

PEACE

There is no place like
HOME

Glory to **GOD** in the highest
heaven, and on earth *peace* to
those on whom his *favor* rests.

LUKE 2:14

St. Clement Pope & Martyr
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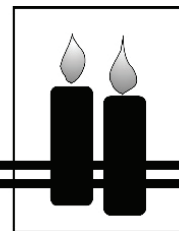


MASS INTENTIONS
OF THE WEEK
December 10, 2023

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday -	December 9
4:30pm	Catherine A. Jugan (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) Ethna D'Addario (Royek)
10:30am	John Amodio (Amodio) Stjepan Vidovic (Vidovic) Robert Brown (Brown) Genoeffa Mirra (Gallo) Blessed Souls of Purgatory (Rodriguez)
12:30pm	Liturgy in Spanish
Monday -	December 11
9:00am	Parishioners
Tuesday -	December 12
9:00am -	Souls in Purgatory
7:00pm	Liturgy in Spanish
Wednesday -	December 13
9:00am	No Liturgy
Thursday -	December 14
9:00am	Unborn Children
7:00pm	Liturgy in Spanish
Friday -	December 15
9:00am	Martha Shadwell (Byrne/Cicchino)
Saturday -	December 16
4:30pm	Catherine A. Jugan (Elekes) LeRoy Ronan (Johansson) Peter S. Ventola Jr. (Ventola) John Head (Royek)
7:00pm	Liturgy in Spanish
Sunday -	December 17
8:30am	Martha Shadwell (Williams)
10:30am	Nicholas Dilizia (Dilizia) Sally Smith (Ramsay) Stipo Ivkusic
12:30pm	Liturgy in Spanish

**Prepare the way
of the Lord**



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Isaiah emphasizes that from the desert to the mountains, all people must prepare for "the glory of the Lord to be revealed." Rather than looking only at God's power, Isaiah focuses on God's kindness, comparing it to a shepherd who feeds and cares for his flock.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

For those who are impatient for the Second Coming, Peter explains that time is different to God than to people. He reminds them that they should be grateful for the extra time to prepare, and concentrate on striving to become all that God would want them to be.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

In this passage, John the Baptist stressed the importance of the coming of the Messiah. He acknowledged that he was only the messenger, and unfit to "stoop and untie his sandal straps." John urged them to prepare for one far holier than he, who would walk among them.

**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 Finocchiario, 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, Barbara Randolph, Amy Pendrak. **If you would like to add someone to the list, please call the Parish Office 973-366-7095.**



ADVENT GIVING TREE

The Advent Giving Tree is up and loaded with ornaments in the Gathering Space. This is an opportunity for parishioners to reach out during the Advent season to local families who would not have Christmas gifts without our help.

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.

If you have any questions, please call Irene Byrne at 973-714-1941.



2024 PARISH CALENDARS

2024 Parish Calendars are available and can be picked up after the Masses in the Gathering Area. Thank you to Whitman-Kanapaux Funeral Home in Rockaway for their goodness in supplying us with our parish calendars.

ST. CLEMENT CHURCH



If you or anyone you know is in need of food, please call the Parish Office (973-366-7095) or Irene Byrne (973-714-1941) Monday thru Friday to arrange to pick up pre-packed bags of food. All information is confidential.



CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE

4th Sunday of Advent

December 23rd 4:30pm

December 24th 8:30am
10:30am

Christmas Eve

December 24th 4:30pm

Christmas Day

December 25th 10:30am

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 30th 4:30pm

December 31st 8:30am
10:30am

New Year's Day - Solemnity of Mary

(not a holyday of obligation this year)

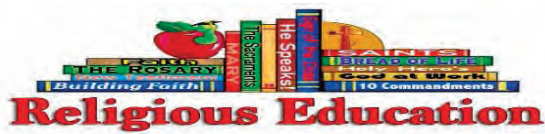
January 1st 10:00am

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

You can remember a deceased relative or loved one through a contribution towards the flowers that will be used to decorate our Church during Christmas. Envelopes were sent home and are also available on the table as you enter 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.**

