



HOLY CROSS COMMUNITY

Stonington & North Stonington, Connecticut

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. - Jn 21:12-13

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

“We are witnesses of these things,
as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey
him.” (Acts 5:32)

PSALM:

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. (Ps 30)
Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING:

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain
to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength,
honor and glory and blessing.” (Rev 5:12)

GOSPEL:

Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them,
and in like manner the fish. (Jn 21:13)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 1, 2022

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/
Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9,
14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

LIVE-STREAM MASS FROM THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK

The 9:00 am Sunday Mass is live-streamed from the Cathedral of
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www.cathedralofsaintpatrick.org/Resources/Live-Stream

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**ST. JOSEPH
THE WORKER**

REFLECT

FIRST READING

The apostles faced trial and even persecution
from the religious leaders of Jerusalem (the
Sanhedrin) for bearing witness to Jesus’
resurrection. Why do you think some people
are threatened by the good news of Jesus risen
from the dead?

SECOND READING

John sees a vision of heaven in which all of the
created order is worshipping Jesus as the slain
and risen “Lamb.” What images of heaven bring
you comfort?

GOSPEL

The resurrected Jesus appeared to seven of his
disciples while they were fishing on the Sea of
Tiberias. In doing so, Jesus comes to strengthen
Peter for his upcoming leadership role. What
gives you strength in your faith journey?

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MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL 30—SATURDAY VIGIL: 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:00 pm St. Michael: † John and Kate Tanner
Requested by family

5:00 pm St. Thomas More: Parishioners
St. Patrick: † Daniel Henry
Requested by Dick and Mary Kozek

5:30 pm St. Mary: † Gabriel DeMelo
Requested by Maria DeMelo and family

MAY 1—SUNDAY: 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER / ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

7:00 am St. Michael: † TBD

8:00 am St. Mary: † TBD

8:30 am St. Michael: † Moises, Lurdes, Irene and Odilia DeMedeiros
Requested by family

St. Patrick: † Pete Balestracci
Requested by the Williams family

10:00 am St. Michael: † Maria A. and Jose R. Vicente, Alcinda and Antonio Teixeira, and Jose A. Vicente
Requested by the Vincente family

10:15 am St. Patrick: Parishioners

11:45 am St. Michael—High Mass (*Latin*): † Camilla Ferraiolo
Requested by the Ferraiolo family

MAY 2—MONDAY: WEEKDAY

7:00 am St. Michael: † Souls in Purgatory

8:00 am St. Mary: † Luanne Varacallo
Requested by Alan and Janet Binkowski

12:05pm St. Patrick: † Jose Cruz
Requested by his family

MAY 3—TUESDAY: STS. PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

7:00 am St. Michael: † TBD

8:00 am St. Mary: † Jose Goulart
Requested by Tony and Maria Henry

12:05pm St. Patrick: Intentions of Kevin Biasi
Requested by his family

MAY 4—WEDNESDAY: WEEKDAY

7:00 am St. Michael: † John Bradley
Requested by Christopher Koretski

8:00 am St. Mary: † Elizabeth Morgan
Requested by Bunny O'Callaghan

12:05 pm St. Patrick: † Allie and Jene Milholen
Requested by family

MAY 5—THURSDAY: WEEKDAY

7:00 am St. Michael: † Ashley Thibeau
Requested by the Kapolowicz family

MAY 6—FRIDAY: WEEKDAY

7:00 am St. Michael: † TBD

8:00 am St. Mary: † Constance Avallone
Requested by her daughter

12:05 pm St. Patrick: † Pete Balestracci
Requested by the Romanellas

MAY 7—SATURDAY: WEEKDAY

7:00 am St. Michael: † Jose B. Tavares, Jose and Marie Vicente and Son
Requested by Liduina and children

MAY 7—SATURDAY VIGIL: 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:00 pm St. Michael: Parishioners

5:00 pm St. Thomas More: † Rita Whewell
Requested by Tom and Anita Kapolowicz

St. Patrick: Parishioners

5:30 pm St. Mary: † Maria T. Ponte
Requested by her husband, E. Ponte, and son

MAY 8—SUNDAY: 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER / MOTHER'S DAY / WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

