

From the Desk of Monsignor Bride



Today in the United States of America, we celebrate Respect Life Sunday. This is sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This special weekend stems from God himself, who has created each person in his own image and likeness. This is written in the first book of the Bible, the word of God revealing to us the plan and purpose of the work of God and of all creation. Each person mirrors the image of God through our intellect, our will and our nature. "Then God said: Let us make man in our own image, after our own likeness."

In the Trinity, we have three persons, one God. By analogy, when husband and wife are united in love, they are able to produce a third person, a child, the fruit of their love. The conception of a child is a reflection of the life of the Holy Trinity, of God himself.

In our world today, life is being attacked from every angle: assisted suicide, abortion, embryonic stem cell research, legalized assisted suicide, euthanasia. There exists in our land a thought that for some people life is worth protecting, and for others, their lives are not worth protecting. We also find today a desire to redefine marriage. Marriage and family are the formal contract between a man and a woman which God blesses and consecrates in the Sacrament of Matrimony. No person, no society, no court, no legislature is able, or possesses the right or authority to remove the role of husband and wife nor the issues of procreation from marriage.

What we see happening today is that our culture seeks to control or change or manipulate God's plan and design. It is done forthrightly, as if the control is in our hands. It is not. We see in vitro fertilization, embryo transfer, surrogate motherhood. Yet in the Book of Genesis, God's plan remains firm and solid. It belongs to us to discern that plan, to live that plan.

We do all this without prejudice, without hate, without uncharitable acts. We act from the vantage of faith because the Lord told us not to judge, lest we be judged. We are to love all men and women. That does not mean we compromise the faith or the truth. But we must do so as the Lord did. We teach the truth, we speak the truth, we love the truth, and we love one another. We shall never win an argument or change a difference of opinion without a profound respect for the life of every person and deeds to implement the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our words and deeds.

Monsignor Bride

STEAK NIGHT

Steak Night will be held on Oct. 10 from 6:30-9:30pm. Tickets will be sold after masses. Adult will be \$18 and Children will be \$5. Adult Dinner includes: A 12 oz. Angus NY Strip Steak, Baked Potato, Bread, Salad, Drinks, and Dessert. Children Dinner includes: Hotdog or Hamburger, Baked Potato, Bread, Salad, Drinks, and Dessert.

Cantamus! (We Sing!)

An informal evening of singing with others.
Tuesday, Oct. 6th at 7:00 pm in Christ the King church.

Open to anyone with a desire to sing!

PILGRIMAGE SET FOR HOLY LAND

Dates: Saturday, April 17th through Monday, April 26th, 2010.

Flight: Direct flight from Newark to Tel Aviv

Meals: Breakfast and dinner every day (included in price)

Franciscan Tour Guide as part of Pilgrimage.

Deluxe Motor Coach while in Holy Land.

Overnight in Tel Aviv (arrival night) one night at Nof Ginossar Kibbutz in Galilee on Sea of Galilee/ and Notre Dame Center in Jerusalem

**Price: \$3,449. Per person-double occupancy.
\$3,999. Single occupancy.**

Contact parish office if more info is needed. All reservations must be made to Tours of Distinction, P.O. Box 1011, 7A Pasco Drive, East Windsor, CT 06088-1011. (860) 627-0199

Nineteenth Annual Red Mass Sunday, October 11, 2009, at 10:30 a.m.

Bishop Cote invites all Judges, lawyers, paralegal, law students – all involved in administration of Justice: Legislators, public officials, civic leaders, and all interested persons and their families to the Nineteenth Annual Red Mass and Reception, Sunday, October 11, 2009 in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, 10:30 a.m. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend this Mass.

Monsignor Bride is the coordinator of the Mass, Rev. Monsignor Henry N. Archambault JCD, Judicial Vicar is chaplain of the Catholic Guild of Lawyers and Michael Driscoll, Esq., Diocesan Attorney, is President of the Catholic Guild of Lawyers.



