

May 21, 2017

Sixth Sunday of Easter



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May God bless our First Communicants!

Collin Anderson

Zachary Belval

Edward Fiske

Samuel Gilbert

Skylar Graybill

Owen Holth

Paul Kuhn

Alexa Legein

Grace Osbourne

Cara Paonessa

Vincenzo Pietrowicz



*"I am the
living bread
which has
come down
from
heaven.
Anyone who
eats this
bread will
live for ever;
and the
bread that I
shall give is
my flesh, for
the life of
the world."*

JOHN 6:51

First Holy Communion ~ May 20, 2017

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THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS this week:

Sat. May 20 St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
 10:00am First Holy Communion Mass
 5:00pm Diane Getman r/b her children
 Robert Turchioe and John M. Segreti r/b
 Lisa Constantine

SUNDAY May 21 Sixth Sunday of EASTER
 8:00am Clara Sarday r/b the Shedlosky family
 10:30am Robert & Marguerite Graves
 High School Graduating Seniors of
 Christ the King Parish

Mon. May 22 St Rita of Cascia, Religious
 7:30 am Peter Kuhn in celebration of his birthday r/b Mom &
 Dad

Tues. May 23
 7:30am The parishioners of Christ the King

Wed. May 24
 7:30am Joseph Krawiec r/b his wife

Thur. May 25 The Ascension of The Lord
 (Holy Day of Obligation)
 7:30am Margaret Cooke r/b the Rafferty family
 6:30pm The parishioners of Christ the King Parish

Fri. May 26 St Philip Neri, Priest
 7:30am Healing for Jim DeRonck r/b Joan Moylan

Sat. May 27
 5:00pm Donald Chasse r/b Delcia & Norma Fournier

SUNDAY May 28 Seventh Sunday of EASTER
 8:00am Carol Moriarty r/b Michael & Celeste
 10:30am Lewis & Clara DiCamillo and Skip & Joanne
 DiCamillo r/b Skip & Joanne DiCamillo
 George Rickel r/b his wife
 Frederick & Catherine Geary r/b family
 Anthony Curioso r/b his daughter

The SANCTUARY lamp for the month of MAY will burn for
 Genevieve Plansek, John Zozzaro, and Frank and Catherine Ozik.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Q: How do you explain the "Real Presence" of Jesus in the Eucharist to children?

A: The First Communion class is filled with excitement to the point of bursting! They are just awestruck by every new thing they learn about Jesus. Their enthusiasm is contagious as they rattle off the names of the things in church, the vessels and vestments used at Mass and the names of their pastors and priests. Of course, they know Christ can do anything because he's God. He comes to us in Holy Communion because he loves us so much that he wants to be with us. And he comes to us in the form of bread and wine. We really receive Him in the Eucharist: his body, blood, soul and divinity!

Sometimes it is easier to explain to children than to adults. Their faith and trust in Jesus is not limited by the questions and doubts that often come with the question of *how* he does it. Rather, they focus on the question *why*, and the answer is something they can easily grasp: love. Christ wants to be with us because he loves us. Nothing is purer in truth or in faith. Not even the theological explanation of transubstantiation, or philosophical reasoning or symbolic references come close. Christ takes on the form of bread and wine to be simple and approachable, so that no one is afraid or turned away. His love for us is complete and total. We try to love him the same way in return. For a child it is simple; for us adults, we keep trying. "Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 18:3).

Recognize God In Your Everyday Moments (John14: 15—21)

My children could never succeed without their mother and me. That isn't me thinking too much of ourselves, it is just a fact. No one can find success in life in total isolation. I could never have become who I am today without my parents, various teachers and mentors, and my wife. Truth be told, I probably owe a lot of who I am to my children as well.

I can only imagine the fear and concern of the first disciples when it was apparent that Jesus was not going to be with them much longer. Some probably thought since Jesus had risen from the dead, he might just live with them in the same way forever. But Jesus tried to calm their fears by assuring them, "I will not leave you orphans." He said he would continue to come to them and that he would send the Spirit to be with them at all times. They would not have to continue what he had started and preach the good news to the ends of the earth on their own.

