

From the desk of Monsignor Bride

Tuesday of this week May 4th, will be the 43rd Anniversary of my Ordination to the Priesthood. As I celebrate this 43rd Anniversary, I share with you some thoughts about the day I was ordained and my First Mass. My Mother and Father were present on my Ordination Day. My Dad died in August 8, 1971 and, you all know my Mother died on December 2, 2005.

The ordination ceremony took place in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich. Two other men were ordained with me. It was a beautiful spring day, most of my family had not been to the Cathedral and thus, it was very special. (The diocese was only 14 years old at that time.) The Cathedral is a gorgeous Church and one which has always been special to me. The Most Reverend Vincent J. Hines, the second Bishop of Norwich, was the ordaining prelate and his secretary, Father Richard Fontaine, was the Master of Ceremonies for the Ordination. The Bishop was assisted by Monsignor St. Onge, the Vicar General, and Monsignor King, the Chancellor. All three of these excellent priests would become a very special part of my life in the years that would follow, close personal friends and mentors. The priests' choir of the Diocese sang the Ordination Mass and there was a large crowd because of three men being ordained. Following the ordination I spent nearly an hour giving my First Priestly Blessing to all those who came forward. In those days this was done in the upper Church where everyone knelt along the altar rail. I have an excellent 'home' movie of these blessings. Later that night, we had a family dinner in the community center of my parish. Because I was ordained on Ascension Thursday, I had two private Masses on Friday and Saturday morning before my First Solemn Mass on Sunday. These were wonderful, prayerful, impressive moments of blessing for my entire family and for me.

Sunday, May 7th, my First Solemn Mass was at noon in my parish Church of Saint John, Middletown. The Church was filled to overflowing capacity, which was a wonderful experience. The Mass was broadcast live over the local radio station. The Rector of Saint Bernard Seminary in Rochester, New York, Father Joseph Brennan, who had become a personal friend of mine and a wonderful priest, gave the homily. He spent that weekend with us and that was very special for me. That was the weekend that began what I now know as my priestly life. On May 30th, 1967, I was assigned in Norwich and I remained in Norwich in a variety of different positions until 1998 when I was assigned to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Quaker Hill, as Pastor.

I would make the same decision today that I made 52 years ago, when I decided to enter the seminary. I pray that this one priestly life has been a blessing to the Lord and to His Church and I thank him for having given it to me. In these days when we have suffered so much in the Church and in the Priesthood, I reaffirm my own gratitude and commitment to the Call of the Lord and to the work of serving his Church. I pray today that many will respond to the Call of the Lord, especially from Christ the King!

Monsignor Bride

**We continue celebrating in the beautiful
and glorious Easter Season.
Rejoice with joy and happiness and peace.
Alleluia is our song!**

THE 2010 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

This is Appeal weekend for the 2010 Annual Bishop's Appeal. We hope that every working person will make a pledge or give a gift today. As Catholics, we need to be concerned for one another, to bear other's burdens and to serve one another in any way we can. By our support of the Annual Bishop's Appeal we help our brothers and sisters throughout the Diocese as well as right here in our own parish. We hope that you will reach out and share a portion of the blessings that God has given to you by making a pledge to this year's Annual Bishop's Appeal. Last year, we did not make our goal for the ABA. IT is imperative that we make every effort to do so this year. Please make you gift or pledge quickly. We need the help of everyone! Let everyone in our parish respond

Mothers' Day Card

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 were inserted in last week's bulletin. Please fill out the flyer and drop it in the basket anytime between now and Mothers' Day.

Monsignor Bride will celebrate the Television Mass on Wednesday of this week, May 6th, at 10:00 A.M. om Comcast Cable Channel 11 (WTTX - regular television Channel 20)

Msgr. Bride will be confirming at St. Colman's in Middlefield on May 8th at 10:00 am and at St. John's in Plainfield on May 14th at 7:00 PM

Father Ahern will be on Retreat from May 2nd through May 7th

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 children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another." - Jn 13:33a, 34a

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, May 3– St. Philip, St. James

7:30 am For the Parishioners of Christ the King

Tuesday, May 4 – Easter Weekday

7:30 am Y John O'Meara r/b William O'Meara

Wednesday, May 5– Easter Weekday

7:30 am Mass of Thanksgiving for Msgr. Bride's 43rd Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination (5/4/67)

10:00 am – Msgr. Bride will celebrate at TV Mass

Thursday, May 6 – Easter Weekday

62nd Anniversary of Fr. Ahern's Priestly Ordination

7:30 am Communion Service

Friday, May 7 – Easter Weekday

7:30 am Y Patrick Shaughnessy r/b Veronica

Lempicki

Saturday, May 8– Vigil – Sixth Sunday of Easter

5:00 pm Y Barbara Duhaime r/b Margaret & TC Nixon

Y Marion Merritt r/b Julia Nixon

Y Marie Francouer r/b Julia Nixon

Y Ellen Ann Toffolon r/b family

Sunday, May 9– Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Y Rosemary Strekel

10:30 am Mothers Day Novena (1)

Banns of Ordination

The following deacon will be called to the Order of Priesthood on Saturday, May 29, 2010:

Rev. Mr. Christopher Paul Feeney

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

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, 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"

Parish Support

The Stewardship offering for

April 25, 2010 \$9,233.50

Rice Bowl \$773.00

Thank you

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

Friends of Dee Clinton are accepting donations for the purchase of a bench in her memory to be placed in the Old Lyme Town Hall-. Dee never hesitated to speak her mind and was well known for her perseverance. Donations will be accepted through early May; with a memorial dedication to be planned for May/June. Please make checks payable to the Town of Old Lyme (Please write "Dee 's Memorial Bench" on memo line) and mail/deliver to Cathy Frank (434-7864 or email to: cfrank1118@aol.com) at the Town Hall, 52 Lyme Street , Old Lyme, CT 06371.

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

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

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

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.