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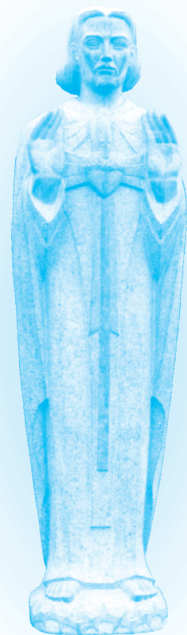
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## **SACRED HEART MISSION STATEMENT**

*"We the community of Sacred Heart are committed to serving God and each other through our faith in Jesus Christ. We strive to do this through a joyful celebration of the Eucharist, a spirit of hospitality, a commitment to community outreach, a sense of responsibility to others and through the ongoing nourishment of our minds and hearts."*

### **SUNDAY LITURGIES**

Saturday 5:45 PM

Sunday 10:45 AM

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Thursday 4:30-6:00 PM

or by appointment

### **WEEKDAY LITURGIES**

As listed inside

**WE WELCOME YOU TO SACRED HEART PARISH FAMILY.** If you are new to the parish please introduce yourself to Father Stan after Mass. We would also appreciate it if you would come to or call the office and register. We need to know who you are so that we may serve you better.

### **SHUT INS**

Please notify us of parishioners who are in the hospital. If any parishioner is unable to celebrate Liturgy with us because of illness or handicap, please notify the office so that we may bring Eucharist to them.

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## Why is Advent Important?

Preparation for Christmas is an important theme for Advent, but more is involved. Advent gives us a vision of our lives as Christians and shows us the possibilities of life.

The vision of life that Advent gives us is twofold; it looks back to the first coming of Christ at Bethlehem, and it looks to the future when Christ will come again. In the interval between these two events we find meaning for our life as a Christian.

First we celebrate Christ-become-human. We view his life and experience his presence as a human being in our history. Christ came to show us what life can and should be. He gave us true and valid principles by which we can live true and valid lives. But Jesus knew that the human heart could not live in isolation. He formed the Church around the concept of a people held together by love. In that community we discover unlimited possibilities and meaning. Alone we can do nothing. Together we find real meaning.

When Christ left this earth, he did not abandon us. He remains with us in his Spirit, the Church, the sacraments, the Scriptures and each other. He lives in community with us and keeps his vision of life before us.

When Christ comes again, his presence will no longer be hidden behind the signs and symbols of the liturgy or the words of the Scriptures. His presence among us will be revealed in all its fullness, a presence that will never end, a presence that will perfect and complete our community.

This is the "greater significance" of Advent. In these few short weeks we take in the sweeping panorama of time - from Christ's birth to his Second Coming. The season of Advent brings us the magnificent vision of life and hope for the future given to us by Christ.

Advent is our time to become more involved, more caught up in the meaning and the possibilities of life as a Christian community. Thus we are preparing not only for Christmas but also for Christ's Second Coming. This means that when he comes again, we will be awake and watchful. He will not find us asleep.

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## Readings for the Week

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12---4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36  
 Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22  
 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: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

## About This Bulletin

This bulletin was prepared far ahead of time so that our publishing partners at Liturgical Publications Inc. could enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday with their friends and families.

## Called to Intercessory Prayer

*I pray for them ...  
 I pray also for those  
 who will believe in me  
 through their word.*

*John 17:9,20*

**Faith** means that we believe that God has the power to answer all of our prayers in His wisdom and by His love and providence.

Please join us on Thursday evenings at 7:30 for intercession. If we want to see answers to our prayers of intercession it is important that we come to God in the same way that little children bring their needs to their parents.

## We Could Really Use Your Greens

It is time, once again, for us to begin our preparations for Advent and Christmas.

We are now accepting  
 your donations of greens  
 to be used to decorate your church.

Greens may be left behind the Parish Center outside the kitchen door. Call Sandy at 860-875-4563 for more information.

## Faith Formation News

Faith Formation classes that are normally scheduled for today, Sunday, November 29th will not meet because of the Thanksgiving holiday. These classes will resume next week at the regularly scheduled time.

