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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT — NOVEMBER 29, 2015

# Good News!

November 29, 2015

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)**

Jer 33:14-16 / 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 / Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

We begin this Church year as we left the last one—with a description of the signs that will come before Christ appears. But where Mark warns of the coming judgment for the enemies of God, Luke, with great subtlety, shifts the nuance so that people will hear the hope of salvation. “Stand erect and raise your head,” he calls out. At the end of the Church year, we meditate on Christ’s coming in glory to judge the living and the dead. In the beginning, we remember the Incarnation: God’s emptying himself to become fully human and to come into the world. Both events are heralded by and will mean great change for us and for the world.

Change happens when God breaks into the world, regardless of the time. In account after account in the Bible, we watch as God visits people and changes their names (Abraham and Peter), their lives (Jeremiah, the apostles, the woman at the well), and heals their separation and brokenness (the blind man, the paralytic, and Lazarus). Also, sinners are punished (Dives and Jezebel) and landscapes are altered (Isaiah’s vision of valleys lifted up and mountains laid low). This saving action continues throughout history, especially within the Church and among the saints.

Advent is a time to remember that Christ came to change the world and each of us. Have we allowed ourselves to be changed? Are we willing to be shaped by the hand of God, called by a different name, and given a place in Christ’s mission? Let’s hope so because, ready or not, here he comes.

Mary Katharine Deeley  
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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.

**THIS WEEK****1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT****NOVEMBER 28—NOVEMBER 29, 2015****USHERS GROUP I****2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION — ST. MAURICE FUEL FUND****SATURDAY, NOV 28****4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for †Therese Kehl Switchenko  
request of Irene Kehl*Altar Servers:* Maria Cinea*Lectors:* Georgette Pelletier*Eucharistic Minister:* Linda Wiley***COFFEE SOCIAL*** after Mass in the Church Basement**SUNDAY, NOV 29****7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers:* Shirley Warbeck*Lector:* Joel Cohan*Eucharistic Minister:* Linda Richardson**NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES****10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Rose Jannarelli  
request of Lucy Szwed*Altar Servers:* LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer*Lector:* Jessica Merry*Eucharistic Minister:* Janusz Herasimowicz**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass***COFFEE SOCIAL*** after Mass in the Church Basement**MONDAY, NOV 30****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church**TUESDAY, DEC 1 — NO MASS****WEDNESDAY, DEC 2 — NO MASS****THURSDAY, DEC 3 — NO MASS****FRIDAY, DEC 4 — NO MASS****SATURDAY, DEC 5****3:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS****Readings for the Week of November 29, 2015**Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14/1 Thes 3:12--  
4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-6/Mt 9:35--10:1,  
5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

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**STEWARDSHIP****Projected Amount needed \$3,370***"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise  
your heads because your redemption is at hand."**(LUKE 21:28)*

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late.

**NEXT WEEK****2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT****DECEMBER 5 — DECEMBER 6, 2015****USHERS GROUP II****2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION — ST. MAURICE FUEL FUND****SATURDAY, DEC 5****4:00 P.M.** Mass offered †Angelina Goffredo  
request of Josephine Maratta*Altar Servers:* Maria Cinea*Lectors:* Patti Cinea*Eucharistic Minister:* Patti Cinea***COFFEE SOCIAL, PIZZA & BOOK REVIEW - "THE SECOND  
GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD..."*** after Mass in the Church Basement**SUNDAY, DEC 6****7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers:* Shirley Warbeck*Lector:* Judy Knox*Eucharistic Minister:* Arlene Giglio**8:30 A.M. — 8:50 A.M. YOUTH CHOIR** 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 †Departed souls  
of the Andrzej Czercowy Family  
request of Andrzej and Anna Czercowy*Altar Servers:* Emilia & Marta Herasimowicz*Lector:* Katherine Monroe*Eucharistic Minister:* Janusz Herasimowicz**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass***COFFEE SOCIAL*** after Mass in the Church Basement**MONDAY, DEC 7****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church**TUESDAY, DEC 8 — IMMACULATE CONCEPTION****OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
*(Holy day of obligation)***9:00 A.M. — Mass offered for †Joseph Costello**  
request of Louis and Dorli Cloutier*Altar Servers:**Lector:* Lynn Mancino*Eucharistic Minister:* Lou Cloutier**7:00 P.M. — Mass offered for All Parishioners**  
**of St. Maurice Church***Altar Servers:* LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer*Lector:* Lee Snuffer*Eucharistic Minister:* Sharon Scorso**WEDNESDAY, DEC 9****9:00 A.M. — Mass offered for †Samuel Gugliemino****THURSDAY, DEC 10 — NO MASS****7:00 P.M. — PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the Parish Center**FRIDAY, DEC 11 — NO MASS****SATURDAY, DEC 12****3:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS**

