

April 1, 2018



EASTER SUNDAY of the
RESURRECTION of the LORD

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SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Sacrament of the Eucharist:

Weekdays: Mon-Fri: 7:30 am

Weekend: **Sat. Vigil:** 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation
(Confession):**

Saturday: 4:00pm-4:30pm and
anytime by appointment.

**Sacrament of the Sick and
Ministry to the Sick:**

Please call the rectory anytime
a person is sick and would like
to be anointed or visited.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Please call our parish office to
arrange pre-Baptismal
instruction and the time of the
ceremony.

Sacrament of Holy Orders:

Contact Fr. Joe Ashe or
Fr. Walter Nagle, 860 434
1660, if you want *to learn more
about becoming a priest or a
deacon*, or contact Fr. Greg
Galvin at the Vocations Office:
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Sacrament of Matrimony:

Preparation for marriage must
begin at least six months before
actual ceremony. Please call our
parish office.

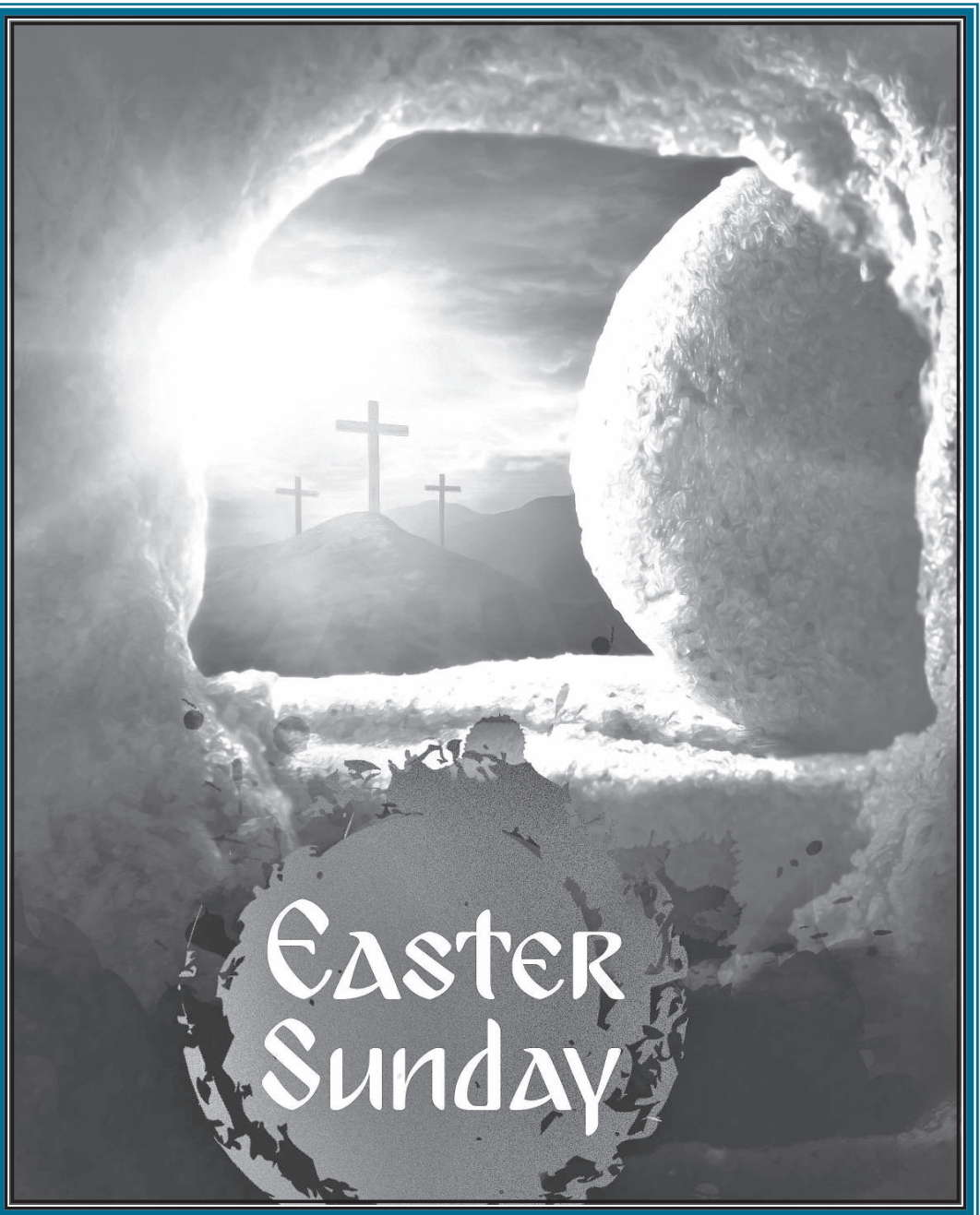
Sacrament of Confirmation:

