



In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"

John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire." *Matthew 3:1-12*

Mass Intentions

This Weekend

Saturday 3:30 PM Recitation of the Rosary
December 7 4:00 PM RIP Joanne Joy
 By: Barb Joy

Sunday 9:30 AM Recitation of the Rosary
December 8 10:00 AM RIP Dennis Nauceder(bday rem)
 By Theresa & family

Daily Masses

Monday 7:00 AM RIP Anthony Jurkoic
 December 9 By: Diane Stack & Rita Brice

Tuesday 7:00 AM RIP Lois Plourd
 December 10 By: Bill & Carol Griffin

Wednesday 7:00 PM RIP Thomas A. Dunn
 December 11 By: Phyllis Weltz

Thursday 7:00 AM RIP Michael Shaughnessy
 December 12 By: Sean Doyle & James Jones

Friday No Mass
 December 12

Next Weekend

Saturday 3:30 PM Recitation of the Rosary
December 14 4:00 PM RIP Jean Ashcroft
 By: Diane Stack & Rita Bruce

Sunday 9:30 AM Recitation of the Rosary
December 15 10:00 AM RIP Lillian Borges (death rem)
 By her family

Readings for the Week of December 9, 2019

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-3, 10-13/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-4, 8/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Zec 2:4-17 or Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
 (Ps)Jdt 13:18bc, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a,
 10-13
Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Parish Support

WEEKLY GOAL \$2000.00

Weekend of November 30, 2019 & December 1, 2019

Weekly Offertory:	\$ 1282.00
<i>Envelopes</i>	\$ 755.00
<i>Loose Donations</i>	\$ 527.00
Fuel & Heat	\$ 674.00
<i>Votive Candles</i>	\$ 63.93
	\$ 2019.93

**Last Year's Offertory Collection
 December 9, 2018 \$ 2536.00**

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, December 14, 2019

Lector: Thad Guild
 EMHC: Brian Kelly
 Greeters: Karen Brodeur, Terri Bates & Marie Perrault

Sunday December 15, 2019

Lector: Ed Smith
 EMHC: Kate Aldrich
 Greeters: Mary Bousquet, Marty McDonald, Ellen Podgurski

Advent Penance Service



Sunday December 15th at 3:00 pm. This is a combined Penance Service with All Saints Parish. Fr. Maria & Fr. John will be hearing confessions.



The second candle is lit with the first candle, and is also purple, represents faith. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

Pray for Healing and Comfort

Especially for: Carole Zinter, Deacon John Blicharz, Georgette Savoy, Doreen Aldrich, Mary Frances Branch, Daniel Bryant, Monica Luedtke, Lois Woodard, Joseph Marion, Jr. Fr. Al Dagnoli, Paul Desruisseaux, Betsy Bashaw, Betsy Anderson, Frances Gallagher, Mary Damon, Grace Shelc, Tom Shelc, Ed Hindes, Maria Coyne, Mary Grippo, Madison Bills, Armande Boright, Robert Brown, Mary Folsom, Peggy Lafave, Lorraine Reynolds, Bob Hanold, Marilyn Lemoine, Patrick Barry, Robert Fogg, Bernie Hindes, Nick Deistler, Ted Waryas, Peter Bodner, Fred Waryas, Ellah Williams, Maybelle Long, Joseph Mitchell, Heather Rodger, Patricia Jones, Frances Hackett, Colleen Paquet, David Robarge, Frank Anderson, Kathy Mearthy, Tom Burns, Mary Lou Fogg, Jim Nyberg, Cheryl Elyse Garrett, Ed Atkins, Conner Glover. **Please contact the rectory (463-3128) if you wish Father Maria Lazar to make a sick call or bring Holy Communion to someone who is unable to attend Mass.**

Second Sunday of Advent

In this week's Gospel, Matthew describes the work and preaching of John the Baptist. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets of Israel, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. John marks the conversion of those who seek him out with a baptism of repentance. Other groups in this period are thought to have practiced ritual washings for similar purposes, and John's baptism may have been related to the practices of the Essenes, a Jewish sect of the first century. John's baptism can be understood as an anticipation of Christian baptism. In this passage, John himself alludes to the difference between his baptism and the one yet to come: "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance . . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." In this reading, John makes very clear that his relationship to the Messiah yet to come (Jesus) is one of service and subservience: ". . . the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals" (Matthew 3:11). In the context of Matthew's Gospel, today's passage is followed by Jesus' baptism by John, an event that is attested to in all four of the Gospels and appears to have been the start of Jesus' public ministry. John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord. (Copyright © 2019 Loyola Press. All Rights Reserved. Used with permission. www.loyolapress.com)

Next weekend Dec. 14/Dec 15 there will be a second collection for the Retirement Fun for Religious

Bishops Annual Appeal 2019



Thank you for supporting the Bishop's Annual Appeal in the past and in this 2019 Campaign! We have met our pledge goal! As of November 25th, we are at **135.00%**. Please prayerfully consider donating to the Bishops Annual Appeal, Please either write on your donation or on the donations slip St. Charles Parish.

Knight of Columbus #753

The purpose of The Knights of Columbus



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Citizenship Essay Contest (Grades 8 – 12) is to encourage our youth to become citizens grounded in their faith through creative writing. This year's theme is: **Discuss the meaning of Virtue and how you live and embody the virtue of Charity.** "Charity is the theological virtue which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God" – Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1822. The winning essay writer will win \$50 locally. The essay may then be entered to win additional monetary awards including the international award of \$300. For more information about how to join the Knights of Columbus, please call Grand Knight, Tom Ronning (603) 313 - 8839.



St. Charles Parish Annual Coat Drive

Annual Coat drive started on **November 9th** and run through **December 14th**. Please donate your gently used coats. This year, like we did last year, we are working with Sara Chard from Springfield Turning Point. The coats that you donate help in the Windham/Windsor County area. Thank you all in advance for helping to keep those in need warmer this winter!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The next Weekends are Dec 13-15, 2019 in Duxbury, MA and Jan 31-Feb 2, 2020 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Diane Forcier at 802-657-3083 or visit them at <https://wwmewt.org/>.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary. December 8th is the day we celebrate the Immaculate Conception of Mary, as this day falls on a Sunday this year we will celebrate it on Monday, December 9th.

Please pray for the soul of Norman LaCoille who has passed, he is the father of Betsy Mercier. His funeral Mass was on Friday, December 6th at St. Peter's Church. May he rest in the peace of Christ's love.