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Good News!

June 22, 2014

MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (A)

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a / 1 Cor 10:16-17 / Jn 6:51-58

In the wake of natural disasters and senseless (and often intentional) violence, I'm deeply grateful that thousands of people find the grace to run toward the disaster to help with open hearts and wallets or to lend a shoulder to lean on or a hand to rebuild.

The world calls this phenomenon the triumph of the human spirit; I'm convinced it's grace abounding, that God might work through each person who builds, plants, comforts, and even dies so that others might live.

"Do not be afraid of those who can kill the body," said Jesus, who knew that the path of discipleship would not be easy for those who followed him. He also knew that fear is a door through which evil can tempt believers to put their faith and trust in anything that can give them security, wealth, and power and, thus, turn away from God.

Those who kill others for the sake of their own gain, who oppress peoples to increase power, and who take advantage of misfortune to increase their wealth have succumbed to evil already.

"Do not be afraid," Jesus says, because God watches over us and, in the words of the psalmist, "is our champion."

People who run into burning buildings, who spend precious time rebuilding disaster areas and looking for survivors, who stand in defiance of tyranny, oppression, and injustice, and who give what they have to help others know this—and live it already.

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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

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
JUNE 21 — JUNE 22, 2014
USHERS GROUP II

SATURDAY, JUNE 21 —

5:00 P.M.— Mass offered for +Cody Morra at the request of
 Lawrence and Rose Fiano

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 22 —

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. — Mass offered for +Cody Morra at the request of Father
 Wojciech

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

MONDAY, JUNE 23 —

9:00 A.M.— Mass offered for All Parishioners

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 24 —

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25 —

9:00 A.M.— Mass offered for All Parishioners

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 19 —

No Mass

THURSDAY, JUNE 26 —

No Mass

FRIDAY, JUNE 27 —

No Mass

SATURDAY, JUNE 28 —

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

Projected Amount needed \$3,370

*“Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body,
 for we all partake of the one bread.”*

1 Corinthians 10:17

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a twofold purpose. One, it helps build God's kingdom here on earth. Two, it is a road map to Heaven. Let's help each other get there!

NEXT WEEK

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES
SECOND COLLECTION — WORLD COMBINED COLLECTION
JUNE 28 — JUNE 29, 2014
USHERS GROUP III

SATURDAY, JUNE 28 —

10:00 A.M.— Priests Ordination at St. Patrick's Cathedral

5:00 P.M.— Intentions of Carol Zabielski at the request of
 Mary Mumford

Altar Servers: *Maria Cinea*

Lectors: *Bert Flynn*

Eucharistic Minister: *Linda Wiley*

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 29 —

7:30 A.M.— Mass offered +Agnes and George Murphy at the
 request of MaryAnne Murphy

Altar Servers: *Shirley Warbeck*

Lector: *Judy Knox*

Eucharistic Minister: *Linda Richardson*

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. — Mass offered for +Edgar Lavoie at the request of the
 Family

Altar Servers: *Amilia and Marta Herasimowicz*

Lector: *Rita Sheetz*

Eucharistic Minister: *Rita Sheetz*

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

MONDAY, JUNE 30 —

9:00 A.M.— Mass offered for All Parishioners

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

TUESDAY, JULY 1 —

9:00 A.M.— Mass offered for All Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2 —

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, JULY 3 —

No Mass

FRIDAY, JULY 4 —

No Mass

SATURDAY, JULY 5 —

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

Readings for the Week of June 22, 2014

Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Mt 7:21-29

Friday: Dt 7:6-11/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30

Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Lk 2:41-51

Next Sunday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

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BACCALAUREATE MASS IN MEMORY OF CODY MORRA Sunday, June 22nd at 10:00 a.m. The Church of St. Maurice will hold a special Mass for all seniors graduating from high school. All graduates should gather in the lower church at 9:30 a.m. in cap and gown. Attendees RSVP saintmauricechurch@att.net. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Saturday, June 21st at 10:00 a.m. to prepare for Eucharist. Light refreshments will be served after Mass.

SCHEDULE PICK-UP

Schedules for Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are in the rack in back of church. Please pick them up.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

By Senator Rev. Reuben Diaz

You should know that on Monday May 5, 2014, the United States Supreme Court of America ruled in favor of a case established by a small town called Greece in upstate New York. This case was known as "The Case of the Town of Greece v. Galloway," and it was in regards to prayers offered at public legislative meetings.

