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Good News!

December 5, 2010

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 11:1–10 / Rom 15:4–9 / Mt 3:1–12

We've all had this experience: At a party we're introduced to someone, and that person warmly greets us with, "Oh, I've heard so much about you!" Often there's some polite teasing— "Gosh, I hope it was all good things!"—and laughter ensues. It's a light way to ease into conversation.

While it's most likely that the person has heard all good things, this experience always makes me wonder, What has she heard about me? How have I been described? What has gone before me to someone else's ears? For while there are many aspects of myself I would be pleased were shared, a shudder runs down my spine when I think of other, less-glowing elements of my personality that may have preceded me. There are some past behaviors and persistent traits that I would dread having someone know about before meeting me.

Today's Scripture readings are full of great expectations people had of Jesus before he was born. We look back at Isaiah's prophecies of a future king and see the promise of Jesus—a peacemaker, one who would bring justice to the poor and the afflicted. John the Baptist preaches about one who will baptize with fire and the Holy Spirit—Jesus, who seeks repentance and conversion of hearts.

We may not normally think about Advent as a time of repentance, but in fact it's an excellent time to reflect on aspects of ourselves that we shudder to think someone has "heard so much about." Our tendency toward selfishness, our lack of generosity, our rigid stubbornness—where do we need to seek repentance so we might better welcome Jesus, the one so much was said about, the one we hope to model our lives after?

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Saturdays at 4:00 PM

Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 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).

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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.

In those days John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea (and) saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: "A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." -Mt 3:1-3



Readings for the Week of December 5, 2010

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
 Monday: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
 Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
 Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13 OR
 OL Guadalupe: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
 Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
 Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

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**NEXT WEEK
 THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

SATURDAY, December 11:

4:00 p.m. Mass offered for Kim Auger and O.J. Santana, Jr.

Altar Servers: LeeAnn Snuffer and Ben Snuffer

Ministers of the Word: Georgette Pelletier

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Annedda Stiller, Patti Cineia and Arlene Giglio

SUNDAY, December 12:

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for Steve, Mary and David Jr. Caruso

Altar Servers: Stephanie Labanowski

Ministers of the Word: Stephanie Labanowski

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Stephanie Labanowski

10:00 a.m. Mass for All Parishioners

Altar Servers: Angelica Czercowy and Alex Czercowy

Ministers of the Word: Jennifer Carvalho

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Jennifer Carvalho, Sharon Scorso and Cliff Scorso

GOD'S PLAN FOR TITHING

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Last Week's Collection was: \$2,711

Last Year's Collection was: \$2,859

*"For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."
 Matthew 24:42*

Preparations for the Christmas season remind us how much we all want to be generous. We all want to give good gifts to one another. Yet, often when it comes to giving back to God our response is, "Not yet!" We put off sharing our time, talent and treasure for another day. We say we will give when we have more time or more money. Yet, none of us knows when God will come and ask for an accounting of how we used the gifts entrusted to our care. The start of Advent reminds us not to put off our stewardship. The Lord is coming!

Would you like to serve as a Minister of the Word (Lector) and/or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Minister) at the Meditative Mass celebrated at 7:30 a.m. on Sundays? If so, please call the Rectory (860-643-4466) and leave a message. Thank you!

**THIS WEEK
 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

USHERS GROUP I

SATURDAY, December 4:

9:00 a.m. Training of Altar Servers by Fr. Pelczarski
 4:00 p.m. Mass offered for Ida Ottone requested by Virginia Ierardi and Son, Michael; and for the Deceased of the Fletcher and Gately Families requested by Jean and Joe Gately

After Mass Sacrament of Baptism Received by Ryker Thomas Lavallee

After Mass Youth Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, December 5:

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for Mary K. Radion requested by The Radion Family

After Mass Pray the Rosary

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for Sylvester E. Labanowski requested by Stephanie Labanowski

After Mass Youth Choir Rehearsal

9:15 - 10:30 a.m. Faith Formation Classes (K-5) at Sacred Heart

3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Reception for Fr. Stan at Parish Center

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours

6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Faith Formation Classes (6-8) and Confirmation Preparation Sessions at Sacred Heart

7:30 - 8:45 p.m. Youth Group at Sacred Heart

MONDAY, December 6:

No Mass

6:00 p.m. First Sacrament of Reconciliation at Sacred Heart

TUESDAY, December 7:

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for June O'Connor requested by Barbara Sullivan

After Mass Pray the Rosary

7:15 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, December 8:

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for All Parishioners

3:00 - 7:00 p.m. **NO** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

4:30 - 5:45 p.m. **NO** Faith Formation Classes (1-5) at St. Maurice

6:30 - 7:45 p.m. **NO** Faith Formation Classes (6-8) at St. Maurice

7:00 p.m. Mass

THURSDAY, December 9:

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for Matteo and Vincent Quagliano requested by Mr. and Mrs. Maratta

7:00 p.m. St. Maurice Knights of Columbus Business Meeting

FRIDAY, December 10:

No Mass

SATURDAY, December 11:

3:15 - 3:45 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

ST. MAURICE PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

It's time for a new pictorial directory for St. Maurice Parish. We are seeking volunteers for the project. For more information, call Kathy Perlitz at 860-649-1210.

**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.

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.



The Gift Shop at **Immaculata Retreat House**, 289 Windham Road in Willimantic, will be having special Christmas hours in December for those looking for that special religious gift for Christmas. Hours: Thursday 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to Noon. The shop is also open during business hours Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 860-423-8484 or visit www.immaculataretreat.org.

ST MAURICE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT TEAM

Interested in working with the property management/building and grounds committee? If so, please join us at the Parish Center on December 20th at 7:15 p.m. If you are not able to attend, please call us and let us know you are interested; call Lou Cloutier at 860-649-6255 or Ron Massimino at 860-647-9859.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

December 24 – 26, 2010

December 24th: This year Christmas Eve falls on a Friday. Masses will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m. and at 10:00 p.m.

December 25th: The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) falls on a Saturday. Christmas is a solemnity, ranked second on the Table of Liturgical Days. Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m.; no 4:00 p.m. Vigil mass is scheduled.

December 26th: The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph follows on Sunday, December 26th. Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

January 1 – 2, 2011

January 1st: The Solemnity of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God falls on Saturday. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m.

January 2nd: The Epiphany of the Lord masses will be celebrated on Sunday, January 2nd at 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., with a Vigil Mass on Saturday, January 1st at 4:00 p.m.



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Time: After 4:00 Mass
Date: Saturday, December 18th**

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