

HOPE

A large, glowing, wireframe star, possibly made of gold or copper, is the central focus. It has a complex, geometric structure with many intersecting lines. A red, spherical ornament hangs from the bottom of the star. The background is a dramatic sky with soft, white clouds and a hint of a sunset or sunrise, with warm colors like orange and yellow. The word "HOPE" is written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters across the top of the star.

The **LORD** is my *light* and my
salvation; whom shall I fear?

PSALM 27:1

St. Clement Pope & Martyr

Rockaway Township, New Jersey



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ✧ DECEMBER 3, 2023



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First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7

In this straightforward psalm, the people acknowledge their sinful ways, yet plead that their Creator might reveal himself to them. They ask God to remember, not their sins, but that "We are all the work of your hands."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Paul explains to the Corinthians that they are specially favored by God who has sent his only Son to them. He reminds us all that it was through God's grace that we have been called to kinship with Christ.

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Just as a servant watching over the master's house does not know when he will return, we do not know the hour of the Second Coming. Mark reminds us of the warning from Jesus to always be on guard, for we know not the day nor the hour.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK & SUFFERING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Jack Ferguson, Rane, Wilson & Julia Garcia, Steve DaSilva, Inaru Moctezuma, Dave DiPolis, Lillian Peluso, Ralph & Francis Anderson, Cassie & Alice Collins, Joseph Martino, Moira Noriega, Steve Shaw, Arden & Elisa McPhearson, Juan R. Labady, John Krsulic, Walter Delinsky, Daniel Mulhaul,, Kevin Bellini, Laura K, Agnes D, Maria Finocchiaro, Eli Durkin, Lance Wiedman, Dominic Nicastro, Colton Farrel, Carol Andreazza, Paul Verhoest, Mini Agront, Gloria Agront, Michael Palermo, Kathy Tarr, Dylan Evans, Dennis Tomala, Alex Marrese, Andrew, Lucy & Miguel Veja, Lucy Lanno, Alison Sorrentino, Kamil Nowak, Asnel Rivero, Alina Nicastro, Nancy Gaynor, P.J. Ferrone, John & Virginia Cummo, Maria Metzger, Deacon Hank Hyle, Elvira Hernandez, Angela Gorman, Helen LaFergola, Caroline Soto, Dylan Holland, Kathleen Imperiose. **If you would like to add someone to the list, please call the Parish Office 973-366-7095.**

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday - December 2	
4:30pm	Catherine A. Jukan (Elekes) Frank DiSanza (Reilley) Eda Pineda (LaForgia) Daniel Keeley (Felix) Herbert Gaffney, Jr. (Robinson) 7:00pm Liturgy in Spanish
Sunday - December 3	
8:30am	Martha Shadwell (Williams)
10:30am	Maria Sasso (Gallo) Ronnie Fischel (Gorman) Eileen Roche (Hansen) Blessed Souls of Purgatory (Rodriguez) 12:30pm Liturgy in Spanish
Monday - December 4	
9:00am	Parishioners
Tuesday - December 5	
9:00am - 7:00pm	Parishioners Liturgy in Spanish
Wednesday- December 6	
9:00am	No Liturgy
Thursday - December 7	
9:00am	Sam Gazzolo (Coleman)
12:00pm	Liturgy in Spanish
Friday - December 8	
9:00am	Deceased Members of the Ros & Miyares Families (Ros) 7:00pm Ethna D'Addario (Royek)
Saturday - December 9	
4:30pm	Catherine A. Jukan (Elekes) Connie & Manuel Uy (Engle/Veloso) Ethna D'Addario (DaSilva) John Yackwack (Stifter) 7:00pm Liturgy in Spanish
Sunday - December 10	
8:30am	Martha Shadwell (Greeters) Daniel Keeley (Fetch)
10:30am	John Amodio (Amodio) Stjepan Vidovic (Vidovic) Robert Brown (Brown) Genoeffa Mirra (Gallo) Blessed Souls of Purgatory (Rodriguez)
12:30pm	Liturgy in Spanish

The 7 Day Sanctuary Light this week
is donated in loving memory of
Kevin & Eve Byrne
by Debbie Cicchino & Irene Byrne



Friday, December 8th is the Feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary which is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses will be held:

Dec. 7th at 7pm (Vigil Mass in Spanish)
Dec. 8th at 9:00a.m. & 7:00p.m. (Both in English)



As in the past, please note that the timeline for shopping and return of gifts is VERY short. **Please return your unwrapped gift by Sunday, December 17th** and make sure to securely attach the Giving Tree Tag to the outside of your gift. You may place your gifts under the tree.

