

From the desk of Monsignor Bride

As you read this, we are on our final day of our pilgrimage to the Land of Jesus. Last week here I wrote about our itinerary up and through Thursday, April 22nd. We have tried to capture in this pilgrimage the significant points in the life and journey of the Lord, with heavy accents on his public ministry which began after his 40 days in the desert and his Baptism by John the Baptist. It



is very interesting that in Israel, only Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and Thursday are full business days. Friday all Muslim places of business and activities are closed as Friday is their special holy day of the week. Saturday is the Sabbath Day for Jewish believers so their businesses (and government) are closed on Saturday and all Catholics (Christians) observe Sunday as the day of the Lord and their businesses are closed. However, our **Friday** in the Holy Land plans to be a very busy day. Friday we will journey to Bethlehem. Our first stop is Shepherd's Field where tradition teaches that the birth of the Savior of Bethlehem was announced to the Shepherds. This is an authentic piece of earth and, in fact, shepherds of the 21st century still graze there. There is a lovely chapel with marvelous paintings of the first Christmas with the choirs of angels singing. WE will travel short distance to the great Bethlehem basilica which is said to have been built over the spot of the original stable. Following lunch we will travel through the hills of Judea to EIN KAREM, the home of Elizabeth and Zacharia and of course the birthplace of John the Baptist. This, too, is decorated with lovely paintings of the events in the life of these special pre-Christian saints. **On Saturday** we will visit historic places of Israel which are important in our day-to-day political life of the USA and Israel We shall visit the Knesset, the parliament of Israel. Here the modern government of Israel functions. Then we shall visit the important and very poignant Memorial of the Holocaust, this most horrible event during the third Reich and World War II. Following this we shall visit the tomb of King David, the most famous of all the royalty of the Israelites who was the first to unite the 11 tribes of Juda under a single monarch. **Sunday**, our last day, we shall visit the Garden of Gethsemane, the Kidron Valley and the Chapel commemorating where Jesus wept over the City of Jerusalem.

As you can see this is a fabulous itinerary and I pray that all elements will come together for good and that those traveling will capture the significance of Jesus and our roots of Faith. May God watch over us and protect our journey and our faith. See you soon.

Monsignor Bride

Pilgrimage returns Monday night.

The Holy Land Pilgrimage will return to the USA. The people will leave Tel Aviv on Monday at 11:30 A.M. and arrive in Newark at 4:35 P.M. (with time change a 10 hour flight. We hope to arrive in Old Lyme between 8:30 P.M. and 9:00 P.M.

Please pray for a safe journey

Parish Support

**The Stewardship offering for
April 18, 2010
\$8,264.25
Thank you**

Regularly scheduled parish events

*Rosary..... Tuesdays - 7:00pm
Pro-Life Meeting ... 1st Wednesday - 9:30am
New Life Meeting... 1st Thursday - 9:00am
Men's Club 2nd Thursday - 6:30pm
Bible Study..... Thursdays - 9:00 am*

Parish Pot Luck Supper - April 30th at 6:00 PM.

All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, May 2 - 8:30 to 10:30

*Pancakes, Bacon/Sausage, Fresh Fruit, Coffee, Tea,
Juice*

*Proceeds to benefit Earthquake Relief for Haitian
Ministries*

Sponsored by Christ the King Men's Club

CCD News

First Communion for second graders is scheduled for May 15th at 10:30 am. Rehearsals are scheduled for May 1st and 8th at 10:30 am.

SAVE THE DATE

Christ the King parish will have a Spaghetti Dinner on June 26th to support the New Life Ministry.



Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." - Jn 10:27-28a

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 24– Vigil – Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:00 pm Y Alice Tracy Dembowski r/b Carroll family
Y Sally Leighton r/b Deb, Barb & Pam

Sunday, April 25– Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Y Mary Ewing r/b Nick & Julie Hahn
10:30 am Y Mary Massa r/b Pognataro Family.
Y Joan Operhall r/b family

Monday, April 26– Easter Weekday

7:30 am In Thanksgiving

Tuesday, April 27 – Easter Weekday

7:30 am Y John Lauler r/b Kathleen

Wednesday, April 28– St. Peter Chanel, St. Louis Mary deMontfort

7:30 am Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, April 29 – St. Catherine of Siena

7:30 am For the Parishioners of Christ the King

Friday, April 30 – St. Pius V

7:30 am Y Thad Lempicki r/b Veronica Lempicki

Saturday, May 1– Vigil – Fifth Sunday of Easter

5:00 pm Y Walter & John r/b Mary Miles
Y Guy Sylvain r/b wife, Dawn

Sunday, May 2– Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Y Jennie Edwards r/b Janice Barnard
10:30 am Y Theresa White r/b Mary & Mike
Houlihan
Y Joan Operhall r/b family
Y Kay Versaggi r/b Margaret & Jane Derisio

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN LAYETTE PROGRAM

The 30th Annual Layette Program of the Council of Catholic Women will be held on May 2, 2010 at 2 PM in St. Sebastian Church Hall, 155 Washington Street, Middletown.

