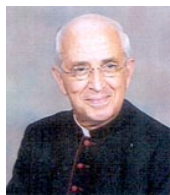


From the desk of Monsignor Bride

We enter into the most solemn week of the year, Holy Week-2010. This bulletin is filled with various times and events, which will fill the week. We have printed this information so that these multiple happenings will be available to you and will, hopefully, be an ongoing invitation for you to participate in the events in Our Lord's life which brought about our salvation and redemption. If there ever was a doubt about our need for God, for this sacred week, for the values which Our Lord came to bring, it is now, it is here and we are the recipients. Our economy continues to be in turmoil - with some hopeful signs but with still too many people out of work. The war in Afghanistan and Iraq take the lives of so many young and good people- the rising death toll, the list of killed and wounded, scandals across the globe, the disruption of faith, have had a chilling effect on each and every one of us.

Do we need God? You bet we need God! Do we need the gifts the Lord gives to us? You bet we need these! Is this the time? This is the time!

THIS IS HOLY WEEK!

Last week I wrote about Holy Thursday and Good Friday. Today we spend a moment dwelling on the meaning of Holy Saturday. In ancient times of Christianity, Holy Saturday was a day of complete fast and abstinence. It was a day of anticipation and preparation for the Solemnity of Easter and the Resurrection of the Lord. The great all night Vigil took place in Churches and gathering places for early Christians as they prayed, read the promises of the Lord throughout the Old Testament and then as morning approached with the rising of the Sun, they celebrated Easter Morning and Christ's Rising from the dead. The Vigil remains as a time for all of us to recall the mighty works of God throughout history and then for us to sing the great Gloria of Easter and to welcome back into the Liturgy the great Alleluia (*Praise Yahweh*) and begin the 40 days of the Easter Season. This momentous feast recalls what Jesus has done for us by making it possible for us to share in his resurrected life through our Baptism whose promises we shall recall on Easter. **COME CELEBRATE EASTER WITH US AS A PARISH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY.**

Take the opportunity this week affords us and accept His grace. Let this HOLY WEEK be the compass of your Catholic Christian Life. This is your rock, this is your victory and this is your Faith. It is the Faith of each of us.

Jesus Christ is the center of Christian life, the center of human history, the center of civilization and, hopefully, the center of each of our lives. Let us rejoice.

Monsignor Bride

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**MON., TUES., WED. OF HOLY WEEK (3/29, 3/30, 3/31)
7:30 A.M. MORNING MASS EACH DAY**

**TUESDAY- MARCH 30, 2010 -10:30 A.M. -
CHRISM MASS - NORWICH**

Bishop Cote invites every Catholic to attend Annual Mass of Chrism where oils used throughout the Diocese will be blessed, 110 priests concelebrate, Diocesan Choir, representatives from every parish attend!

**HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 1, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Washing of Feet will take place
Solemn Procession of Eucharist
Adoration until 10:00 P.M. at Repository

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 2, 2010

9:00 A.M. - Morning Prayer on the day of the death of the Lord.

3:00 P.M. - Solemn Liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord.

7:00 P.M. Stations of the Cross

Veneration of the Relic of the True Cross

After this: (approximately 7:45 P.M.)

CONFESSIONS UNTIL ALL ARE HEARD.

HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 3, 2010

(Prepare Church and decorate Church for Easter)

12:00 Noon- Blessing of Easter Food (in Narthex)

8:00 P.M. Solemn Easter Vigil

Blessing of Easter Candle and Easter Fire/Singing of Easter Proclamation/ Liturgy of the Word/ Gloria Sung/ Epistle proclaimed/ Alleluia returns to Liturgy (*silent since Ash Wednesday*)/ Gospel/ Homily/ Blessing of Easter Water/Renewal of Baptismal Promises/ Infant Baptism/ All are sprinkled with baptismal water/ Confirmation of Adult/ Mass continues

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 4, 2010

8:00 A.M. Mass of the Lord's Resurrection

**10:30 A.M. Solemn Mass of the Lord's Resurrection,
Parish Choir sings**

**CONFESSIONS on Good Friday night
from 7:45 pm until all are heard!
(No confessions on Holy Saturday.)**

Operation Rice Bowl returns

We will be collecting your Operation Rice Bowl with donations for the poor of the world all week. Please bring the boxes and drop them in the containers in the narthex. In these difficult economic times, let us make a strong showing for our care and service to the poor throughout the world as it is performed by Catholic Relief Services.