Confirmation preparation
begins in the 9th grade and the
sacrament is received in the
10th grade. Adults can join the
RCIA program; contact the
parish office.

Holy Days of Obligation: 7:30am
& 6:30pm (No evening Mass
the day before the Holy Day.)

The Rosary is prayed Tuesdays
at 7pm in the parish library.

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MASS Schedule this Week

Sat. March 31 HOLY SATURDAY

*** Day of Fast & Abstinence ***

8:00pm The parishioners of Christ the King Church

SUNDAY April 1 EASTER SUNDAY of THE RESSURRECTION of THE LORD

8:00am The parishioners of Christ the King Church

10:30am The parishioners of Christ the King Church

Mon. April 2 Octave of Easter

7:30am Thomas Moylan r/b his wife Joan

Tues. April 3 Octave of Easter

7:30am Nancy Stark

Wed. April 4 Octave of Easter

7:30am The parishioners of Christ the King

Thur. April 5 Octave of Easter

7:30am Karl Kemp r/b Joe and Nancy Lacasse

Friday April 6 Octave of Easter

7:30am Jane Mulholland Rubelmann

Sat. April 7 Octave of Easter

5:00pm John Hennessy r/b M.J. Derisio

Thomas Baldi r/b his daughter Sharon

SUNDAY April 8 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

8:00am Veronica Lempicki

10:30am Helen Michaud r/b Norma and Delcia Fournier

Mickey Passalugo r/b Al and Bev Page



The SANCTUARY lamp for the month of April will be lit in loving memory of Arthur and Adelaide Kathe.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK -

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

In this passage from Acts, Peter proclaims the resurrection message with boldness. When is the last time you shared the good news of the Gospel?

Second Reading

What do you think Paul means when he says each of us is joined to the death and resurrection of Christ?

Gospel Reading

As you reflect once more on the Resurrection of Jesus, where can you bring new life to someone this week?

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

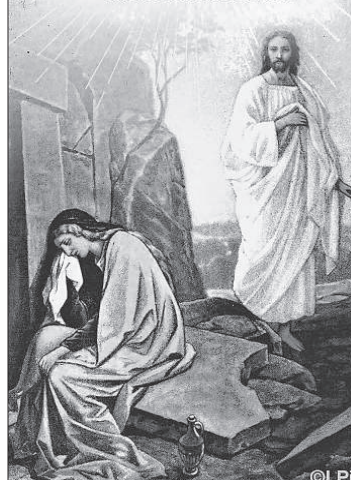
Q: What is the most important holiday on the Catholic calendar?

A: In our daily life, we often refer to "holidays." The word "holiday" actually comes from the word "holy day." More than a simple celebration or family gathering, these days connect us to God in a unique way. We remember - and share in - the events in God's plan of salvation. Some feasts may be celebrated with more traditions and secular attention, like Christmas, but the most important holy day is Easter.

When Jesus died and rose again, he destroyed the ultimate weapon of sin and made it possible for us to have eternal life with him in Heaven. Without the resurrection, St. Paul tells us, our faith is in vain. This past Holy Week, we walked through the Paschal Mystery, the suffering, death, and resurrection of Christ. Easter is commemorated each time we celebrate the Mass. As St. John Paul II said, "we are an Easter people and alleluia is our song!" Jesus was born for Easter. Our joyful celebration of the resurrection is at the core of what it means to be a Christian!

Be filled with hope:
Jesus Christ is
always victorious.