## Youth Group Meeting

Youth Group will not meet today, Sunday, November 29th because of the Thanksgiving holiday. We will meet again on Sunday, December 6th at the regularly scheduled time.

## Youth Group Fundraiser

The Youth Group will once again be holding a fundraiser to help defray the cost of their annual retreat. This year the prizes are: a Christmas Floral Arrangement and a quilt made by former Youth Group member, Christie Quaranta. Tickets will be sold during the weekends of December 12 & 13 and December 19 & 20. Winners of these prizes will be drawn after the 10:45 Mass on December 20th.

The Hispanic People of the Diocese of Norwich  
Invite you to join us in our celebration of

# The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe!

**Saturday, December 12, 2009**

*Cathedral of St. Patrick*  
**203 Broadway, Norwich, CT**



All Marian groups are invited to bring their banners and join us in the opening procession. Banner bearers must meet in the front lobby of the Cathedral no later than 6:15pm.

**6:30pm**      **Rosary and opportunity for confession**  
**7:00pm**      **Holy Mass (bi-lingual)**  
                    **Most Rev. Michael R. Cote, D.D.**  
                    **Principal Celebrant**

**Following the Mass, please join us for a fiesta of rich mariachi music, a delicious buffet of ethnic foods, and wonderful fellowship!**

A good-will offering will be asked to cover the costs of the buffet.

*As we honor Our Blessed Mother on this glorious occasion, let us unite our hearts and voices in fervent prayer, begging through her intercession, the graces of conversion of heart, peace in our time, and a profound respect for human life in all its forms.*

**As in years past, we look forward to honoring Our Lady with you!**

For more information, please contact the Office for Hispanic Ministry:  
860-456-3349 / e-mail: [aposthispano@juno.com](mailto:aposthispano@juno.com)

## The Work of the Church

### THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### SATURDAY

- 4:00pm **Mass at Saint Maurice: Dr. Bernard & Mary, Barry & Paul Sheriden – and – Donald Tedford**  
5:45pm **Mass: Gaspare Davia**, requested by Maria Davia, and **Jackie Arbercheski**, requested by John & Jeanne Swart

#### SUNDAY

- 8:45am **Mass at Saint Maurice: Frank Hilbie and Daniel M. Falvey**  
10:45am **Mass: Connie Glennon**, requested by Bob Glennon, and **Ed Kayan**, requested by Bob Glennon

#### MONDAY

- ANDREW, APOSTLE  
9:00am **Liturgy of the Word with Communion**

#### TUESDAY

- 9:00am **Liturgy of the Word with Communion**

#### WEDNESDAY

- 9:00am **Liturgy of the Word with Communion**

#### THURSDAY

- FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST  
4:30-6pm **Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
7:00pm **Mass: Deceased Members of the Labbadia & Davia Families**, requested by Maria Davia  
7:30pm **Intercessory Prayer**

#### FIRST FRIDAY

- JOHN OF DAMASCUS, PRIEST & DOCTOR  
9:00am **Liturgy of the Word with Communion**  
9:30am-5pm **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
5:00pm **Close of Adoration**

### THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### SATURDAY

- 4:00pm **Mass at Saint Maurice**  
5:45pm **Mass: James Aceto**, requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family

#### SUNDAY

- 8:45am **Mass at Saint Maurice**  
10:45am **Mass: Sarah Breault, 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**, requested by Kevin Bouchard, -and- **John Regan**, requested by Dorothy Regan and Family

## Meetings

#### SATURDAY

- Youth Group at Cornerstone**  
7:30pm **Narcotics Anonymous**, South Community Rooms

#### SUNDAY

- Fellowship before and after Mass  
NO **Faith Formation**, Grades K-5  
NO **Faith Formation**, Grades 6- Confirmation Prep  
NO **Youth Group**

#### MONDAY

- **OFFICES CLOSED**

#### WEDNESDAY

- 4:00pm **Faith Formation**, Grades 2-4  
8:00pm **Alcoholics Anonymous**, South Community Rooms

#### THURSDAY

- 10:00am **Bible Study**, South Community Rooms  
8:00pm **Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book**, South Community Rooms

#### SATURDAY

- 7:30pm **Narcotics Anonymous**, South Community Rooms

#### SUNDAY

- Fellowship before and after Mass  
9:15am **Faith Formation**, Grades K-5  
**11:45am Basket Auction**  
6:30pm **Faith Formation**, Grades 6- Confirmation Prep  
7:45pm **Youth Group**

## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

### **– BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

Parents please call three months prior to baptism date for an appointment with a Pastoral Team member who will detail the program for parents.

