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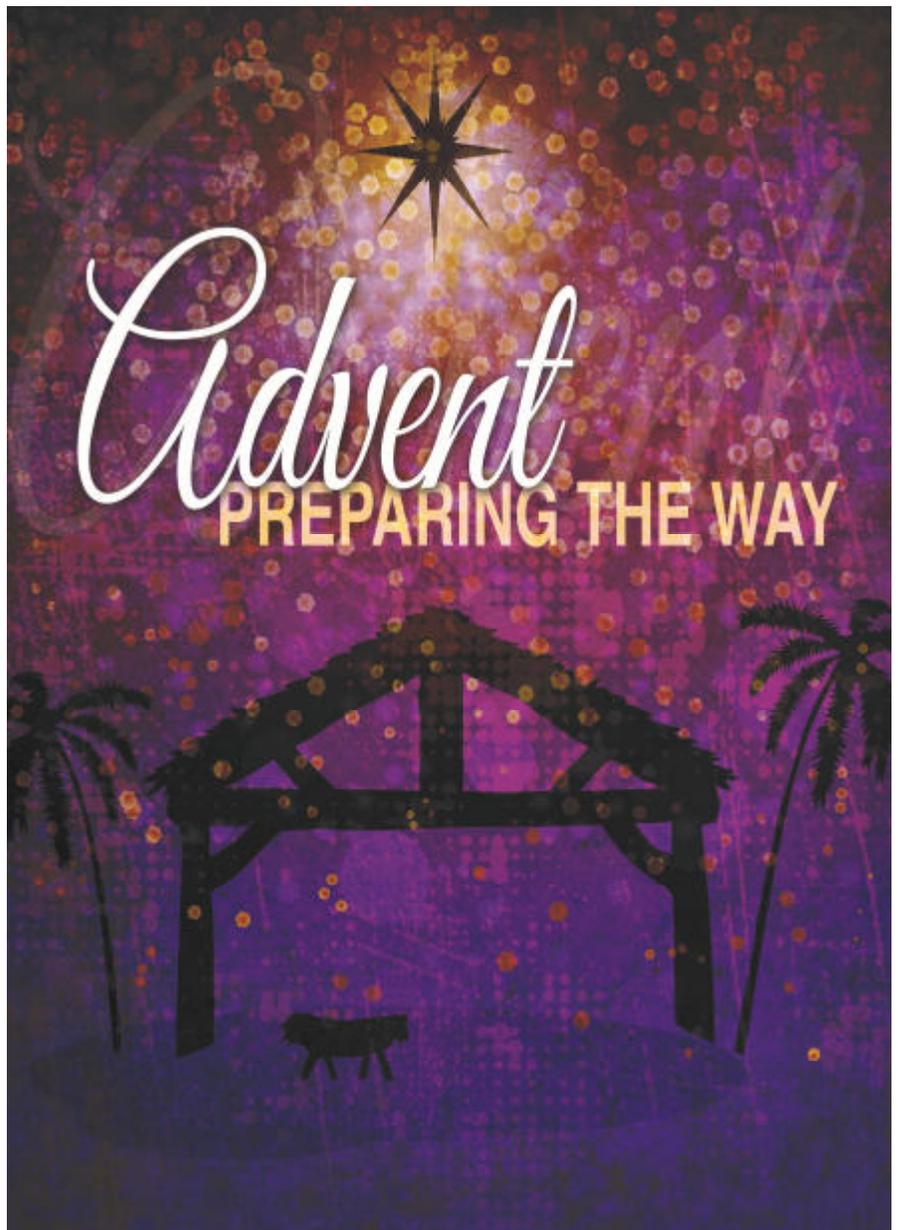
Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday: 5:00 pm; Rosary 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Weekday: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., at
8:30 am followed by the Rosary.

Eucharistic Adoration:
Thursday from 7:00 pm - 8:00 p

RECONCILIATION:
Saturday: 3:15 - 4:15 pm.

Baptism or Wedding: Please call the
office at (603) 924-7647



First Sunday of Advent - November 29, 2020



You are at the eye doctor and it's time for the peripheral vision test. You know the one. It's where you put your head up to a contraption and have to click a switch every time you see a squiggly line. If you don't concentrate and maintain optimal focus, you will miss them and skew the outcome of the test. You can easily find yourself with a diagnosis that really isn't accurate! Concentration and focus are key to succeeding with this evaluation. They are also key to developing a healthy, vibrant spiritual life. If we do not bring our full consciousness to the task, concentrate with all our might, be watchful and vigilant, we are not going to see God's loving presence flashing before our eyes!

