

From the desk of Monsignor Bride

I write to conclude this column for this season. It will resume on Sunday, September 5, 2010. Late, last Sunday evening, (June 13th) I returned from the trip to Rome concluding the "Year for Priests" called by Pope Benedict XVI on June 19th, 2009. This was a marvelous experience. Last week I wrote about the Vigil Service that took place on Thursday night, before the closing Mass on Friday, June 11th.

We arrived in Rome on Tuesday morning after a transatlantic flight to Dublin and then to Rome on Aer Lingus. This was a good flight and we arrived in Rome about 10:10 A.M. The best part of the arrival was that we immediately discovered a desk which had volunteers and a list of all those coming to Rome from across the globe for this unique convocation. We signed up and received all of the necessary passes and tickets for all the events in Rome for this special three day convocation of priests. Fortunately at North American College in Vatican City we had excellent rooms. In the airport we also met up with five priests from the Archdiocese of Hartford who had just arrived and they received their passes and tickets and their place to stay. This released a great concern because they left the United States without knowing exactly where they would be staying. We saw them several times during the week and they were exceedingly happy with their accommodations. After a brief nap to relieve jet lag, we went across Rome to the Casa Santa Maria, the graduate house of North American College, where we secured our tickets for the Papal Audience in the Vatican. These were wonderful seats and we could see everything about the audience. The temperature was nearly 100 degrees and so we stayed long enough to hear the Pope's talk in English and his greeting of English speaking folk. On Thursday morning we taxied to the Basilica of St. Paul – outside the walls- for a beautiful ceremony. The Cardinal Archbishop of Quebec gave the first talk. The Cardinal Secretary of State celebrated the Mass and also spoke about the priesthood. We had wonderful translations for English and thus we heard and saw everything. We sat with the priests of the Archdiocese of Hartford. Thursday evening was the Vigil service of which I wrote last week.

The final event was the Papal Mass at which some 18,000 priests concelebrated with the Holy Father. The choir and music was wonderful and meaningful. You could see from the expression on the Pope's face, how pleased he was with the magnificent turnout and the joy of the priests participating. I shall never forget this experience. We were able to connect up with Father Chris Feeney, the newly ordained priest of the Diocese of Norwich who traveled to Rome on his own to experience this magnificent event. We were together during the Mass. After the Mass the Pope spoke to all the priests, singling out each country and thanking the priests and asking them to be attentive to their vows and to become the best priests possible. It was a thrilling experience and I am pleased that in the afternoon we walked to the O'SSERVATORE ROMANO, the Vatican Newspaper, which produces the best photographs of papal events. They are on display in the narthex. That evening Father Chris Feeney joined Msgr. Schmitz and me and the five priests of Hartford, and also a seminarian, Michael Casey of Hartford. We sat at an outside restaurant and it was wonderful. Msgr. Schmitz and I celebrated an early morning Mass in St. Peter's on Sunday. We prayed, took photos and rushed back to North American for a brief breakfast and left Vatican City at 9:00 a.m. for the long day and flight home. I arrived at Christ the King at 12:01 Monday morning – thrilled to have experienced such a meaningful and positive experience of the Catholic priesthood.

Monsignor Bride

Thank You!!!

A special thank you is in order for all those who worked, for all those who supported and all those who came to the Spaghetti Supper on Saturday night. This supports a very worthwhile Prison Ministry. Many folks worked hard to make this a success and we are very grateful to all who did so.

Thank You!!!

HELP TO REBUILD CHILE

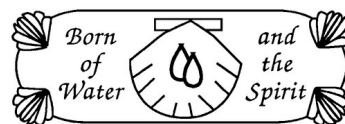
THIS WEEK THE SECOND COLLECTION IS BEING TAKEN TO ASSIST THE FOLKS IN CHILE WHO HAVE BEEN SO DEVASTATED IN THE RECENT EARTHQUAKE. WE KNOW OF DAUGHTERS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO WORK THERE. THEY AND SO MANY OTHERS ARE IN GREAT NEED OF ASSISTANCE AND MANY PEOPLE CANNOT REBUILD OF THEMSELVES, THEY NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF OTHERS. PLEASE BE GENEROUS TODAY!

2010 Annual Bishop's Appeal

As of this writing, Christ the King has achieved 97.8% of its \$125,000 goal for 2010. We need \$2, 528 more to arrive at that milestone. If you have not given to this year's appeal, please take an envelope from the narthex and make a gift or pledge. Help us to do our part to support Bishop Cote and the work of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Norwich.