We may sometimes feel that we are alone. We may at times try to do too much or show others that we are independent and strong. However, without the help of others, without the help of God, true success will always elude us. Our actions and words can become empty. The gifts we have received can either be cultivated in secret and in the shadows, or we can welcome the help that God provides in his Spirit, his community, and the sacraments he gave us. By working together the world will truly know the power of the risen Lord.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Scripture Readings: Week of May 21, 2017

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-7, 16,
 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/
 Jn 15:26--16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

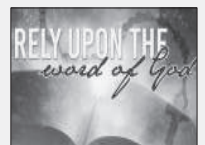
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-9/Eph 1:17
 -23/Mt 28:16-20



OUR PARISH SUPPORT

May 14, 2017 \$ 9,685.88

Monthly Debt Reduction \$ 3,556.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Annual Spring Living Rosary with the Knights of Columbus SUNDAY May 21st

St. Edmund's Retreat Center
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1:30pm formation, start time 2pm

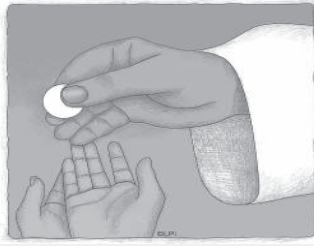
The Rosary will be held on the rose garden lawn or in the Chapel if inclement weather. Plan a wonderful family outing to scenic Mystic, Seaport, and Aquarium.

It's a special way to honor Mary on the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima.



Do this in
Memory of
Me.

LUKE 22:19



Pot Luck Dinner and Spring Band Concert

Friday, June 2: Cocktails @5:45pm

Supper @6:00pm

Concert @ 7:30pm



The "May" Pot Luck will be on June 2 due to the Memorial Day weekend. The Old Lyme Town Band will perform a *free Spring Concert* at 7:30pm. Please bring a dish, salad or dessert to share. All are welcome!



Making Summer Plans?

...plan on Vacation Bible Camp!

Save the date on your
calendar:

July 31—Aug. 4, 2017

(Registration forms will be available soon.)



Spaghetti Dinner

Save the date!

Saturday, June 10 at 6:00pm

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"New Life Prison Ministry of SE CT"

Project Rachel.....is our Norwich Diocesan ministry *for anyone* seeking healing or coping with an abortion experience. Priests in the Project Rachel ministry are there for you with God's grace and mercy. Call 860 848 2237, ext 306. All inquiries are confidential.



Regularly scheduled parish events:

Rosary	Every Tuesday	7:00 pm
Bible Study (off for summer)	Every Thursday	9:00am
Parish Pot Luck Supper	Last Friday of every Month	5:45pm
Holy Trinity Pro-Life Meeting	1 st Wednesday	7:00pm
Men's Club	1 st Thursday	6:30pm
Children's Choir (off for summer)	Every Tuesday	6:15-7:15pm
Adult Choir	Every Tuesday	7:30pm
New Life Prison Ministry	1 st Thursday	9:00 am
N.L. Soup Kitchen <u>Sign-up</u>	1 st Sun. of the Month	
N.L. Soup Kitchen <u>Serve</u>	2 nd Sun. of the Month	
Shoreline Soup Kitchen <u>Sign-up</u>	2 nd Sun of the Month	
Shoreline Soup Kitchen <u>Serve</u>	3 rd Sun of the Month	

RECEIVE COMMUNION
by making a throne:
ONE HAND UNDER THE OTHER,
READY TO RECEIVE
our great King.

- ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM

What can you do to promote world peace? Go home
and love your family. - St Teresa of Calcutta

Please pray for our First
Communion Class as the children
receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist for
the first time on **Saturday, May 20,**
and for the **second** time on May 21!



"AND WHOEVER LOVES ME WILL BE
LOVED BY MY FATHER, AND I WILL LOVE
HIM AND REVEAL MYSELF TO HIM." (JOHN
14:21) Expand your married love by

attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.
The next WWME Weekends are: July 7-9, 2017 and Nov 3-5, 2017 in Manchester, CT. **Save the date!**

For more information, call Dennis & Jane Lamondy at
860-376-0440 or go to wwmect.org or wwme.org.

"How many of you say:
I should like to see His face,
His garments, His shoes. You do see Him, you touch Him,
you eat Him. He gives Himself to you,
not only that you may see Him, but also
to be your food and nourishment."

