NOVEMBER 27, 2022—FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC PARISH

Roxbury - Rockaway Point - Breezy Point

SUNDAY MASSES

SAINT THOMAS MORE
Saturday Vigil 5:00pm
Sunday 8:30am, 11:30am

SAINT GENEVIEVE
Saturday Vigil 4:00pm
Sunday 9:00am, 12noon

SAINT EDMUND
Sunday 10:00am

WEEKDAY MASSES

SAINT THOMAS MORE
8:30am (Mon-Sat)

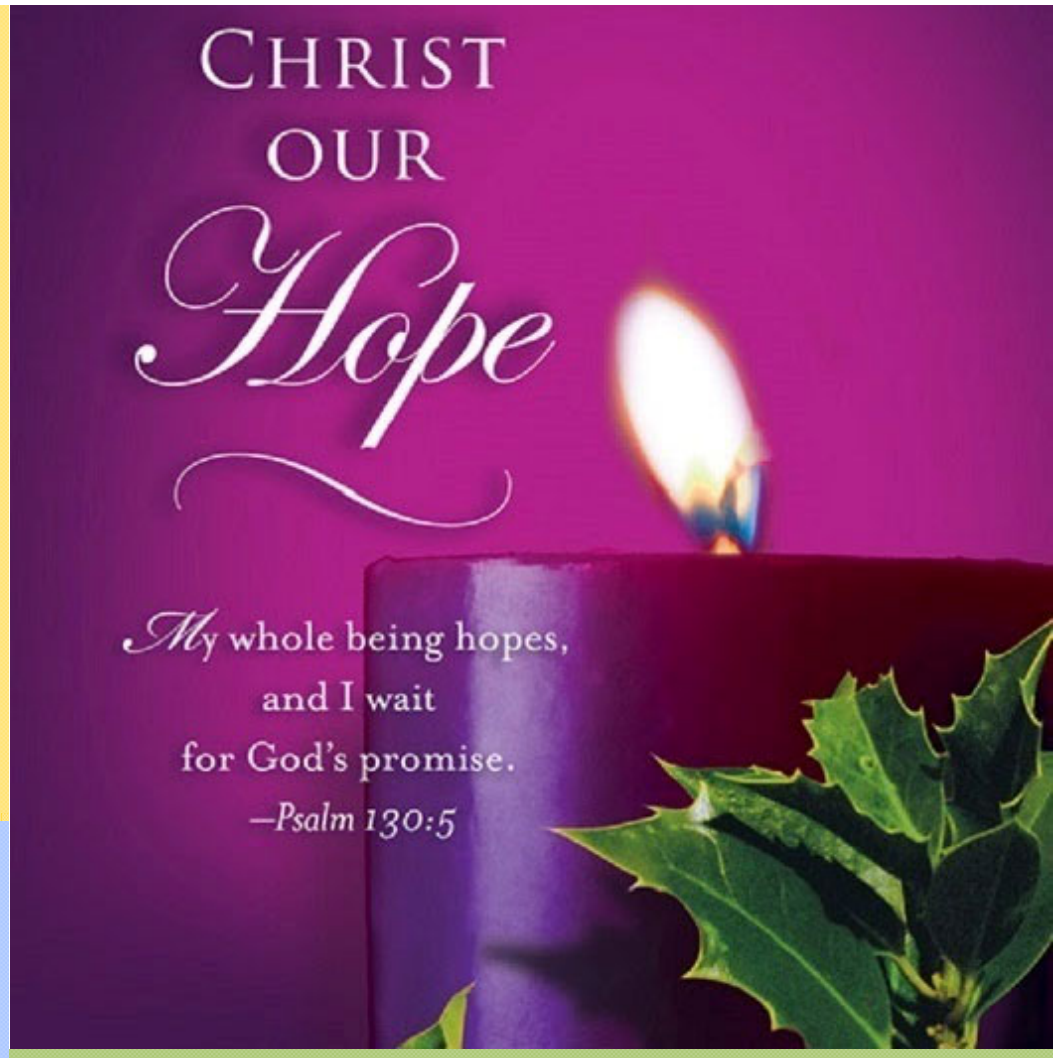
SAINT GENEVIEVE
9:15am (Tues & Thurs)

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION
Every Saturday at 4:00pm at St. Thomas More and by request

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Arrangements can be made at the Rectory. Second Saturday at 12:30pm and Fourth Sunday at 2:00pm

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Please call the Rectory or speak with a priest to request the Anointing of the Sick. Please do not hesitate with people in serious health crisis.

