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Good News!

December 12, 2010

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 35:1-6a, 10 / Jas 5:7-10 / Mt 11:2-11

When I was ten, my father died suddenly of a heart attack. Understandably, my mother—left alone to raise three adolescents—was devastated. At my father's funeral, she cried to her mother-in-law that she didn't know how to go on and raise us without her husband. My tough German grandmother, who had lost her own husband at age forty-five and raised five children on her own, looked my mother in the eye and said firmly, "You have no choice." Though the words rang harsh to my mother's ears, in the ensuing days and years she returned to those words again and again for motivation and the energy to move forward.

Now that I'm an adult, my grandmother's words strike me as prophetic in that they spoke truth—hard truth—and challenged my mother to a new way of life. They were words she held on to for hope and inspiration.

The readings today are particularly concerned with prophetic words. The prophet Isaiah provides a hopeful vision for the people of Judah, who were besieged by foreign armies. God's promises of future rejoicing, abundance, and healing—spoken through Isaiah—challenged the people to remain faithful to Yahweh. In the Gospel, Jesus praises John the Baptist despite John's challenging words and the reality that he wasn't the person his followers had expected to see.

Many times people speak prophetically to us—in words sometimes hopeful and sometimes challenging—but either way, they call us into a new way of life and, often, draw us closer to God. In this third week of Advent, as we rejoice with anticipation at the Lord's drawing near, take some time to thank God for the people who have spoken prophetic words you hold on to for hope and inspiration.

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WEEKEND MASSES:

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).

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.



Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them." -Mt 11:4-5

Readings for the Week of December 12, 2010

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
 Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
 Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
 Wednesday: Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23
 Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30
 Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
 Saturday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
 Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

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NEXT WEEK

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

SATURDAY, December 18:

4:00 p.m. Mass offered for Paul and Doris Gidius

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea and Megan Shorey

Minister of the Word: Charles Luchini

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Patti Cinea, Linda Wiley and Jean Gately

SUNDAY, December 19:

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for Donald Sullivan

Altar Servers: Kirsten Cianci and Ally Cianci

Minister of the Word: Judy Knox

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Arlene Giglio

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for George Maneggia

Altar Servers: Ben VanDine and Elizabeth Foran

Minister of the Word: Evelyn O'Connor

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Maureen Mozzer, Betty Aitkin and Donna Bradford

FRIDAY, December 24: CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 p.m. Mass offered for Mafalda Ferrero; and for Frank Hilbie

Altar Servers: Ben VanDine, Ryan VanDine, Nick VanDine, Kyle Toce and Kaila Toce

Minister of the Word: Stephanie Labanowski

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Donna Bradford, Sharon Scorso and Cliff Scorso

10:00 p.m. Mass offered for All Parishioners

Altar Servers: Stephanie Leiner

Minister of the Word: Michael Leiner

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Kathleen Smythe, Georgette Pelletier and Ted Lloyd

GOD'S PLAN FOR TITHING

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Last Week's Collection was: \$3,003

Last Year's Collection was: \$4,072

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." Matthew 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or do you spend your time, talent and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter and junk. As we are immersed in the Holiday shopping season now might be a good time to evaluate what gifts do we give to God?

THIS WEEK

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 11th and December 12th

USHERS GROUP II

SATURDAY, December 11:

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

After Mass Youth Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, December 12:

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for Steve, Mary and David Jr. Caruso requested by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown

After Mass Pray the Rosary

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for Normand Pellerin requested by John and Rita Sheetz

After Mass Youth Choir Rehearsal

After Mass Coffee Social and Sleigh Bells Ring Mini Fair at Parish Center

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

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 13:

No Mass

7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting at Parish Center

TUESDAY, December 14:

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for Frank Hilbie requested by Chris and Kate Armstrong; and for Levi and Loman Fournier requested by Solange Fournier

After Mass Pray the Rosary

7:15 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, December 15:

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for Margaret Carnelli requested by Ruth Mensing; and for Mafalda Ferrero requested by The Armstrong Family

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

5:30 p.m. Meeting with Fr. Wojceich with parents of children preparing to receive First Holy Communion in Spring 2011 in Church

6:00 p.m. Mass for All Children and All Parishioners, including Faith Formation Classes (1-8)

After Mass Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) with 3 to 4 Priests for Christmas Penance for All Children and All Parishioners

THURSDAY, December 16:

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for Ivan, Clifford and Leon Fournier requested by Solange Fournier

FRIDAY, December 17:

No Mass

SATURDAY, December 18:

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

PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 15TH ... ALL ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE MASS AT 6:00 P.M. AND CHRISTMAS PENANCE AFTER MASS!

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: This year 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 26. Mass will be celebrated at 8:45 a.m.



January 1 – 2, 2011

January 1st: Masses will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. and at 4:00 p.m.

January 2nd: Mass will be celebrated at 8:45 a.m.

Saturday, January 1, 2011 marks the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, which in 2011, is not a day of obligation because it falls on a Saturday. The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord follows on Sunday, January 2. Although both solemnities are ranked third on the Table of Liturgical Days, as a solemnity of the Lord, the Epiphany outranks the Solemnity of Mary. Therefore, Mass on the evening of January 1st is the Vigil of the Epiphany.

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.

Dear St. Maurice Friends,

I want to express my gratitude to all of you for your many kindnesses to me. Your welcoming spirit, your hospitality, your prayers and caring, meant more to me than you will know, especially during this last year when I needed it most. I treasure my time spent with you and the many friendships that were formed. But now we both have to accept this change and discern what God has in store for us. You will always be in my prayers.

*With much love and a some sadness,
Larry Deraleau*



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Date: Saturday, December 18th

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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.

**CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS
WITH A "CHOOSE LIFE" TAG**

This Advent you can help provide assistance and a "room in the Inn" for a young pregnant woman and her vulnerable, unborn child by requesting as a gift, or by giving as a gift, a truly unique and meaningful Christmas present this year: a Connecticut "Choose Life" License Plate. It is so simple, so affordable, and it really does save babies' lives by promoting its positive message 24/7 wherever you travel and by raising much needed funding for the life-saving work of Connecticut's Pregnancy Care Centers including Catholic Charities. To order a "Choose Life" Tag please call The Children First Foundation toll-free at 1-877-386-3236 to request an official DMV Application Form; or you may download an application at www.TheChildrenFirst.org. Merry Christmas, and thank you for putting "children first" in Connecticut with a "Choose Life" License Plate this Advent.





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