7:00 am St. Michael: † Gilda DeCosta and Natevidade Amaro
Requested by Antonio and Sandra Costa

8:00 am St. Mary: Our Lady of Fatima

8:30 am St. Michael: † Maria DeGiacomo
Requested by Bo and family

St. Patrick: † Peter Balestracci
Requested by Knights of Columbus Fr. Murphy Council 1943

10:00 am St. Michael: † Alben F. Puhlick and Michael Haggerty
Requested by family

10:15 am St. Patrick: † Margaret (Peggy) Bennett
Requested by Rey and Toni Potter and Jason Bennett

11:45 am St. Michael—High Mass (*Latin*): † Jon and Margaret West
Requested by family

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7:00 am Monday—Saturday

Confessions

3:00—3:45 pm Saturday



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STEWARDSHIP

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Offertory information for April 24th was not available
at the time of publication.

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**ALL ARE INVITED TO USE THE
ST. MARY PRAYER TREE**

All are invited to use the Prayer Tree in the rear of St.
Mary Church in Our Lady of Fatima's room. The petitions
are emailed weekly to a large group of parishioners who
pray for the intentions.

ST. MICHAEL CEMETERY

Single graves, as well as 2, 3, and 4-grave lots are
available in St. Michael Cemetery. Cost is \$1,400 per grave.
For more information, please contact Fr. Perkins at:
(860) 599-5580 or frperkins@stmichaelpawcatuck.com.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Our Lady asked Fatima visionary Lucia dos Santos to promote the Five First Saturdays devotion. For five consecutive months, the faithful are asked to make this devotion on the First Saturday of the month, with the intention of reparation for blasphemies and sins against the Immaculate Heart of our holy mother.

The devotion consists of: (1) receiving Holy Communion; (2) reciting five decades of the Rosary; (3) meditating for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Rosary; and (4) going to Confession (within 8 days of the first Saturday). Speaking to Lucia about the faithful who make this devotion, Our Lady said, "I promise to assist them at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for the salvation of their souls."

In honor of the 105th anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima, St. Michael will be holding special First Saturday Masses and Confessions from May through October. In addition to our regular 7:00 am Mass, we will hold a second morning Mass at 9:00 am in St. Michael's Church. Receiving Communion at either of these Masses will suffice for satisfying the devotion. Between the two Masses, Fr. Perkins and Fr. Ellis will hear confessions of all the faithful who wish to participate in this devotion.

Join us on Saturday, May 7th, as we honor Our Lady and pray in reparation for the sins and blasphemies committed against her Immaculate Heart.

SPECIAL MASS IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Join us for a special Mass in honor of Our Lady of Fatima on Sunday, May 15th, 10:30 am at St. Mary's Church.



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SPRING FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE

The Maria Assunta Society will match donations toward the completion of the St. Michael Church Kitchen and Steeple up to a grand total of \$50,000. The challenge runs from Easter Sunday to Fathers Day (June 19th).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus-Nina Council #43 will hold a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the St. Mary Church Hall. For more information, please call Grand Knight Kevin Batzle at 860-861-2679 or Deputy Grand Knight Jim O'Boyle at 860-535-2222.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

May 6, 2022 • 8:30 am—10:30 am • St. Mary's

"To converse with You, O King of glory, no third person is needed, You are always ready in the Sacrament of the Altar to give audience to all."

—St. Teresa of Avila

MONTHLY DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE MASS

The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, May 7th, at 8:30 am. Following the Mass, the Rachel Rosary will be prayed at the Cathedral with a brunch following the Rosary.

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4:00 pm — 4:45 pm Saturdays

5:00 pm — 6:00 pm First Tuesday of month

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THE ST. PATRICK OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The St. Patrick Outreach Committee is collecting laundry detergent and sanitizer wipes for the month of April. All donations will be brought to Catholic Charities of New London and the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center. Items may be dropped off in the church center. If locked, please leave them by the basket towards the entrance of the church. Thank you for your continued support!

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

The next Daughters of Isabella meeting will be Monday, May 2nd, at 7:00 pm in St. Patrick Center. All women of the parish and surrounding parishes are welcome to join us. For more info, contact Patricia Menno-Coveney at 860-287-7393 or mencove@gmail.com.

