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Good News!

December 11, 2011

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 / 1 Thes 5:16-24 /
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Besides the wild dress and unique locust-and honey diet plan, one other thing can be said for John the Baptist: He was the least self-centered man around. He spent much of his time deflecting questions about his identity, giving negative responses when asked if he was the Messiah, Elijah, or the Prophet, yet the Church gives us two Sundays in Advent to ponder this man who never wanted anyone to focus on who he was. Clearly we need to learn something important about John.

John the Baptist wasn't concerned whether people knew who he was—he was concerned whether they knew who he was in relation to Jesus. He could easily have claimed to be the Messiah—he was surrounded by crowds and could have been swept away with the excitement of power and popularity. Instead, he wanted people to come to know Jesus through him. He identified himself as “the voice of one crying out in the desert”—the one to help people prepare for the coming of Jesus, the true Messiah.

We spend more time than we realize telling people who we are. When we meet someone new or fill out an application, we reveal our occupation, marital status, and hometown. But how regularly do we think about who we are in relation to God? When we introduce ourselves, does “son or daughter of God” come to mind before our name, job title, or address?

On this third Sunday of Advent, we rejoice at the nearness of Christmas. We can also rejoice that we are God's precious children. As those beloved children who live selflessly and generously, we can emulate John the Baptist and lead others to God.

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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.

ST. MAURICE CHURCH

THIS WEEK

DECEMBER 10TH – 11TH

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Triple Play Café Dinner after 4:00 p.m. Mass

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.

COFFEE SOCIAL

CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL

USHERS' GROUP II

SATURDAY, DEC. 10

4:00 p.m. Mass offered for **+Joyce Bachl**
request of Marty & Carol Zabielski
Children's choir rehearsal

SUNDAY, DEC. 11

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for **+Dale Smith** request
of Mike & Arlene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Robert Cassel**
request of Barbara Cassell
Children's Christmas choir rehearsal

5:30 p.m. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, DEC. 12

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for a **Special Intention**
request of Sima Guth

TUESDAY, DEC. 13

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Annette Kristoff**
request of The Garibaldi Family
Christmas packing at Parish Center

7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting

7:15 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for **Special Intention**
request of Sima Guth
Christmas packing at Parish Center

3p.m.- 7p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THURSDAY, DEC. 15 NO MASS

7:00 p.m. CONFESSIONS will be heard. Several
priests will be available.
Christmas packing at Parish Center

FRIDAY, DEC. 16 NO MASS

SATURDAY, DEC. 17

Wedding of

Kristofer Caya and Gwendoline V. Rose



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NEXT WEEK

DECEMBER 17TH – 18TH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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USHER'S GROUP III

SATURDAY, DEC. 17

4:00 p.m. **Mass offered for Paul & Doris Gidius**
Children's choir rehearsal

Altar Servers: Elena & Catherine Fiano

Lector: Barbara Fiano

Eucharistic Minister: Annedda Stiller

SUNDAY, DEC. 18

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for **+Mary and Steve**
and Dave Caruso

Altar Servers: Lynn Mancino

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Orlando Santana, Jr.**
And +Kim Auger

Children's Choir Rehearsal

Altar Servers: Angelica & Alex Czercowy

Lector: Rita Sheetz

Eucharistic Minister: John Sheetz

MONDAY, DEC. 19 NO MASS

TUESDAY, DEC. 20

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+The Maratta and**
Quagliano Families

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Rolande & Clifford**
Mishio

3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THURSDAY, DEC. 22 NO MASS

FRIDAY, DEC. 23 NO MASS

PLEASE NOTE CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



SATURDAY, DEC. 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for **+Marie Madore**

10:00 P.M. Mass offered for **+Eva & John**
Wachowski

SUNDAY, DEC. 25, CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for **+Jean, Helen, and**
Stefan Grybowicz

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Last week's offertory \$ 4,245.50

Last year's offertory \$ 4,092

"The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted..." Is.61:1

The Lord God has anointed all of us through Baptism and He has sent each of us on a mission. Each of us has been given unique gifts and talents so that we can help fulfill God's mission here on earth. Are you doing the things Jesus sent you here to do?



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

If you were not able to have your picture taken for the directory and would like to submit a

photo of your own, feel free to do so. Please submit a clear, no larger than 4x6 photo. You can either drop the photo at the parish office with Theresa Cison or contact me.

Sybil Bartone at 860 781 2077

IF THERE ARE ANY MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH IN THE MILITARY AND YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT A PHOTO OF THEM, THE DIRECTIONS ARE THE SAME.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING THESE PHOTOS WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

**MANY THANKS TO THE FOLKS WHO
VOLUNTEERED TO HELP WITH THIS
PROJECT.**

Readings for the Week of December 11, 2011

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Jn 5:33-36

Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

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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

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 24TH, SATURDAY

MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 4:00 P.M.

AND AT 10:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 25TH SUNDAY

THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE MASS CELEBRATED AT 10:00A.M.



**CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD ON
DECEMBER 15TH
AT 7:00 P.M.
THERE WILL BE SEVERAL PRIESTS
ON HAND**



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