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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT — DECEMBER 14, 2014

Good News!

December 14, 2014

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Today is Gaudete (GOW duh tay) Sunday. The name comes from the Latin word that begins the introit (opening antiphon) of the day's liturgy. It means, simply, "rejoice."

When I think about the many times I've rejoiced, I'm usually very moved. When I graduated college and graduate school, when my husband and I married, when our daughters were born and when they married—all of these were periods of great rejoicing marked by parties, congratulations, and the sweet feeling that something wonderful had taken place and that our lives were richer for it.

This third Sunday of Advent is our liturgical reminder that we have much to rejoice about. God didn't become incarnate just for the people who lived a long time ago. The Word became flesh in Jesus Christ for all of us living today and for all the generations to come. He came for sinners and saints and for those who haven't yet had an opportunity to know him.

Why do we rejoice? Because what Scripture said is true: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Something wonderful *has* taken place for everyone, and we join St. Paul, the prophet Isaiah, the psalmist, and John in proclaiming our joy.

It's a good day to look up from what we're doing and rejoice at the great gift of faith we've been given, even while we continue our own prayer and preparation.

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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

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 13 – 14, 2014
USHERS GROUP III

2ND COLLECTION — ST. MAURICE FUEL FUND

SATURDAY, DEC. 13

4:00 P.M. — Mass offered for +Robert Cassel
 request of Barbara Cassel

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, DEC. 14

7:30 A.M. — Mass offered for +Ruth Mattison
 request of Gloria Holbrook & Family

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

8:00 A.M. — Triple Play Café Breakfast from 8:00AM to 10:00AM

8:00 A.M. — Mini Fair from 8:00AM to 12:00AM in the Parish Center

9:00 A.M. — FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. — Youth Mass
Mass offered for +Jessie & +William Rosewell
 request of The Snuffer Family

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

MONDAY, DEC. 15

9:00 A.M. — Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

TUESDAY, DEC. 16

9:00 A.M. — Mass offered for Edward John Hutchinson
 request of Anthony & Kathleen Conneely and Family

7:30 P.M. — CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17

9:00 A.M. — Mass offered for +Samuel Gugliemino

7:00 P.M. — CONFESSIONS — four priests will be available

7:15 P.M. — KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUSINESS MEETING

THURSDAY, DEC. 18 — NO MASS

FRIDAY, DEC. 19 — NO MASS

SATURDAY, DEC. 20

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

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: Dec. 7 — \$3,239
 Projected Amount needed \$3,370

"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" — 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.

NEXT WEEK

4RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 20 – 21, 2014
USHERS GROUP IV

SATURDAY, DEC. 20

4:00 P.M. — Mass offered for Eva & John Wachowski
 request of Irene Kehl

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea

Lectors: Patti Cinea

Eucharistic Minister: Maureen Mozzer

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, DEC. 21

7:30 A.M. — Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck & Jason Dean

Lector: Judy Knox

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

CHRISTMAS FOOD DISTRIBUTION

10:00 A.M. — Mass offered for the deceased of +Maratta & +Quagliano
Families request of Mr. & Mrs. Silvio Maratta

Altar Servers: Nicholas VanDine

Lector: Rita Sheetz

Eucharistic Minister: Rita Sheetz

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement

MONDAY, DEC. 22

9:00 A.M. — Mass offered for +Samuel Gugliemino

TUESDAY, DEC. 23

9:00 A.M. — Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

7:30 P.M. — CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24 — CHRISTMAS VIGIL

2ND collection for The Poor and Needy

4:00 P.M. — Mass offered +Marian Herasimowicz
 request of The Herasimowicz Family

Altar Servers: Emilia Herasimowicz

Lector: Georgette Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Clifford Scorso

10:00 P.M. — Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea, Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Jessica Merry

Eucharistic Minister: Lou Cloutier

THURSDAY, DEC. 25 — CHRISTMAS: NATIVITY OF THE LORD

(Holly day of obligation) 2ND collection for The Poor and Needy

10:00 A.M. — Mass offered for +Clara Stygar
 request of Helen & Bill Andrychowski

Altar Servers: Alex Czercoway

Lector: Paul Brown

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley

FRIDAY, DEC. 26 — NO MASS

SATURDAY, DEC. 27

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

Readings for the Week of December 14, 2014

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

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27

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

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

Thursday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

Saturday: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

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

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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.



