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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT — DECEMBER 6, 2015

Good News!

December 6, 2015

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Bar 5:1–9 / Phil 1:4–6, 8–11 / Lk 3:1–6

One of the most memorable questions I have ever been asked came out of a conversation with a spiritual director. During my marriage-preparation retreat, he asked about the upcoming wedding. I told him about all the preparations and how I felt like I was on top of things. He gently said, “I know you are prepared, but are you ready?” It was the first time I really thought about the difference. We were certainly prepared. The flowers had been ordered, the ceremony set, and the caterer knew exactly what we wanted. We were in control. But being ready for the great unknown of marriage, a lifelong vocation, was another thing altogether. Being ready suggested that we won’t always be in control and that, no matter what happens, we were in it for life and would face whatever comes together.

The prophet Isaiah describes John the Baptist as the one who prepares the way of the Lord. He will do this by preaching to and baptizing those who come to him. The preparation for the coming Messiah is in his hands. He poses the question, “Are you ready for the one who is to come?” Thinking beyond our religious practices and Christmas preparations, what does that really mean for us? Maybe this year it means looking into our own hearts for the longing for Christ. Perhaps we will make a room for him in our busy lives and our busier thoughts. We might even stop our preparations long enough to remember just who is coming and invite him in. Are you ready?

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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**2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT****DECEMBER 5 — DECEMBER 6, 2015****USHERS GROUP II****2ND COLLECTION — ST. MAURICE FUEL FUND****SATURDAY, DEC 5****4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for †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****NEXT WEEK****3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT****DECEMBER 12 — DECEMBER 13, 2015****USHERS GROUP III****SATURDAY, DEC 12****4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for †Steve, †Mary & †Dave Jr.
request of Charles and Shirley Brown*Altar Servers:* Maria Cinea
Lectors: Georgette Pelletier
Eucharistic Minister: Annedda Stiller**COFFEE SOCIAL** after Mass in the Church Basement**SUNDAY, DEC 13****7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers:* Lynn Mancino
Lector: Judy Trzcinski
Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio**8:00 A.M. — 12:00 noon****SLEIGH BELLS RING MINI FAIR
AND TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ BREAKFAST**
at the Parish Center.**8:30 A.M. — 8:50 A.M. YOUTH CHOIR** in the Church**9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES****10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Departed souls
of the Anna Czercowy Family
request of Andrzej and Anna Czercowy*Altar Servers:* Alex Czercowy
Lector: Rita Sheetz
Eucharistic Minister: Rita Sheetz**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**COFFEE SOCIAL** after Mass in the Church Basement**MONDAY, DEC 14****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church**TUESDAY, DEC 15****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Howard Shirley
request of Louis and Dorli Cloutier**7:15 P.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL****WEDNESDAY, DEC 16****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Samuel Gugliemino**THURSDAY, DEC 17 — NO MASS****FRIDAY, DEC 18 — NO MASS****SATURDAY, DEC 19****3:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS****Readings for the Week of December 6, 2015**

Sunday:	Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
Monday:	Is 35:1-10/ Ps 85:9-14/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1, 9-13/Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18-19/ Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

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STEWARDSHIP**Last week's Offertory: November 29 — \$2,471****Projected Amount needed \$3,370**

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..."

(Philippians 1:9-10)

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.

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.



On December 13th

“Sleigh Bells Ring” Mini Fair

& the K of C Triple Play Café breakfast

will take place at the Parish Center 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.



Giving Tree

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.

If you have any questions please call me at 860-649-6255.

Thank you for caring, Dorli



To all of our parish family that helped with the Christmas Fair

we give you our thanks for the job well done. Along many other contributors thank you to Georgina's Restaurant for the pizza, The Deerbουργers for apples and Larry Pesce for baskets.

THANKSGIVING FOOD

Our food delivery for Thanksgiving to Bolton families in needs went very well. Special thanks to ShopRite for turkeys and the Keenans for potatoes for all.

The Families thank all of you who donated food and money to make their Thanksgiving.

Christmas Pageant



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

There will be a practice on Sunday, December 20th 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 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 by December 11th.

Our Lady of Guadalupe! All are invited to join Bishop Cote and the Latino people of the Diocese in our annual celebration of the Feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Saturday, December 12, 2015. The celebration begins with the Rosary at 6:30, followed by Holy Mass at 7:00pm celebrated by Bishop Cote. Fiesta following. We look forward to honoring Our Lady with you.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

During the Jubilee Year of Mercy, beginning December 8th, Pope Francis is asking us to practice both the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The corporal works of mercy are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs; while the spiritual works of mercy are actions that help our neighbors with their spiritual needs. As we keep this in mind, let us continue to pray for our religious freedom. That it be preserved so we never have to choose between helping our neighbors and following our moral beliefs.

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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