—St. John Chrysostom



Come to daily Mass: M-F mornings @ 7:30am!

There is something about the intimacy of daily Mass that creates a different experience than Sunday Mass. It is the same Mass, but you hear things in a different ways, you witness things in a different way. The quiet and peace of the daily Mass experience is a great opportunity to discover the genius of Catholicism. (Matthew Kelly)

The morning Bible Study will be off for the summer. Bible study will resume on Sept. 21, 2017, meeting Thursdays at 9am. We will be studying the book of Exodus this autumn.





First Communion Prayer

Dear Jesus,
through bread and wine at
the Last Supper,
and by your holy word,
you gave the Eucharist to your
church.

You transform common food and
drink into your Body and Blood,
and offer us a share in your life
in ways we still cannot fully understand.
Grant now that these young people
will always treasure the gift they have in you.
Give them the grace to be faithful to you
and to remain in communion with your church. May
they come each week to receive You, to communicate with you
in the Eucharist.
As they receive their first Communion,
the Bread of Life and Cup of Salvation,
make them always aware of the hope they have
for eternal life in you.

Amen.

It's a great time to start, or continue, praying a family rosary.

"CATHOLICISM" DVD SERIES

Fr. Joe's Book Group :

Next meeting: Monday May 22 @ 7pm

Do you want to learn more about your Catholic faith?

Are you curious about the teachings of the Church?

Fr. Joe's current book pick is Catholicism : A Journey to the Heart of the Faith by Robert Barron. (We will watch the next DVD in the series.) **NEWCOMERS WELCOME!**



As we are aware, the pastoral planning process has been ongoing in the Diocese of Norwich for several years. We began by clustering parishes, and then moved to yoking parishes

The Diocese of Norwich announces the merger of four parishes. In a merger, two parish communities are joined into one community, and one church building is closed and will no longer be utilized for weekend Masses.

The four parish mergers are: Sacred Heart Parish in Vernon will be merged with St. Bernard Parish in Rockville, St. Joseph in Dayville will be merged with St. James Parish in Danielson, St. Philip Parish in Ashford will be merged with St. Jude Parish in Willington, Sacred Heart in Wauregan will be merged with All Hallows Parish in Moosup.

The details of the merger process will be carried out in the coming months, with the formation of new parish communities finalized in mid-October.

Let us, as a diocese, continue to pray for one another.

Change can be painful, but when embraced in the spirit of Jesus, new life and new energy result.

If you know someone is **homebound** or **in the hospital** and would like a visit from Fr. Joe or Fr. Walter, please call the office. 860-434-1669.

Spring Plant and Flower Sale

Saturday, May 20:

12 - 4 pm *and* after the 5:00pm Mass

Sunday, May 21:

After the 8:00am and 10:30 Masses

Come purchase hanging plants, bedding plants, inpatients, petunias, herbs, and more for your garden! All proceeds will go toward reducing our debt: the parish mortgage balance.

LET ME GET THROUGH TODAY, AND I SHALL NOT FEAR TOMORROW.

-St. Philip Neri (feast day: May 26)

Let's Go to the Ball Park!



CT Tigers vs.
Baltimore Aberdeen
Ironbirds



Hit a "home run" for Catholic Charities! Join Catholic Charities at Dodd Stadium in Norwich on **Friday, June 23rd game time 7:05 PM** to see the CT Tigers vs. the Aberdeen Ironbirds. It is a great opportunity to bring a group from your parish to enjoy the game, see a great fireworks display after the game **and support those most in need!** Executive Director Ed Tessman will throw out the first pitch!

Tickets are \$10.00/each. Contact Sue Connelly at 860-889-8346 to purchase tickets. For more information, please contact Christine Jackel, Development Coordinator via e-mail at cjackel@norwichdiocese.net or 860-886-1928.

*** Do you want to register with the parish?*** **Welcome!**

Help us keep our records up-to-date!

Have you changed your address, moving out of the parish, or like to receive envelopes? Please call the office, 860-434-1669. Or, you can fill out the following and return via the basket, drop it at the office, or mail to:

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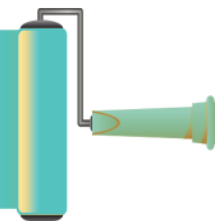


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