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Good News!

April 8, 2012

EASTER

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Col 3:1-4 or
1 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

Jack, the 4-year-old son of my friend, recently made this profound theological announcement: "Easter is the most special church day, because that's when Jesus un-died."

I was impressed by his depth of theological understanding. And in a way, he's right—Jesus did "un-die" on Easter, but it's not as though he simply returned to his former life. He didn't un-die in the same way we untie our shoes and the laces go back to being loose or in the way we unlock a door and open it again.

As we know from the post-resurrection stories, Jesus' situation was quite different. His friends didn't initially recognize him, he entered through locked doors, he sometimes disappeared from sight. His resurrected self was very different from his previous self, yet it still was Jesus. The angel in Mark's narrative says it quite clearly: "He is not here"—the Jesus you knew isn't here, but the resurrected Jesus is quite alive and well.

Jesus' resurrection reveals a truth not only about eternal life, but also about the new life God offers through the "deaths" in our daily lives. God provides new, resurrected life when we experience suffering or loss, but it often looks very different from our previous life. When we lose a job, God can provide new opportunities, but it's usually not the same job we had before. When a relationship ends, God can provide a new companion, but it will be a different person and a new experience. All the "deaths"—serious illness, loss of a loved one, leaving a familiar home—cannot be un-died.

Life looks different after these deaths, but then it should—God offers us resurrected life in these moments. That's the tremendous joy we celebrate today in Easter.

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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):

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.

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THIS WEEK

EASTER SUNDAY – RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

APRIL 7 – 8, 2012

USHERS GROUP III

Second Collection for Sick & Infirm Priests

SATURDAY, APR. 7

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

EASTER SUNDAY, APR. 8

7:30 A.M. Mass Offered for +Suzanne Dower request of Lynn Mancino

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. Mass Offered for +Marie Madore request of her three Daughters

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

NEXT WEEK

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 14 – 15, 2012

USHERS GROUP IV

Maintenance Collection

Triple Play Café Breakfast & Blood Pressure Screening

SATURDAY, APR. 14

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +James Toomey request of the Wed. Adoration Group

Altar Servers: Ally Cianci, Kaila Toce

Lector: Charles Luchini

Eucharistic Minister: Patti Cinea

SUNDAY, APR. 15

7:30 A.M. Mass Offered for +Margaret Fontanella request of Irene Kwiatkowski & Gloria Holbrook

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Stephen Paul

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

9:00 A.M. – ADULT FAITH EDUCATION

9:00 A.M. – CCD Teacher Meeting in the Library at the Parish Center

10:00 A.M. Mass Offered for +Del & +Henrietta Bernais and +Sheryl & +Jeffrey Braman request of Bernadette Devlin

Altar Servers: Ryan & Nicholas VanDine

Lector: Jennifer Carvalho

Eucharistic Minister: Jennifer Carvalho

Youth Chorus Practice after 10 A.M. Mass

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, APR. 16 – No Mass

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Levi Fournier (5th Anniv.) 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. 17 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Yvonne Willette request of Lou & Dorli Cloutier

7:00 P.M. – Parish Council Meeting

7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, APR. 18 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Olga Guglielmino request of Samuel Guglielmino

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. 19 – No Mass

FRIDAY, APR. 20 – No Mass

7:00 to 9:00 P.M. – Combined Youth Band and Chorus Practice in the Church Basement

SATURDAY, APR. 14

ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

Last week's Offertory Mar. 31 – Apr. 1 \$3,571

Last year's Offertory Apr. 2 – 3 \$3,386

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever." – PSALM 118:1

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died and arose for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." But how do we show our gratitude all year to the Lord who spread out His arms on the cross to save us and show us the way to salvation?

Readings for the Week of April 8, 2012

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

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 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

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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

info@outreachtohaiti.org. Thank you for your support.

Marriage Preparation Class for Engaged Couples

"God's Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage" offered by the Office of Family Life. To register for the 4 session class please call 860-889-8346 ext.283

Date: Fridays, April 13, 20, 27, May 4 ~ 7:00pm-9:15pm

Location: Our Lady of Lourdes, RT. 12, Gales Ferry

Cost: \$50.00 per couple

On Divine Mercy Sunday April 15th a special service will be held at 3 P.M. at St. Joseph Church in Rockville. All are invited to attend this most special devotion.

DIOCESE OF NORWICH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

October 9 to 18, 2012

For information or reservations call 860-887-9294

Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich, will lead a ten day pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Caesarea, Mount Carmel, Nazareth, Mount Tabor, Cana, Galilee, Capernaum, Tabgha, Jordan River, Beit Shean, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Masada, and other several sites.

Price includes local bus to/from Boston airport, departure lunch, all tips, breakfast and dinner daily, and also includes departure tax and fuel surcharge.

Reservations must be made by July 6, 2012.

Cost of Tour:

\$3,440.00 per person double occupancy

\$ 539.00 deposit required (\$239.00 optional insurance)

\$ 500.00 single supplement (***limited number***)

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Defending Our Religious Liberty

The Amish are exempt from the entire federal health care reform mandate because they do not believe in insurance. And, members of Medi-Share, a Christian Care Ministry, are also exempt. Yet, when the Catholic Church asks for a religious exemption that would exclude its religious organizations from paying for procedures such as sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception that violate its moral convictions, the government is saying, "No."

We cannot allow the government to dictate which religious beliefs it respects, and which it does not? We, as American citizens, are granted freedom of religion under the Constitution of the United States and the First Amendment. We need to ensure that this inalienable right is never taken away.

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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