

From the desk of Monsignor Bride

I cannot imagine a day that is more important in the life of a Catholic parish than the day of First Holy Communion. Yesterday, Saturday, May 15th, 2010, was that day here in Christ the King. These special people, for the most part in our 2nd grade CCD class, come to Church, as we hope they do every Sunday. Up until now, they could not receive Holy Communion. Yesterday, all of that changed.

When I reflect on this day, I see our parish as fulfilling its mandate. We are called to make real the presence of Jesus Christ. We are to proclaim his word. In a word, we are to make real the presence of Jesus in our midst. For this we had a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land two weeks ago. This must happen to every person, to everyone who enters the front door of our beautiful Church, for those who have been here for a long time and for those who are walking through the front door for the first time. It is here that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is preached and proclaimed and made real, please God, for our daily lives. It is here that we celebrate the mysteries of the Lord in his sacraments. These are the special instruments the Lord has given us which makes it possible for us to come into contact with him, to receive him, to be nurtured by him, to be strengthened by him.

For us adults, we often take this for granted. We take it as second nature. We know, we understand, we accept, we believe.

Yesterday, our children – listed on the front of this bulletin - came to the altar for the first time. This is so special, so necessary, so required for them to come in contact with Jesus Christ. He is their Lord. He is God. Each First Communion child received Jesus into his/her body and soul for the first time as Eucharist. We congratulate their parents and families and we thank Louise Young and the teachers of the 2nd grade for all they do to bring this about.

We pray that what our children experienced yesterday will stay with them for the rest of their lives. That is why First Holy Communion is so important. That is why it is so essential to their faith life.

First Holy Communion Class: God Bless you. God watch over you. God protect you. God make you his own. We congratulate you and bless you on this special day in your life.

We have printed your names on the cover of this bulletin so that we may recognize you, so we can congratulate you for coming to this special moment in your lives.

Monsignor Bride

PENTECOST IS NEXT WEEKEND!!

Next weekend, May 22nd and 23rd, we will celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost. This is the birthday of the Church, the day which the Holy Spirit came to the Apostles in the 'upper room' and charged them, empowered them, enabled them to bring the followers of Jesus into his community, to live as Jesus himself had taught them, to live in the world and in the Church as witnesses of the Lord who sent us his Spirit. Our call is the same! Let us celebrate TOGETHER as a parish and renew the coming of the Spirit into our lives at Baptism, at Confirmation, and every time we receive the Lord in Holy Communion and in the Sacrament of Penance (Confession).

Wear Red (orange) NEXT WEEKEND!!!

The color of the Holy Spirit has traditionally been "RED" (vestments) in the Church. However, red the color of fire (flames over the heads of the Apostles) traditionally in Christian art is seen as red or orange. Therefore:

NEXT WEEKEND, Pentecost Sunday,
WEAR RED OR ORANGE TO CHURCH.

LET US UNITE IN THIS AND CELEBRATE THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT INTO OUR LIVES AND INTO THE CHURCH. THIS IS WHAT UNITES US AS A PARISH AND LET US CELEBRATE IT TOGETHER.

If we all have something of red (orange) on, we will be better united in the Spirit!

2010 Annual Bishop's Appeal

If you have not yet made your pledge to the 2010 ABA please do so as soon as possible. On the tables in the narthex are plenty of ABA pledge envelopes. Thank you for your generosity and thank you in advance for all ways in which the Annual Bishop's Appeal will help make Christ known and God's word shared among his people.

Regularly scheduled parish events

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



Jesus said to his disciples: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day. You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:46, 48

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 15– Vigil – Seventh Sunday of Easter

5:00 pm Mothers Day Novena (3)

Sunday, May 16– Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Mothers Day Novena (4)

10:30 am Y Rosemary Strekel r/b Parish

Council

Y Marge Carney

Y Joan Operhall r/b family

Y Albert, Loretta & Thomas Boucher r/b family

Y Donald Porcella r/b Bill & Pat Fitzgerald

Y Morris McCarthy r/b wife, Pat

Monday, May 17– Easter Weekday

7:30 am For the Parishioners of Christ the King

Tuesday, May 18 – St. John I, Pope & Martyr

7:30 am In Memory of Pope John Paul II on what would have been his 90th birthday

Wednesday, May 19– Easter Weekday

7:30 am Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, May 20 – St. Bernardine of Siena

