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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord • March 31, 2013

Good News!

March 31, 2013

EASTER SUNDAY (C)

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

Being a bit of a liturgical geek, I have many favorite elements of the Easter liturgies, among them the Easter Vigil baptisms, the dark church enlightened by the paschal candle, and the first sprinkling rite of the season.

But what I anticipate most is the return of the Alleluia in full force. We hear it first before the gospel proclamation at the Easter Vigil. It's sung by the priest at the dismissal and uniquely responded to in song by the congregation. This double Alleluia is sung this way only during the Octave of Easter to remind us that this is a special moment in the Church year.

Some parishes practice a ritual before Ash Wednesday called "burying the Alleluia." A cloth on which Alleluia is printed is ceremoniously "buried"—hidden away during Lent. At the Easter celebration, it bursts forth from its tomb along with Jesus. Alleluia, which means "praise God," is a word of joy, hope, and promise. It always feels great to sing it again.

In the Lukan account of the resurrection proclaimed at the Easter Vigil, the disciples are at first confused by the empty tomb but, Scripture says, "they remembered his words." They recalled what Jesus had said about his rising after three days.

On Easter, we remember the word Alleluia after it has been buried for forty days. It's a word that celebrates Jesus' incredible triumph over sin and death, and his promise of new life for us. Remember the Alleluia this day—and throughout the Easter season.

Thanks be to God indeed!

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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

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

MAR. 30 – 31, 2013

USHERS GROUP II

2ND COLLECTION FOR SICK AND INFIRMED PRIESTS

SATURDAY, MAR. 30 –

8:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice

SUNDAY, MAR. 31 –

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

NO Faith Formation

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +Joseph & +Marie Ann Madore request of Daughters & Son

EASTER EGG HUNT AFTER MASS

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, APR. 1 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Andrew Perniciaro request of Jennifer & Phil Daly

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

TUESDAY, APR. 2 –

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

7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, APR. 3 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Nicola Maratta & +Justina D'Amato request of Josephine Maratta

9:00 A.M. – FAIR WORKSHOP

3 to 7 P.M. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, APR. 4 – No Mass

FRIDAY, APR. 5 – No Mass

NO YOUTH GROUP

SATURDAY, APR. 6 –

4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS

Coffee Social After 5 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.” (Acts 10:38)

As we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord, we must realize that in rising from the dead, Jesus declares to us that He is truly God and His way is the real way. His commands are real. We cannot ignore them any longer. We must throw off our chains of greed, materialism and selfishness and rise to a new level of giving and doing good, just as Jesus called us to do.

NEXT WEEK

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER / SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

APR. 6 – 7, 2013

TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ BREAKFAST

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

USHERS GROUP III

2ND COLLECTION FOR THE SALVATORIAN FATHERS

SATURDAY, APR. 6 –

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Arthur Kehl request of Irene Kehl

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea

Lector: Patti Cinea

Eucharistic Minister: Annedda Stiller

SUNDAY, APR. 7 –

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

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Joel Cohan

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

9:00 A.M. – Faith Formation

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +John Sheetz request of St. Maurice Christmas Fair Committee

Altar Servers: Nicholas VanDine

Lector: Jeffrey Monroe

Eucharistic Minister: Cliff Scorso

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, APR. 8 – 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. 9 – No Mass

7:00 P.M. – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, APR. 10 – No Mass

9:00 A.M. – FAIR WORKSHOP

3 to 7 P.M. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, APR. 11 – No Mass

7:00 P.M. – Knights of Columbus Business Meeting

FRIDAY, APR. 12 – No Mass

SATURDAY, APR. 13 –

4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS

Coffee Social After 5 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement

Readings for the Week of March 31, 2013
 Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35
 Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mth 28:8-15
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Lk24:13-35
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Mark 16:9-15

Marriage Preparation for Engaged Couples

“God’s Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage”.
 April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2013 6:30pm-8:45pm
 Our lady of Lourdes Parish, Gales Ferry.
 To register for the 4 session class call
 Family Life Office at: 860-889-8346 ext.283

Pro-Life Mass

Please join us for the monthly Pro-Life Mass on Saturday, April 6th ~ 8:30a.m. Mass will be celebrated at SS. Peter & Paul Church in Norwich due to Cathedral renovations. Following the Mass the Rosary will be prayed both at SS. Peter & Paul Church and at the Planned Parenthood. There will *not* be a brunch after the Rosary for April. Join us with your presence as we work together to bring about a culture of life.

Reaching for a lifeline for your troubled marriage?

Serious marriage building and repair: Retrouvaille is that lifeline. At a Retrouvaille weekend couples are given tools to re-establish communication, work on their issues, gain new insights and heal. A series of 6 post sessions follows the weekend phase. For information or to sign up for the next weekend on April 19-21 in Hartford area call 413-525-1634. Website www.retrouvaille.org.

EASTER EGG HUNT

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday after the 10 A.M. Mass. Please bring a basket or bag for young children to collect their eggs.

Summer Program at the College of Saint Mary

Magdalen

Once again, the College of Saint Mary Magdalen in Warner, NH is pleased to announce the dates for its Summer Program for high school students. The Collegiate Summer Program offers participants the opportunity to study theology, philosophy, literature and political science. During the summer program, students also attend daily Mass and enjoy sports, socials and day trips including hiking and canoeing. The program is for students who will be entering their sophomore, junior or senior year of high school in the fall of 2013. It is also open to students who have just graduated high school. The Collegiate Summer Program is a two-week session that runs from Sunday, July 28 – Saturday, August 10, 2013. Register today at www.magdalen.edu! For more information, contact the admissions office at admissions@magdalen.edu or 603.456.2656 x 119.

Local Hunger Walk to Benefit the Covenant Soup Kitchen

A CROP Hunger Walk is being organized for our area. It will be held on April 28 with registration at 1 p.m. and the walk at 2 p.m. beginning at Storrs Congregational Church. Several faith communities and groups from UConn have committed to taking part in this walk. If your group would like to participate, please contact Jan Hoyle to get more information. Janis Hoyle Recruitment Chair

UConn Interfaith CROP Hunger Walk
 860.576.0582

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Twenty-five percent of the money raised will go to the Covenant Soup Kitchen and the rest will go to projects dealing with hunger relief that are sponsored by Church World Service. This is a great opportunity for us to work together on an interfaith and intergenerational basis for a good cause.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

This Easter, let us keep religious freedom in our prayers.

Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty

O God our Creator,

from your provident hand we have received
 our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

You have called us as your people and given us
 the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God,
 and your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit,
 you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world,
 bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel
 to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us

in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty.

Give us the strength of mind and heart
 to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened;
 give us courage in making our voices heard
 on behalf of the rights of your Church
 and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father,
 a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters
 gathered in your Church

in this decisive hour in the history of our nation,
 so that, with every trial withstood
 and every danger overcome—

for the sake of our children, our grandchildren,
 and all who come after us—

this great land will always be "one nation, under God,
 indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

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