

From the desk of Monsignor Bride



On Holy Saturday night during the celebration of the Easter Vigil, the Alleluia is sung after the proclamation of the special Easter Epistle. The cantor sings the first Alleluia. The assembly echoes the same. The cantor sings a second Alleluia while raising it to a higher note. The assembly replies again. The cantor chants the third Alleluia, and the assembly replies echoing the same melody. Each time this refrain is elevated until it grows in crescendo. On Ash Wednesday, the Alleluia became silent because we had entered into the Penitential season of Lent. The Alleluia is a sign and symbol to us all of the praise, the honor, the glory, the faith, the beauty, the worship we give to the God who died and rose for us all.

The Lord came to this earth that we might be free from sin. He died that the world might know the horror of sin and the evil of sin, the viciousness of sin and the extent to which sin affects us all. On that cross, on the hill of Calvary, he died. He died for each of us, for all of us, for everyone, for those in the first century and for us in the twenty-first century. He died because of sin; he died because of sins that sinners commit. He died for all the sins of every age, of every century, of every time and place.

It has become so painfully clear that there remains so much sin. When we see the horrors of war, the death of innocent men and women, so quickly, so intentionally, so viciously. It seems that morality is disappearing from our world and its people. There is also sin in the media, sin in high places of government, sin in the entertainment industry, personal sin, infidelity, immorality, and fraud.

At the tomb of the Lord there was a large stone, so large it appeared mortals could not roll it back. It sealed the death of the buried Christ and it sealed sin, it sealed despair. But the resurrection moved the stone. Light, new life, grace, purification, and hope come to the darkened tomb to Jesus, to His followers, to believers and to a world that needs it so desperately. The stone was rolled back.

Shortly, 28 pilgrims from Christ the King and elsewhere will visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre; we shall touch the stone of the hill of Calvary, and see the tomb of Christ where he lay for three days prior to his Resurrection. I shall bring with me all your intentions, all your wishes, all the things for which you wish me to pray.

But for all of us, for all who believe, for all who celebrate this marvelous feast, Let us rejoice, let us celebrate, let us proclaim that Christ is Risen, Christ Lives, Christ Reigns.

Now for us, roll back the stone of your hearts to the fullness of the new life, to a second chance that the resurrection brings, to new hope. Let the past die forever and let it be sealed by the rock of the past. Let good overpower evil and let darkness fall away. Roll away the stone of all that is wrong and let it become a symbol of all that is former and dead. But live for the Lord, for his ways, and for his Grace.

Happy Easter everyone! Happy New Life!

Monsignor Bride

Happy Easter Everyone

Today we begin the 50 days of the beautiful and glorious Easter Season. Celebrate this wonderful time. We have had a tough, long winter. We have been house bound by the snow and cold weather.

Easter is here. Christ is here. New life is here. Grace is here. Celebrate these 50 days with faith, with joy and with hope.

EASTER WATER IS AVAILABLE IN THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH. STOP THERE AND TAKE SOME EASTER WATER TO YOUR HOME. RENEW YOUR HOLY WATER AT HOME. YOU WILL NEED IT WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECT. EVERY CATHOLIC SHOULD HAVE HOLY WATER IN HIS/HER HOME. THIS IS THE TIME TO SECURE IT

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Sunday, April 4th Easter Sunday
- Saturday, April 17, 2010, at 12:15 P.M. Bus leaves Parking lot for Pilgrimage to Holy Land, the land of Jesus
- Monday, April 26, 2010 Pilgrimage returns to Parking Lot about 9:00 P.M.
- Sunday, April 25th 2010 Pre-Appeal Sunday, 2010 ABA
- 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"

Monsignor Bride wishes to say "Thank You" to all who helped in any way to make this Lent and Holy Week such a special and beautiful time. Thank you! Father Ahern, Deacon Julius, Louise Young, Annette, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers of the Sick, the Choir, Bill Thomas; Choir Director & Music Ministries, collectors/ushers, altar servers, and so many who gave to the memorial flower fund. Special thanks go to those who came to the Mini Parish Mission with Father Hugh Vincent Dyer, OP, the special Mass of Anointing, daily Mass, Stations of the Cross, and special Holy Week Services. It's an amazing list, isn't it? Thank you everyone! Only in heaven shall we know the full extent of our efforts and the good that comes from them all.