I ♥ JESUS
St. Clement Catholic Church



Please return all envelopes to the Parish Office or by dropping them in the collection basket on the weekend. **If you would like your intention to appear in the Christmas week bulletin, please return your envelope no later than Wednesday, December 13th.**



Sunday classes will resume 1/7/24

(last class of 2023)

St. Clement Rocks Need Good Homes

Please choose a rock that inspires you and take it home with you after Mass to keep. Happy Feast of St. Clement!

Family Jammie Cookie Exchange

All Religious Education students and their families are invited to the 3rd Annual St. Clement Family Jammie Cookie Exchange on **Sunday 12/10 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the church Gathering Space**. Join Fr. Gio, Mrs. Ramsay, and the Religious Education Catechists at this fun Christmas Pajama party! Wear your favorite Christmas pajamas, share Christmas cookies, listen to Christmas carols, and enjoy the Hot Cocoa station with new friends! Flyers and RSVP forms will be going home with all students today and tomorrow. **RSVPs are REQUIRED to be back by 12/4/23.**



NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome all visitors to our parish. If you attend Mass with us on a regular basis and have not registered, please complete the form below and drop it in the collection basket. We will call you to register with our Parish. If you have a change of address or plan on moving, please complete the form as well.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone# (daytime phone #) _____

E-mail _____

Change of Address _____

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SISTERS OF CHRISTIAN CHARITY CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

The Sisters of Christian Charity welcome you to a **Christmas Open House at Villa Pauline December 10, 1 – 5 p.m.** Come and see Christmas splendor in a 19th century mansion. Live music and refreshments. Free will offering. 350 Bernardsville Road, Mendham.

Diocese of Paterson *Christmas Concert*

Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist
Paterson
December 15, 2023
7:00 p.m.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A Day of Prayer and Healing offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to his invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. For dates, locations and confidential registration, or just to talk to a sister, please call the Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075 or email us: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org
www.sistersoflife.org/healing-after-abortion
For retreats for men, contact Lumina 877-586-4621, lumina@postabortionhelp.org

Pregnant? Need Help? Know someone who needs help? You are not alone! The Catholic Church wants to help you and your baby through your pregnancy and after! The following link will take you to the Paterson Diocesan website for sources of help for women who find themselves in crisis pregnancies.
<https://rcdop.org/moms-in-need>



Catholic Charities, a Resource for Those in Need
Catholic Charities, right here in our Diocese helps thousands of people each day.

Please remember that we are always only a phone call, text, or email away, if a friend, parishioner, or neighbor is struggling to make ends meet. We are also here to help people faced with addiction, individuals with special needs, at-risk youth and so many more. Please reach out to us if we can be of assistance in any way.

Email info@ccpaterson.org
Or call/text: Scott Milliken, Catholic Charities CEO
201-303-6341 (Cell)

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Gospel Today

First Sunday of Advent | Mark 13:33-37

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BE AWARE & KEEP WATCH!

Always be ready for the day and hour when God comes again. No one knows when, not even Jesus or the Angels in Heaven.

