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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER — APRIL 12, 2015

dear Padre

April 12, 2015

What are archangels?

What are archangels? Who named them? They were never human, so how can they be saints?

The ancient Babylonians believed God has attendants who are spiritual beings. Judaism maintained this belief, and thus the Catholic religion teaches that “purely spiritual creatures” called angels exist (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 330).

The word *angel* comes from the Hebrew word *malakh*, which means “to send.” The Bible has many references to different kinds of angels. Some angels are messengers. The prefix *arch-* means “important.” Thus, archangels are entrusted with very important messages from God. For example, the archangel Gabriel announced to Mary that she was to be the mother of God (Luke 1:26).

Three archangels are mentioned in the Bible. Biblical writers named them in reference to the messages they delivered: *Michael* (“who is like God”), *Gabriel* (“power of God”), and *Raphael* (“God has healed”). Their feast day is September 29.

Archangels are not human, but they fit the definition of a saint. Therefore, the Roman Catholic Church added the archangels to the canon (list) of saints, because a saint is anyone who is holy. If someone is holy, he or she lives in the presence of God and exists to serve God.

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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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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**
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY
APRIL 11 — 12, 2015
USHERS GROUP IV
SATURDAY, APR. 11
5:00 P.M. Mass offered for †Elizabeth FianoChieffo
 & †Anthony Fiano
 request of Lawrence and Rose Fiano

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement
SUNDAY, APR. 12
7:30 A.M. Mass offered for †Marion Miller
 request of The Family

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass
NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
10:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Anna Scorso
 request of Clifford and Sharon Scorso

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass
COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement
MONDAY, APR. 13
9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Suzanne Dower
 request of Lynn Mancino
TUESDAY, APR. 14
9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Henry Leonard

7:00 P.M. — PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

7:30 P.M. — CHOIR REHEARSAL
WEDNESDAY, APR. 15
9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †John Holleran
 request of Tony and Kathleen Conneely

9:00 A.M. — 12:00 P.M. — CHRISTMAS FAIR
 WORKSHOP

7:15 P.M. — KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUSINESS
 MEETING
THURSDAY, APR. 16 — NO MASS**FRIDAY, APR. 17 — NO MASS****SATURDAY, APR. 18**
4:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS
STEWARDSHIP
 Last week's Offertory: April 5 — \$4,429. (Easter)
 Projected Amount needed \$3,370

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own."
- ACTS 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your talents and abilities – these are all gifts from God. We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with.

NEXT WEEK
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 18 — 19, 2015
USHERS GROUP I
2nd COLLECTION FOR THE SALVATORIAN FATHERS
SATURDAY, APR. 18
5:00 P.M. Mass offered for †Samuel Guglielmino
Altar Servers: Maria Cinea
Lectors: Georgette Pelletier
Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement
SUNDAY, APR. 19
7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
 of St. Maurice Church
Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck
Lector: Joel Cohan
Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

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 †Patricia Auger and
 †John McGary
 request of Frank and Joanne Auger

Altar Servers: Elena & Catherine Fiano
Lector: Barbara Fiano
Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Scorso

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass
COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement
MONDAY, APR. 20
9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Samuel Guglielmino
TUESDAY, APR. 21
9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Ton Hoang
 request of Thao Hoang

7:30 P.M. — CHOIR REHEARSAL
WEDNESDAY, APR. 22
9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Henry Leonard

9:00 A.M. — 12:00 P.M. — CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP
THURSDAY, APR. 23 — NO MASS**FRIDAY, APR. 24 — NO MASS****SATURDAY, APR. 25**
4:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS
Readings for the Week of April 12, 2015

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

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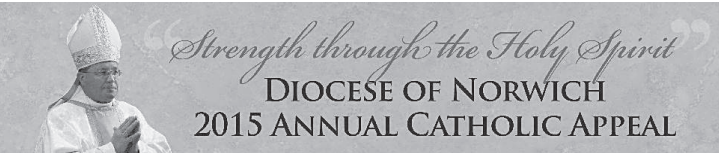
ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE

Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line, especially the new requests for this week.
Thank you. Carol and MaryAnn.