The Divine Mercy Shrine bus trip sponsored by the Daughters of Isabella has been postponed. Please look for further information at a later date.

STEWARDSHIP

April 24, 2022

Offertory _____ \$ 4,294.00

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Campaign Paid to Date _____ \$3,162,607.05

Pledge Total _____ \$3,368,415.46

We are grateful for your generous support!

NEW PARISH CENTER

The New Parish Center project is moving forward. Look for news of progress with regular monthly updates. For more info see our parish website: stpatrickmystic.org.

2022 ACA MINISTRY FAIR

Reservations Required

The 2022 Ministry Fair showcasing our Diocesan ministries and programs will be held May 15, 2022, from 11am—12:30pm in Norwich. We will offer a complimentary continental breakfast throughout this open house style event. If you would like to attend this event to learn how donations to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family," support our ministries and programs, please contact Rosela Precopio at 860-886-1928 ext. 110 or dodadm@norwichdiocese.net for further details or to register for this event. Reservations and RSVP by May 2nd are required due to space limitations.

LATIN EXAM RESULTS



As I mentioned last year, each spring the eighth-grade students at St. Michael School participate in the National Latin exam. The National Latin Exam, sponsored by the American Classical League and the National Junior Classical League, is a 40-question, multiple-choice test with a time limit of 45 minutes. The exam is given to over 88,000 students from all 50 states as well as 20 foreign countries. The test covers general knowledge of Latin grammar and vocabulary, mythology, Roman culture, derivatives, and translation. There are several levels of the exam; our students participate in the Intro to Latin exam.

As always, our St. Michael students did very well on the exam. Of the 15 students who took the exam this year, six made honors. Students Connor Walsh and Jason Spiers received *Cum Laude* Awards; Lynx Marco-Schappa and Sierra Redfern received *Silver Maxima Cum Laude* Awards; and May Serraro and Isabella Benedict received *Gold Summa Cum Laude* Awards. Of special note is May Serraro received a perfect score on the exam! Missing from the above photo is Jason Spiers.

We are, as always, very proud of these students, and their classmates who, while not receiving honors, also scored very well on the exam. They are well poised to continue their Latin studies in high school or go on to acquire a different language with the background provided by their Latin studies.

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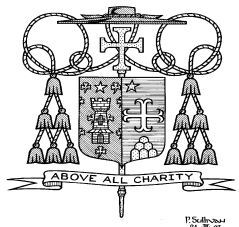
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A LETTER FROM BISHOP COTE



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MICHAEL R. COTE, D.D.

April 19, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the Month of May, we remember Mary, the Mother of God and Mother of the Church. She is the spiritual mother of all the faithful, and in a special way the mother of priests. In his 1950 apostolic exhortation on the sanctity of priestly life, *Menti Nostrae*, Pope Pius XII writes, "Our Lady loves everyone with a most tender love, but she has a particular predilection for priests who are the living image of Jesus Christ" (No. 142).

We are grateful for our priests here in the Diocese of Norwich. They respond daily to the Lord's call to "Follow me" by serving and accompanying God's people in the day to day circumstances of life.

We are grateful for our seminarians. They are currently finishing up another year of priestly formation at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. In a couple short weeks they will return to the Diocese for their summer assignments. Let's pray for them, for a successful completion of their coursework and a smooth transition home. Please also join me in praying for Deacon Jacob Ramos who will be ordained to the Holy Priesthood on Saturday, June 25, 2022, at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich. May Mary, Mother of priests, protect and guide Deacon Jacob to a closer union with her Son, the Eternal Priest.

Lastly, and most especially, we are grateful for you. We are grateful for the role you play in supporting our priests and seminarians. A seminarian's journey to priesthood is long and arduous. Preparation typically requires six years of formation beyond college. The average annual cost for tuition, room and board and health insurance per seminarian is approximately \$42,000 per year.

To help offset these expenses, a special collection is taken up each year in support of the Diocesan Seminarian Education Fund. Donations to the Seminarian Education Fund provide tuition, room and board, and health insurance for our seminarians. I ask you to consider making a contribution to this year's Seminarian Education Fund collection. Your generosity truly makes a difference in the lives of the men preparing for the priesthood in our diocese.

