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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT — DECEMBER 4, 2016

## Good News!

December 4, 2016  
Second Sunday of Advent (A)  
Is 11:1-10, Rom 15:4-9, Mt 3:1-12

John the Baptist was the first prophet in Israel in more than 200 years. Some even thought he was the Messiah. He preached with authority, and people traveled from all over Judea to hear his words.

His message was to prepare the way. As any pope, king, or president announces his intentions in advance so preparations can be made, John was sent to announce the coming of the Son of God and to tell the people how to prepare.

Jesus comes to the world in three different ways: first, when he was born in Bethlehem and walked the earth; second, when he comes again at the end of time; and finally, when he comes to us constantly in the sacraments and liturgy. Preparing for his arrival is not a matter of fixing roads, painting houses, or organizing a parade. Our king desires a transformed spirit: "Not by appearance shall he judge..." John warns that we cannot hide behind the faith of another; each one of us needs to show the fruits of our own faith. Yet we need not fear, for he who comes has every intention of saving us. He appears as Lord and invites us to accept his kingdom. He is also a teacher who shows us the way back to the Father. Above all he is a friend who forgives unconditionally and accepts our sincere yet feeble efforts.

This week, reflect on this image of John the Baptist, heed his words, and imitate him: Cry out for repentance, cleanse others from their sins, and prepare the way to God.

### For Reflection

How does John the Baptist's call to repentance challenge me? Where do I need to ask for God's mercy?

*Fr. Mark Haydu, LC*

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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):

Saturday 4:15 PM — 4:45 PM

### 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**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 3 — 4, 2016**

**USHERS GROUP II**

2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION — ST. MAURICE FUEL FUND

**SATURDAY, DEC 3**

**4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

*Altar Servers:* TBD

*Lectors:* Georgette Pelletier

*Eucharistic Minister:* Bert Flynn, Linda Wiley

**SUNDAY, DEC 4**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for †Lena C. Bloznalis request of The Dean & Bloznalis Families

*Altar Servers:* Shirley Holbrook

*Lector:* Judy Knox

*Eucharistic Minister:* Arlene Giglio

**8:30 A.M. — 8:50 A.M. YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL**  
*in the Church*

**8:30 A.M. BREAKFAST FOR FAITH FORMATION**

**9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †John Garvan request of Frances Garvan

*Altar Servers:* Emilia & Marta Herasimowicz

*Lector:* Lee Snuffer

*Eucharistic Minister:* Janusz Herasimowicz, Lou Cloutier

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** *after Mass*

**MONDAY, DEC 5**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

**TUESDAY, DEC 6**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

**7:15 P.M. ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL**

**WEDNESDAY, DEC 7**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

**THURSDAY, DEC 8 — Day of Obligation**

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Col. and †Mrs. Werner Moore request of Hope Grunske

*Altar Servers:* TBD

*Lector:* Judy Knox

*Eucharistic Minister:* Lou Cloutier, Arlene Giglio

**7:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

*Altar Servers:* Alex Czercoway

*Lector:* Jeffrey Monroe

*Eucharistic Minister:* Kathleen Smythe, Georgette Pelletier

**FRIDAY, DEC 9 — NO MASS**

**SATURDAY, DEC 10**

**3:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS**

**Readings for the Week of December 4, 2016**

**Sunday:** Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

**Monday:** Is 35:1-10/Ps 85/Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11/Ps 96/Mt 18:12-14

**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31/Ps 103/Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

**Friday:** Is 48:17-19/Ps 1/Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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**NEXT WEEK**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 10 — 11, 2016**

**USHERS GROUP III**

**SATURDAY, DEC 10**

**4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for †Gary Zdrojowy (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary) request of Irene Zdrojowy

*Altar Servers:* TBD

*Lectors:* Bert Flynn

*Eucharistic Minister:* Annedda Stiller

**SUNDAY, DEC 11**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for †Michele Giglio request of Kathleen Perlitz

*Altar Servers:* Georgette Pelletier

*Lector:* Lynn Mancino

*Eucharistic Minister:* Arlene Giglio



**8:00 A.M. — 12:00 noon**  
**SLEIGH BELLS RING MINI FAIR**  
**AND TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ BREAKFAST**  
*(8:00-10:00 A.M.) in the Parish Center*

**8:30 A.M. — 8:50 A.M. YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL**  
*in the Church*

**9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Barbara and †Donald Sullivan request of Patrick and Daniel Sullivan