The women who had come from Galilee with Jesus took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. - Lk 24:1b-3

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, April 5 – Monday in the Octave of Easter

7:30 am Y Eileen Quinlan & Lillian Harrison r/b Quinlan Family

Tuesday, April 6 – Tuesday in the Octave of Easter

7:30 am Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, April 7– Wednesday in the Octave of Easter

7:30 am Y David Regan r/b wife, Hope

Thursday, April 8 –Thursday in the Octave of Easter

7:30 am Y Joseph Rubera r/b Shirley Conroy

Friday, April 9 – Friday in the Octave of Easter

7:30 am Y Joseph Krawiec r/b wife & children

Saturday, April 10 – Vigil – Second Sunday of Easter

2:00 – Wedding - Neil Slattery & Colleen Mooney

5:00 pm Eleanor Shedlosky r/b Shedlosky Family

Sunday, April 11– Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 am YRalph Centola r/b Colleen & Francis Sablone

10:30 am YEllen Ann Toffolon r/b family

YJoan Operhall r/b family

YPatricia Ligas r/b Eunice Ficara

YAnna Yeske r/b Tony Lictra

Special Intention for Mary Ellen O’Meara r/b William O’Meara

Easter Flower Donations in Memory of:

John & Dortha Sullivan, Departed members of the Birdsell family, Pearce C. Beskin, Edward, Joseph Edward and Evelina Bergeron, All our Loved ones in Heaven, John R. “Jake” Calabria, Dominick & Irene Cappello, Ralph P. Centola, Chris & Rachel Klewin, Daloyd M. Clinton, Francis Beasley, Anson B. Clinton, III, Jack Conroy, Linda Segreti, William E. Perley, Jeannette, Anne Desnoyers, Jim DeVivo, Deceased members of the O’Sullivan & Donnelly families, Maureen Donohue, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony A. Joyce, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Sebastian Fafalla, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Montefiori, Josephine Kanasis, Henri & Rose Corbin, Leo & Yvonne Fournier, Diane Getman, Robert Getman, II, Michael Rubitski, Arthur P. Kathe, Adelaide Kathe Chapman, Deceased members of the Cyr family, Joseph Krawiec, The Paul Kwasniewski family, Licitra, Noce & Garofolo family, Thomas & Marc Girard, Leo James, Theophile, Cecile, Joan & Aurora Madore, Eddie, Artheline, & Glovianne Chasse, Florence Lavoie, Jensen & Mager Families, Thomas, Mary & John Mather, John McGrath, Jim McKenna, Melillo family, Esther & John Milazzo, John & Petra Mueller, Murphy & Moylan family, Gerard, Mildred & David Munday, Our families, John & Cathy Coropolis, Michael E. Drebycz, Jozef & Aniela Dudanowicz, Loved ones, Harry & Catherine Cole, Lucretta Jewett, Chuck Jewett, Ham Jewett, Marian Jewett, Richard Field, Tim Rice, Kevin Sapia, David Spring, Judy St. Germain, Paul E. Taylor, Jr., Torrenti & Carney Family, Germinard Family, Mary Beth & Grey Grivois, Beatrice & Dominic DiBella, Jonacia & Frank Whitcomb, Enzo Fazzina, Joan Operhall, Gary Lutender, Deceased Members of the Passalugo Family, Richard Dell’Erba, Nola & Tom Bowler, Frances & Frank Walsh, Isolde Dobrin, Rev. Fr. Dumitru Dobrin, Santo Ficara, Russ & RoseAnn Carver, Carleen Talbot Underwood, Deceased member of the Platt & Butke Families, Anthony Curioso, Marion, Curtis & Joyce MacArthur, Hoarold, Elizabeth & James Brown.

