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## Notes from the Chaplain

Dear friends in Christ:

Our Holy Week schedule is printed elsewhere in this paper, and please note especially the times for confessions and the watch at the Altar of Repose.

On Maundy Thursday, April 1st, all three communities which worship in Saint Aidan's Church will join together for the Commemoration of the Lord's Supper: the St. Aidan Parish, the Congregation of St. Athanasius, and the Vietnamese community. Msgr. Coppenrath will be the celebrant and I will preach at the Roman rite Mass. On Good Friday, the Liturgy will be celebrated at three different times; that of the Anglican Use is at 7:30pm. At the Great Easter Vigil, Monsignor Coppenrath will celebrate, officiate, and preach. This will be a Roman rite joint service for St. Aidan's and St. Athanasius. On Easter Day our celebration will begin at 9:30 as usual. St. Aidan's and the Vietnamese community will have a joint celebration at 11:00am. I urge your attendance each day as we commemorate and participate in the great saving events of our redemption.

The Easter collection at all Masses is dedicated exclusively to the medical and hospitalization of the



archdiocesan clergy. Contributions by check should still be made payable to the Congregation of St. Athanasius and will be noted on your year-end statement of contributions but will not be credited against your pledge to the congregation. The Clergy Benefit Trust needs our support.

On Easter Friday, April 9th, I will be the guest of Dr. Marcus Grodi on his EWTN television program "Journey home." Dr. Grodi operates a network for Protestant clergy families seeking to enter the Catholic Church and make good transitions that most often involve new careers as well. It is a splendid ministry. On the same subject, you will see the reappearance of conversion stories in this issue of the parish paper. Each of you has a fascinating story to tell, for the encouragement of us all.

These accounts are much admired by many of our readers who live away from Boston and do not know your story.

You have my prayers and best wishes for God's blessing on you during the Great Fifty Days and always.

Father Bradford

## CHRIST'S RESURRECTION & ASCENSION

"Yesterday I was crucified with Him; today I am glorified with Him; yesterday I died with Him; today I am made alive with Him; yesterday I was buried with Him: today I rise with Him. But let us offer to Him who suffered and rose again for us - you will think perhaps that I am going to say gold, or silver, or woven work or transparent and costly stones, the mere passing material of earth, that remains here below, and is for the most part always possessed by bad men, slaves of the world and the Prince of the world. Let us offer ourselves, the possession most precious to God, and most fitting; let us give back to the Image what is made after the Image. Let us recognize our Dignity; let us honor our Archetype; let us know the power of the Mystery, and for what Christ died.

“Let us become like Christ, since Christ became like us. Let us become God’s for His sake, since He for ours became Man. He assumed the worse that He might give us the better; He became poor that we through His poverty might be rich; He took upon Him the form of a servant that we might receive back our liberty; He came down that we might be exalted; He was tempted that we might conquer; He was dishonored that He might glorify us; He died that he might save us; He ascended that He might draw us to Himself, we who were lying low in the Fall of sin. Let us give all, offer all, to Him who gave Himself a ransom and a reconciliation for us. But one can give nothing like oneself, understanding the Mystery, and becoming for His sake all that He became for ours.”

St. Gregory Nazianzus (389)

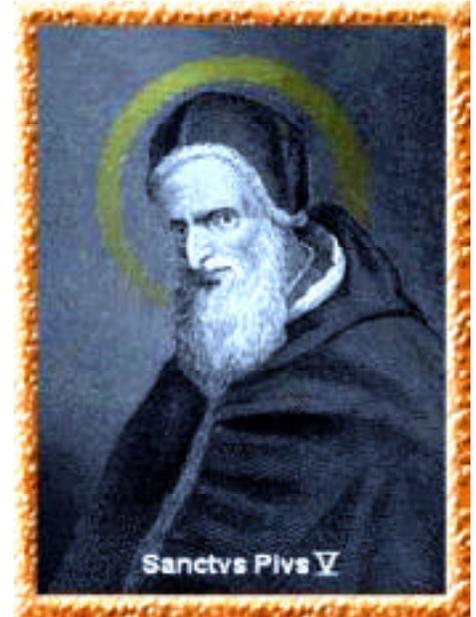
## My Journey to Rome

By Marcia Rand

I guess my journey began at the Church of the Good Shepherd when the Priest of that parish started having sermons on Japanese Birds, not on the Gospel. He cut out Holy Day services which was wrong. That’s when I decided its time to leave this church and go to All Saints in Dorchester. The priest there at the time was Father Oates, his sermons were much better, and the people made us feel welcome. But for some reason the service was lackingsomething, there was just no pizzazz. Then Father Oates left the