## **SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY –**

Couples planning to marry take part in marriage information program at least nine months prior to the wedding date.

## **FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS –**

October through May  
Call 875-4563 for information

## **MONTHLY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Oratory**

The first Friday of each month  
– 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

## **ROSARY – Oratory**

Monday Thru Friday - 8:30 AM

## **INTERCESSORY PRAYER – Oratory**

Thursday - 7:45 - 8:15 PM

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# dear Padre

November 29, 2009

## What do Advent wreath candles signify?

*Why are the candles in the Advent wreath different colors? And why do some wreaths have five candles and some have four?*

*Phillip*

**Dear Phillip,**

Most Advent wreaths have three purple candles and one rose to echo the liturgical colors of the Church's Advent celebrations.

Whether the wreath is being used at home or in a church, the lighting of the candles should follow the pattern established by the Sundays of Advent.

Just as the vestments at Mass are purple during the first two weeks of Advent, the first two candles of the wreath to be lit (one for each week) should be purple. On the third Sunday of Advent, the Church celebrates Gaudete Sunday or Rejoice Sunday, named after the first word of the day's traditional entrance verse (Philippians 4:4-5). The priest wears rose vestments at Mass as a sign of our brightening hope and joy. At that point, at home or at church, we light the rose candle in our wreath to reflect the action in the liturgy. The fourth week of Advent sees the lighting of the last purple candle.

Some churches and families have begun to add a fifth candle to their Advent practices, placing a white candle in the center of their wreath. They light this at Christmas, again echoing the Church's liturgical color for the season and rejoicing in Christ our Lord, whose birth brings light and our life to our world.

*Matthew Allman, C.Ss.R.*

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# Good News!

November 29, 2009

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

How do we measure time? How do we mark important events, the starts and finishes of times that matter? What we measure is revealed by how we measure it.

At work we might be clock-watchers trying to make time move more quickly. At play, we might want to stretch time. With the clock ticking, if we're down a few points and have the ball, can we make the game last a bit longer? Two experiences of the same time can differ greatly. Mothers and fathers have the same nine months to anticipate the birth of their child. During the last weeks, mom will have a much different time of it.

Time connects us to the Earth. The seasons can be felt as harvest or planting times even by those of us who never work a field—but deeply and richly by those who do. We learn who we are in rhythms. Then again, both teachers and students check off the days that stand between them and school vacations—time off!

Large stretches of time can make us feel small. The psalmist says, "Seventy is the sum of our years, or eighty, if we are strong" (Psalm 90:10). Can we dip our finite lives even a fraction below the surface of time to see fourteen billion years unfolding since the start of creation?

Too many times we're pulled in so many directions we feel pulled apart. Modern tools help us cut and categorize, use and dispose, push and drain our packages of time. More than ever, we need time to stop so we can reflect, catch our breath, and wait long enough to catch up with ourselves.

Advent begins a new liturgical year. For Emmanuel, the God who is with us—we wait again for the coming of the Lord.

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### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### This week

#### Saturday, November 28

4:00 P.M. Mass for Dr. Bernard, Mary, Barry, Paul Sheridan and for Norman & Donald Tedford, request of the Sheridan & Tedford families.

#### Sunday, November 29

8:45 A.M. Mass for Frank Hilbie, request of Chris & Kate Armstrong; and for Daniel Falvey request of the Auger family.

