families

**9:00 A.M. to Noon** – Christmas Fair Workshop

**3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**THURSDAY, MAR. 29** – No Mass

**7:00 P.M.** – **CONFESSION – 3 PRIESTS WILL BE AVAILABLE PLAN TO COME**

**FRIDAY, MAR. 30** – No Morning Mass

**4:00 – 6:30 P.M.** Fish Dinner Sponsored by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus

**7:00 P.M.** Mass and Stations of the Cross  
Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

**SATURDAY, MAR. 31**

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

**NEXT WEEK**  
**PALM SUNDAY – PASSION OF THE LORD**  
**MARCH 31 – APRIL 1, 2012**  
**USHERS GROUP II**

**Operation Rice Bowl Collection**

**Second Collection for Mission Co-op for the Salvatorian Fathers**

**SATURDAY, MAR. 31**

**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for +James Toomey request of Gloria Holbrook

*Altar Servers: Stephanie Leiner & Maria Cinia*

*Lector: Kyle Toce & Georgette Pelletier*

*Eucharistic Minister: Annedda Stiller*

**SUNDAY, APR. 1**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass Offered for +Raymond Poniatoski request of Jane & Bob Hunt

*Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck*

*Lector: Judy Knox & Joel Cohan*

*Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio*

**9:00 to 9:45 A.M.** – FAITH FORMATION

**9:00 A.M.** – **ADULT FAITH EDUCATION**

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass

**10:00 A.M.** Mass Offered for +Olga Guglielmino request of Samuel Guglielmino

*Altar Servers: Ben & Nicholas VanDine*

*Lector: Rita Sheetz & Paul Brown*

*Eucharistic Minister: Rita Sheetz*

**EASTER FOOD DISTRIBUTION (Confirmation Students)**

**5:30 P.M.** LITURGY OF THE HOURS

**6:30 P.M.** – **ADULT FAITH EDUCATION**

**MONDAY, APR. 2**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass Offered for +Ivan & +Emily Dube request of Solange Fournier

**5:00 P.M.** Parish BINGO – Food available from 5 P.M. GAMES begin at 6:30 P.M.

**TUESDAY, APR. 3** – No Mass

**7:15 P.M.** – Adult Choir Rehearsal

**WEDNESDAY, APR. 4**

**9:00 A.M.** – Mass Offered for +Lois Dunham request of Linda Wiley

**9:00 A.M. to Noon** – Christmas Fair Workshop

**3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**THURSDAY, APR. 5** – Beginning of Triduum

**7:00 P.M.** Mass for All Priests especially Fr. Wojciech

**FRIDAY, APR. 6** – No Mass

**3:00 P.M.** Good Friday Service & Veneration of the Cross

**7:00 P.M.** Stations of the Cross and Veneration of the Cross

**SATURDAY, APR. 7**

**10:00 A.M.** Blessing of Easter Food

**8:30 P.M.** Easter Vigil Mass – For All Parishioners

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 25, 2012

Last week's Offertory Mar. 17 – 18 \$3,172

Last year's Offertory Mar. 19 – 20 \$2,590

*"I will be their God and they shall be my people." - Jeremiah 31:33*

What does it mean to be God's people? It means that first we recognize that everything we have and everything we are truly belongs to God. It also means that we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for the world just as God cares for us.

### Readings for the Week of March 25, 2012

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 /Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

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### FROM THE CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP

The Fair Group is at work for the November event. We have some needs that we hope our parishioners can help with. We need the following:

Baby Food Jars – 400

Tea Cups – 50

Tea Spoons – 50

Odd Wine Glasses – 50

You may leave your donations at the Parish Center in or outside.

In the Vestibules there is an ongoing list of needs that we hope you will check every so often.

**THANK YOU!**

### EASTER FOOD DELIVERY

Our Easter delivery of food is April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please remember our neighbors in need with a donation of food or money.

### 2012 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

#### "To Love and Serve the Lord"

Your charitable gift to the Appeal supports vital ministries and programs throughout the Diocese. If you have not yet had the opportunity to make your gift, please respond today. Gift envelopes may be found in the pews or, if you prefer, you can make your gift online at

[www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org). Your charitable gift to the Appeal helps care for the sick and elderly, giving a helping hand to families in need, provide resources to people living in poverty, and support our retired priests. Your contribution, coupled with the gifts of many other Catholics in our Diocese does make a positive impact based on the teachings of Jesus Christ who called us to love and serve one another. "For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? It is not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves." Luke 22:27. By giving to the Annual Catholic Appeal, you give tremendous love, mercy, hope, and peace to countless individuals and families.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The St. Maurice Youth Group** will meet on Friday, April 13th from 7:00-9:00 PM in the basement of the church. This month we will be playing Bunco. We would like to extend an invitation to all current 4th graders to participate in Youth Group! We hope you can join us!

**Children who will be making their First Communion** and their Parents will have a special meeting from 2:30 to 4:30 PM on Sunday, April 22nd in the basement of the church. Please save this important date and time for fellowship!

**On Easter Sunday** there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for all children after the 10:00 AM Mass weather permitting. Children can bring a small basket to collect their eggs. Please participate in this fun event with your children!

### Diocese of Norwich Catholic Charities Office of Family Life

**Reaching for a lifeline for your troubled marriage? Retrouvaille is that lifeline. Serious marriage building and repair: Retrouvaille** begins with a weekend in which husbands and wives are given tools to heal, re-establish communication, work on their issues and gain new insight into themselves as individuals and as a couple. A series of 6 post sessions follows the weekend phase. For information or to sign up for the next weekend in the Hartford area on April 13-15 call Bill and Terri Mason at 203-879-3842. All contacts are in strict confidence. Website [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

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**Bishop Michael R. Cote, D.D., invites you to the Chrism Mass at Saint Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday, April 3, 2012, at 10:30 A.M.**

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