Leave a Legacy Month

Bishop Cote has issued a proclamation making June 2010, *Leave a Legacy Month* throughout the Diocese. When we include a bequest to the church or a service ministry in our will, we give a gift that keeps on giving long after we are gone. Celebrate the good fortune so many of us have enjoyed by adding to your will a bequest to the parish, or to a Diocesan ministry.



We welcome Lauren Anne, child of Raymond and Maria Belval, and Luke James, Child of Mark and Katie Fafalla, to our Christ the King Family



And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." - Lk 9:61-62

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 26– Vigil – 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Novena of Masses for Fathers (6)

Sunday, June 27– 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 am Novena of Masses for Fathers (7)

10:30 am Novena of Masses for Fathers (8)

Monday, June 28– St. Irenaeus

7:30 am For the Parishioners of Christ the King

Tuesday, June 29 – St Peter and St. Paul

7:30 am Novena of Masses for Fathers (9)

Wednesday, June 30– 1st Martyrs of the Church of Rome

7:30 am Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, July 1 – Blessed Junipero Serra

7:30 am Y Joseph W. Cunningham Jr. r/b Meg Cunningham

Friday, July 2 –Weekday

7:30 am Bill & Debby O'Meara Wedding

Anniversary r/b William O'Meara

4:30 pm Wedding – Roman Trociuk & Kate Frascino

Saturday, July 3– Vigil – 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Y Philip R. Dunn r/b Julia Nixon

Y Joseph Patrick Iannantuono r/b Gail & Keith Winter

Y Charles Muska r/b Barbara & Charlie Beal

Y James & Elizabeth Murphy r/b Joan Moylan

Y Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Fafalla, Sr. r/b the Fafalla family

Y Mary Hickey r/b Kathleen

Sunday, July 4– 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 am Y Carmela & Frederick Ianni r/b family

10:30 am Y Rosemary Strekel r/b Goodwin Family

Y Dee Clinton r/b Goodwin Family

Y Santo Biondo r/b Bernice Piersa

Y Florence O'Regan r/b her children

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

Meetings

July 8th - Men's Club Meeting at 6:30 pm

July 15th – Steak Night planning meeting at 6:30pm. Pizza and Drinks will be provided.

BAKE SALE

The Pro-Life Committee will be having a bake sale after the Masses on July 3rd and 4th. All proceeds will go to Birthright.

Christ the King Baseball Outing

July 9th – New Britain Rock Cats vs. Reading Phillies (7:05 pm) at the New Britain Stadium. The Men's Club would like to invite the entire parish to join us for an evening of baseball and fun. Cars will leave at 5:30 pm from the Park and Ride lot at Exit 70. Tickets can be purchased at the event. For help with transportation or carpools, please contact Chris Colangelo at 860-961-6089.

SAVE THE DATE –

- **Men's Club Steak Night** – August 7
- **Bible Camp** – August 16 through August 20, 2010
- **Harvest Fund Day** – October 16, 2010

Parish Support

**The Stewardship offering for
June 20, 2010 \$9,363.00
St. Bernard School \$1,867.00
Thank you**

Readings for the Week of June 27, 2010

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29

Next Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

VACATION BIBLE CAMP High Seas Expedition August 16-20, 2010

This summer our Parish Complex will be overflowing with excitement. Our Program will provide fun and memorable Bible learning activities for kids ages 5-10. Each day the kids will sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games and enjoy healthy snacks. Join us for a week of Bible learning fun in the parish center from 9:00 am to noon. More information and registration forms will be published in upcoming bulletins.



Please Pray for our Diocesan Seminarians

Henry Agudelo
Jonathan Ficara
Ian Bothur
Brian Maxwell
Michael Salerno
Jeff Ellis

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

Principal Position open:

St. Joseph School, Rockville, Connecticut
Interested Candidates – Contact John F. Shine
Ph.D. Diocesan Superintendent of School
860-887-4086

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

The Sanctuary candle for July will burn for Lewis P. Bower, Sr.



Good –By to a Friend

On Tuesday we learned that Monsignor Daniel J. O'Connell, a priest of the Archdiocese of Atlanta (Georgia) died on June 16th. Monsignor was a native of the state of Connecticut and had many relatives in Connecticut and he came every year during the summer to spend a week with his brother. He came to Christ the King to concelebrate at the morning Mass and frequently celebrated one of the weekend Masses. He was quite well when he was here last year. On speaking with the Chancery in Atlanta it was discovered that he was diagnosed most recently with cancer and passed quickly. We remember Monsignor Daniel with gratitude and kindness for his goodness to all of us at Christ the King and for being such a marvelous priest.



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.

Please keep us informed

Please call the parish office – 860-434-1669, when someone in your family is hospitalized or would like communion and/or a visit at home.

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