OFFERTORY GIFTS

When you have requested a Mass and wish to present the gifts, please contact an usher before Mass.



Through the "Strength of the Holy Spirit," we know that you will help us through.

We gain strength through our faith. Strength to help us overcome struggles we may face in life.

During this Easter season, let us draw strength from Christ's resurrection. As we overcome obstacles, let us reflect on the new beginning that Christ granted to us by dying on the cross and rising from the dead.

The **Annual Catholic Appeal** helps the ministries and programs in the Diocese to reach out to many people, offering renewed strength to begin anew...to face life challenges and overcome hardships.

If you haven't made your pledge to the 2015 ACA "Strength through the Holy Spirit" campaign, please consider doing so by calling 860-886-1928 or visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org to donate.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The fight for religious freedom is not a Catholic issue, not a Jewish issue, not an Orthodox, Mormon, or Muslim issue. It is an American issue. The passage of the Affordable Care Act has dangerous implications on all religions. If we permit the government to have the final say on what type of health care coverage a religious organization must provide, we are basically enabling them to interfere in all religious liberty concerns in areas such as immigration and humanitarian services.

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445. Let her know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

WHITE MASS FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS AND CAREGIVERS OF ALL FAITHS

will be celebrated at the **Cathedral of Saint Patrick, 213 Broadway, Norwich, on Sunday, April 19, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.** Brunch will immediately follow in the Church Hall. The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote will be the Celebrant, Deacon Gerald Shaw, MD, will be the Homilist, and the featured speaker will be Seth Flagg, LCDR (MC) USN. The topic will be "*Keeping the Faith: Caring for Wounded Marines.*" The Chair of this event is Deacon Gerald Shaw, MD.

The requested donation for breakfast is \$25.00. Health care workers of all faiths are invited.
For further information call Monsignor Brown at 860-887-9294, ext. 232.

On Saturday, April 18, Diocesan Office of Worship will conduct a workshop for

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

who bring Communion to the sick in hospitals or nursing homes, and to the homebound. Registration deadline is April 12th. Place: St. Mary Czestochowa in Middletown. Cost: \$20. For more information call 860-848-2237x203 or go to www.norwichdiocese.org for registration form.

Diocesan Pro-Life Bilingual Mass will be held at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church in New London on Saturday, May 2nd

~ 8:30 a.m. Please join us and our Celebrant, Rev. Robert Washabaugh, at this special bilingual Mass as we pray for the dignity and respect of all natural life from conception to death. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed. Refreshments will be served. Please note the change in location.

Holy Spirit Retreat for High School Girls

Saturday April 25, 2015 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The Holy Spirit Retreat is held at Holy Family Motherhouse in Baltic, CT. There is no cost for the retreat. Learn more about the Holy Spirit, visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, pray and share with the Sisters, meet other teens like yourself and much more.

Call Sister Jacinta at 860-822-8241 for a registration form or e-mail motherhouse@sistersofcharity.com.
RSVP by April 20, 2015.

Share-A-Day

The Sisters of Charity of Our Lady Mother of the Church

invite girls in 2nd and 3rd grades to our Share-A-Day with the Sisters from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at Holy Family Motherhouse in Baltic, CT. This special day includes recreation, talks, activities and prayers with the Sisters.

Please RSVP to Sr. Mary DePaul at 860-822-8241 by April 27.

Holy Family Mini-Camp

Holy Family Mini-Camp an overnight Summer Camp will be held from July 31– August 2 at Holy Family Mother House in Baltic, Connecticut. This 12th annual summer camp run by the Sisters of Charity of Our Lady Mother of the Church is open to girls 11-15. The theme for this years Camp is Christ is Our Light.

Activities include Saturday and Sunday Mass spiritual talks and prayer as well as crafts, games, swimming and various physical activities. There is a \$50.00 dollar registration fee and a \$100.00 dollar camping fee. For more information please call:

Sister Mary De Paul at (860) 822-8241 or e-mail sistermarydepaul@yahoo.com

Please register as soon as possible—May 1 at the latest



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