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Good News!

April 15, 2012

Second Sunday of Easter / Sunday of Divine Mercy

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

I was the "jock" in my family growing up. I remember being very proud of the scrapes, scratches, and particularly colorful bruises I gained from tumbles and falls while playing sports. Sometimes my teammates and I would compare wounds to see whose was the ugliest...and hence, the coolest!

For children, scars and wounds can be something to show off, while adults tend to hide their stretch marks, surgical scars, and bruised skin—often, I think, to appear strong and less vulnerable. We wouldn't want to appear weak or broken, would we?

However, in today's Gospel reading, one of the first things Jesus does upon appearing to the disciples after his resurrection is show them the wounds in his hands and his side. This, of course, was a way to prove he was really Jesus—the one they saw crucified just three days earlier. But it's significant that even in his glorified, risen body, Jesus still had his wounds. They didn't magically disappear. He didn't try to hide them. They were part of him, even in his new, resurrected life.

Only a week after the joy of Easter, it may seem strange to speak about wounds and scars. Yet we know well in our own lives that while we trust in the joy of the resurrection, we still live with broken hearts, broken relationships, and wounded souls. Just because Easter has occurred doesn't mean our wounds have been erased.

But today's Gospel reminds us that we have a Savior who knows what it's like to be hurt, afraid, and broken. He knows our wounds because he still has his. Because of this, he accompanies us...all the way through the cross to new, resurrected life.

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 5:00 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

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

SUNDAY, APR. 15

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

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

Youth Chorus Practice after 10 A.M. Mass

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, APR. 16 –

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. 21

ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

NEXT WEEK

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21 - 22, 2012

USHERS GROUP I

SATURDAY, APR. 21

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Lois Dunham request of Linda Wiley

Altar Servers: Kyle Toce, Josh Meyers

Lector: Georgette Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Jean Gately

SUNDAY, APR. 22

7:30 A.M. Mass Offered for +Mary K. Radion request of the Radion Family

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

9:00 A.M. – ADULT FAITH EDUCATION

10:00 A.M. Mass Offered for +Robert and +Michele Rouleau request of Margaret Rouleau and Family

Altar Servers: Angelica & Alex Czercowy

Lector: Rita Sheetz

Eucharistic Minister: John Sheetz

Youth Chorus Practice after 10 A.M. Mass

2:30 – 4:30 P.M. – Meeting for 1st Communion Parents and Children in the Church Basement – Children will make banners for 1st Communion

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, APR. 23 –

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, APR. 24 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, APR. 25 –

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, APR. 26 – No Mass

FRIDAY, APR. 27 – No Mass

SATURDAY, APR. 28

ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 15, 2012

Last week's Offertory Apr. 7 – 8 \$3,601

Last year's Offertory Apr. 9 - 10 \$3,728

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own>" – ACTS 4:32

Stewardship calls us to recognize, just as the early Christians did, that none of our possessions is our own. All that we have – our health, our education, our skills, our talents, and our livelihood – are gifts from God. The natural reaction when someone gives you a gift is to want to give something back. What do you give back to God?

Readings for the Week of April 15, 2012

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

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

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THANK YOU!

Our Sincere Thanks to ALL who donated food and money for our families to enjoy their Easter meal. We are also most grateful to ShopRite for donating the meat for each family.

Today, 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.

THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

Choosing a family cemetery lot is inevitable. Instead of leaving this decision to a loved one, a friend or perhaps even a stranger, why not make this a family decision now?

For a limited time all Catholic families have the opportunity to purchase pre-need graves with upright monument rights or shrine graves with interest-free installment payments up to 4 years at Holy Cross Cemetery in Glastonbury and St Mary Cemetery in East Hartford and St. James and St. Bridget Cemeteries in Manchester. Mausoleum entombment space (casket & cremation) is also available at Holy Cross and St. Mary Cemeteries.

This offer will conclude on May 15, 2012. Please call the office at St. James Cemetery 1t 860-646-3772 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

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*)

\$ 239.00 Travel Insurance

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:

Defending Our Religious Liberty

On Monday, March 27 through Wednesday, March 29, the United States Supreme Court heard oral arguments with respect to the constitutionality of the federal health care mandate. The Court is scheduled to announce its ruling some time in June. As we await their decision, it is more important than ever to contact the offices of your Congressional Representatives and United States Senators to express your opposition to the mandate. For addresses and phone numbers, please visit: www.ctcatholic.org or www.norwichdiocese.org



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