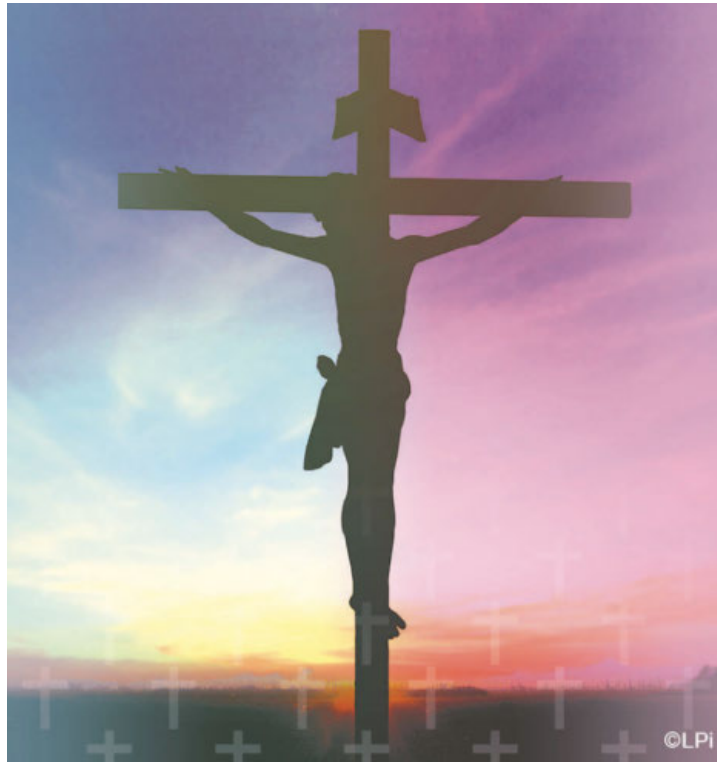
As St. John Vianney once said, "The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ." I ask you to continue praying for our priests, our future priests, and for an increase in vocations to the diocesan priesthood. May the Lord Jesus Christ raise up men in our diocese who will follow in His footsteps to serve the Church as priests.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Norwich

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Could it be that God's image has become so soiled and distorted that it is hard for us to see it? Our self-serving agendas have done a great job twisting God's image into what profits us. We want our agenda to be God's agenda and use prayer as the convincing leverage we need. Worse still, our success and egocentric agenda often erases God's image completely, replacing it with our own. St. Oscar Romero instructs us that the Son of Man "dies on the cross to cleanse God's image, which is soiled in today's humanity, a humanity so enslaved, so selfish, so sinful." Striving to preserve control of our destinies at all costs, we fail to see the risen suffering servant, the Christ, standing right beside us.



He is the God who tenderly caresses us when we are suffering and hurting, assuring us that all will be safe and well. He is the God of equity, peace, justice, and compassion who wants

"Christ's light ... even the most hideous caverns of the human person: torture, jail, plunder, want, chronic illness. The oppressed must be saved." The resurrection calls us to be God's microphone, a messenger, and a prophet (St. Oscar Romero).

Using eyes that see beyond the limited constructs and desires of our world, we can see the true and real Jesus standing before us, calling us to transformation and change. Asking us more than once, "do you love me?" We are beckoned to give an answer. Answering in the affirmative, it is now our task to feed the sheep and the lambs who belong to God. In short, equipped with the power of the resurrection and a corrected image of God our task is to make things better, brighter,

Jesus, who suffered and died on a cross and was raised from the dead, corrects our soiled image of God. He shows us God as God is, not who we want to make God to be. God is the God of the poor, the weak, and the marginalized.

happiness for each of His children, desiring their wellbeing and success. God goes where men and women are afraid to go, sitting with the lost, the broken, and the sorrowing. St. Oscar Romero challenges us to illuminate with

holier, more life-giving, and just for all of God's children. Considering our choices, our interactions, our philosophies, and aspirations, how can we do this? ©LPi

*"Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, your will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go."
He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God.
And when he said this, he said to him, "Follow me."—Jn 21:18-19*

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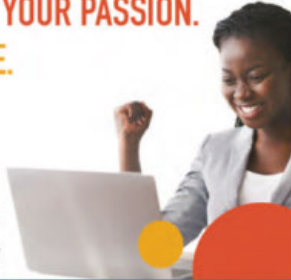
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