PLEASE NOTE – The Finance Council and Parish Council will meet on Tuesday, April 13th at 7:00 pm.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

During the period of time that Monsignor Bride, who is leading the pilgrimage to Israel, and Louise Young, who is making this pilgrimage, will be away, two priests will come and serve at Christ the King. Monsignor Willis W. West, retired pastor of St. Joseph Church in Willimantic and Rev. Eugene Carr, a retired priest of Diocese of Scranton, PA will live at the rectory and be responsible for the liturgical and Sacramental life at Christ the King. Fr. Ahern will assist them as he does Msgr. Bride now.

Should a need arise for a decision on the church buildings or complex, Richard Torrenti, Parish Trustee, and/or Kevin Hogan, President of Parish council should be contacted.

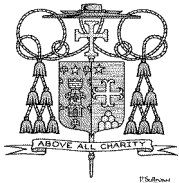
Annette Hochdorfer, parish secretary, will continue to manage the parish office and assist as a liaison with any of the above people.

Parish Support

**The Stewardship offering for
Sunday, March 28, 2010**

\$10,740.00

Thank you.



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Easter Message 2010

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

On this Easter Sunday, we raise our voices in praise of the Lord and His victory over sin and death. Easter celebrates the wonder and joy of this great event—the mystery of our faith. Jesus Christ has died; Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

Words seem inadequate to capture what the Lord has done for us. Praise wells up in our hearts as we think of how much the Lord loves us, how much He sacrificed for us, and all that He has done for us—His life, His passion and death on the Cross, and His Resurrection. The Lord has conquered death and He shares with us His victory. His triumph over sin and death is ours! “We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into His death,” Saint Paul writes in his letter to the Romans. Now through His Resurrection, “we too might walk in newness of life.” Romans 6:4

Easter is the dawn of a new day and a new way of living. Jesus lives and in Him we, too, live, not just for a time but for all eternity. The darkness of night pales in the radiance of His Risen Life. Through our baptism into Christ’s death we receive, in abundance, His life, His love, His mercy. “The death and resurrection of the Word of God incarnate is an event of invincible love, it is the victory of that Love which has delivered us from the slavery of sin and death. It has changed the course of history, giving to human life an indestructible and renewed meaning and value.” Pope Benedict XVI, Easter 2008.

Each day is an opportunity to let Jesus live in us, to hear Jesus speaking to us in the Gospels, and to recognize Him in the breaking of bread. By listening to His Word and receiving His Risen Presence in the Eucharist, we can live, love, and serve like Jesus.

Recall that after denying Christ, Saint Peter experienced the depth of the Lord’s mercy. After doubting Christ’s Resurrection, Saint Thomas received the fullness of His love. In recognizing the Risen Jesus, Saint John knew the abundance of His life. His gifts of mercy, love, and life, are the foundation of His gift of peace. The Lord’s peace calms our fears, dispels anxiety, and gives us strength to face life’s challenges.

So many signs convince us beyond a doubt that Jesus is risen from the dead. As the power of the Risen Lord is unleashed, an abundance of mercy and love transforms our lives and changes our world. That power of Risen life courses through our lives to set our hearts on fire with selfless love. In His love for us, we find the desire and the strength to share with others our faith in the Risen Lord.

This Easter, come to the Lord! Listen to Him speak in the Gospels, recognize Him at the Altar in the breaking of bread, and receive Him in the Eucharist. Let us unite ourselves with Jesus in giving glory to the Father as we proclaim: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Alleluia!

My prayer for you is that you will celebrate this Easter with the Lord and welcome Him into your hearts and homes. Allow His peace to fill you and His love to renew you! Every day may you be filled with His joy and newness of life. Happy and Holy Easter to you and all whom you love in Jesus’ Name!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Norwich