Two collections on Easter Sunday

On Easter Sunday, in the Diocese of Norwich, there are two collections.

The first collection is the special Offertory Collection for the needs of Christ the King Parish. This collection assists us so we can continue to meet our debt reduction payments of \$11,700 each month. Please be generous! The winter weekends have taken a large toll on our Offertory.

The Diocesan Collection is for "Sick, infirm and retired priests." We must insure that those who have served us over the years are adequately cared for in their senior years. Again, please be generous.

EASTER SUNDAY

On Easter Sunday, we begin the 50 days of Easter. We will rejoice in the new Life of the Lord and our ability through him to share in that life. 40 days takes us to the Solemnity of the Ascension when Jesus returns to heaven, having completed his work on earth.

The next 10 days we will pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit with his multiple gifts which enable us to carry on the work of the Lord in his Church when the Spirit comes to the Church and to each of us

Parish Support

**The Stewardship offering for
Sunday, March 21, 2010**

\$10,658.00

Thank you.



*Wedding
Banns*

THIRD BANN

Neil Terrance Slattery & Colleen Elizabeth Mooney

Readings for the Week of March 28, 2010

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/ Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Rv 1:5-8/ Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13---53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1---19:42

Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1---2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15---15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32---4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12



"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." - Lk 19:38

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 27 - Vigil – Palm Sunday

5:00 pm Y Mary, Thomas & John r/b Kathleen Mather

Y Isolde Dobrin r/b Celine Sullivan

Sunday, March 28– Palm Sunday

8:00 am Y Jean Urbowicz r/b husband

10:30 am Y Thaddeus Piersa r/b parents & family

Y Thomas Montefiore r/b Peter & Karen Oliver

Y F. Dennis McCarthy, r/b Marilyn Clarke

Y Joan Operhall r/b family

Monday, March 29 – Monday of Holy Week

7:30 am For the parishioners of Christ the King

Tuesday, March 30 – Tuesday of Holy Week

7:30 am Y Margaret Tarrant r/b Gail Hull

Wednesday, March 31– Wednesday of Holy Week

7:30 am Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, April 1 – Holy Thursday

7:30 am NO MORNING MASS

7:00 pm For the parishioners of Christ the King

Friday, April 2 – Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

9:00 am Morning Prayer

3:00 pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion & Death of the Lord

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Veneration of the relic of the True Cross

7:45 pm Confessions until all are heard

Saturday, April 3 – Holy Saturday

Noon Blessing of Easter Food

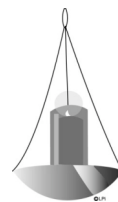
5:00 pm NO MASS

8:00 pm For the parishioners of Christ the King

Sunday, April 4– Easter Sunday

8:00 am For the parishioners of Christ the King

10:30 am For the parishioners of Christ the King



*The April Sanctuary Candle will burn for
the Intentions of the Lauler Family*

A LETTER FROM BISHOP COTE

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On Holy Thursday, we celebrate the institution of the Eucharist and the Priesthood. Through the Eucharist we enter into the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus and we experience the intensity of God's love for us. Saint Paul captures the effect of union with Jesus in the Eucharist when he writes, "I have been crucified with Christ, it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me." Galatians 2:20.