All women in the Diocese are invited and are asked to bring new or nearly new baby items from birth to size toddler 3. The items collected will be distributed to Catholic Charities in Willimantic, New London and Norwich. A representative from Catholic Charities will make a presentation followed by refreshments.

For more information contact Connie Gillies -860-347-4733.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN CONVENTION

The Convention will be held on Saturday, May 22nd at St. Joseph Parish in Willimantic. The Theme for this year's convention is "NDCCW – Moving Forward with Faith and Joy". Bishop Cote will be the principal celebrant at the noon-time Mass. This is the event where NDCW give 60% of dues collected throughout the diocese during its membership drive in the fall to Catholic Charities.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Sunday, April 25th 2010 Pre-Appeal Sunday, 2010 ABA
- Monday, April 26, 2010 Pilgrimage returns to Parking Lot about 9:00 P.M.
- Sunday, May 2nd, 2010 ABA 2010 Pledge Sunday
- Thursday, May 13, 2010 Solemnity of the Ascension
- Saturday, May 15, 2010 CHRIST THE KING, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
- Sunday, May 23rd, 2010 Solemnity of Pentecost
- Saturday, May 29, 2010 Ordination to the Priesthood, Reverend Christopher Feeney, Diocese of Norwich, Cathedral
- Monday, May 31, 2010 Memorial Day
- Monday, May 31st thru Friday, June 4, 2010 Msgr. Bride's Annual Priestly Retreat, San Alfonso Redemptorist Retreat House, Long Branch (West End), New Jersey
- Monday, June 7th thru Sunday, June 13th Msgr. Bride's trip to Rome for closing of "Year for Priests"

2010 Annual Bishop's Appeal

"The Lord is my light..." (Psalm 27:1)

Commitment Weekend for the 2010 Annual Bishop's Appeal will be conducted next weekend in our parish and every parish throughout the Diocese of Norwich. As part of the campaign, we will conduct an In-Pew presentation at which time each parishioner will be asked to make their commitment to the 2010 ABA. Please prayerfully consider what you, as an individual and a family, can pledge to support the educational, spiritual and outreach services offered by our Diocese, as well as provide for the education and formation of our seminarians. These programs and ministries serve people in ways that we as an individual Parish could never do. The ABA is a family effort. Our parish goal for the 2010 ABA is \$125,000 and 100% participation. With your gift we can do it. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail or if you have yet to make your personal gift, please support this important appeal when the special ABA envelopes are distributed at Mass next weekend. Thank you.



Mother's Day Novena of Masses

Each year we have a novena of Masses for all enrolled Mothers. If your mother is alive, enroll her in the novena and give her the special

card for Mothers' Day, which will tell her that she is remembered for nine days in this Novena of Masses. There is no greater, no better, no more special gift you can give to your Mom than this. Flyers are inserted in this week's bulletin. Please fill out the flyer and drop it in the basket anytime between now and Mothers' Day.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO GIVE TO THE FOOD PANTRY FOR ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOUP KITCHEN.

Please Pray for our Diocesan Seminarians

Christopher Feeney – 4th year Theology

Henry Agudelo – 3rd year Theology

Jonathan Ficara – Pre-Theology

Ian Bothur – Pre-Theology

Brian Maxwell – Pre-Theology

Please pray for those starting the process of discerning a call to either the diocesan priesthood or religious life.



Vocation Office Contact Information

860 887-9294 ext. 248

Email: vocations@norwichdiocese.net

Vocation website: www.God-calls.org

Sunday, April 25th is the last day we will be taking bottle and can donations. Thank you to all of you for your support!

PARISH BULLETIN TO SHUT-INS

We send out a number of bulletins each week. If you know of anyone who is unable to get to Mass but would like to receive the parish bulletin, we will send it to them. This is a link to our parish community and helps those who are not present at Mass to feel part of our Community of Faith. Please call the parish office with names and addresses of homebound parishioners.

Help us keep our records up-to-date!

Do you need to register with the parish, have you changed your address, will you be moving out of the parish, or would you like to receive envelopes? Please call the Parish office at 860 434-1669.

Please fill out the following and return via the basket, drop it off at the office or mail to:

1 McCurdy Road, Old Lyme, CT 06371

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail address _____

____ New registration

____ Change of address

____ would like envelopes

____ moving out of the parish

If you would like to submit an item to the parish bulletin the deadline is Monday at noon. You can mail it to:

Christ the King

1 McCurdy Road

Old Lyme, CT 06371

or email to:

Christtheking37@sbcglobal.net