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Good News!

December 15, 2013

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

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

I'm not much of a gardener. When our family was young, we planted vegetables to connect our children with the miracle of growing things. But the truth is, I kill houseplants regularly and the clay soil in our backyard made growing things a little harder than I was willing to tolerate. So I spent my time tending to children and other pursuits. When I look at the wonderful young women my children have become, I don't regret any of it—they're evidence of a garden well tended.

We all have gardens we cultivate in the soil we work and in the lives we lead. In today's readings, Isaiah and Jesus point to gardens of a different sort. Isaiah imagines God as the great gardener who brings flowers and trees out of arid sand and clay soil and then moves on to bring sight to the blind and hearing to the deaf. What a glorious image of a promise made—where we all grow and are made whole.

Jesus doesn't answer John's disciples; he simply points them in the direction of the garden of Good News he's tended. He sends them to John with tales of what they've seen and heard in all its abundance, because John will know a garden when he hears about it and will rejoice in its growth.

Finally, James, laboring in the Lord's garden decades after the Lord's death, reminds us of the truth every farmer, landscaper, and household gardener knows so well: Making things grow—whether crops, flowers, faith, or people—takes patience.

What's growing in *your* garden this Advent?

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Saturdays at 5:00 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**3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT****DEC. 14– DEC. 15, 2013****Triple Play Café Breakfast & Blood Pressure Screening****Maintenance Collection****Mini Fair****Christmas Food Distribution****USHERS GROUP III****SATURDAY, DEC. 14 –****4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for +Paul Francoeur request of Marge & Bert Flynn**Coffee Social after 4 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement****SUNDAY, DEC. 15 –****7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for +James P. Bloznalis request of the Dean & Bloznalis Families**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**8:30 A.M. – Breakfast for Faith Formation****9:00 A.M. - Faith Formation****10:00 A.M. –** Mass offered for +William Maneggia request of Marge & Bert Flynn**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**5:30 P.M.— LITURGY OF THE HOURS****MONDAY, DEC. 16 –****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Levi Fournier request of Solange Fournier**5:00 P.M.— Parish BINGO—**Food available from 5 P.M. Games begin at 6:30 P.M.**TUESDAY, DEC. 17 –****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Samuel Guglielmino**7:00 P.M. PARISH COUNCIL MEETING****7:15 P.M.— CHOIR REHEARSAL****WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18 –****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Barabara Sposito request of Saint Maurice Church Ushers**7:00 P.M. CONFESSIONS—THREE PRIESTS WILL BE AVAILABLE****THURSDAY, DEC. 19 – No Mass****FRIDAY, DEC. 20 – No Mass****SATURDAY, DEC. 21 –****3:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 4 P.M. MASS****Last week's Offertory—December 7 — \$3,163****Last year's Offertory—December 8 — \$3,579***"Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised..." Matthew 11:4-5*

When Jesus cured the sick we called it a miracle. Yet God has blessed us with many good things – our eyesight, our hearing, our talents, our health and so much more – and we often take it all for granted. The good steward recognizes every blessing in life as a miracle from God and strives to use those gifts for God's honor and glory.

NEXT WEEK**4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT****DEC. 21– DEC. 22, 2013****USHERS GROUP IV****SATURDAY, DEC. 21 –****4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for +The Maratta & Quaglino Families request of Josephine Maratta*Altar Servers: Maria Cineca**Lector: Patti Cineca**Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley***Coffee Social after 4 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement****SUNDAY, DEC. 22 –****7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for +William Rosewell request of Sharon Snuffer*Altar Servers: Lynn Mancino**Lector: Lynn Mancino**Eucharistic Minister:***CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**8:30 A.M. – Breakfast for Faith Formation****9:00 A.M. - Faith Formation****10:00 A.M. –** Mass offered for +Mary & +Steve & +Dave .Jr. Caruso, request of Charles & Shirley Brown*Altar Servers: Amilia Herasimowicz**Lector: Evelyn O'Connor**Eucharistic Minister: Lou Cloutier***CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**5:30 P.M.— LITURGY OF THE HOURS****MONDAY, DEC. 23 –****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +James P. Bloznalis request of the Dean & Bloznalis Families**5:00 P.M.— Parish BINGO—**Food available from 5 P.M. Games begin at 6:30 P.M.**TUESDAY, DEC. 24 – Christmas Vigil — 2nd collection for the Poor & Needy****4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for +Marie Madore request of her 2 Daughters and Son*Altar Servers: Nichols VanDine, Amilia Herasimowicz**Lector: Alex Boutin**Eucharistic Minister: Georgette Pelletier***10:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers: Maria Cineca**Lector: Patti Cineca**Eucharistic Minister: Lou Cloutier***WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25 – Christmas Day — 2nd collection for the Poor & Needy****10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Lois Dunham request of Linda Wiley*Altar Servers: Alex Czercowy**Lector: Jeffrey Monroe**Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley***THURSDAY, DEC. 26 – No Mass****FRIDAY, DEC. 27 – No Mass****SATURDAY, DEC. 28 –****3:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 4 P.M. MASS**

