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Good News!

April 13, 2014

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION (A)

Mt 21:1-11 / Is 50:4-7 / Phil 2:6-11

Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

From the joyful procession into Jerusalem, through the passion and death of Jesus, to the sealing of the tomb by the guards, Passion Sunday (as it is sometimes called) prepares us for the coming Holy Week.

The story draws us in. We are the ones who hail Jesus as the one who is to come. We pray the familiar words in Psalm 118 that call on God to save us. (The familiar word *Hosanna* is actually a plea for salvation from God.)

When we hear the Passion narrative, we become the disciples at the Last Supper and unable to stay awake in Gethsemane. We are the crowd who cries out for Barabbas (a play on words: the name means "Son of the Father") and calls for Jesus' crucifixion.

This is the most important thing that has ever happened to us. This is the story of the fulfillment of God's promise to save us. We will meditate and pray on this mystery all week: God so loved the world, he sent us his only Son.

Paul reminds us that not only did Jesus not deem equality with God something to be grasped, he did not deem human beings creatures to be despised. He became one of us to lead us back into right relationship with God.

On Good Friday, we will hear John's version of the Passion and remind ourselves again of the wonder that someone might give up his life for us. There was nothing we could do to earn God's love, nor could we make God do this.

What will you do this week to express your thankfulness for so great a gift?

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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.

THIS WEEK**PALM SUNDAY**

APR. 12 — APR. 13, 2014

OPERATION RICE BOWL COLLECTION**MAINTENANCE COLLECTION****USHERS GROUP IV****SATURDAY, APR. 12 —**

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Anthony Sobol at the request of Mary Simmons

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

SUNDAY, APR. 13 —

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +James Bloznalis at the request of the Dean and Bloznalis Families

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

8:30 A.M. — **Breakfast for Faith Formation**

9:00 A.M. — **Faith Formation Classes**

10:00 A.M. — Mass offered for +Michele and +Bob Rouleau at the request of the Family

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

Easter Food Distribution by Confirmation Preparation Class

5:30 P.M.— **LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

6:00 P.M. — **Adult Faith Formation Class at the Parish Center**

MONDAY, APR. 14 —

9:00 A.M.— Mass offered for +Sam Guglielmino

5:00 P.M.— Parish **BINGO**—Food available from 5 P.M. Games begin at 6:30 P.M. Jackpot \$700

TUESDAY, APR. 15 — No mass

10:30 A.M.—**Chrism Mass at the Cathedral in Norwich**

7:15 P.M.— **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

WEDNESDAY, APR. 16 — No mass

9:00 A.M. TO NOON — **Christmas Fair Workshop**

THURSDAY, APR. 17 — HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 P.M.—Mass offered for all Priests especially Fr. Wocjciech

Adoration after Mass until midnight

8-9 P.M.— last names S-Z

9-10 P.M.— last names M-R

10-11 P.M.— last names G-L

11 P.M. to 12 A.M.— last names A-F

FRIDAY, APR. 18 — GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 P.M.—**Service and Veneration (Good Friday Collection for Holy Land)**

7:00 P.M. — **Stations of the Cross**

SATURDAY, APR. 19 — HOLY SATURDAY

10:00 A.M.— **BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD**

Last week's Offertory — April 6 — \$3,250

Last year's Offertory — April 7 — \$3,864

"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they compelled to carry his cross." Matthew 27:32

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross". These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for someone. The key is putting the other person's needs before your own and not expecting anything in return.

NEXT WEEK**EASTER SUNDAY**

APR. 19 — APR. 20, 2014

EASTER COLLECTION FOR SICK & INFIRMED PRIESTS**EASTER EGG HUNT AFTER 10 A.M. MASS ON SUNDAY****USHERS GROUP I****SATURDAY, APR. 19 —**

8:30 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea, Josh Meyers, Nicholas VanDine

Lectors: Bert Flynn and Georgette Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley

SUNDAY, APR. 20 —

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Lynn Mancino

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

No Faith Formation Classes

10:00 A.M. — Mass offered for +Marie Madore at the request of her 2 daughters and son