HOLY MATRIMONY
Couples are required to make arrangements 6 Months in advance for paper work and Pastoral Instruction.



PARISH OFFICE
204-25 Rockaway Point Boulevard
Rockaway Point, N.Y. 11697
718-634-6357 www.btparish.org
E-Mail: rectory@btparish.org

Parish Office Hours
Monday—Friday 9am-12pm, 1-4pm
Saturday 8am-12pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHOOL
Saint Thomas More Rectory
204-25 Rockaway Point Boulevard
Rockaway Point, N.Y. 11697

PARISH CLERGY
Rev. Fr. Michael Louis Gelfant .....Pastor
Rev. Fr. Jeremy Canna……..Parochial Vicar
Rev. Msgr. Ronald Newland ..... Weekend Assistant
Deacon Thomas J. Murphy

PARISH STAFF
Julie Ratka ……..……Exec Assistant to the Pastor
Maureen McVeigh..... Coordinator Religious Education
Richard Louis-Pierre.....Director of Music Ministry
Brianne Ratka .....Youth Minister
Jeejay Rivera .....Buildings & Grounds

SUNDAY MASS READINGS

FIRST READING *Isaiah 2:1–5*

This is what Isaiah, son of Amoz, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come, the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills. All nations shall stream toward it; many peoples shall come and say: "Come, let us climb the LORD's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths." For from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 122*

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

SECOND READING *Romans 13:11–14*

Brothers and sisters:
You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and lust, not in rivalry and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh.

GOSPEL *Matthew 24:37–44*

Jesus said to his disciples:
"As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

FAMILY MASS 10AM

at St. Edmund Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

Mass Intentions

Sunday November 27th
8:30 am (St. Thomas) † Frances Baci (Anniv)
9:00 am (St. Genevieve) † Grandma Kolodziejski
10:00 am (St. Edmund) † Marie Healy
11:30 am (St. Thomas) † Walter DeKruff, Sr..
12:00 pm (St. Genevieve) For All Parishioners (Living)

Monday November 28th
8:30 am (St. Thomas) † Howard & Marie Claar

Tuesday November 29th
8:30 am (St. Thomas) † Edna & Joseph Lynch
9:15 am (St. Genevieve) † Harry Sheridan

Wednesday November 30th
8:30 am (St. Thomas) † Joan Burke

Thursday December 1st
8:30 am (St. Thomas) † Regina O'Leary
9:15 am (St. Genevieve) † Mario Mazzoli

Friday December 2nd
8:30 am (St. Thomas) † Donna Preli (Anniversary)

Saturday December 3rd
8:30 am (St. Thomas) † Christine Sullivan
4:00 pm (St. Genevieve) † Dec'd Membrs Kingsmen Fam
5:00 pm (St. Thomas) For All Parishioners (Living)
† Theresa Lennon
† Michael Long
† Brian Garvey
† Thomas Gallinaro

Sunday December 4th
8:30 am (St. Thomas) † Rosemary Rorke
9:00 am (St. Genevieve) † Timothy McCabe
10:00 am (St. Edmund) † Marion Manley
11:30 am (St. Thomas) † Denis Noonan
12:00 pm (St. Genevieve) † Herb Ryan

Pray for the Sick

James Cannon, Barbara Joyce, Maryann Dolan, James LaSalle, Doris Lindsay, Charles Hansen, Maggie Buckley Romaine

PEOPLE ADDED WILL STAY ON FOR THREE WEEKS AND THEN BE REMOVED UNLESS THERE IS A REQUEST FOR THE PERSON TO REMAIN ON THE PRAYER LIST

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
OUR LADY OF KNOCK COUNCIL 17580
www.kofc.org/joinus

Next Meeting and Social
December 12h 7pm
TBA

A PRAYER FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

God our Father, Giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to Your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for Your honor and glory and dwell among Your people. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord...

...We remember in our prayers all the faithfully departed

DIANE McLAUGHLIN

And those in our families and those with no one to remember them.

Home Bound?