—ST. JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Christ is risen indeed! We have arrived at the penultimate feast on the Church's calendar, the cause of our joy and our hope. Life has defeated death. Sorrow and suffering do not have the last say. In the resurrection of Jesus we see many reasons to rejoice. Not only has Jesus conquered the specter of visible death, but he restores to us graced life. On Holy Saturday, Jesus descended to the dead and delivered the just souls into heavenly paradise. What are our own Saturday tombs? Jesus has the power to open them all. That is our invitation, this day most of all. May resurrection joy fill your heart, your family, your workplace, and your community. Happy Easter!

Gospel Meditation

The first light of Easter dawn had begun to creep over the horizon. The steadfast women from Friday's gory events are returning again to the body of their Lord. "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" How quickly we return to mundane concerns and how thoroughly God wants to surprise us! Imagine the utter shock upon seeing the stone rolled away, the tomb empty, and a stranger clothed in light proclaiming the impossible. "You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here." He is risen indeed and the world will never be the same.

We know from other Gospel passages that Mary Magdalene made haste to the disciples to proclaim the Good News. We know that Peter and John rushed to the tomb to see for themselves. We know that the wonder and awe of the Resurrection permeated the lives of the apostles until their own dying day.

Can we comprehend the utterly world-changing nature of this surprise? The historical reanimation of a dead man is of no real value to us. But we know that Easter Sunday is so much more. By the Resurrection of Jesus, life has triumphed over death for us all. The gates of heaven are opened and the treasury of graces is poured out upon the here and now. This Resurrection Day, let us draw near, amazed yet unafraid, to the risen Christ. Let us recall the words of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, "Jesus is not a character from the past. He lives, and he walks before us as one who is alive, he calls us to follow him, the living one, and in this way to discover for ourselves the path of life" (Easter Vigil, April 15, 2006). LPI 4/01/2018

Scripture Readings: Week of April 1, 2018

Sunday: Acts 10:34, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 /

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11 /Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 /Jn 20:11-18

Wed: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9 /Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5-9 /Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27/Jn 21:1-14

Sat: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-21 /Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 /1 Jn 5:1-6/ Jn 20:19-31

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MOST REVEREND
MICHAEL R. COTE, D.D.

2018 EASTER MESSAGE

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Lord,

On this Easter Sunday, may the abiding peace of the Risen Savior be with you, your families and loved ones. May Christ's peace fill our hearts and homes with His love and renew our unity of purpose and good will.

Easter celebrates the core belief of our faith, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. **"Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen..." (Luke 24:34).** Our Lenten journey of repentance, sacrifice and prayerful preparation has brought us to this glorious moment of Easter not as one event in our lives, but as the example of how we live anew every day. The Holy Spirit calls each of us to experience the glory of His resurrection and the fullness of new life it gives us.

In the first moments of Easter Vigil, as symbolized by the lighting of the Paschal candle, fire is blessed and its radiant flames overcome the darkness. The Risen Christ illuminates our world with the power of God's love. Sin and death have been defeated and "Christ our Light" leads us out of the darkness to a new day. Enlightened by God's redeeming Word, we witness the celebration of the Baptism and Confirmation of those who receive the Sacraments of Initiation. We are strengthened by God's life in us through the renewal of the Baptismal commitment to follow Jesus. We embrace His Risen life.

The power of Jesus' Resurrection and of Easter joy lives in all who seek to be free from sin, in all who strive to be liberated from injustice and in all who yearn to be released from the grip of selfishness and pride. The power of Jesus' Resurrection lives in all who believe in a forgiving, merciful God whose love for us is unyielding. It is that power of the Resurrection that we must share in living as God's people.

The message of the empty tomb is not death but new life, not despair but hope, not defeat but victory. Death shall not have the final word. Easter proclaims new life, the fullness of God's love and a way to begin again. **Jesus is the way.** In Jesus, we experience the living Presence of God and His gift of new life. When we receive and share Jesus' gift, our whole outlook is changed. This is the victory that Easter bestows on us so that we may see the image of the Risen Jesus in one another. In our words and deeds, we must show others that Jesus is alive in us.

