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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT — November 30, 2014

dear Padre

November 30, 2014

When did Advent start?

When did the Church start celebrating Advent?

It's a little complicated, because our Western Church's celebration of Advent grew up over time in different areas of Europe rather than beginning all at once in one particular spot.

Some of the earliest references to special pre-Christmas practices for Christians come from Spain and Gaul (modern France) in the fourth and fifth centuries, but we also have evidence of a pre-Christmas fast in Rome at the end of the fourth century.

The shape and flavor of these local Advent celebrations were different, with some running as long as six weeks and some being much shorter. In Gaul they emphasized penance and the final coming of Christ in judgment at the end of time, while in Rome there was more emphasis on the coming celebration of Jesus' birth.

The Roman four-week Advent eventually carried the day and shaped the rhythm of our Church's calendar. But if you pay attention to the readings and prayers offered in our Advent Masses, you'll see elements of both the Roman and Gallican Advents in our modern-day celebrations.

In general, during the earlier days of Advent we emphasize the final coming of Christ in judgment. Then we focus more closely on the commemoration of his birth at Bethlehem.

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WEEKEND MASSES:

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**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT****NOVEMBER 29 – 30, 2014****USHERS GROUP I****SATURDAY, NOV. 29** (Mass time change)**4:00 P.M.** — Mass offered for +Wanda Aubey
request of Joanna Wilson*COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement***SUNDAY, NOV. 30****7:30 A.M.** — Mass offered for all departed souls from
Anna Czercowy Family*CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass***No FAITH FORMATION CLASSES****10:00 A.M.** — Mass offered for +Samuel Gugliemino*CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass**COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement***MONDAY, DEC. 1 — NO MASS****TUESDAY, DEC. 2 — NO MASS****7:30 P.M.** — **CHOIR REHEARSAL****WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3 — NO MASS****THURSDAY, DEC. 4 — NO MASS****FRIDAY, DEC. 5 — NO MASS****7:00 P.M.** — **MOVIE NIGHT** IN THE PARISH CENTER
'God's Not Dead' — *rated PG***SATURDAY, DEC. 6****3:30 P.M.** — **ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS****STEWARDSHIP****Projected Amount needed \$3,370***"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come." - MARK 13:33*

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. Our lives are so busy, many of us are planning our time - our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, everyday, and listen to what God is saying to you.

NEXT WEEK**2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT****DECEMBER 6 – 7, 2014****USHERS GROUP II****2ND COLLECTION — ST. MAURICE FUEL FUND****SATURDAY, DEC. 6****4:00 P.M.** — Mass offered for +Wanda Aubey
request of Joanna Wilson*Altar Servers:* Maria Cinea*Lectors:* Patti Cinea*Eucharistic Minister:* Bert Flynn*COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement***SUNDAY, DEC. 7****7:30 A.M.** — Mass offered for +Agnes and +George Murphy
request of MaryAnne Murphy*Altar Servers:* Shirley Warbeck & Jason Dean*Lector:* Joel Cohan*Eucharistic Minister:* Arlene Giglio***CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass*****8:30 A.M.** — **BREAKFAST FOR FAITH FORMATION****9:00 A.M.** — **FAITH FORMATION CLASSES****10:00 A.M.** — Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers:* Elena & Catherine Fiano*Lector:* Barbara Fiano*Eucharistic Minister:* Betty Aitkin***CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass****COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement***6:00 P.M.** — **ADULT FAITH FORMATION** in the Parish Center Library**MONDAY, DEC. 8** — **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin**
Mary (Holy day of obligation)**9:00 A.M.** — Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church*Lector:* Judy Knox*Eucharistic Minister:* Lou Cloutier**7:00 P.M.** — Mass offered for +Samuel Gugliemino*Altar Servers:* Nicholas VanDine*Lector:* Rita Sheetz*Eucharistic Minister:* Rita Sheetz**TUESDAY, DEC. 9****9:00 A.M.** — Mass offered for +John Swart
request of The Cloutier Children**7:30 P.M.** — **CHOIR REHEARSAL****WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10****9:00 A.M.** — Mass offered for +Henry Leonard**THURSDAY, DEC. 11 — NO MASS****FRIDAY, DEC. 12 — NO MASS****SATURDAY, DEC. 13****3:30 P.M.** — **ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS****Readings for the Week of November 30, 2014**