Readings for the Week of December 15, 2013

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: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
 Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
 Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
 Friday: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
 Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45
 Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

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TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

Are you looking to set aside some special time to remember the true meaning of Christmas? If so, please come and join the Secular Franciscans for a spirit-filled afternoon with prayer and traditional Christmas hymns. Place – St. Joseph Church – Rockville, CT
 Date and Time – December 15th at 2:00 pm
 Continuing celebration in Church Hall with refreshments.

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“In commending the soul of the deceased to the infinite mercy of Almighty God, I ask the Lord to console and strengthen all who mourn his loss. Paying tribute to the steadfast commitment shown by Nelson Mandela in promoting the human dignity of all the nation’s citizens and in forging a new South Africa built on the firm foundations of non-violence, reconciliation and truth, I pray that the late President’s example will inspire generations of South Africans to put justice and the common good at the forefront of their political aspirations. With these sentiments, I invoke upon all the people of South Africa divine gifts of peace and prosperity.”

—Pope Francis

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich, is accepting Christmas Food Donations for Families in Need

Donations of turkeys and food baskets are being accepted for families in need. Gift cards to grocery stores are also a great help. Thank you for making Christmas special for a needy family. Please drop off donations at the Catholic Charities Norwich Office, 331 Main St., Norwich. Call 860-889-8346 ext. 260 for information.

Diocesan Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, January 4th ~ 8:30 a.m. Please join us at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed both at the Cathedral and Planned Parenthood. A brunch will follow the Rosary.

Catholic Charities FT Position Available: Primary Service Manager for DSS grant funded, Empowering People for Success Program (EPS). Applicant will provide outreach, case management, and advocacy for home based families with barriers to employment. BA/BS in a human service field or Associates with home visitor experience. Office based in Willimantic with cases located throughout Windham County. Extensive travel required. Bilingual preferred. Benefits. Send resume to Search Committee, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich, 331 Main Street, Norwich, CT 06360. Closing date: December 23, 2013.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich is looking for individuals to sponsor two additional families for the Christmas Holiday Season’s Adopt-A Family Program. Sponsors will be matched with a family in need who would have a special Christmas Holiday filled with happiness and gratitude with your help providing for their gifts and Christmas dinner. For information on sponsoring a family in need please call 860-889-8346 ext. 260.

March for Life – January 22, 2014 in Washington, DC Bus Trip. January 22, 2014 marks the 41st anniversary of the Supreme Court’s legalization of abortion. From that decision, over 50 million pre-born babies have died from abortion. On January 22nd people from across our nation will assemble in the largest Pro-life event in the world, with a peaceful demonstration in Washington, D.C. to March for Life and end abortion. Consider attending if you have never experienced being a part of the March for Life. On Tuesday, January 21st at 9 P.M., buses sponsored by the Southeast Chapter of Connecticut Right to Life will leave from the Norwich Municipal Parking Lot (Exit 80, I-395) and travel to D.C. to attend the March. Bus fare is \$65 per person. For information, to reserve a seat or if you cannot go, to sponsor a seat, please call Margaret Becotte at 860-822-1362.

On Thursday, December 19, 2013, come join in praying with Bishop Cote a Eucharistic Holy Hour of Vocations. This month the holy hour will be at St. Edward Church, Stafford Springs, CT from 6:00—7:00 p.m. Come pray for those who are called to priestly or consecrated religious life. Pray for our seminarians and those in the process of applying to the Diocese. Join our Diocesan Prayer Team for Vocations by emailing the vocation office for more information at vocations@norwichdiocese.net and check out our website at god-calls.org



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