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Good News!

May 4, 2014

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

Acts 2:14, 22-33 / 1 Pt 1:17-21 / Lk 24:13-35

The story of the road to Emmaus is a favorite among retreat leaders because they can pair off participants to talk about hopes, fears, and dreams while they take a long walk or find a safe place to sit.

I've heard people tell dark secrets and expose long-hidden resentments on such walks. It seems the act of walking loosens the tongue and allows us to look at scenery while we bring forth the courage to tell what is happening in our lives.

So it doesn't surprise me at all that Jesus makes his first post-resurrection appearance in Luke to two people who are walking and talking. Believing him to be a stranger, the disciples are free to tell everything about their fear, their anger, their dashed hopes, and their confusion over the empty tomb. They are able to be themselves, and Jesus does what they need him to do—he listens and hears them.

Then something remarkable happens. He opens their minds and hearts to the revelation of God in Scripture. He gives them a new way of seeing. They are eager to know more. They beg him to stay and share a meal. And, finally, they know him in the breaking of the bread and the breaking open of their hearts.

Maybe there's a lesson here for us. When we're weary or worried, perhaps we can take a walk on our imaginary road and tell Jesus everything that has happened, let him love us, and let him help us remember the Scriptures.

And, hearts lightened, we can know him again in the breaking of the bread.

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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**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER****MAY 3 — MAY 4, 2014****SECOND COLLECTION - SEMINARY EDUCATION FUND****USHERS GROUP III****SATURDAY, MAY 3 —**

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

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

SUNDAY, MAY 4 —

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. — Mass offered for +Elizabeth Fiano Chieffo, at the request of Dolores Beaudette

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

MONDAY, MAY 5 —

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

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

TUESDAY, MAY 6 —

9:00 A.M.— Mass offered for +Anthony and +Donald Sobol at the request of Rita Sheetz

7:15 P.M.— **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7 —

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

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

THURSDAY, MAY 8 —

No Mass

7:00 P.M.— Knights of Columbus meeting

FRIDAY, MAY 9 —

No Mass

SATURDAY, MAY 10 —

10:00 A.M. First Reconciliation — Immediately following will be practice for First Communion

4:30 P.M. — **ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS**

Last week's Offertory — April 27 — \$2,527
Projected amount needed \$3,370

"Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?" Luke 24:32

How often do we take the time to see what Jesus wants from us? Are our prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for us? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. So, just like any friendship with another person, there is give and take, each side listening to other and helping each other out. Take time in silence to listen to what Jesus is saying to you.

NEXT WEEK**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER****MAINTENANCE COLLECTION****MAY 10 — MAY 11, 2014****COFFEE SOCIAL AFTER MASSES****USHERS GROUP IV****SATURDAY, MAY 10 —**

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

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea

Lectors: Georgette Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Maureen Mozzer

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

SUNDAY, MAY 11 —

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Casimir and +Thomas Kurys at the request of Helen Kurys and Family

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Joel Cohan

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. — **First Communion**

Mass offered for the Children receiving First Communion

Altar Servers: LeeAnn and Ben Snuffer

Lector: Paul Brown

Eucharistic Minister: Clifford Scorso

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

MONDAY, MAY 12 —

9:00 A.M.— Mass offered for +James P. 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, MAY 13 —

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

7:00 P.M.— Parish Council Meeting

7:15 P.M.— **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14 —

9:00 A.M.— Mass offered for +Elizabeth Heffernan at the request of her Family

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

THURSDAY, MAY 15 —

No Mass

FRIDAY, MAY 16 —

No Mass

SATURDAY, MAY 17 —

4:30 P.M. — **ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS**

Readings for the Week of May 4, 2014

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51--8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

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Please stop in any time between 7:00AM and 7:00PM to join us saying the Rosary for your own intentions.