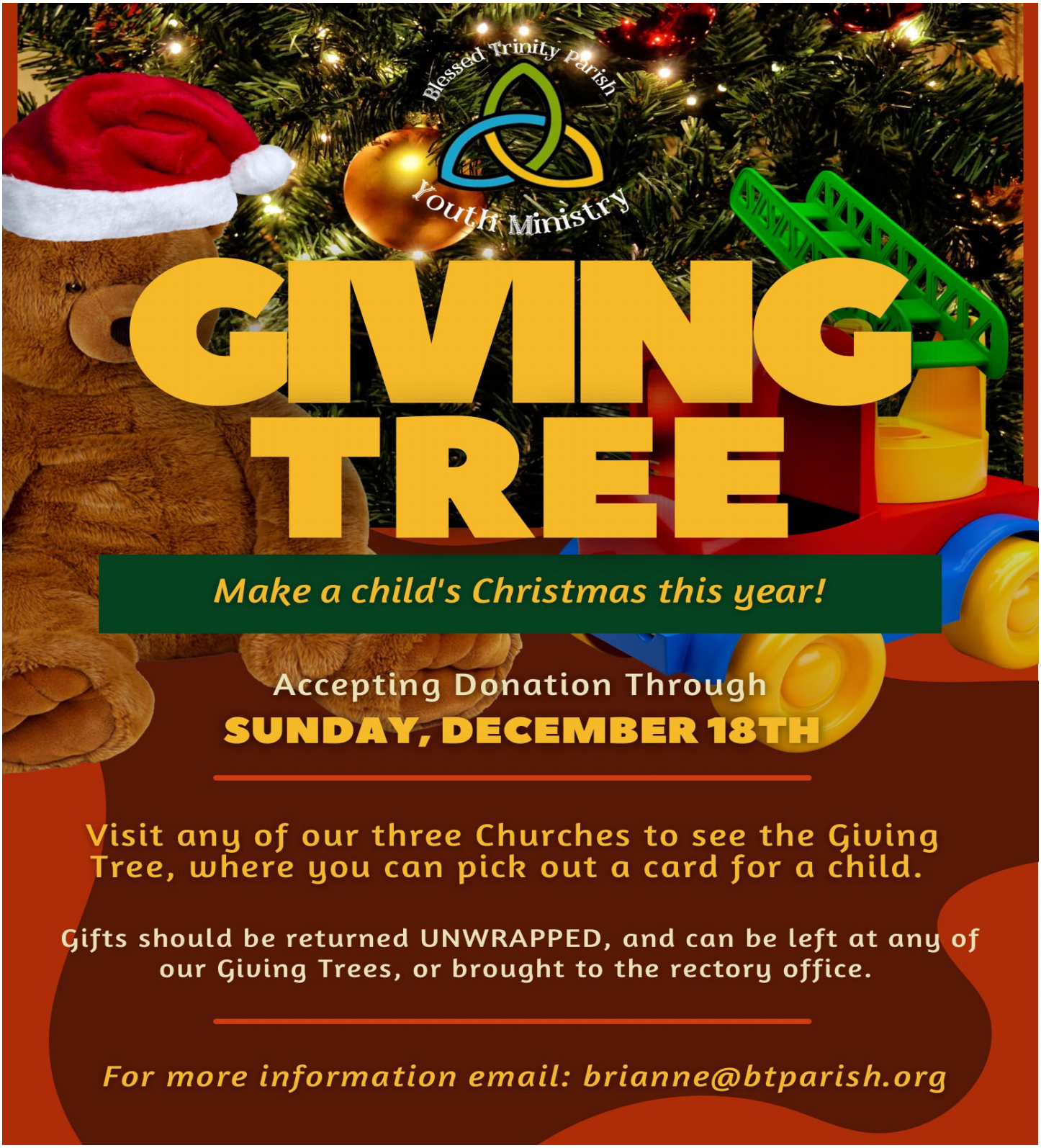
If you or a loved one is homebound (meaning unable to attend Mass for a period of time) and would like to receive the sacraments (Confession, Anointing or Holy Communion), please call the rectory at 718-634-6357. The parish priests and Lay Ministers will visit.

Anointing of the Sick and Confession are also available to those who cannot come to Church.

Blessed Trinity Parish
Online Giving

Register on the website:
btparish.churchgiving.com

Once you reach the website, click on **MAKE A DONATION**. It will give you the option of making a recurring donation (weekly or monthly) or a one time donation. Please call the office to speak to Julie.



BLESSED TRINITY MISSION STATEMENT

Washed by the waters of the sea and blessed with generations of faithful worship we, a trinity of churches: Saint Edmund, Saint Genevieve and Saint Thomas More, stand united in our mission. To embrace the presence of Christ in our community and strive to assist all to deepen their relationship with the Lord. To seek to be a parish of service and comfort to all. To commit ourselves to be a vessel through which our Catholic heritage and traditions may be preserved and grow so that our parish may flourish in the Spirit of the Lord.

BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC PARISH
PRESENTS OUR ANNUAL

Winter RAFFLE

$5,750 CASH PRIZES

Drawing one winner everyday
from December 1st - 31st.

Prize amounts listed on raffle calendar.

$50/ticket OR 3 Tickets $100
www.btparish.org. 718-634-6357

Christmas Eve Children's Liturgy

Blessed Trinity Parish Youth Ministry

We are looking for angels, shepherds, Wisemen, Mary & Joseph

The children will be reenacting the story of the Nativity before the 5PM Mass,

Saturday, December 24th
St. Thomas More Church

If your child or children would like to participate, please visit BTParish.org/YouthMinistry, or contact Brianne Ratka at Brianne@BTParish.org

Last day to sign up will be
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH!
A practice schedule will be sent at that time.

Weekly Memorial Offerings

Weekly Flowers Memorials Available $75 each

-Altar Flowers at St. Genevieve Church

-Altar Flowers at St. Thomas More Church

-Altar Flowers at St. Edmund Church

Bread and Wine used at Mass Available $25

Faith Formation

NOVEMBER 2022

November 28 -Class: Grades 6, 7 and Confirmation Class 4:00 - 5:15

November 30 - Class: K-3 2:45-3:45 4th & 5th grades: 4:15-5:15

December class schedule

Monday, December 5 - 6th, 7th, and Confirmation Class 4:00 - 5:15

Monday, December 12 - 6th, 7th, and Confirmation Class 4:00 - 5:15

Monday, December 19 - 6th, 7th and Confirmation Class - Confession in St. Thomas More Church starting at 4PM

Wednesday, December 7 - K,1st, 2nd, 3rd grades 2:45 - 3:45
4th and 5th grades 4:15 - 5:15

Wednesday, December 14 - K,1st, 2nd, 3rd grades 2:45 - 3:45
4th & 5th grades Confessions @ STM 4:15PM

Wednesday, December 21 - K,1st, 2nd, 3rd grades 2:45 - 3:45
4th and 5th grades 4:15 - 5:15

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION AND LUNCH

Friday, December 2nd we will have Mass & Adoration at 11 am at St. Genevieve Church, followed by lunch at Father Hession Hall.

Seating will be limited, advanced $15 reservation required. Contact Dottie Wayne (917) 868-7109 for further information and to reserve your place.

Baptism Schedule

Formation Class
Wednesday, Dec 7, 2022 @ 7pm

Baptism Celebrations

Sunday, Nov 27, 2022 @ 2pm

Sat., Dec, 2022 @ 12:30pm

Parents may register their child for baptism at the Parish Office.

Blessed Trinity Seniors

BT GOLDEN AGE CLUB
Meets Tuesdays@ 11:30am
meets in Msgr Connelly Parish Hall

BT ARTS & CRAFT CLUB
Wednesdays @10am
New Members always welcome.
Msgr Connelly Parish Hall

Weekly Prayers/ Devotions

- **Miraculous Medal Novena,** Monday's after Mass
- **The Rosary,** Monday-Friday at 8am at St. Thomas More Church
- **Prayer Group** Meets on Tuesday's at 7:30pm at St. Thomas More Church

MEMORIAL WREATHS

THIS YEAR WE WILL ADORN THE OUTSIDE AT OUR THREE CHURCHES WITH WREATHS PURCHASED IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF OUR LOVED ONES. EVERGREEN WREATHS WITH A RED BOW AND MEMORIAL PLAQUE ON THE WREATH. CHOOSE WHICH CHURCH YOU WANT YOUR WREATH DISPLAYED AT FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.

$100 PER WREATH

DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 2, 2022. CALL THE OFFICE FOR INFO 718-634-6357

NAME OF DONOR _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

WREATH LOCATION: ____ST THOMAS MORE ____ST. GENEVIEVE ____ST. EDMUND

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Good News Reflection *NOV 27th*

Hope is the theme of the First Sunday of Advent. In the readings for Mass, Isaiah describes a future in which all is well because (1) God is recognized as the highest authority and (2) obeying him is the people's highest priority.

This vision gave great hope to the oppressed Israelites. Today if we look at this as a description of heaven, it gives great hope to us, too. When we die, "terms" will be "imposed" upon us because we did not stay entirely on the paths of God (a good reason for purgatory), but we will be living in the light of the Lord after death and there will be no more wars to battle.