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

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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 Mary Ann.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

REVELATION:

THE KINGDOM YET TO COME

The next session on the *Book of Revelation*, Chapters 14 and 15, will be on **Sunday, December 7th at 6:00 P.M.** in the **Parish Center Library**.

Session is 55 minutes in length. All are welcome.

Our Musical Director, Mr. Don Benevides will begin offering a **guided guitar practice** on **Tuesday** evenings from **7:00-7:30** for teens. If you have a guitar and would like to join this group lesson, please come to the church and join in the fun!



MOVIE NIGHT



God's Not Dead

Friday Dec. 5th in the Parish Center at 7:00 PM.

Popcorn and soda will be provided.

This movie is rated PG.

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Location: St. Maurice Parish Center

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Breakfast with Santa



It's a busy time of year for Santa, but on Saturday morning, **December 13th**, he'll leave the elves in charge and head over to **Assumption School on Adams Street in Manchester!** Kids of all ages are invited to join Santa and Mrs. Claus for homemade pancakes, sausage and a large cup of cheer! Choose from three morning sittings at 8:00, 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. Santa's Assumption School "elves in training" will offer love-baked goodies to buy and take home. There will be door prizes likely to be on Christmas wish lists of children from preschool to middle school ages. There will be plenty of photo opportunities, so bring your camera and your appetite for a fun and festive morning! Assumption School students and their families look forward to welcoming children of all ages as they bring this annual event to Manchester and surrounding communities. Mark your calendar and save the date Saturday, December 13th. Tickets may be reserved in advance for \$5.00 adult/\$4.00 children; cost at the door is \$6.00 adult/\$5.00 child. To order tickets please contact Meghan at 860-212-6122.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

33rd Annual Convocation

For the Priests in the Diocese of Norwich

NEWPORT, RI.—The Annual Convocation for Priests will be held from December 1-3, 2014, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Goat Island in Newport, RI. It will be a time for all priests to gather with their bishop for spiritual renewal, support, education and rest. No parish, school or institutional activities will be scheduled during these days. Please pray for your priests, as they will be praying for you.

Diocesan Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Please join our celebrant **Rev. Walter Nagle** at Mass and the **Knights of Columbus** with a special **"Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose" Act of Consecration.** The Silver Rose Ceremonies are taking place throughout North America with four of the Silver Roses concluding their journey on December 12th, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed both at the Cathedral and Planned Parenthood. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.

Home Buyers and Foreclosure Prevention Classes

For help with purchasing a home, fallen behind on mortgage payments or help with budgeting or filling out applications for **EMAP.** All services are provided free at Catholic Charities, a HUD approved Counseling Agency. The *ongoing* Foreclosure Prevention and 8 hour Home Buyers Education Classes are offered by Catholic Charities in Norwich, New London, Middletown and Plainfield locations.

For information: 860-889-8346 ext.271.

EnCourage Support Group ~ EnCourage is the Catholic spiritual support group for the family members of loved ones with same-sex attraction. For more information on the support group meetings held the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm at St. John Church, Montville, please call the Family Life Office at: 860-889-8346 ext. 283.

SAINT MAURICE PARISH



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Our gift tree for the needy of Bolton is up for your support. All gifts must be back by Dec. 13 unwrapped and gift tag visible. Gift bags are a help. Please enclose gift receipts from store.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

We must continue to stand in defense of life, marriage, and our first, and most cherished liberty, freedom of religion. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) continues to urge the Department of Health and Human Services and the White House in the strongest possible terms to remove the various infringements on religious freedom imposed by the health care mandate. If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the mandate by calling President Obama at the White House at 202-456-1111 or U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.



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