That's why we need Advent. We can easily get distracted, focus on nonessential and superficial things and lose touch with what really matters. We daydream and even become a bit overwhelmed and tired. All of the stresses and demands of life consume us and we find ourselves constantly trying to play catch up rather than relishing the moment of the now. Though gone in a flash, these moments of encounter with God teach powerful lessons and offer a grounding in truth that can be found nowhere else. It's the grace of Advent to become watchful and attentive because we are never sure when God will surprise us.

God loves surprises and love thrives on them! God's now moments of surprises come as tender instants of intimate connection where I find profound peace, experience joy, and rest in love. We have to want to be there. We have to believe. And, we have to have the desire to soak in as much as we can in the time we have before us.



In the Unexpected

“What could happen next?” How many times have you asked yourself that question in the past year? Though we most often use that expression when things don't seem to be going our way, this year it has been an expression of the constant changes to our world which the COVID-19 pandemic has wrought. But we might use the same expression to explain our feelings of being overwhelmed by blessings and good things, when the stars seem to align just right.

No matter what, we can say with certainty that tomorrow will not go exactly as we envisioned. Our lives are influenced by so many factors and the world around us is increasingly complex. Rather than be surprised by the unexpected, maybe we should expect the unexpected.

Living in this manner causes us to cherish more deeply the gifts we have been given. It helps us to live in the present and become mindful of those around us. Our relationships deepen. Our sense of responsibility builds. Our stewardship way of life finds new meaning and purpose.

This Advent will not be the same experience as last Advent. It remains to be seen what the coming days and weeks have in store for each of us. However, no matter what happens, Jesus Christ is there to welcome us to the unexpected. He will celebrate with us in joy and he will even feel our pain. He is now and forever, Emmanuel, “God with us.” He is the expected in all things unexpected.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Readings of the Week

MASS SCHEDULE

Readings for the Week of November 29, 2020

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3,
15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

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

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

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
[6cd]/Mt 15:29-37

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

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

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
[cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12,
13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8



SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIALS

The sanctuary lamp will burn this week in loving memory of:

Nov. 29 - Dec. 05 John & Anna Lochonic

To have a Sanctuary lamp burned in memory of a loved one or to schedule a Mass intention, please call the office at (603) 924-7647.

Mon., Nov. 30 - 8:30 am - Intentions of the
Towsley family

Tues., Dec. 01 - 8:30 am - Lareine Marquis

Wed., Dec. 02 - No Mass

Thurs., Dec. 03 - 8:30 am - Bertha O'Brien

Fri., Dec. 04 - 8:30 am - Intentions of a sick
parishioner

Sat., Dec. 05 - 5:00 pm - Bill Connor by
the family

Sun., Dec. 06 - 8:00 am - Geraldine Rabideau
by the family

10:30 am - All our parishioners



Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

As we enter the Church's new year, we find ourselves with many needs and struggles. Where does one go for help in difficult times? The answer of course is to the Lord.

As stated in Scripture: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matt 11:28-30)

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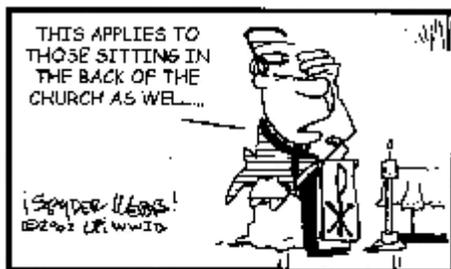
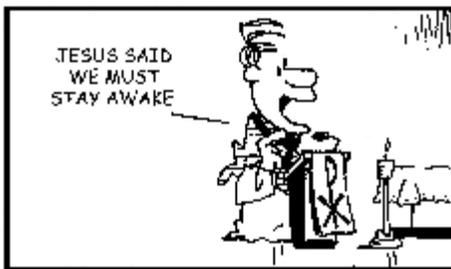
Wreath Sale

The American Heritage girls are finishing their preorders for Christmas wreath this weekend. If you would like to help the girls with this year's fundraiser, please fill out an order form between 11/7-11/29. The order forms are located in the narthex. Pre-ordered wreaths may be picked up on 12/5, 12/6, 12/12, or 12/13.



Banns III - Alex Kendall & Megan Briggs

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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Tree of Hope

With the covid-19 virus affecting all aspects of our lives many people are struggling. Each year, Divine Mercy Parish has tried their best to help those in need as well as bring Christmas joy into the hearts of many who have been burdened by the struggles of life.

Typically we have provided food baskets to the hungry, financial assistance to those struggling to stay warm or keep the lights on as well as provided gifts to bring a smile onto the faces of needy children and their families.

We cannot let the Covid-19 virus interfere with all the good we are doing. Therefore, we are adopting a different approach to achieve the good works we are noted for.

With your financial donation, we can fulfill our desire to give to charitable causes in our community.

How can you help?

Place your donation in the gift box located in the Narthex and then place a paper ornament we've provided on the tree: or mail your donation to the office and a tag will be placed on the tree for you.



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