7:30 am Mothers Day Novena (5)

Friday, May 21 – St. Christopher Magallanes

7:30 am Mothers Day Novena (6)

Saturday, May 22– Vigil – Pentecost Sunday

5:00 pm Y Joanne Gilbert, George Gilbert,

Jane Lynch r/b Lynch family

Y Michelina Gigliotti r/b Hall family

Y Vincenzo Lombardo r/b Salva LaCana & family

Sunday, May 23– Pentecost Sunday

8:00 am Y Rev. Charles MacDonald – 2nd Anniversary

10:30 am Mothers Day Novena (7)

2nd Collection next weekend

Please give to the Seminary Education Fund. Envelopes were mailed to you with your weekly envelopes. Extra envelopes can be found on the table in the Narthex.

Banns of Ordination

The following deacon will be called to the Order of Priesthood on

Saturday, May 29, 2010:

Rev. Mr. Christopher Paul Feeny

Should you know of any reason why this man should not be ordained a priest, please write to:

Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, D.D.

201 Broadway

Norwich, CT 06360

SAVE THE DATES

} **Old Lyme Town Band Concert** – May 23, 2010

} Christ the King parish will have a **Spaghetti**

Dinner on June 26th to support the New Life

Ministry. Tickets will be available the weekend of June 12 & 13.

} **Bible Camp** – August 16 through August 20, 2010

Parish Support

The Stewardship offering for

May 9, 2010

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Thank you

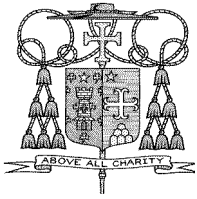


We welcome Treyton Matthew LaConti, child of Matthew and Candice, to our Christ the King Family

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.

Interested in considering a trip to the Holy Land for February 2011? On Friday May 19 at 6:30 pm. Sister Patty Cook, RSM will host an information/video session at Christ the King Parish center. All are welcome.



MOST REVEREND
MICHAEL R. COTE, D.D.

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Again we have dedicated the May issue of the Four County Catholic to the particular vocation of the diocesan priesthood. I just had the honor recently of ordaining one of our seminarians, Henry Agudelo to the Holy Order of Deacon and I presently look forward to later this month on May 29, 2010, when I will ordain Rev. Mr. Christopher Feeny to the Holy Priesthood for service here in the Diocese of Norwich.

Rev. Mr. Henry Agudelo will continue his studies at Holy Apostles Seminary in Cromwell as he prepares for his final year of study at the seminary. Rev. Mr. Christopher Feeny graduated earlier this month from Mount St. Mary Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland where he has been studying during the past four years. The monies collected during this particular appeal collection assist the diocese greatly in paying the formal education of the men who are being prepared to serve as your priests.

This coming fall the Diocese of Norwich will have three men entering their first year of major seminary studies: Mr. Michael Salerno from Mystic, Connecticut, Mr. Ian Bothur from Columbia Connecticut, and Mr. Jonathan Ficara from Moodus, Connecticut. Beginning his second year of major seminary studies at Blessed John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Massachusetts, will be Mr. Brian Maxwell who is originally from Maine. Just recently accepted to be sponsored by the diocese for studies and beginning his Pre-Theology studies at Mount St. Mary seminary in Emmitsburg Maryland will be Mr. Jeffery Ellis who is originally from Willimantic Connecticut. Therefore, we once again will have six men studying, praying, and preparing to be your future priests here in Eastern Connecticut.

With gratitude for the many sacrifices you have made on behalf of the diocese in the past and continue to make because of the depth of your faith, I again ask each of you to help in making the formation and education process for those men mentioned above more affordable for our diocesan family.

We as the family of God in the Norwich Diocese continue to be blessed with the need to educate and form the men who are responding to Christ's call to priesthood. This May 22nd and 23rd I ask you to give what you can to the annual Seminary Education Fund Appeal. If you find yourself in a position of not being able to offer something financially during these difficult times, please continue with the favor of praying for a continuing increase of vocations to the diocesan priesthood and the religious life.

With heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for the gift of your faith, I thank you all for your prayers and whatever assistance you are able to give to this appeal.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Norwich