You should know that this was a ruling of immense importance to religious organizations in America, and for the Many people like us who have been fighting many years to bring prayer back to schools and to different public places. At the same time, it was a great defeat and setback for those who promote political correctness and for those who oppose prayer basing their opposition in not wanting to offend anyone.

Because of the importance of this news and what it means to many of us, I would like to quote two paragraphs written by Rev. Jason J. McGuire, Executive Director of New Yorkers for Constitutional Freedoms:

"The Supreme Court's decision today is important and much needed, as it protects the religious liberty of all Americans and upholds the quintessentially American tradition of prayer at government proceedings. The Court's ruling clarifies once again that commencing government proceedings with prayer does not constitute an 'establishment of religion' in violation of the First Amendment. Further, the Court has reminded Americans that governing bodies which allow public prayer are not required to edit or regulate the content of the prayers that are offered, to go beyond the borders of their cities or towns to recruit a religiously diverse pool of prayer-givers, or to guarantee that no listeners are offended by what they hear during such prayers. So long as prayers at public meetings do not fall into a pattern of proselytizing others or denigrating different faiths, they do not violate the First Amendment."

"Today's decision is a victory for the free exercise of religion, for freedom of speech, and for freedom of judicial overreach. All Americans who believe that prayer and religious faith play a key role in our society should celebrate. All Christians should be thankful that our Supreme Court — unlike the Second Circuit Court of Appeals — has not given in to the voices of censorship and political correctness that would prevent us from praying in the name of Jesus in city, town, and village halls across the nation. And the Town of Greece and its legal counsel are to be commended for their perseverance in seeing this case through to its conclusion.

How sweet it is, how great it is! Viva the Freedom of Speech and Viva the Freedom of Religion!

PATIO CUSTOM MEMORIAL BRICK SPONSORSHIP

Dear Parishioners of St. Maurice Church,

There is a memorial patio now built on the north side of the Parish Center. It was built by a Boy Scout and lifetime confirmed member of our parish community. Many of you sponsored custom inscribed memorial bricks to help fund this beautiful project. Some folks did not have the opportunity to do this and have subsequently requested an additional chance to do so. The third and final round of memorial bricks can be ordered through parish member Jonathan VanDine. Please see the weekly bulletin for the details on how to submit an application for this.

Each Brick is \$30.00 to order. Up to 2 lines of text can be added as you desire. Examples are "In Memory of _____ or, In Honor of _____" or other appropriate phrase of Christian Faith.

Please contact Jonathan VanDine, at the email jonathan@bpe-ne.com or 860-305-1561 if you need more information or would like to submit an application.

Thank you for your support.

Time is short; this project will be finalized shortly. **Orders must be placed by June 30th**

Donations towards this project are also welcome

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK IN NORWICH ON SATURDAY, JULY 5TH ~ 8:30 A.M.

Please join us and our Celebrant, Rev. Ray Introvigne, 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 both at the Cathedral and Planned Parenthood. A brunch will follow the Rosary at the Cathedral.

VOLUNTEERS FOR PRISON MINISTRY NEEDED

"Come, you who are blessed by my Father. *Inherit* the kingdom prepared for you from the *foundation of the world*. For *I was in prison and you visited me*."

The Office of Prison Ministry in the Diocese of Norwich is seeking individuals interested in volunteering for Prison Ministry. There are many ways in which you can share your gifts. You can make a difference.

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| Scripture Study and Sharing | Retreat Days |
| Sacramental Preparation | Small Christian Communities |
| Prayer Groups | Music for Liturgies |
| Religious Education | Legion of Mary |

A training program, "Gift of Grace" has been developed for those interested in volunteering for prison ministry. This program will take place at the Bishop Hines Conference Room, 201 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360. The schedule for training is as follows: Saturday, September 20, 2014; Saturday, September 27, 2014; Saturday, October 4, 2014; Saturday, October 18, 2014; Saturday, November 15, 2014; Sunday, December 7, 2014.

Pre-Registration is required. Parish teams are encouraged. There is a particular need for people who are bi-lingual in English and Spanish.

For more information, please contact Sheree Antoch at the Prison Ministry Office (860) 848-2237 X21 1 or prison@norwichdiocese.net.



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