Consecrated through the power of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Holy Orders, priests humbly serve the People of God in fidelity to Christ and His Church. In service to God's people, the priest proclaims the Gospel, ministers in Jesus' Name, and stands at the Altar in the person of Jesus Christ. "Through the hands of priests and in the name of the whole Church, the Lord's sacrifice is offered in the Eucharist in an unbloody and sacramental manner until He Himself returns." Decree On the Ministry and Life of Priests, No. 2

During Holy Week, as we reflect on the Eucharist and priesthood, we pray for our priests that they may always exemplify the love and compassion of Christ and that they may worthily carry on His ministry. In celebrating the Eucharist, priests pray the words spoken by Jesus at the Last Supper and through the power of the Holy Spirit bread and wine become Jesus' Body and Blood and "the community will become ever more the body of Christ." Sacramentum Caritatis, No. 13

In his preaching and proclamation of the Gospel, in his celebration of the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, "the priest must continually work at being a sign pointing to Christ." Ibid. No. 23 The goal of priestly ministry is the glory of God the Father. "Nothing is more beautiful than to know Christ and to make him known to others." Ibid. No. 84

Since the establishment of this Diocese in 1953, hundreds of faithful priests have given glory to God by making Christ known to the people of God in this portion of the Lord's vineyard. Each year at Easter, we remember those retired priests who have been an inspiration to us through their very effective priestly ministry.

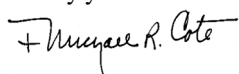
During Holy Week, for the past twenty-seven (27) years, the Diocese has appealed to the faithful to remember in prayer the priests who serve them in the person of Jesus Christ. The Diocese also asks your generosity on Easter Sunday for sick and retired priests. We call to mind priests who have served long and well and who now, because of age or infirmity or both, rest from their labors. We have special concerns for their needs and we want to help them.

Annually, the Easter Collection is taken up for sick and retired priests of our Diocese. In the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2009, the Easter Collection amounted to \$116,500. The Diocese spent \$695,500 for sick and retired priests.

The money was spent for medical insurance for sick and retired priests, medical costs not covered by insurance, special housing needs, the cost of necessary extended stays in nursing homes after surgery, convalescent home care, counseling, residential care, and monthly compensation for priests on sick leave.

Through your Easter, gift you help to provide security and support to these devoted priests who have served our Diocese so well for so many years. Please show your love and care for our retired and infirm priests by offering a generous gift to them in the special second collection at all Masses on Easter weekend.

May God bless your generosity to this appeal and may you have a blessed observance of Holy Week and a holy and happy Easter. Sincerely yours in Christ,



Bishop of Norwich

**Bishop Michael R. Cote, D.D., invites you to the
Chrism Mass**

All our parishioners are invited to the consecration of the Chrism and the blessing of the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens at the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 30, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. The Mass will be celebrated at Saint Patrick's Cathedral in Norwich. Bishop Michael R. Cote will celebrate this liturgy.

The Sacred Chrism, oil mixed with sweet perfume, symbolizes the presence of the Holy Spirit. It will be used in the parishes in the sacraments of baptism and confirmation. It is also used at the ordination of bishops and priests and at the dedication of a church and altar.

The Oil of the Sick is used to anoint those who are suffering from illness so that they may receive strength and healing, both physical and spiritual.

The catechumens will be anointed with the Oil of Catechumens in preparation for their baptism at the Easter Vigil.

The Chrism Mass is a celebration of the entire local Church, and the subsequent use of the oils in the various parishes is a sign of unity among God's people. Why not plan to take your family to the Cathedral that day? It is a very special experience!

The Annual Bishop's Appeal (ABA), which supports the work of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Norwich, will be conducted in every Parish over the next few weeks. The ABA is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift, payable over eight months. It is a unified effort in which all Catholics of the Diocese of Norwich join together to further the mission and ministry of the Catholic Church in eastern Connecticut.

There is an abundance of human need surrounding us – the poor, the sick, the elderly, troubled families and those in crisis. The Annual Bishop's Appeal gives us an opportunity to respond to those in need and to show Christ's love by putting our faith in action as a Diocesan family. The Diocesan agencies and programs supported by the ABA help with both spiritual and physical needs and go beyond what an individual parish can accomplish alone. In the next few weeks you will be receiving the 2010 campaign mailing. Please take the time to prayerfully consider what you are able to give in support of our Diocesan Church.