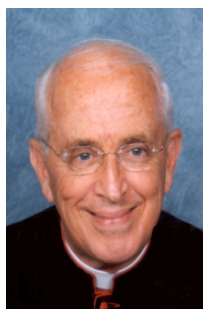


From the desk of Monsignor Bride

I write this column as a tribute to all Mothers on this Mothers' Day weekend. This is a special day and let us thank God for giving all of us Mothers.

This is for all mothers who sit up at night with sick little ones in their arms. They walk around the house with their babies because they are crying and will not stop. This is for

all the mothers who run carpools, make cookies, and sew Halloween costumes.

This is for the mothers who have given birth to babies they have never seen because they were unable to bring them up. But they gave birth. Loving and caring mothers adopted them because they themselves could not have children of their own. Both mothers are angels in our world.

This is for all the mothers who knew their children were going to be handicapped or physically disabled and still brought them into this world and loved them, and cared for them, and never saw in them any difference because they knew God had given them these angels. This takes deep faith and much support from husbands, family and friends. But it is the mother who bore the heavy burden and these wonderful angels in our society are the backbone and strength of what we call family life.

But many mothers are heroes in the little things they do (which in reality are big things). This is for the Mothers who teach their children their prayers; who dress them on Sundays and bring them to Church, who drive them to CCD classes, who teach them about God and make sure they know and understand what religion is all about. There is no greater responsibility for a Mother than to insure their children know God and practice religion. A former first lady once said, "If you fail as a Mother, nothing else that you succeed in really matters." Teaching a child about God is the most important thing a mother does. I feel so sorry for those who do not do this because their reward will not be great in heaven.

This is for all the mothers who read "Goodnight stories" to their little ones and then read it "just one more time". This is for the mothers who teach their children how to tie shoes, put on their winter jackets and find missing gloves when the winter is strong.

Where did Mothers come from? God gave them to us. Didn't you know that? They are God's special ambassadors who teach us what he wants us to know. That's why we have Mothers and that is why we have Mothers' Day. Blessings and good wishes to all you mothers.

Monsignor Bride

Happy Mothers' Day to all our mothers!

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- 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"

ASCENSION THURSDAY IS THIS WEEK

Masses on Thursday are at:

7:30 in the morning

6:30 in the evening

This is a Holy Day of Obligation

Thanks to the generosity of many parishioners, to date we have advance gifts/pledges totaling \$68,897.00 which represents 55.12% of our Parish Goal. This does not include any money collected last weekend. This is a tremendous response and we are extremely grateful to those who have, thus far, made their gift to the campaign.

Today is Follow-Up Weekend for the 2010 ABA. Your prayers for the success of the Annual Bishop's Appeal and the ministries it supports are still needed, as are pledges and gifts. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please make your gift today. There are gift envelopes and pencils available in each pew or if you prefer you can go to the ABA web site: norwichdiocesedevelopment.org and make your gift online. Please note that our online form is completely secure and that the information you provide will not be distributed or sold to any other party for any reason. Together with your support we can accomplish many beautiful works of faith, hope and charity. Thank you.



Jesus said to his disciples: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." - Jn 14:26-27a

MASS INTENTIONS

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)

Monday, May 10– Blessed Damian Joseph de Veuster of Moloka'i

7:30 am For the Parishioners of Christ the King
Tuesday, May 11 – Easter Weekday

7:30 am Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, May 12– St. Nereus, St. Achilleus, St. Pancras

7:30 am Mothers Day Novena (2)

Thursday, May 13 – Ascension of the Lord

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

6:30 pm For the Parishioners of Christ the King
Friday, May 14 – St. Matthias

7:30 am Y Rose Sobolewski r/b Veronica Lempicki

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

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

CCD News



First Communion for second graders is scheduled for May 15th at 10:30 am.

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.

Parish Support

The Stewardship offering for
May 2, 2010
\$12,912.25
Thank you

IN MEMORY OF OUR MOTHERS
 You can only have one mother
 Patient kind and true;
 No other friend in all the world,
 Will be the same to you.

When other friends forsake you,
 To mother you will return,
 For all her loving kindness,
 She asks nothing in return.

As we look upon her picture,
 Sweet memories we recall,
 Of a face so full of sunshine,
 And a smile for one and all.

Sweet Jesus, take this message,
 To our dear mother up above;
 Tell her how we miss her,
 And give her all our love.

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

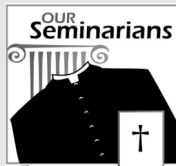
Henry Agudelo – 3rd year Theology

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

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

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.

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

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 _____

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