parish and joined the Synod. Father Bradford was chosen to be the new priest of All Saints. Right away the services changed for the better. His services were beautiful, he preached on the Gospel. There was more reverence and grace in his services. I knew then that this is the kind of Priest I wanted, and the kind of services I have been wanting for so long. So Bruce and I joined All Saints and became involved in the church. We were so happy being at this church. Then Bishop Shaw began his nonsense with Father Bradford; he made me so angry. He is and never will be a Christian, and I wanted nothing to do with him, or to be associated with the Episcopal Church. When Father Bradford mentioned going to Rome, my husband and I had a special meeting to find out more. I was so thrilled to know that I was going to be a part of the Catholic Church. Then Father Richard Lennon came to speak with us about entering the Catholic Church. So we then filled out the necessary forms for the church. We then moved to the convent in Dedham which is part of St. Mary’s parish. We were there for one year learning about Rome with Father Lennon. Then the classes ended in June of 1997; we then waited for the date of our confirmation. It finally came. September 28, 1997 was our day, and I was so happy. Cardinal Law appointed Father Lennon to perform the confirmations. It was a beautiful service, one I will never forget. We had great support from other priests, family and friends that day. To be Roman Catholic is wonderful, and I owe it all to Father Bradford. I am so happy that Father Bradford lead me to Rome.

## SAINT of the MONTH



St. Pius V (1504-1572)

Feast Day 30 April

Michael Ghislieri, trained up in a Dominican priory from the age of 14, became one of the most important pontiffs of the Counter-Reformation. Rising to a bishop and then to Cardinal, he opposed the nepotism of his predecessor Pius IV just as he had the autocratic intransigence of Paul IV (died 1559) before him. Austere, ascetic, deeply prayerful, he was elected Pope on the death of Pius IV in spite of his tears and entreaties to the contrary, to the great joy of the entire Church.

He immediately set about sweeping reforms. No lavish feasting and display marked his coronation. Instead, gifts were made to hospitals and to poor convents. He enforced the decrees of the Council of Trent and purged the Curia. He

curbed prostitution, thievery, and bullfighting in Rome, reformed the Breviary and the Missal, and saw to the publication and dissemination of the catechism. Two years into his reign Thomas Aquinas was declared a Doctor of the Church.

His influence on the English Church was profound. Henry VIII. had been excommunicated in 1538. Espousing the Stuart cause and supporting Mary Queen of Scots, Pius V inevitably came into conflict with Queen Elizabeth. After several failed efforts to reconcile her to Rome, he excommunicated her in 1570, and released her subjects from any obligation of loyalty.

His faith was ardent; he had, after all, been spiritually formed by the Inquisition. Like St. Athanasius, he would not compromise with heresy. The consequences of Elizabeth's excommunication were bloody. Roman Catholic loyalists were persecuted as traitors. Many were martyred for the faith, among them Edmund Campion, who was racked three times before he was hanged, drawn, and quartered in 1581.

Evelyn Waugh wrote that "Catholicism in England did in fact survive—reduced, impoverished, frustrated for nearly three centuries in every attempt at participation in the public services; stultified, even, by its exclusion from the Universities, the professions and social life; but still national; so that, at the turn of opinion in the nineteenth century, it could re-emerge, not as an alien fashion brought in from abroad, but as something historically and continuously English, seeking to recover only what had been taken from it..."

In France he assisted Catherine de Medicis financially and militarily against the Huguenots.

Pius V had great immediate success in organizing the European powers to oppose the deepening incursions of Islam into Europe. Through his efforts Venice and Spain defeated the great Turkish navy at Lepanto in 1571, and turned back the tide.

Single-minded, devout, relentless against heresy, Pius's austere personal life, kindness to the poor and sick, and reforming efforts purified and invigorated the Church in response to the protestant rebellion, though his papacy lasted only seven years.

## BISHOP BOLES TO PREACH AT EVENSONG ON May 6

Sunday, May 6th, the Feast of Corpus Christi, Evensong and Benediction at 5pm., will feature Auxiliary Bishop John P. Boles, as celebrant and preacher, St. Theresa of Ávila Parish Choir, Richard Bunbury, director, will sing Choral Evensong

**Christ our Passover  
is sacrificed for us,  
therefore let us keep  
the Feast. As he once  
made himself known  
to his disciples in the  
Breaking of Bread, so  
may he come to us in  
our Easter Communion  
and fill us with the  
Glory of his Risen Life!**