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FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

ARRIVAL OR COMING OF CHRIST

WEEK 1, evening lighting prayer

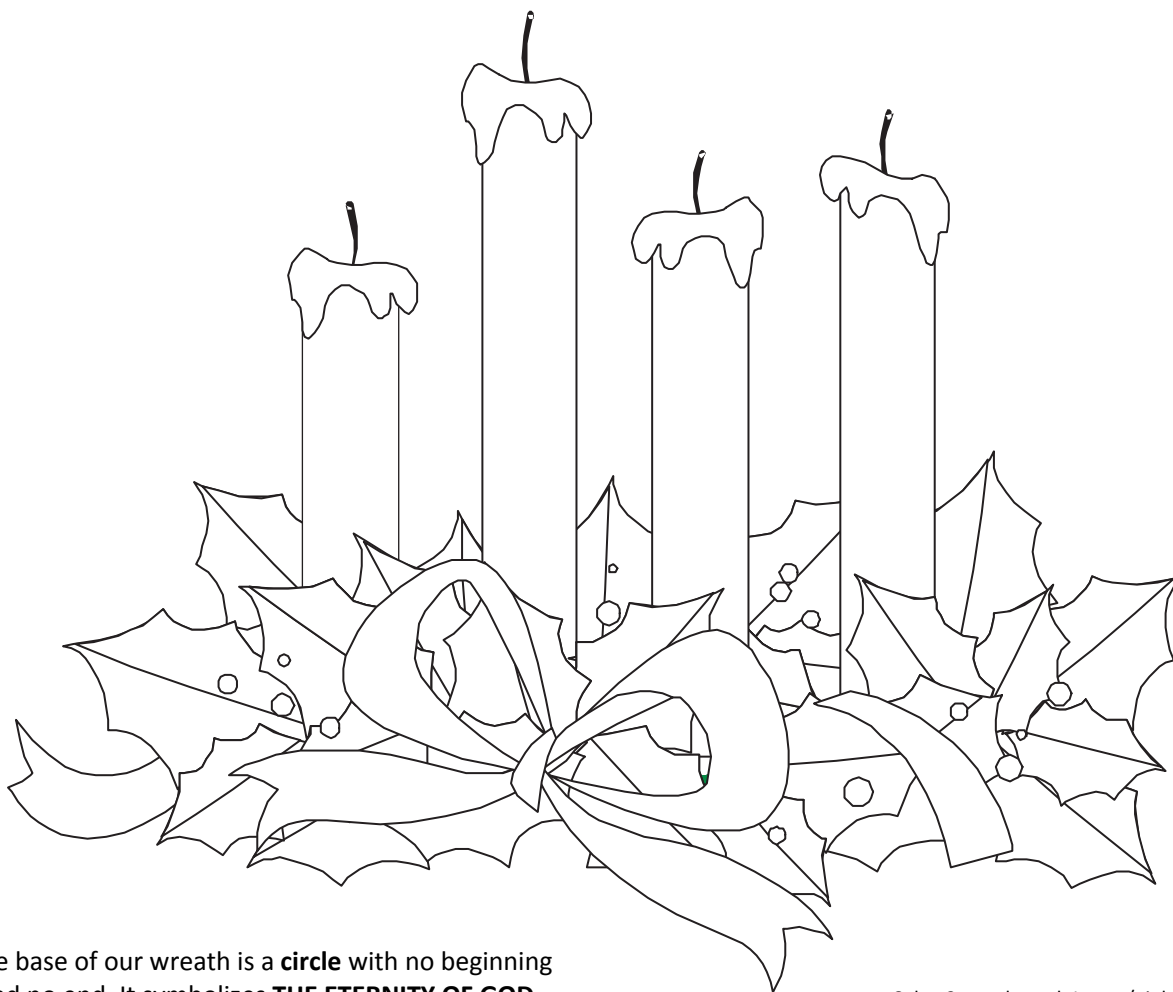
Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come, that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord, Amen". Youngest child lights 1 purple candle.

BLESS THIS WREATH

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessings upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Through Christ our Lord, Amen."



The base of our wreath is a **circle** with no beginning and no end. It symbolizes **THE ETERNITY OF GOD**.

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color the holly leaves green.

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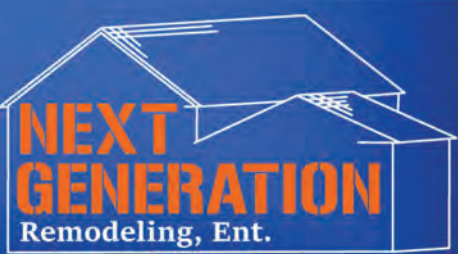
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