SAVE THE DATE!!!! SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST

Parishioners and guests are invited on our 2nd annual pilgrimage. This year, we will journey to **St. Joseph's Abbey** in Spencer, MA on Sunday afternoon, **June 1st**. Come witness a community of **Trappist Monks** living a contemplative life of prayer. Activities include hearing a brief account of the history of the abbey from one of the monks, and witnessing Vespers and Benediction. On site is a gift shop where among other items, the monks sell their Trappist Preserve Products—a selection of jams & jellies. **There is little walking involved this year!** There are sign up sheets located on the table at the back of the church. Transportation TBD. For more information, please contact Fr. Wojciech after Mass.

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

NCBC

Have you ever wondered how to make sense of the Bible? Do you wish you could sit down with the Scriptures and hear the voice of God speaking to your heart? Do you want to learn an authentically Catholic approach to reading the Bible and sharing its wisdom with others? **The National Catholic Bible Conference** will return to the **Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa** in Doylestown, PA on **June 27th and 28th**. The theme of this year's event is "**Scripture: The Heart of the Father.**" Presenters include gifted Catholic speakers and biblical scholars, including Scott Hahn, Jeff Cavins and Mark Hart. For more information and registration, please visit CatholicBibleConference.com or call 1-888-842-2853. Two St. Maurice parishioners have registered to attend. If interested in joining them, please contact Fr. Wojciech.

NEEDED OFFERTORY AMOUNT

The Parish Council recommended that in order to cover all expenses of the parish we need a weekly budget amount of \$3,370. for our offertory collection. On an average we are approximately \$840. short of our needs per week. Prayerfully consider your ability to increase your offertory donation. Even a few extra dollars a week will make a difference.

NEEDED: Bulletin Editor

Our parish is in critical need of a volunteer who can assist Theresa by editing our weekly bulletin. Any information submitted by parishioners, deanery or diocese can be electronically cut and pasted, along with inserting the parish schedule of weekly events. This work can be done at the convenience of your home, or in the Parish Office. Elaine will be back during the months of June and July to provide direction. This position could be shared by multiple volunteers on a rotating basis. Interested persons, please contact Fr. Wojciech after Mass, or Theresa during regular office hours.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

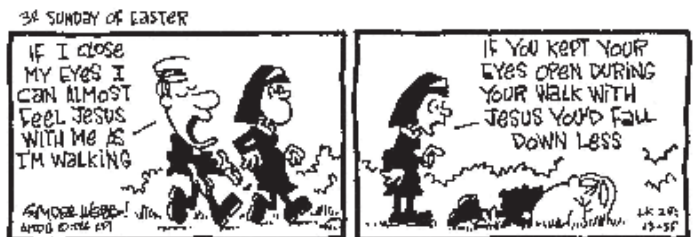
RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS "I did not think the sorrow and wounds from my abortion, could ever be healed". Healing and forgiveness can begin with a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**. Retreat May 30-June 1 in Hamden, CT call 203-631-9030. Retreat June 27-29 in RI call 401-421-7833 ext.118. **or www.rachelsvineyard.org** "**Project Rachel**" is a Diocesan ministry for anyone seeking healing and forgiveness. **Project Rachel Ministry** priests are there for you with God's Grace and Mercy. Call 860-889-8346 ext.283. All inquiries are confidential.

NORWICH DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN'S 59TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

All women in the Diocese are cordially invited to attend the Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's 59th Annual Convention on Saturday, May 17, 2014, at St. Mary Church of the Visitation, 218 Providence Street, Putnam, CT. The day begins at 9:00 with registration and coffee. Our keynote speaker will be Sr. MaryEllen SCMM and her topic will be The Transformative Power of Dreams. Very Rev. Leszek Janik, JCL, VG will celebrate the liturgy at 12 p.m. and a luncheon will immediately follow. Registration fee for lunch and materials is 525.00. Checks should be made out to PDCCW and mailed to Patricia Blain, 21 Rachel Drive, North Grosvenordale, CT 06255. For more information call Pat at 860-923-9259

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

It is important that we stay informed regarding the Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate and how it will violate our religious freedom as Catholics and as Americans. If religious liberty is not upheld, all people suffer and are deprived of their essential contribution to the common good whether in education, health care, feeding the hungry, civil rights, and social services.

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