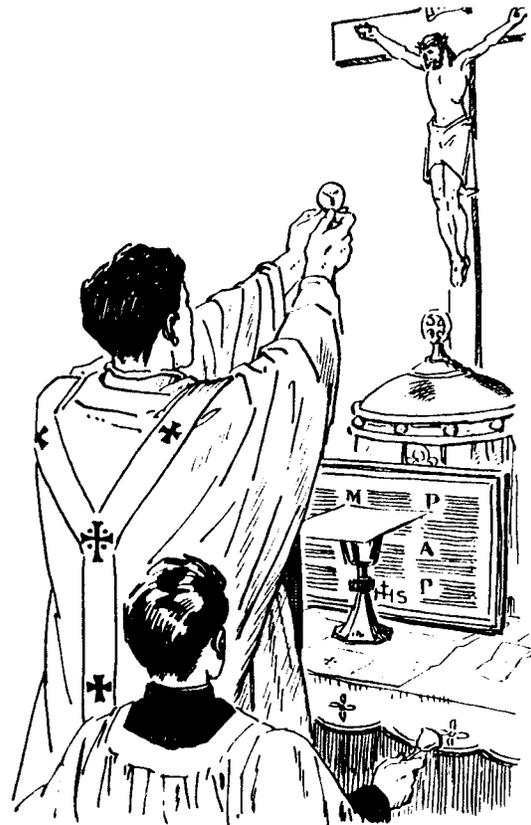


Therefore Easter is not simply one great feast among others, but the "Feast of feasts," the "Solemnity of solemnities," just as the Eucharist is the "Sacrament of sacraments" (the Great Sacrament). St. Athanasius calls Easter "the Great Sunday" and the Eastern Churches call Holy Week "the Great Week." The mystery of the Resurrection, in which Christ crushed death, permeates with its powerful energy our old time, until all is subjected to Him.

*Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1169*



The Mass is the chief and central act of Catholic worship, the greatest act of worship that can be



offered to God, an infinite ocean of graces for the living and the dead.

## FREE EVENING LECTURE

Boston Catholics: A History of the Church and its People

On Wednesday evening April 14, 1999 from 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Dr. Thomas H. O'Connor will discuss his new book, *Boston Catholics: A History of the Church and its People* (Northeastern University Press, 1998).

An opportunity for questions and discussions will be provided following Dr. O'Connor's presentation

The location of the lecture is Devlin 008 on the Boston College Chestnut Hill campus.

The lecture is free. For more information and to register, please call Kathy Downey at Boston College's Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry at 617-552-8440.

The Archdiocese marks the 20th anniversary of the U. S. Catholic Bishops Pastoral Statement on People With Disabilities. The observance takes place at a Mass on April 10th at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Newton. Cardinal Law will celebrate the Mass at 4:00 p.m.



## CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday  
11:30 - 1:30

Good Friday  
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday  
8:00 - 8:45 a.m.  
11:30 - 1:30 p.m.

# HOLY WEEK 1999

*Palm Sunday, March 28th*

9:30 a.m.                      Blessing & Distribution of Palms  
Solemn Procession - The Reading of the Passion  
Solemn Mass

*Tuesday in Holy Week, March 30th*

10:00 a.m.                      Low Mass

*Maundy Thursday, April 1st*

7:30 a.m.                      COMMEMORATION OF THE LAST SUPPER  
Watch at Altar of Repose

*Good Friday, April 2nd*

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.                      Confessions  
7:30 p.m.                      The Good Friday Liturgy  
The Reading of the Passon - The Solemn Collects  
Veneration of the Cross  
Mass of the Pre-Sanctified

*Holy Saturday, April 3rd*

8:00 - 8:45 a.m.                      Confessions  
9:00 a.m.                      The Altar Service  
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.                      Confessions  
7:30 p.m.                      THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL  
Blessing of the Paschal Candle - The Prophecies  
Baptisms and renewal of Baptismal Vows  
Solemn Mass

*Easter Day, April 4th*

9:30a.m.                      Solemn Procession and Mass

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### Weekly

**Sundays 9:30am.** Sung Mass followed by coffee and fellowship.

**Tuesdays 10:00am** Mass  
(except Apr. 13)

**Saturdays 9:00am** Mass  
(except Apr. 10)

**11:30 - 1:30** Confessions in the chapel, Fr. Raphael Caamano. No appointment necessary.

### Future Events

**Apr. 4 (Sunday)** Daylight Savings Time begins. Move clocks forward one hour.

**Apr. 9: (Friday)** Fr. Bradford is guest of Dr. Marcus Grodi on EWTN television program "Journey Home."

**Apr. 14: (Wednesday)** Free Lecture by Dr. Thomas O'Connor on his book, *Boston Catholics* 7:30pm in Devlin 008, Boston College.

**Apr. 25: (Sunday)** Evensong and Benediction 5pm. Catered supper in the Rectory at 6:00, \$12.00 or bring your own. Reservations please. After supper program at 7:00pm

Singers wanted for Schola Cantorum.  
Speak to David Burt. 508-337-6241

Here's where we are...



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### **Saint Aidan's Church, 158 Pleasant Street in Brookline. Parking Available.**

**Commonwealth Avenue:** From east or west, turn onto Pleasant Street south to the church at the corner of Freeman Street.

**Boylston Street:** From east, turn onto Harvard Street, veer right onto Sewall Avenue and left on St. Paul Street. At the corner of Freeman, turn left to the Church. From west, you cannot make a left turn onto Harvard Street. Turn right around the fire station, cross Boylston Street and proceed northbound on Harvard Street. Follow directions above.

**Beacon Street:** From east or west, turn onto James Street and right onto Pleasant Street and proceed to church.

**Mass Pike:** Exit at Allston-Brighton tolls, take ramp for Cambridge Street-Allston to Harvard Street, Left on Harvard and left on Brighton Ave. which merges into Commonwealth Avenue. See directions for Commonwealth Avenue above.

**MBTA Green Line B car,** stop request at Pleasant Street. Walk four blocks south on Pleasant Street.