Knowing that this is our future, we can look at our present trials as preparations for heaven. The weapons that we use now to defeat and overcome the powers of darkness can be used as plowshares for enriching our soil (our earthly life), bringing us into new growth and producing a harvest in ministry. Sufferings that are turned into ministries to help others make hardships very valuable.

Although Isaiah was speaking of the coming of the world's Messiah through the Jews, these verses remind us that when we respect God's authority and make imitating Christ our highest priority, all is well for us. Our battles against evil aren't over yet, but Jesus has already won the victory for us. Our hope is not based on a wish for peace; our hope comes from the reality of what Jesus has already done and what he will do. So, "let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord!" (Psalm 122).

The Gospel reading tells us that our hope is realized only if we stay awake and alert to the activities of Christ. What are you despairing about? Despair and worry are merely distractions that make us forget that Christ has already won the battle. If we stay alert to the presence of Christ, recognizing his authority and following his ways, we live in hope -- not wishful thinking, but a hope that's based firmly on reality.

Questions for Personal Reflection:
What are you despairing about? What would it take for you to feel hopeful? In what way do you need Jesus to come to you now? What can you do to become more aware of his presence at your side?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:
How do you find hope in difficulties? Describe a time when you nearly lost all hope. How did Jesus rescue you from this?

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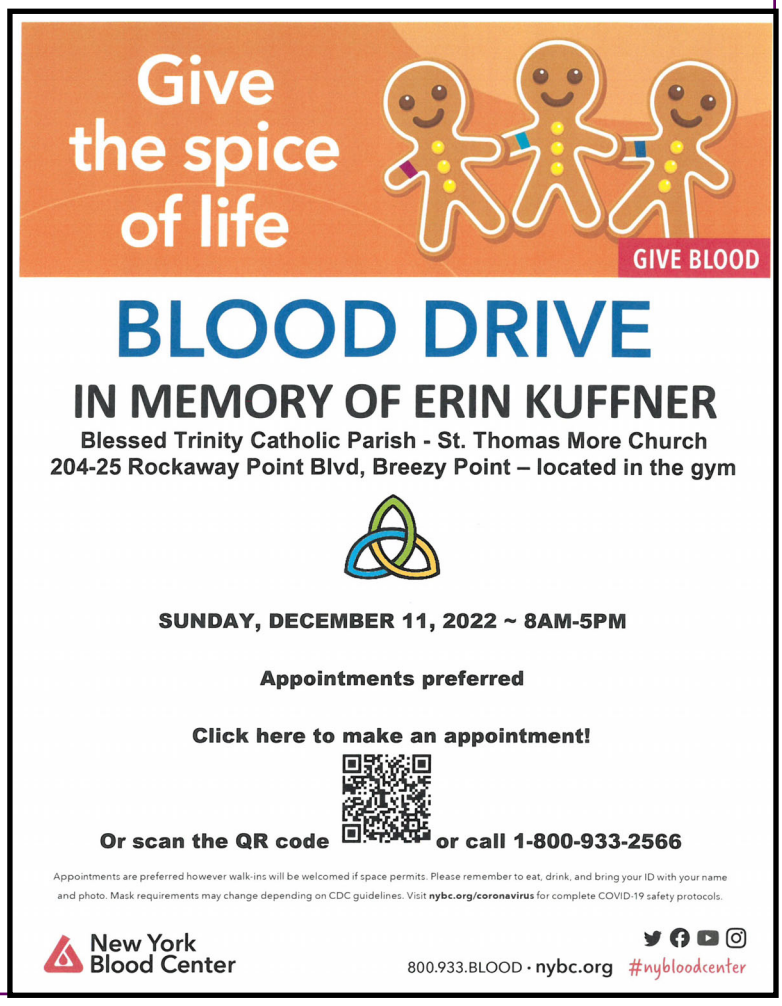