#### Next week

#### Saturday, December 5

4:00 P.M. Mass for the deceased members of the Fletcher & Gately families; and for Rita McConville

#### Sunday, December 6,

8:45 A.M. Mass for Mary Radion and for LeeAnn Griffin.



#### Readings for the Week of November 29, 2009

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*"Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man." - Lk 21:36*

### THIS WEEK

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 28<sup>TH</sup> and 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2009

*Ushers Group IV*

No Religious Education Classes today.  
Youth Choir Rehearsals



MONDAY, Nov. 30 – No Mass.

TUESDAY, Dec. 1 – No Mass – Priests Convocation Sessions

Choir rehearsal 7:15 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 2 – No Mass at Sacred Heart

There will be

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**



From 3:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, December 3 – Mass at Sacred Heart Church at 7:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, December 4 – Mass at 9:00 A.M.

SATURDAY, December 5, – Youth Christmas Band rehearsal at 9:00 a.m. in the Church.

**CONFESSIONS** from 3:00 until 3:45 p.m.  
Youth choir rehearsal after Mass.

### NEXT WEEK

2<sup>ND</sup> WEEK OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> – 6<sup>TH</sup> -2009

**SATURDAY, Dec. 5th**

**4:00 P.M. MASS:**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Maria Cinea, Emily Fiano

**LECTOR:** Dolores Betti

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:** Jean Gately

**SUNDAY, Dec. 6th**

**8:45 A.M. MASS:**

**ALTAR SERVERS;** Emily Carpenter, Kirsten Cianci

**LECTOR:** Joel Cohan

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:** Betty Aitkin

**DECEMBER CALENDAR**

- December 7: Vigil Mass for Feast of the Immaculate Conception 7PM
- December 8: Mass of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception 9AM
- December 10: Knights of Columbus Meeting
- December 13: Pancake Breakfast
- December 14: Parish Council Meeting
- December 15: Finance Committee Meeting
- December 20: Christmas Food Basket Distribution
- December 24: Christmas Vigil Masses at 6PM & 10PM
- December 25: Christmas Day Mass at 10 AM
- December 27: Coffee Social

**A SPECIAL GIFT FOR BABY JESUS!**

**THE YOUTH CHRISTMAS BAND WILL BE REHEARSING SATURDAY MORINGS A 9:00 A.M. IN THE CHURCH BEGINNING NOVEMBER 28.**



**ALL YOUNG MUSICIANS ARE INVITED TO SHARE IN OFFERING THIS GIFT.**

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**TOYS FOR KIDS**



For families attending Masses on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day, please encourage your child/children to bring a new unwrapped toy to place under our parish Christmas tree in the sanctuary. These toys will be transported to a parish in Hartford, where the Hispanic community will celebrate Three Kings Day on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Any questions please call Jim Boylan at 860-872-9077

**Words from a St. Maurice Bulletin c1978**

The only thing that can save the world from complete moral collapse is a spiritual revolution. Christianity, by its very nature, demands such a revolution. If Christians would all live up to what they profess to believe, the revolution would happen. The desire for unworldliness, detachment, and union with God is the most fundamental expression of this revolutionary spirit. The one thing that remains is for Christians to affirm their Christianity by that full and unequivocal rejection of the world which their baptismal vocation demands of them. This will certainly not incapacitate them for social action in the world, since it is the one essential condition for a really fruitful Christian apostolate.....

Thomas Merton "The Ascent of Truth"

**THE ANNUAL SHARE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

**THE TREE IS UP, THE BELLS ARE BACK,  
CHRISTMAS IS COMING QUICKLY,  
ALL THAT IS NEEDED IS YOUR HELP.**



Since we have 39 Bolton families at this time with a few more in question, our efforts for this year's Christmas Program are being dedicated to Bolton.

Please return all unwrapped gifts with tag taped on by December 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your continued generosity and if you have any questions please call Dorli 860-649-6255 Or Beth 860-649-1331.

**HOLY FAMILY RETREAT CENTER**

**A Revolution of Joy in a World of Chaos:  
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Evening 6p.m. – 9p.m.**

**Presenter Brandon Nappui**

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**Program offering \$30.**

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