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First Sunday of Advent • November 28, 2010

November 28, 2010
dear Padre
Should we wear liturgical colors to Mass?

My pastor encourages us to wear liturgical colors to Mass: green for Ordinary Time, violet during Advent, red on the feast days of martyrs, and so forth. None of my friends have ever heard of such a thing. Is this something we're all supposed to be doing?

Marilyn

Dear Marilyn,

The color of the priests' vestments are dictated by the feasts and liturgical seasons (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time) of the Church year. The colors are listed in the liturgical calendar published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This Tuesday, for example, the vestments will be red because Saint Andrew was a martyr. Saint Francis Xavier was not, so the vestments worn for his memorial this Friday will be white.

Paragraphs 345-347 of the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* explain when and why each color is worn (uscbb.org/liturgy/current/GIRM.pdf).

I've never heard of the folks in the pews dressing to match the color of the priest's Mass vestments. Today is the First Sunday of Advent, so he's wearing violet vestments. There certainly isn't anything wrong with the assembly's dressing to match, but the Church doesn't require it.

Outside these doors it is the shopping season as well as the Advent season, but sometimes Advent gets lost in all the hustle and bustle. Wearing something violet as you shop would be a lovely personal reminder of the true meaning of the season.

John Hamrogue, CSSR

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Saturdays at 4:00 PM

Sundays at 8:45 AM

Holy Days - 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

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Saturday from 3:15 P.M. to 3:45 P.M.

Also by appointment.

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Please call the rectory (643-4466).

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and Sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, Please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor your parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

VISITATION TO THE SICK

We are most anxious to help anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us in church because of illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call.



"Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."
Mt 24:40-42

Readings for the Week of November 28, 2010

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
Monday: Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35---10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

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NEXT WEEK SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

SATURDAY, December 4:

4:00 p.m. Mass offered for Ida Ottone; and for the Deceased of the Fletcher and Gately Families

Altar Servers: Kyle Toce and Kaila Toce

Ministers of the Word: Michael Leiner

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Ted Lloyd, Georgette Pelletier and Jean Gately

SUNDAY, December 5:

8:45 a.m. Mass offered for Sylvester Labanowski; and for Mary K. Radion

Altar Servers: Ryan VanDine and Benjamin VanDine

Ministers of the Word: Paul Brown

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Kathleen Smythe, Rita Sheetz and John Sheetz

GOD'S PLAN FOR TITHING

Feast of Christ the King

Last Week's Collection was: \$2,796

Last Year's Collection was: \$

"He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son..." Colossians 1:13

If we recognize Jesus as our King, then we must also recognize ourselves as His loyal subjects. As members of God's kingdom we have an abundance of wonderful blessings. But we also have responsibilities. We must always use our gifts to help build up the kingdom. We must never forget that we are truly blessed to be called to serve the Greatest of Kings.

PRAYER FOR ADVENT

LORD JESUS, in these four busy weeks of Advent, help us to pause to remember the depth of your love for us. Beyond anything we deserved or could have imagined, love led you to a stable in Bethlehem and all the way to Calvary. Open our hearts to welcome you anew so that we have something to share with the needy world each day. Grant us the joy of your friendship and bring us the strength, courage and determination to serve our brothers and sisters in your name. Amen. © 2010 Creative Communications for the Parish

THIS WEEK

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27th and November 28th

USHERS GROUP IV

SATURDAY, November 27:

4:00 p.m.

Mass offered for the Deceased Members of St. Maurice Knights of Columbus; and for Norma Pesce Tedford, Donald F. Tedford, Dr. Bernard Sheridan, Mary E. Sheridan, Paul B. Sheridan and Barry Sheridan requested by The Tedford and Sheridan Families

Youth Choir Rehearsal after Mass

SUNDAY, November 28:

8:45 a.m.

Mass offered for Frank Hilbie requested by Chris and Kate Armstrong; and for Stanislaw Jablonowski requested by The Czercowy Family

Youth Choir Rehearsal after Mass

Pray the Rosary after Mass

9:15 - 10:30 a.m.

NO Faith Formation Classes (K - 5) at Sacred Heart Church

5:30 p.m.

Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours

6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

NO Faith Formation Classes (6 - 8) and Confirmation Preparation Sessions at Sacred Heart Church

7:30 - 8:45 p.m.

NO Youth Group at Sacred Heart Church

MONDAY, November 29:

No Mass

TUESDAY, November 30:

9:00 a.m.

NO Mass

Pray the Rosary after Mass

7:15 p.m.

Senior Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, December 1:

9:00 a.m.

NO Mass

3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

4:30 - 5:45 p.m.

Faith Formation Classes (1 - 5) at St. Maurice Church

6:30 - 7:45 p.m.