Altar Servers: Amilia and Marta Herasimowicz

Lector: Jeffrey Monroe

Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen Smythe

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

MONDAY, APR. 21 —

9:00 A.M.— Mass offered for +James Bloznalis at the request of the Dean and Bloznalis Families

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

TUESDAY, APR. 22 —

9:00 A.M.— Mass offered for +Anthony Sobol at the request of Bert and Marge Flynn

7:15 P.M.— **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

WEDNESDAY, APR. 23 —

No mass

9:00 A.M. TO NOON — **Christmas Fair Workshop**

THURSDAY, APR. 24 —

No Mass

FRIDAY, APR. 25 —

No Mass

SATURDAY, APR. 26 —

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

Readings for the Week of April 13, 2014

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14--27:66 or 27:11-54

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 61:1-3ab, 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: Easter 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/Mt 28:1-10

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

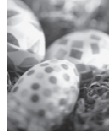
Palm Sunday, April 13th

As the Lenten season draws to a close, to help prepare ourselves, the film *This Side of Eden* will be shown at **6:30 P.M.** in the **Parish Center**. This film presents an inspiring and intimate portrait of the life of the Benedictine Monks at work, prayer and leisure with the focus on the days of Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. Set in British Columbia, the outer beauty of the natural world along with the majestic beauty of the Abbey is breathtaking. What similarities of their faith community can we draw from here at St. Maurice?

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EASTER EGG HUNT

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday 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!



MOVIE NIGHT



Father Wojciech would like to invite the confirmation class and their parents to a movie night on Sunday, April 27th at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Please join him for this special showing of **Grace Unplugged**.

THANK YOU TO SHOP RITE for donating the hams and to all parishioners for donating food and money to help the 30 Bolton families have a joyous Easter meal.

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SAVE THE DATE

May 13, 2014

HOLY FAMILY RETREAT

Holy Family's retreat team invites you to experience a dynamic weekend retreat which explores the meaning and potential of love to transform our lives. Love is our source and our destination. Christ gave us nothing less than complete love on the cross, and we, in turn are called to love one another. The Retreat begins with a buffet dinner Friday from 6 to 8 P.M. and ends with brunch at noon on Sunday. Register at www.holyfamilyretreat.org or call 860.760.9705 for additional information.

Men's Retreat Date: June 6-8, 2014

Women's Retreat Date: May 30-June 1, 2014

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

An exciting opportunity is opening for a parishioner with an interest in computer design. Our parish is in need of a new volunteer to coordinate the weekly parish bulletin. There is a template to follow, with a need to copy and paste any information that is submitted by the Diocese, Deanery and Parish levels, as well as publishing the weekly parish schedule of events. This work may be done at the Parish Office or at the convenience of your home. Shadowing will be provided by our current volunteer during the months of June and July. Those interested, please contact Fr. Wojciech after Mass, or Theresa during regular office hours.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

WHITE MASS FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS AND CAREGIVERS OF ALL FAITHS

The 24th Annual White Mass for Health Care Workers and Caregivers of all faiths, Cathedral of Saint Patrick, 213 Broadway, Norwich, Sunday, May 4, 2014, 9:00 a.m. Brunch will immediately follow in the Church Hall. Celebrant: Rev. Msgr. Anthony S. Rosaforte. Homilist and Speaker: Reverend Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D. For information call 860-887-9294, ext. 232.



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Diocese of Norwich is most blessed with a faithful flock of Catholic stewards. Through the Annual Catholic Appeal, you can "Shine the Light of HOPE" on those in darkness by extending Christ's compassion to people in need. ACA supported ministries and programs demonstrate the corporal and spiritual acts of mercy, which serves as cornerstones to our faith. Your donation helps to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and visit the sick. Your gift provides comfort, consolation, education and empowerment. Please consider making your pledge to the ACA by visiting www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

When arguing in front of the U.S. Supreme Court last month, government lawyers said that individual business owners have religious rights, but that their companies do not. Lawyers for the family-owned companies that are being forced to pay health care policies, which include procedures that violate their religious beliefs, countered by saying that Americans do not forego their religious rights when they go into business. The Supreme Court will render its decision before it breaks for the summer.

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling President Obama at the White House at 202-456-1111 or Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius at 202-205-5445. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.



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