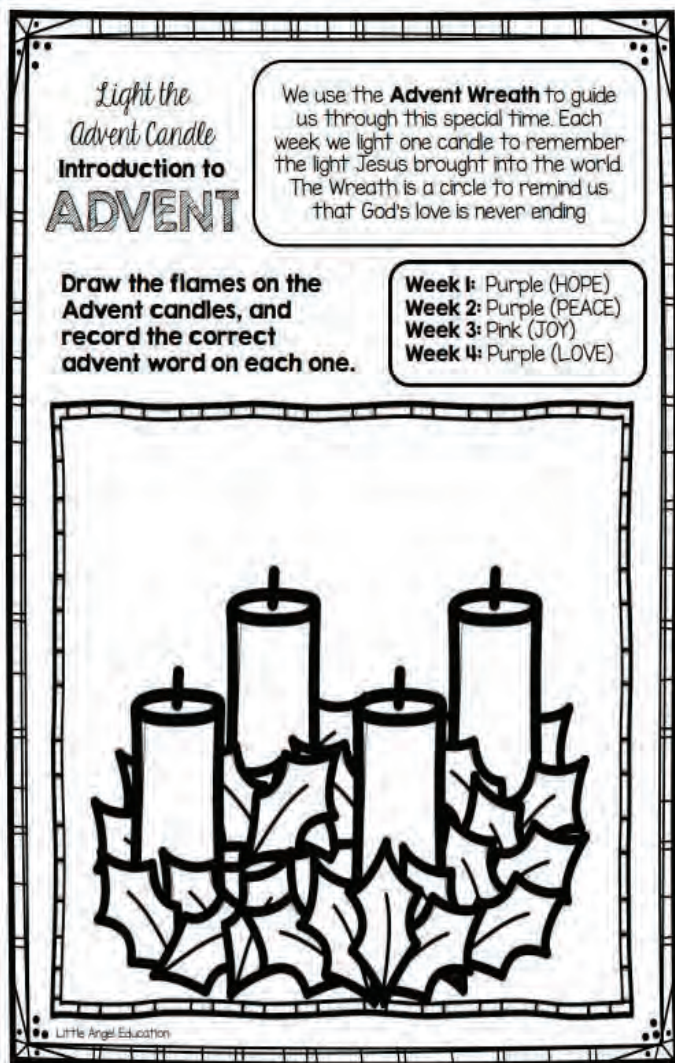


Religious Education NEWS REMINDER!

No Sunday classes until 1/7/24

There **ARE** classes on **MONDAY 12/11** for
Levels 1-6 and RCIC and Review
(last class of 2023)

Monday classes will resume on 1/8/24



DECEMBER 10th ADVENT Week 2:

Light/Color the first (HOPE) and this week second **purple** (PEACE) then pray:

O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for
Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we
may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds.
Through Christ our Lord.

RESPECT LIFE RAFFLE 2023

WINNERS ARE:

Prize	Name	County
Volvo	Theresa Petrucci	Bergen
\$1000 SR gift card	Lois Jarmicki	Hunterdon
\$750 SR gift card	Curt Muklevicz	Ocean
\$500 SR gift card	Theresa Celli	Burlington

Congratulations to the winners! Sorry, no winners from Morris County this year. We thank you ever so much for your support of the 2023 New Jersey Right to Life Respect Life Raffle! Thank you and God Bless you all!

Thank you again to the pastors/administrators of parishes who permitted conducting of the Raffle.

SISTERS OF CHRISTIAN CHARITY CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

The Sisters of Christian Charity welcome you to a **Christmas Open House at Villa Pauline Dec. 10, from 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.

ST. THERESE MINISTRY PRESENTS

On **Tuesday, December 19th**, the last prayer service for 2023, we will offer a performance by Dan Yates, a NYC Broadway professional singer offer a free Christmas concert at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 10 N. Pocono Road, Mountain Lakes, NJ at 1:00 p.m. His performance will be spectacular and definitely put you in the "Christmas spirit." Come join us for fellowship and meet some wonderful people. You don't want to miss his performance!! **Any questions please contact Carol Bsarany 973-271-9252.**

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today Second Sunday of Advent | Mark 1:1-8

Year B

BE AWARE, PREPARE!

John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, was sent to Baptize many people and prepare them for the coming of Jesus, the True Messiah.