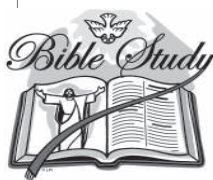
"If the Devil can't make you bad, he will make you busy. During Advent, focus on meditation. It is a time for withdrawal into the Mystery of God becomes Man."

Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

REVELATION:

THE KINGDOM YET TO COME



The next session on the *Book of Revelation*, Chapters 16 and 17, will be on **Sunday, January 4th at 6:00 P.M.** in the **Parish Center Library.**

Session is 55 minutes in length. All are welcome.

THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE



Thank you all for supporting our program to help Bolton Families in need. All gifts should be returned by December 14th for delivery.

If you have any questions please call me at 860-649-6255. Thank you for caring, Dorli

Shopping online for Christmas? Use the link Shop Amazon.com on our website to benefit St. Maurice.



TOYS FOR KIDS:



For families attending Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, please encourage your child or children to bring a **NEW UNWRAPPED** toy to place under our parish Christmas tree in the sanctuary. Although we expect children to drop off toys during the Christmas Masses, adults can

certainly contribute a gift. These toys will be transported to a parish in Hartford, where the Hispanic community will celebrate Three King's Day on January 6th. If you have any questions, please call Clif Scorso at 860.646.1423. Thank you.



We have 26 Bolton families to feed this Christmas. We try to provide a holiday meal plus a couple of weeks of groceries to each family. Nonperishable items may be left in either vestibule any time the Church is open. **Bring perishable**

items on the morning of 12/21. Don't have time to shop or don't know what to buy? Donate online or make your check payable to "Church of St. Maurice" with the memo "Christmas Food" and put in the regular collection. The Confirmation candidates will be sorting and packing, but we can use some help with delivery. **If you can drive, please contact Tom Manning (tmanning818@sbcglobal.net)**

St. Maurice has a long standing tradition of having a **Christmas Pageant at the 4:00 pm mass on Christmas Eve.**

All generations look forward to seeing the children act out the story of the birth of Jesus and we hope to carry on this tradition again this year. There will be a short practice immediately following the 10:00 am mass on Sunday, December 21st with Mrs. VanDine. Help with costumes is provided. All interested children will be included but we need at least 7 participants to go forward with the play. Please email Sherry Snuffer b21ssnuf@hotmail.com or see her after 10 AM mass if your children would be available to participate in this enjoyable event!



FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

Is your marriage tearing you apart, little or no communication, considering separation or divorce? For serious marriage building and repair: Retrouvaille is a lifeline. At a **Retrouvaille** weekend couples are given tools to re-establish communication, work on their issues, gain new insights and heal. A series of 6 post sessions follows the weekend phase. For information or to sign up for the next weekend on **January 16-18** in Hartford area call 413-525-1634. **Website www.retrouvaille.org.**

The March for Life in Washington, D.C. Bus Trip.

January 22, 2014 marks the 42nd 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 Washington D.C. for the largest ProLife event in the world, to March for Life and end abortion. Consider attending if you have never experienced being a part of the March for Life. **On Wednesday, 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. (Reduced rate available for students) For information, to reserve a seat or if you cannot go, to sponsor a seat, please call Margaret Becotte at 860-822-1362. Reserve a seat by January 7, 2015.

Director of Business Practices Catholic Charities, Norwich Position Available.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich is currently seeking to fill the newly created position of, Director of Business Practices. The successful candidate will report to the Executive Director, and work to create efficient processes and implement the infrastructure and systems needed to effectively support substantial program and financial growth. The successful candidate will build, modify and manage effective and streamlined administrative/financial systems. Areas of responsibility include financial, accounting, budget planning and adjustment, business practice report including payroll and file maintenance, legal, information technology, and physical plant maintenance and infrastructure.

Ideal candidates will have the following experience and attributes; CPA or an MBA with at least two years in financial management, or a Bachelor's degree in accounting and at least 5 years in financial management, including experience with third-party payments including Medicaid billing in a not-for-profit environment. The ideal candidate will have significant experience working with and creating reports for Federal, State and local funding sources including agencies such as DCF, CSSD, DMHAS, HUD and CHFA. Additionally, he or she will have experience in creating and driving the analytic framework for planning and managing departmental change in a fast paced environment.

Interested Candidates should submit a cover letter and resume by mail to:
Catholic Charities DBP Search Committee
331 Main Street Norwich, CT 06360
or email: searchcommittee@ccfsn.org

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The Catholic Church needs to continue the fight for religious freedom so that she can promote a culture that is favorable to life from conception to natural death.

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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