"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." - Mk 10:7-9

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Oct. 3 -Vigil – 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:00 pm YDarren Palmer r/b Joe & Annette
Y Patricia Wiesinger & Erin Marie Beacham
r/b George & Margaret Zipp

Sunday, Oct. 4 – 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 am Y Anthony Melillo r/b Rosemary Strekel
10:30 am Y Mary & Jeremiah Shine, Daniel Shine,
Denis Shine r/b family
Y Pearce C. Beskin r/b Pro-Life Committee
Y Enzo Fazzina & Parents r/b sister
Y Joan Operhall r/b husband & family

Monday, Oct. 5 –Weekday

7:30 am For the parishioners of Christ the King

Tuesday, Oct. 6 – Weekday

7:30 am A Special Intention

Wednesday, Oct. 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary

7:30 am Y Ellie Greenwich r/b Rosemary Strekel

Thursday, Oct. 8 – Weekday

7:30 am Y Anthony Passalugo r/b Roger Desnoyers

Friday, Oct. 9 – Weekday

7:30 am Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, Oct. 10 -Vigil – 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:00 pm YZimito Vincenzo r/b Salvatrice Lacana

Sunday, Oct. 11 – 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 am Y Arthur P. Kathe r/b family
10:30 am Y Joan Operhall r/b husband & family
Y John O'Meara r/b Eleanor Rickel
Y Pearce C. Beskin r/b Fran & George Perchal

**Seventeenth Annual Mass for Firefighters/EMS Personnel
Saturday, October 10, 2009 at 5:00 PM**

Bishop Cote will celebrate Mass for all Firefighters/EMS Personnel in the Cathedral of St. Patrick. Assembly at Chelsea Parade for the line-up and the procession of all personnel and apparatus will begin at 3:00 pm. All Companies, departments and personnel and their families are invited to participate.

Mission Co-op - Piarst Fathers

Next weekend we will welcome Rev. David Powers, Sch.P. from the Piarst Mission School. The Piarst Fathers were founded by St. Joseph Calasanctius in Rome in 1617. In addition to the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, the Piarst take a fourth vow to educate youth. They operate between 195 and 200 schools in 32 countries around the world. One of the schools in located in the Appalachian region of eastern Kentucky.

We are asking your support in helping them in their educational work in Appalachia and also in many outreach programs designed to help those living in poverty in the mountains.

Please try to make a generous gift to this important work.

Readings for the Week of October 4, 2009

Sunday:	Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12
Monday:	Jon 1:1--2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday:	Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13
Friday:	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday:	Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday:	Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Regularly scheduled parish events

Rosary.....Tuesdays – 7:00pm
Pro-Life Meeting1st Wednesday – 9:30am
New Life Meeting.....1st Thursday – 9:00am
Men’s Club2nd Thursday – 6:30pm
Bible Study.....Thursdays – 9:00 am

PARISH EVENTS -

Monday, Oct. 5 – Adult Education at 7:00 PM
Tuesday, Oct. 6 – Music Event at 7:00 in church
Thursday, Oct. 8 – Men’s Club Meeting at 6:30 PM
Friday, Oct. 9 – Morning Coffee with God at 9:00 AM
Saturday Oct. 10 – Steak Night

Parish Support

**The Stewardship offering for
Sunday, September 27, 2009
\$9,300.60 Thank you!**

A LETTER FROM BISHOP COTE CONCERNING RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The USCCB Pro-Life Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities has developed the following theme for Respect Life Month – October. The theme is: “Every Child Brings Us God’s Smile.” Shortly, you will be receiving a complete Respect Life Program Packet for your use in your parish, school, or retreat center. The Respect Life Program develops this theme reminding us of the joy, hope, and love that children bring to our world.

The Respect Life Program materials reflect the diversity of pro-life issues Catholics need to understand in light of our faith. This year’s topics and author’s are as follows:

- *Where Do We Go From Here? The Challenge of Building a Culture of Life.* By Cardinal Justin Rigali
- *Why You Matter: A Reflection on Human Dignity* by Rev. John Bartunek
- *Addressing Infertility with Compassion and Clarity* by Rev. J. Daniel Mindling, OFM Cap.
- *Contraception: The Fine Print* by Susan Wills
- *Assisted Suicide: Death by “Choice?”* by Rita Marker, Esq.
- *The Difference is the Difference: Sexual Difference and the Defense of Marriage* by Rev. J. Brian Bransfield

The kit also includes a Liturgy Guide with Homily Notes, Intercessions, Day of Prayer, etc. and a poster. Some of the pamphlets are available in Spanish. Order forms are enclosed in the packet.

I encourage you to have an active Pro-Life program during Respect Life Month in October. As a reminder, there is a Pro-Life Mass at The Cathedral of St. Patrick Norwich, at 8:30 a.m. the first Saturday of every month. God bless you for your encouragement of this very important ministry.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Bishop of Norwich