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Acts 10:34a, 37–43 / Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8 Jn 20:1–9 or Mt 28:1–10

No angel.

No trumpet blasts.

No remarkable glow of light.

The only thing Mary saw was a stone that had been moved from its place at the entrance of Jesus' tomb. The only thing Peter and the beloved disciple saw were burial cloths set aside, the one for Jesus' head in a separate place.

Some have pointed out that this tells us only that a body that was supposed to be in the grave was not. It does not "prove" Jesus rose from the dead. But there was an empty tomb—there was nothing when there should have been something.

We preach Christ risen from the dead on Easter. Is it foolishness? The whole of creation began in mystery—God took emptiness and created the world. Our new life begins in mystery too. It starts with an empty tomb. God goes on to create stars, planets, animals, and human beings. Jesus, who had taught in the synagogues, healed the sick, and raised the dead, opens our eyes and hearts little by little and shows us that the empty tomb means abundant life for all who believe—a new relationship with God.

A little later in the day, Mary encounters Jesus in the garden, though she doesn't know him at first. When she understands it is Jesus, she touches the mystery that is life.

When Jesus appears to the disciples, nail marks still visible, he wishes them peace and invites them and all of us into new life with God.

We've told this story for almost two thousand years, and it has never worn out or grown stale.

What other evidence do we need?

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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!

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By appointment.

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Please call the rectory (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

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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 EASTER SUNDAY

APR. 19 — APR. 20, 2014

2nd EASTER COLLECTION FOR SICK & INFIRMED PRIESTS
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SATURDAY, APR. 19 -

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

SUNDAY, APR. 20 - HAPPY EASTER

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

No Faith Formation Classes

10:00 A.M. – <u>Mass offered for +Marie Madore</u> at the request of her 2 daughters and son

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

MONDAY, APR. 21 -

9:00 A.M.— <u>Mass offered for +James Bloznalis</u> 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. Jackpot \$

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

Last week's Offertory — April 13 — \$2,444 Last year's Offertory — April 14 — \$3,506

"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." Colossians 3:2

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become your god.

NEXT WEEK

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER/DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APR. 26 — APR. 27, 2014 USHERS GROUP II

SATURDAY, APR. 26 -

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +John Garvan at the request of

Frances Garvan
Altar Servers: Maria Cinea
Lectors: Georgette Pelletier
Eucharistic Minister: Bert Flynn

Coffee Social after 5:00 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, APR. 27 -

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

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

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

9:00 A.M.— Last session of Faith Formation Classes

10:00 A.M. - Mass offered for +John Sheetz at the request of

Jennifer and Phil Daily

Altar Servers: Nicholas VanDine

Lector: Paul Brown

Eucharistic Minister: Betty Aitkin

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

7:00 P.M.— Confirmation Class and their parents Movie Night

MONDAY, APR. 28 -

9:00 A.M.— Mass offered for +Louis Rakszawski at the request of the Helen Kurys Family

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

TUESDAY, APR. 29 -

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

7:15 P.M.— CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, APR. 30 -

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

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

THURSDAY, MAY 1 -

No Mass

FRIDAY, MAY 2 -

No Mass

Monday:

7-9 P.M.— Junior Youth Group, The Disciples in Church Basement

SATURDAY, APR. 26 -

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

Readings for the Week of April 20, 2014

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 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 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

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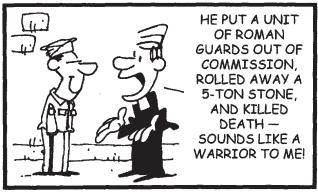
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Men's Retreat Date: June 6-8, 2014

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

DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE MASS WILL BE HELD AT ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH IN NEW LONDON ON SATURDAY, MAY 3RD ~ 8:30 A.M. Please join us and our Celebrant, Rev. Robert Washabaugh, at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed. Please note the change in location.

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 Pacholoczyk, Ph.D. For information call 860-887-9294, ext. 232.

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Defending Our Religious Liberty

The President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, has sent a letter to President Obama asking that, in light of concessions made to others in the implementation of the health care law, the administration at least temporarily exempt religious institutions from paying crippling fines until the courts decide the religious freedom issue of having to pay for plans that include sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs and contraceptives.

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the HHS 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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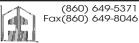
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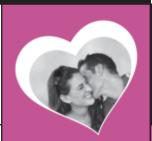
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