*Altar Servers:* Alex Czercoway

*Lector:* Evelyn O'Connor

*Eucharistic Minister:* Kathleen Smythe

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** *after Mass*

**MONDAY, DEC 12**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

**TUESDAY, DEC 13**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Lena C. Bloznalis request of The Dean & Bloznalis Families  
*Rosary will be prayed after the Mass*

**7:00 P.M. PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**7:15 P.M. ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL**

**WEDNESDAY, DEC 14**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

**THURSDAY, DEC 15 — NO MASS**

**FRIDAY, DEC 16 — NO MASS**

**SATURDAY, DEC 17**

**3:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS**

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Last week's Offertory: November 27 — \$2,578**

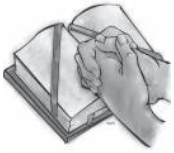
**Projected Amount needed \$2,980**

*"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. Our time, our talent and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

**FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH**



**ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE**

Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line, especially the new requests for this week. Thank you. Carol and MaryAnn.



**JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AT THE TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ AND WELCOME FATHER LEON TO OUR PARISH**



**Time:** 8:00 A.M. — 10:00 A.M.  
**Date:** Sunday, December 11  
**Location:** St. Maurice Parish Center  
 \$6.00 / Person \$18.00 / Family  
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**FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP**



**“Sleigh Bells Ring” Mini Fair**

will take place in the Parish Center on **December 11<sup>th</sup>** from **8 A.M. to 12 noon**. There are still gift items available along with mixes for your Holiday giving. Come take a look for those last minute gifts.



**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

is in the rear of the church and still has some bells for Bolton Families in need. We hope you will consider being a part of this worthwhile program of helping people of Bolton in need. All gifts due by Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> for Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> delivery. If you have any questions please call me at 860-649-6255. Thank you for caring, Dorli

**THANKSGIVING FOOD**



Our food delivery for Thanksgiving to Bolton families in needs went very well. The Families thank all of you who donated food and money for their Thanksgiving.

**Defending Our Religious Liberty**

Pope Francis has said: “Religious freedom is not only that of private thought or worship. It is the liberty to live, both privately and publicly according to the ethical principles resulting from found truth.” This is why it is important that we continue to put pressure on our newly elected officials to change the federal health care mandate which forces religious institutions to pay for medical procedures that violate their moral principles.

If you haven’t done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445, and your newly elected representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**



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**THE POWER OF ONE**

**The March for Life Bus Trip**

The Annual March for Life will take place this year on Friday, January 27, 2017, in Washington, D.C., as a way for people to express their opposition to abortion. This year’s event coincides with the 44th anniversary of the Supreme Court’s decision to legalize abortion. Buses sponsored by the Southeast Chapter of Connecticut Right to Life will travel to the March leaving from the Norwich Municipal Parking Lot (Exit 11, I-395) on Thursday, January 26, 2017, at 9 P.M. Bus fare is \$67 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.



**Our Lady of Guadalupe!** All are invited to join Bishop Cote and the Latino people of the Diocese in our annual bilingual celebration of the Feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Monday, December 12, 2016. The celebration begins with the Rosary and opportunity for confessions at 6:30 pm, followed by Holy Mass at 7:00 pm. Fiesta following. We look forward to honoring Our Lady with you.

**Natural Family Planning** is scientific, safe, and is 99 percent effective for conceiving or responsibly postponing a baby. A class for married and engaged couples begins on Monday, December 19th at 6:30 P.M. at St. John’s in Old Saybrook. For more information, call Steve and Lisa Collison at 860-399-8265 or to register for a class go to [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org).

**STEBENVILLE NYC- JULY 21-23**

This summer, join over 3,000 other Catholic teens at Steubenville NYC conference and experience the joy of following Christ and being **ELAVATED By HIS Love**. The Diocese of Norwich offers youth the opportunity to take advantage of this fun and spirit filled conference with ease. For \$345, The Diocese of Norwich will provide youth and chaperones with Steubenville registration fee, sendoff mass with Bishop Cote and lunch, transportation to and from the Diocese, and 3 t-shirts for each day at the Conference. If you are interested in this life changing opportunity, get in touch with your Youth Minister or Liza Roach at [\(860\)848-2237](tel:8608482237) ex. 305 or [lroach@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net)

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