Faith Formation Classes (6 - 8) at St. Maurice Church

THURSDAY, December 2:

9:00 a.m.

NO Mass

FRIDAY, December 3:

No Mass

SATURDAY, December 4:

10:30 a.m.

First Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Maurice Church

3:15 - 3:45 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

REMINDER: Weekday masses are celebrated Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

Masses for *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary* will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. and at 7:00 p.m. at St. Maurice on Wednesday, December 8th.



ADVENT SYMBOLS

One of the most enduring symbols of the season, the **Advent Wreath**, brings together several power images:

- The circular wreath reminds us that God's love for us has no beginning and no end.
- The **evergreen sprigs** often added to the wreath call to mind the eternal life God offers us in Jesus.
- The four **candles** mark the four weeks of Advent. Three candles are **purple**, the color of repentance, reminding us why we need a Savior in the first place. The one **pink** candle is a sign of joy, even in the midst of waiting. As we light another candle each week, **light** increasingly dispels darkness, just as the Light of Christ overcomes the darkness of sin and death in our lives.

The **Advent Calendar** marks the passage of time in a concrete way.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel is perhaps the best known **Advent hymn**. Its haunting melody dates from ninth-century France. Each verse is based on one of the "O Antiphons," parts of the Church's evening prayer that are drawn from the Wisdom literature of the Old Testament. © 2010 Creative Communications for the Parish



OPEN HOUSE RECEPTION FOR FR. STAN



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2010 - 3:00 TO 5:00 P.M.
ST. MAURICE PARISH CENTER

In order to plan for finger foods and beverages, we would greatly appreciate if you would let us know in advance of the reception if you plan to attend. A sign-up sheet is available in the vestibule of the church, or you may e-mail slabanowski@comcast.net. Thank you! IJK ☺

SEASONAL SHARING CHRISTMAS FOOD DISTRIBUTION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2010 – NOON – PARISH CENTER

Join us for sorting, packing, and delivery of food and other groceries to Bolton families in need. To donate, make your check payable to "St. Maurice Church" with the memo "Thanksgiving Food," and place in the regular collection or mail. Nonperishable items may be left in either vestibule any time that the Church is open; bring perishable items the morning of December 19th. For more information, or if you can make deliveries, contact Tom Manning at 860-647-1259.

PRAY THE ROSARY SUNDAYS AFTER 8:45 a.m. MASS DURING NOVEMBER

All are welcome to join us again this Sunday!



THANK YOU! St. Maurice Parish received an acknowledgement from Ms. Beth Stafford, Executive Director/CEO of Manchester Area Conference of Churches (MACC) for our \$500 donation to MACC Charities, and from Ms. Victoria Nimirowski, Executive Director of Windham Area Interfaith Ministry (WAIM) for our \$500 contribution.



ST. MAURICE PARISH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL # 6199 DECEMBER 2010 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

December 9	Business Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
December 12	Coffee Social
December 18	Triple Play Café Dinner
December 19	Christmas Food & Gift Distribution

For more information, call Dan Barnes (860-966-7868) or Ron Massimino (860-647-9859), or visit www.stmauricekofc.org.

TOYS FOR KIDS

For families attending Mass on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day, please encourage your child/children to bring a new unwrapped toy to place under our parish Christmas tree in the sanctuary. These toys will be transported to a parish in Hartford, where the Hispanic community will celebrate Three Kings Day on January 6th. If you have any questions, call Jim Boylan at 860-872-9077.



THE BELLS OF OUR "SHARE CHRISTMAS" TREE

Due Date: December 12, 2010

Please share your generosity once again this year with those in need in Bolton! In the rear of the Church, you will find a "Share Christmas" tree donned with bells.

Each bell has information about an individual who could use your support this Yuletide season. It's very simple. Just select a bell of your choice, and

purchase an item appropriate for the individual, based on the information provided to us -- it may be an article of clothing or even a gift card. After you have made your purchase, place the item under the "Share Christmas" tree, in a gift bag, unwrapped and attach the bell to the outside of the gift bag, by Sunday, December 12, 2010. (Gifts are distributed December 19th.) For more information, please call Dorli Cloutier at 860-649-6255.



MACC SOUP KITCHEN

ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, ST. MAURICE WILL BE PROVIDING THE DINNER FOR 35 TO 40 SHELTER GUESTS. WE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING THE ENTIRE DINNER, AND WE ARE LOOKING FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD LIKE TO COOK AND PROVIDE A DISH (E.G., LASAGNA OR CASSEROLE), MAKE A SALAD (TOSSED OR PASTA) OR BAKE A DESSERT. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT DONNA BRADFORD AT 860-645-0541.



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