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SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

ARRIVAL OR COMING OF CHRIST

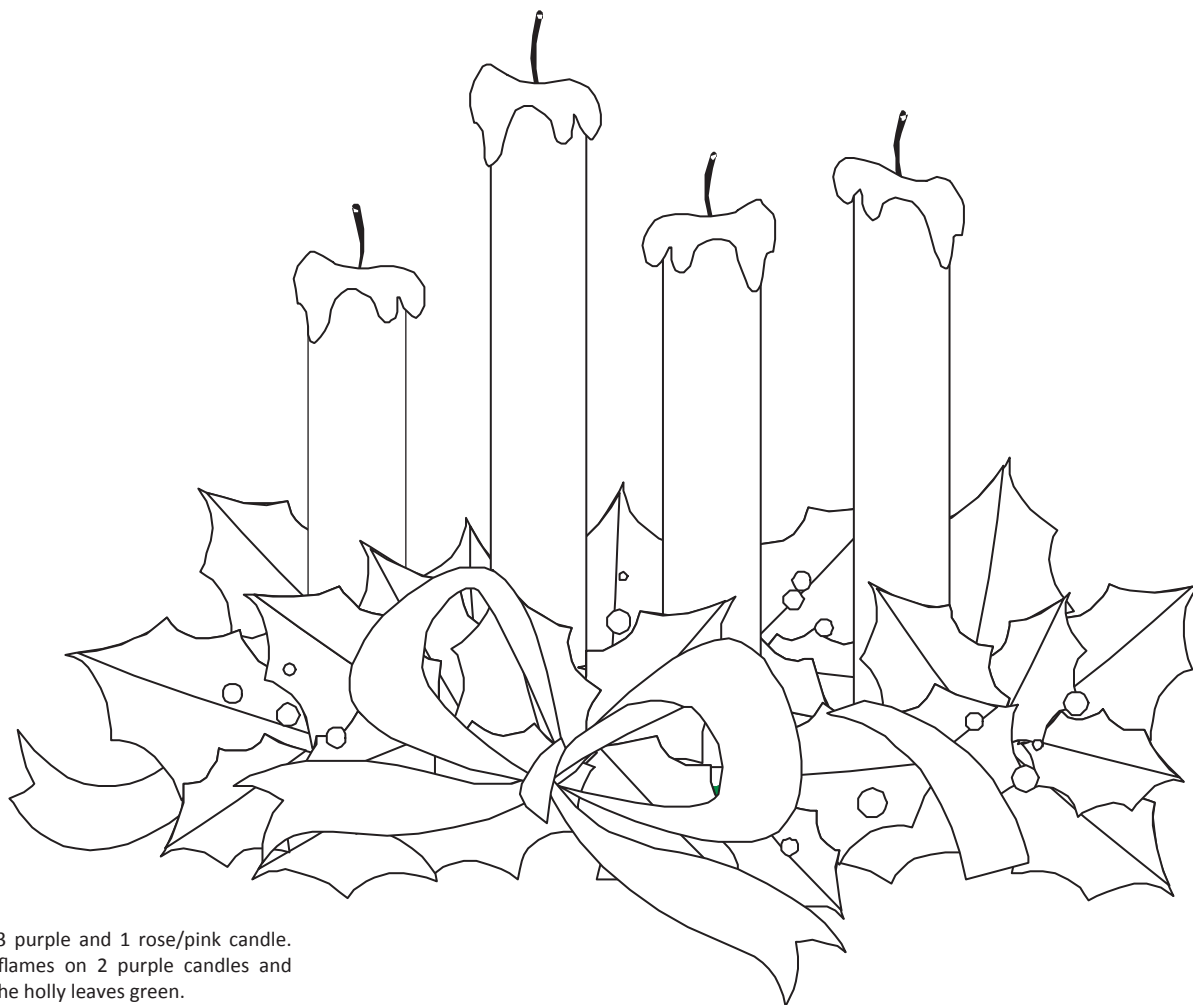
We begin the second week of Advent preparing ourselves for the Messiah. Our Advent wreath has 4 candles (3 purple, 1 rose/pink) for the four Sundays, or weeks before Christmas. The more candles we light, the brighter it gets, and the closer we are to the birth of Christ.

WEEK 2, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

Oldest child lights 2 purple candles.



Color 3 purple and 1 rose/pink candle.
Draw flames on 2 purple candles and
color the holly leaves green.

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