As we walk with Christ in newness of life, we give glory to God. Easter celebrates the great truth that we are forever made new through Jesus' Resurrection. Selfishness, indifference, pettiness and sin pass away, and in their place, God's love fills our hearts. When we forgive those who wrong us, or when we love and show respect for those who disrespect us, or when we reach out to the alienated and the lonely, care for the sick, give food and clothing to the needy, and visit the confined, the Light of Christ shines through us. God's merciful love is channeled through our kindness, respect, compassion, understanding, and, most of all, our love for others.

May the joy of Jesus' victory fill us with hope, strengthen us, and bring us peace.

Happy and Holy Easter! Alleluia!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Norwich

Marriage Help — If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring, or, if you are divorced or separated but want to try again, the **Retrouvaille** program can help. Retrouvaille provides tools to communicate better, resolve conflicts fairly and re-discover why you fell in love. The next local Retrouvaille weekend is **April 20-22, 2018**. For information, call confidentially 1-800-470-2230, email cherylandsteve@cox.net, or go to the website www.helpourmarriage.com for information and registration.

Are you Separated or Divorced and in need of support?

The Church is here to help! Catholic Family Services Office is sponsoring a Divorce Healing Program entitled **The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide**. This is a 12-session DVD ministry program with expertise from Catholic psychologists, theologians and spiritual directors. It is based on the teachings of the Catholic Church. The group will meet **7-8:30pm the 2nd and 4th Mondays** of each month, **April 9 through Sept. 24** at St. Matthew Church, 111 Tolland Green, Tolland, CT. Registration is required. Call Catholic Family Services 860-848-2237 ext.306.

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MEN'S RETREAT

April 13 - 15, 2018
Holy Family Retreat Center

To the Men of Christ the King Parish - Take a moment and imagine yourself enjoying dynamic conferences, home-cooked meals, inspirational liturgies, uplifting music, free time to reflect and walk the labyrinth. Sounds inviting - so how about joining the members of the Men's Club and participating in next month's weekend retreat from **April 13th to the 15th**? The retreat theme is "**Grace Enough**". Discover anew how God's grace is our greatest source of strength and courage to meet the ever-present challenges in our lives. Together we'll reflect on how living in God's grace guides us to make wise choices, leading to happiness and peace. The retreat begins with a buffet dinner, 6 -7:30pm on Friday evening and concludes with Sunday brunch at noon. To reserve a place, send a \$100 reservation fee to the Retreat Center or log onto www.holyfamilyretreat.org. For additional info, contact Mike Kaczorowski @ 860-581-8102 or Bill O'Meara @ 860-434-1143.



Wine, Wisdom and Why Night

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Learn more about your faith and share some fellowship with other young adult Catholics.

Although the evening is geared toward questions and concerns of our 21-39 year olds, all adults are welcome!

Join us for an evening of questions and answers about our Faith!

Ask questions about Church teachings, prayers, rituals as well as any other Faith Traditions you have always wondered about!

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Sr. Elissa Rinere CP, Chancellor of the Norwich Diocese

Deacon Chris Deskus, Director of Prison Ministry Office, Norwich Diocese

Mr. Paul Kieda, Morality/Ethics Teacher, Xavier High School, Middletown

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For KIDS!!! (and the young at heart !)

Sharing the Gospel: It was very early in the morning on Sunday. The tomb stone was rolled away. Jesus was gone. All that was left inside were the strips of linen cloth. When John and Peter saw it, they were amazed. They did not understand all the promises the prophets wrote about Jesus yet. However, they knew he was alive. He had risen from the dead!

Prayer for the Week: God, I thank you for bringing Jesus back to life.

Mission for the Week: Bake Resurrection Cookies with your family tonight. You can find the recipe online at <http://homehearth.virtualave.net/rescookie.html>.



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.

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

Welcome!

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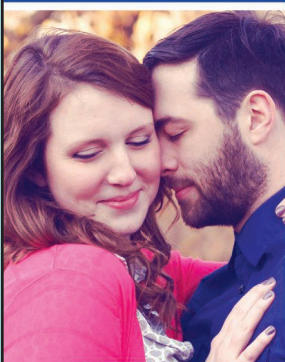
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