**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.



**SAINT MAURICE BOOK CLUB:**

*“The Second Greatest Story Ever Told, Now is the Time for Mercy”*

**By Fr. Michael E. Gaitley, MIC,**

The first greatest story ever told is the story of Biblical Salvation History: Genesis, to Our Lady, and the birth, death, and resurrection of Our Lord, through the Book of Revelation. So what is the second greatest story? The second greatest story has to do with “end times” and the Lord’s final coming. It has to do with the relationship between Fatima, the great saints of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, including Faustina and Kolbe, Saint John Paul the Great and his “special task” of igniting the fire of Divine Mercy. Right here, right now, is the time of great grace and mercy opened up to the Church and the whole world. Pope Francis has declared a **Jubilee Year of Mercy** beginning on **December 8<sup>th</sup>**, the Feast day of the **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. This book released this year, is a most appropriate preparation. **Sign-up sheet on the back table** of the Church. Book review with pizza, Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, following the Vigil Mass. For questions, please contact Fr. Wojciech or Patti Cinea.



On **December 13<sup>th</sup>**

**“Sleigh Bells Ring” Mini Fair**

will take place at the Parish Center **from 8 to 12**. There are still gift items available along with mixes for your Holiday giving. Come take a look for those last minute gifts.

**Christmas Pageant**



On Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, at the 4:00 pm mass we will be having our Christmas Pageant!

There will be a practice on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at

11:00am. If you would like to take part in the pageant please let Sharon VanDine or Sherry Snuffer know asap.



All youth are invited to join the new choir. Practices are Sunday

mornings from 8:30 - 8:50 am in the church. Come when you can, all voices are welcome!

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**



On **Sunday, December 13, 2015**, Bishop Cote will open the **Holy Year of Mercy** at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick 10:30 a.m. with a special celebration of the Eucharist. During this celebration representatives from every parish of the diocese will be commissioned as Disciples of Mercy. We will also have the traditional ritual of opening the Holy Door of Mercy. All parishioners are cordially invited to participate in this Diocesan Celebration of Mercy. Following the Mass, a reception will be held in the Cathedral Auditorium. All are invited to participate.

During **National Adoption Month**, Catholic Charities Adoption Program is sponsoring an **Essay Contest** for students between the ages of 10 and 17. Participants should write a one page essay that addresses the topic, “How Adoption Has Affected My Life”. The Winner will receive \$100.00 and his or her essay will be printed in the 4 County Catholic. Entries should be emailed to [susansedensky@ccfsn.org](mailto:susansedensky@ccfsn.org) by December 11<sup>th</sup>.

**34th Annual Convocation**

**For the Priests in the Diocese of Norwich**

NEWPORT, RI.—The Annual Convocation for Priests will be held from November 30-December 2, 2015, 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.

**Defending Our Religious Liberty**

As we prepare to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy, which Pope Francis will inaugurate on December 8<sup>th</sup>, let us pray that our religious liberty is upheld when the Supreme Court rules on the pending cases challenging the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) mandate.

All are invited to join Archbishop Leonard P. Blair on Sunday, December 13 for the opening ceremony of the archdiocesan Jubilee Door of Mercy at the Cathedral of St. Joseph at 3 p.m.

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 elected representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.



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