BT KIDS

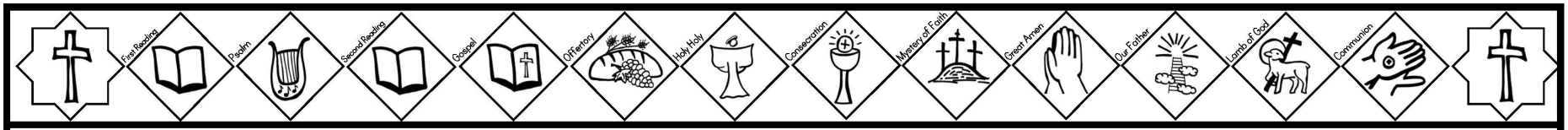
Catholic Kids Bulletin

November 27, 2022
Advent
Color: Purple

Saint Nicholas

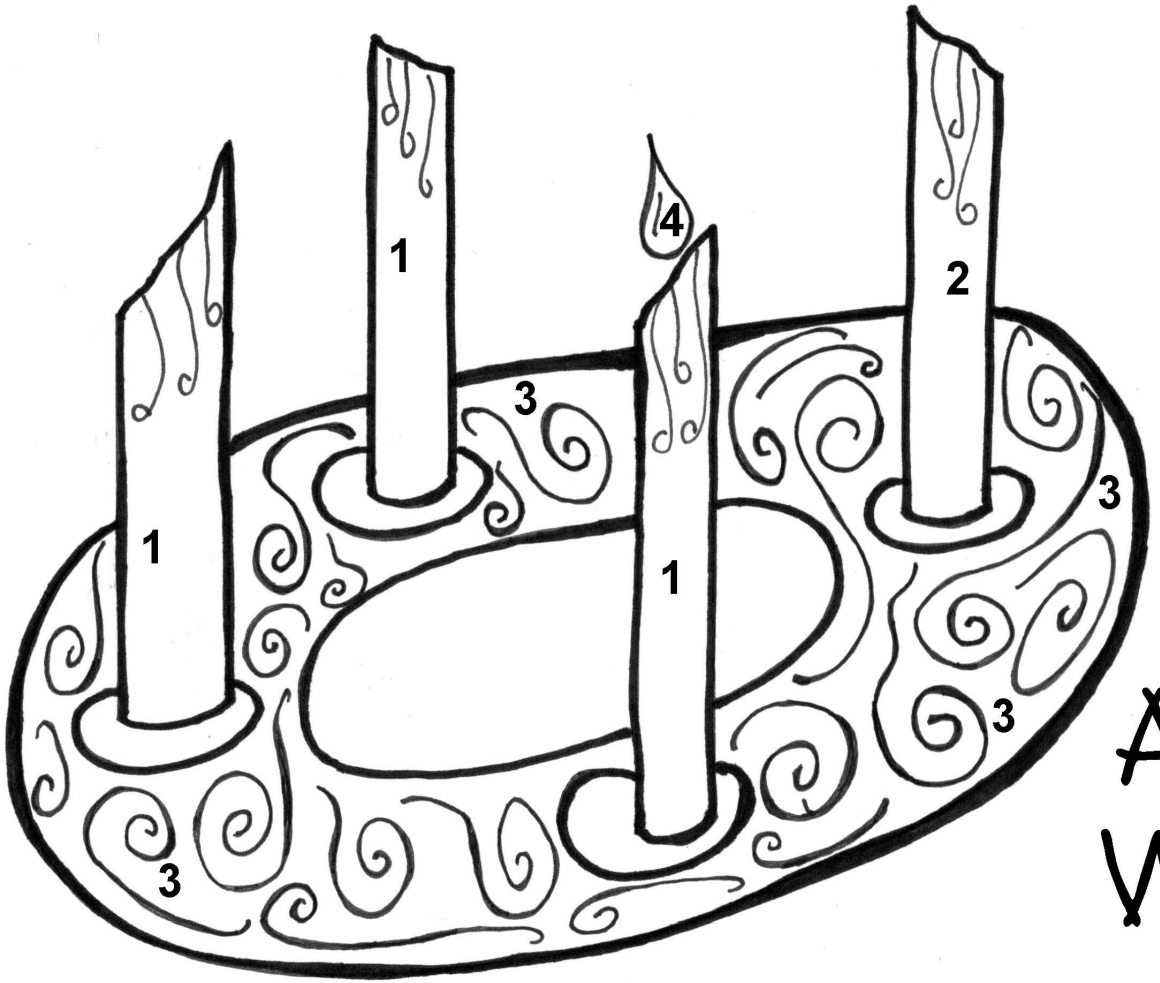
Saint Nicholas knew that a family needed help so he dropped gifts into the window of their home! We can celebrate his feast day by putting treats and gifts in people's shoes on December 6th.

Draw a picture of a gift that you would like to give to your family



Color the Advent Wreath.

1: Purple
2: Pink
3: Green
4: Yellow



Countdown to Jesus' Birthday...

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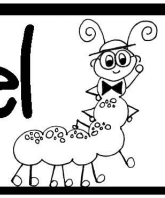
Sundays!

Advent Wreath

Gospel



Jesus told the disciples that He will come back to earth! We should always be ready for Jesus to come back. We practice waiting during Advent while we wait for Christmas.

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