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First Sunday of Advent • November 27, 2011

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dear Padre
How can I make Advent more meaningful?

This year I've promised myself I'll make time for Advent reflection and prayer, but I don't have huge blocks of time to spare. Any ideas?

Rick

Dear Rick,

You don't need huge blocks of time; you just need to recognize your opportunities. Each of the following activities takes only a few moments. Do all five every day, and soon you'll feel very good about the amount of time you're devoting to Advent.

1. Spend fifteen minutes in silence. As Psalm 46:11 says, "Be still and know that I am God!"

2. Light a prayer candle. Whenever you see the flame, offer a prayer on behalf of someone who is sick, hurting, or struggling.

3. Pray for each person you hear from. Christmas cards and e-mails often have news about the senders. Use that information to offer prayers of thanksgiving and help.

4. Be like the innkeeper. Extend compassion to a stranger—let someone ahead of you in line or give up your seat to a person holding packages.

5. Reflect on Philippians 4:4. "Rejoice in the Lord always!" Ask yourself what blessings you've enjoyed today, and then thank God for them.

At the end of Advent, choose one of these activities to do every day for the next year to keep the spirit of Advent and Christmas in your heart all year long.

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

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 our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

By appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

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.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

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.

VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-4466.

THIS WEEK
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
NOVEMBER 26TH – 27TH
USHERS' GROUP IV

NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES TODAY
Children's' Choir Rehearsals start after the Vigil
Mass and after the 10 a.m. Mass this weekend.

SATURDAY, NOV. 26

Rosary before the 4:00 p.m. Mass
4:00 p.m. Mass offered for +Joyce Bachl request
of Marty and Carol Zabielski, and for
+Deceased members of the Knights of
Columbus, Council 6199, request of K of C
Council 6199
Children's' Choir Rehearsal after Mass

SUNDAY, NOV. 27

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for +Frank Hilbie,
Request of Chris & Kate Armstrong

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Patricia Auger,
Request of Auger family
Children's' Choir Rehearsal after Mass

5:30 p.m. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, NOV. 28

9:00 a.m. Mass, 8th day of the All Souls Novena

TUESDAY, NOV. 29 NO MASS

7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 30 NO MASS

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT

THURSDAY, DEC. 1

9:00 a.m. Mass, 9TH and final day of the All
Soul's novena

7:00 p.m. KofC Business meeting

FRIDAY, DEC. 2

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Frank
Kwiatkowski request of the family

7:00 p.m. Youth Group meets in the Lower
Church, grades 5 and up

Focus this month will be on meeting Dennis, a St.
Maurice Parishioner and Guitarist. Dennis will work
with interested youth and help us develop a
performing Singing group. There will also be time
for games, snacks and refreshments.

SATURDAY, DEC. 3

3:00 p.m. Ministries Group Pictures Parish Center
Recitation of the Rosary before the 4 p.m. Mass.

Saturday, December 3rd

PARISH CENTER, PICTORIAL DIRECTORY
GROUP PHOTOS ARE SCHEDULED AT 3:00
P.M. FOR ALL MINISTRIES, I.E. ALTAR
SERVERS; LECTORS; USHERS; EUCHARISTIC
MINISTERS.

ALTAR SERVERS ARE BEING REQUESTED TO
BRING THEIR ROBES.

Our Increased Weekly Giving Program will soon be coming to a close. We would like to commend all parishioners for their concern for our parish. If you have not yet returned your response envelope, please consider doing so as soon as possible.

TOYS FOR KIDS

For families attending Mass on Christmas Eve and 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, please call Jim Boylan at 860-872-9071

And speaking of Christmas Trees, the recent snow storm did a number on the Christmas tree that was donated for our use during the Christmas season. We are looking for a great and wonderful tree to take its place. If you have such a tree and wouldn't mind parting with it, our Christmas tree experts would like to take a look to see if they can get it through the door. They will do the cutting and the hauling. No Charlie Browns or Rockefeller Plaza trees please. Call Lou Cloutier at 860-649-6255



**IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR WHEN THE
WORLD WANTS TO SING.....**

*THE BELLS OF OUR "SHARE CHRISTMAS" TREE are ringing again. Please share your generosity once again this year with those in need in our area. In the rear of the Church you will find a "Share Christmas" tree trimmed 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 11, 2011. (Gifts are distributed Dec. 18th)***

*For more information call Dorli Cloutier
At 860-649-6255.*

On December 4th, along with the Triple Play Café breakfast, there will be a Mini Fair! Those parishioners who were unable to get to the real one, will have a chance to see and to purchase items from the Fair. Please join us on Sunday, Dec. 4th, the breakfast is super and you may just find that special something for someone.....

November 27, 2011

1st Sunday of Advent

Last week's offertory \$ 3,307

Last year's offertory \$ 2,859

"O Lord...we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands." Is. 64:7

When we realize that it is God who formed and blessed us, we must also realize that we have an obligation to share our blessings as God intended when He created us. It is not a matter of pointing fingers and asking what other are doing. We need to search our own hearts and ask what we are doing to fulfill God's plan for us.

**NEXT WEEK
DECEMBER 3RD – 4TH
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
FAITH FORMATION CLASSES 9:00-9:45 a.m.
MINI FAIR
TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ BREAKFAST
WITH BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL
USHERS' GROUP I**

SATURDAY, DEC. 3

**4:00p.m. Mass offered for +Arthur Kehl and
For the Fletcher & Gately families
Children's Choir rehearsal**

Altar Servers: Ally Cianci, Maria Cinea

Lector: Georgette Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister Ted Lloyd

SUNDAY, DEC. 4

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for +Agnes Murphy

Altar Servers: Lynn Mancino

Lector: Stephen Paul

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

**10:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Silverster E.
Labanowski**

Altar Servers: Ben Van Dine, Elizabeth Foran

Lector: Jennifer Carvalho

Eucharistic Minister: James Boylan

MONDAY, DEC. 5

**9:00 a.m. Mass offered for the recovery of
George Murphy, Jr.**

TUESDAY, DEC. 6

**9:00 a.m. Mass offered for the recovery of
Neda Skehan**

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for Ivan Dube

3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**THURSDAY, DEC. 8 HOLY DAY OF
OBLIGATION**

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Agnes Murphy

7:00 p.m. Mass

FRIDAY, DEC. 9 NO MASS

SATURDAY, DEC. 10

Recitation of the Rosary before 4:00 p.m. Mass



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