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Good News!

April 1, 2012

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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

"April Fool!" Sure, it's a modern saying, but that's how I felt when Pilate called for my release. He wasn't serious, was he? Was the crowd really asking for me, Barabbas—a convicted murderer—to be released instead of that seemingly insignificant Jesus? I didn't believe it until my shackles were undone and the rowdy crowd was slapping my back in celebration.

What I remember most is how he looked at me. The crowds were shouting, "Crucify him!" It was terrifying. But Jesus didn't look at me with anger or hatred. The tenderness in his eyes astounded me. Took my breath away, really. It was momentary—but I felt he could see all the horrible things I'd done, and yet he...loved me. It's hard to explain and probably sounds ridiculous. But it felt very real.

I was swept up with everyone following Jesus to his crucifixion. Part of me wanted to shout, "Stop! This man is going to die! This man was supposed to be me!" Yes, the crowd and leaders chose me, but ultimately, Jesus did the choosing. He didn't fight back, despite being innocent. He freely chose this path. It was terrible to watch him suffer and be crucified. Others taunted him, but I averted my eyes. I kept thinking about how he looked at me. I couldn't shake it.

After he died, I hung around, but not too long. His women friends stayed close to the cross, but I was afraid and confused. My buddies wanted to celebrate, but I needed to be alone. I suddenly felt like a different man. That look he gave me, and witnessing his passion—it changed me. I didn't know then where it would lead me, but I knew I was a changed man.

Will his passion change you?

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m. Holy Ďays at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

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

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. <u>Mass offered for +James Toomey</u> request of

Gloria Holbrook

SUNDAY, APR. 1

7:30 A.M. Mass Offered for +Raymond Poniatoski

request of Jane & Bob Hunt

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 +Olga Guglielmino

request of Samuel Guglielmino

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

THURSDAY, APR. 5 - HOLY THURSDAY

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

Altar Servers: Angelica & Alex Czercowy, Maria Cinea

Lector: Stephen Paul, Judy Knox Eucharistic Minister: Clifford Scorso

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8 P.M.-12 midnight -

To facilitate the adoration, parishioners are requested to

spend an hour according to Last Name Letter.

8P.M. – 9P.M. S-Z; 9P.M.-1-P.M. M-R; 10P.M.-11P.M. G-L; 11P.M.-12A.M. A-F

FRIDAY, APR. 6 – GOOD FRIDAY

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

Cross and distribution of the Eucharist

Altar Servers: Ben, Ryan & Nicholas VanDine

Lector: Kyle Toce, Lynn Mancino Eucharistic Minister: Lou Cloutier

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

the Cross

Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer

SATURDAY, APR. 7

10:00 A.M. – Blessing of Easter Food

NEXT WEEK

EASTER SUNDAY of the Ressurrection of the Lord APRIL 7 – 8, 2012

USHERS GROUP III

Second Collection for Sick & Infirmed Priests

SATURDAY, APR. 7

8:30 P.M. Easter Vigil Mass offered for ALL

Parishioners

Altar Servers: Ben VanDine, Kaily Toce, Stephanie

Leiner, Maria Cinea

Lector: Kyle Toce, Stephen Paul, Georgette Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Patti Cinea

EASTER SUNDAY, APR. 8

7:30 A.M. Mass Offered for +Suzanne Dower

request of Lynn Mancino

Altar Servers: Angelica & Alex Czercowy

Lector: Lynn Mancino

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. Mass Offered for +Marie Madore

request of her three Daughters

Altar Servers: Amilia Herasimowicz, Elizabeth Foran

Lector: Evelyn O'Connor

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley

EASTER EGG HUNT AFTER MASS

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, APR. 9 – No Mass

5:00 P.M. Parish **BINGO** – Food available from 5

P.M. GAMES begin at 6:30 P.M.

7:00 P.M. – Property Management Meeting

TUESDAY, APR. 10 - No Mass

7:00 P.M. – Pastoral Planning Meeting at the Parish Center

7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, APR. 11 - No Mass

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. 12 – No Mass

Knights of Columbus Business Meeting

FRIDAY, APR. 13 – No Mass

7:00 to 9:00 P.M. - Youth group in Church Basement

SATURDAY, APR. 14

ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

Last week's Offertory Mar. 24-25 \$3,106 Last year's Offertory Mar. 26-27 \$3,160

"If anyone should say to you 'Why are you doing this?' reply, 'The Master has need of it and will send it back here at once.'" – MARK 11:3

"Why are you doing this?" This is a question that could be asked of anyone who gives time, talent or treasure to the Church. An answer is found in the Gospel of Mark, "The Master has need of it..." We are all called to give because Our Lord has need of it.

Readings for the Week of April 1, 2012

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

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Rv 1:5-

8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-

14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13--53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42 Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1--2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-

18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15--15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-

11/Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor

5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

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LENTEN REGULATIONS:

ABSTINENCE from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and on ALL the Fridays of Lent.

FASTING: Is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Holy Week Triduum Retreat for Men and Women

Thursday, April 5 - Saturday, April 7, 2012 *Weekend Retreat*

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Retreat Offering: \$250.00 - \$275.00

Experience the peace and power of Christ's Passion and Resurrection at Holy Family. This retreat offers solitude and peace to enter deeply into the most sacred days of the Christian year. Silence is optional. Our retreat, which will center on the liturgical celebration of the Paschal Mystery of Christ's death and resurrection, will include presentations by members of the retreat team, time for private prayer and reflection, and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This retreat for men and women begins with a buffet dinner on Holy Thursday, April 21, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. It ends on Holy Saturday around noon. Retreatants are welcome to remain at Holy Family for the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday night at 8:00 p.m.

Spring Visitor Weekend at the College of Saint Mary Magdalen - April 19-22, 2012. All high school students and recent graduates are invited to attend our Spring Visitor Weekend. Visitors will have the opportunity to attend classes, meet one on one with faculty and admissions representatives, stay in the student residences, attend Mass and participate in spiritual life on campus, and tour our campus. Reserve your place today! Contact the Admissions Office at admissions@magdalen.edu or call toll free: 877.498.1723.

Third Annual CT Walks for Haiti

To Benefit the Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti and Other Nonprofits.

Please join The Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti and other nonprofits working in Haiti for the 3rd annual CT Walks for Haiti on April 14, 2012 at S. Peter Claver Church, 47 Pleasant St., West Hartford.

Registration starts at 10:30 am, and the walk goes from noon to 2 pm. The event will feature music, crafts, food, and a silent auction from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm.

For walk-a-thon donations, please make all checks to *CT Walks for Haiti*. For information on how to donate, volunteer, or register for the event, please visit **www.ctwalksforhaiti.org** or e-mail **mail@ctwalksforhaiti.org**.

For more information on the work the diocese is doing in Haiti and how to become involved, please visit

www.outreachtohaiti.org or e-mail

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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.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

Proposed Defending Our Religious Liberty #5 For April 1, 2012

A law enacted in 1973 says that no individual is required to take part in "any part of a health service program or research activity funded in whole or in part under a program administered by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), if it is contrary to his religious beliefs or moral convictions" (42 USC 300a-7 (d).

Why, then, does the HHS and the federal government think they can do it in 2012 with the federal health care insurance mandate?

Please contact the offices of your Congressional Representatives and United States Senators to express your opposition to the mandate. For addresses and phones numbers, please visit: www.ctcatholic.org or www.norwichdiocese.org.



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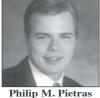
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