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**ST. MATTHEW AND OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
WEEK OF DECEMBER 6, 2020
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



Join Us for Sunday Mass
LIVE STREAMED at 10:30 a.m.

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**MASS & CONFESSION
SCHEDULE**

OLPH Schedule:

Daily Mass:

Monday - Saturday: 8:00am

Saturday Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 10:30am

**Confessions: Saturday:
4:00pm - 4:45pm**

STM Schedule:

Daily Mass:

Monday-Saturday: 9:00am

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am

**Confessions: Saturday:
3:00pm - 3:45pm**



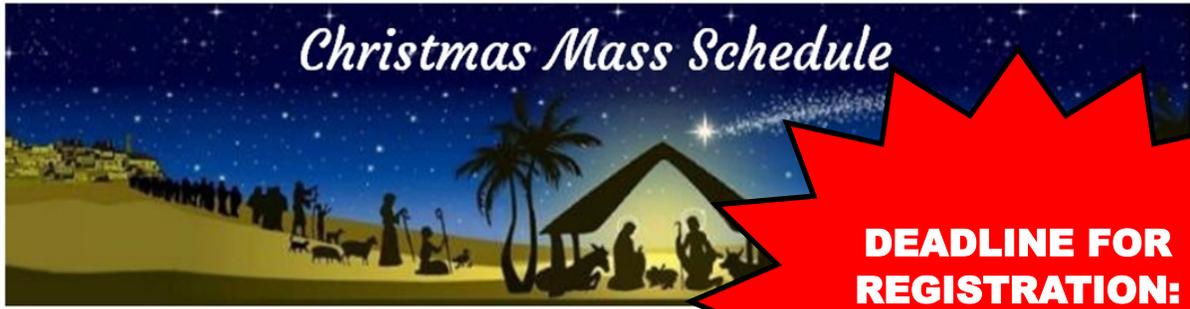
SEATING CAPACITY

The seating capacity in the church is at 33%.

There are approx. 133 seats at St. Matthew's and 66 with overflow in the downstairs at Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Please remember that the signs are there to help guide you where to sit and to use your best judgment keeping social distancing.

And please remember that masks are required at all times while in the church.



Christmas Mass Schedule

**DEADLINE FOR
REGISTRATION:
TUESDAY
DECEMBER 8th**

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| ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH | |
| CHRISTMAS MASSES | |
| CHRISTMAS EVE: | |
| 2:00 pm | |
| 4:00 pm | |
| 6:00 pm | |
| CHRISTMAS DAY: | |
| 8:30 am | |
| 12:00 Noon | |

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| OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP | |
| CHRISTMAS MASSES | |
| CHRISTMAS EVE: | |
| 3:00 pm | |
| 5:00 pm | |
| 7:00 pm | |
| CHRISTMAS DAY: | |
| 10:30 am | |

Confessions available in churches in the Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Brooklyn.

December 21st
4:00pm - 8:00pm

ARCHDIOCESE NEW YORK
archny.org

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN
dioceseofbrooklyn.org

Confession Times:
St. Matthew's Church: 4pm - 6pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help: 6pm - 8pm

Registration for tickets must be returned by: Tuesday, December 8th

Registrations can be dropped in a collection basket, brought to the rectory mailbox, Flocknote, or emailed to: office@stmolph.com

Tickets can be picked up:

- Wednesday, December 16: 10:00am - 4:30pm
- Thursday, December 17: 10:00am - 8:30pm**
- Friday, December 18: 10:00am - 4:30pm
- Monday, December 21: 10:00am - 4:30pm
- Tuesday, December 22: 10:00am - 8:30pm**
- Wednesday, December 23: 10:00am - 4:30pm

**Because COVID may change everything,
please check the parish website: www.stmolph.com
for up to date information.**



St. Matthew & Our Lady of Perpetual Help

616 Warburton Avenue • Hastings on Hudson

535 Ashford Avenue • Ardsley



Christmas Mass Ticket Registration Form Deadline for Registration: December 8th

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

PLEASE PLACE AN "X" NEXT TO THE MASS YOU WISH TO ATTEND:

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:

CHRISTMAS EVE: 3:00pm 5:00pm 7:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY: 10:30am

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH:

CHRISTMAS EVE: 2:00pm 4:00pm 6:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY: 8:30am 12 Noon

Number of tickets needed: _____

Names of people attending:

TO SIGN UP VIA FLOCKNOTE, PLEASE CLICK ON ONE OF THE LINKS BELOW:

Christmas Eve Sign Up with Flocknote:

<https://stmolph.flocknote.com/signups/28743>

Christmas Day Sign Up with Flocknote:

<https://stmolph.flocknote.com/signups/28744>

**THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF
SAINT MATTHEW & OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP**
The Week of December 6, 2020 - Second Sunday of Advent

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

| <u>SATURDAY,</u> | <u>DECEMBER 5</u> | <u>REQUESTED BY:</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 5:00 pm | George Nehrbauer | Family |
| <u>SUNDAY,</u> | <u>DECEMBER 6</u> | |
| 8:30 am | Charles Murray | Family |
| 11:00 am | Michael Markman | Wife |
| <u>MONDAY,</u> | <u>DECEMBER 7</u> | |
| 9:00 am | Lisa deCazotte | Michael P. Smith |
| <u>TUESDAY,</u> | <u>DECEMBER 8</u> | |
| 9:00 am | Ralph and Eleanor Santini | Virginia |
| <u>WEDNESDAY,</u> | <u>DECEMBER 9</u> | |
| 9:00 am | Billy DiRocco | His Mother |
| <u>THURSDAY,</u> | <u>DECEMBER 10</u> | |
| 9:00 am | Carol Blosen Gipson | Susan and Vincent Gordon |
| <u>FRIDAY,</u> | <u>DECEMBER 11</u> | |
| 9:00 am | John Sleight | Susan and Vincent Gordon |
| <u>SATURDAY,</u> | <u>DECEMBER 12</u> | |
| 9:00 am | Arlene Ostrowski | Bannon and DeSouza Family |
| 5:00 pm | Edward and Pauline Illmensee | Walter and Joan Haubold |
| <u>SUNDAY,</u> | <u>DECEMBER 13</u> | |
| 8:30 am | Special Intentions for Helen Horvitz | George Febles |
| 11:00 am | Special Intentions for Deana Kerns | Maria Kelly |

While we are still on a shortened Mass schedule, all of these Masses are still being offered privately by the Priests of our parish for these intentions.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

| <u>SATURDAY,</u> | <u>DECEMBER 5</u> | <u>REQUESTED BY:</u> |
|-------------------|--|------------------------|
| 5:00 pm | Troadio Ybay | Ybay Family |
| <u>SUNDAY,</u> | <u>DECEMBER 6</u> | |
| 10:30 am | Sean Maguire & Deceased Family Members | Rita McGlynn |
| <u>MONDAY,</u> | <u>DECEMBER 7</u> | |
| 8:00 am | Maribeth Groth | Kathleen |
| <u>TUESDAY,</u> | <u>DECEMBER 8</u> | |
| 8:00 am | Catherine McCarthy | McCarthy Family |
| <u>WEDNESDAY,</u> | <u>DECEMBER 9</u> | |
| 8:00 am | Katerine Oslica | Rose Utchel |
| <u>THURSDAY,</u> | <u>DECEMBER 10</u> | |
| 8:00 am | Maribeth Groth | Kathleen |
| <u>FRIDAY,</u> | <u>DECEMBER 11</u> | |
| 8:00 am | Maria D'Alto | McNerney family |
| <u>SATURDAY,</u> | <u>DECEMBER 12</u> | |
| 8:00 am | Maribeth Groth | Kathleen |
| 5:00 pm | Florence Questo | Jackie Questo & Family |
| <u>SUNDAY,</u> | <u>DECEMBER 13</u> | |
| 10:30 am | Louise Ciancio | Family |

**Note that the Sunday Mass Intentions will be celebrated according to our new temporary Mass schedule:
4 PM Saturday at St. Matthew,
5 PM Saturday at OLPH, 8:30 AM Sunday at St. Matthew and 10:30 AM at OLPH.**

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

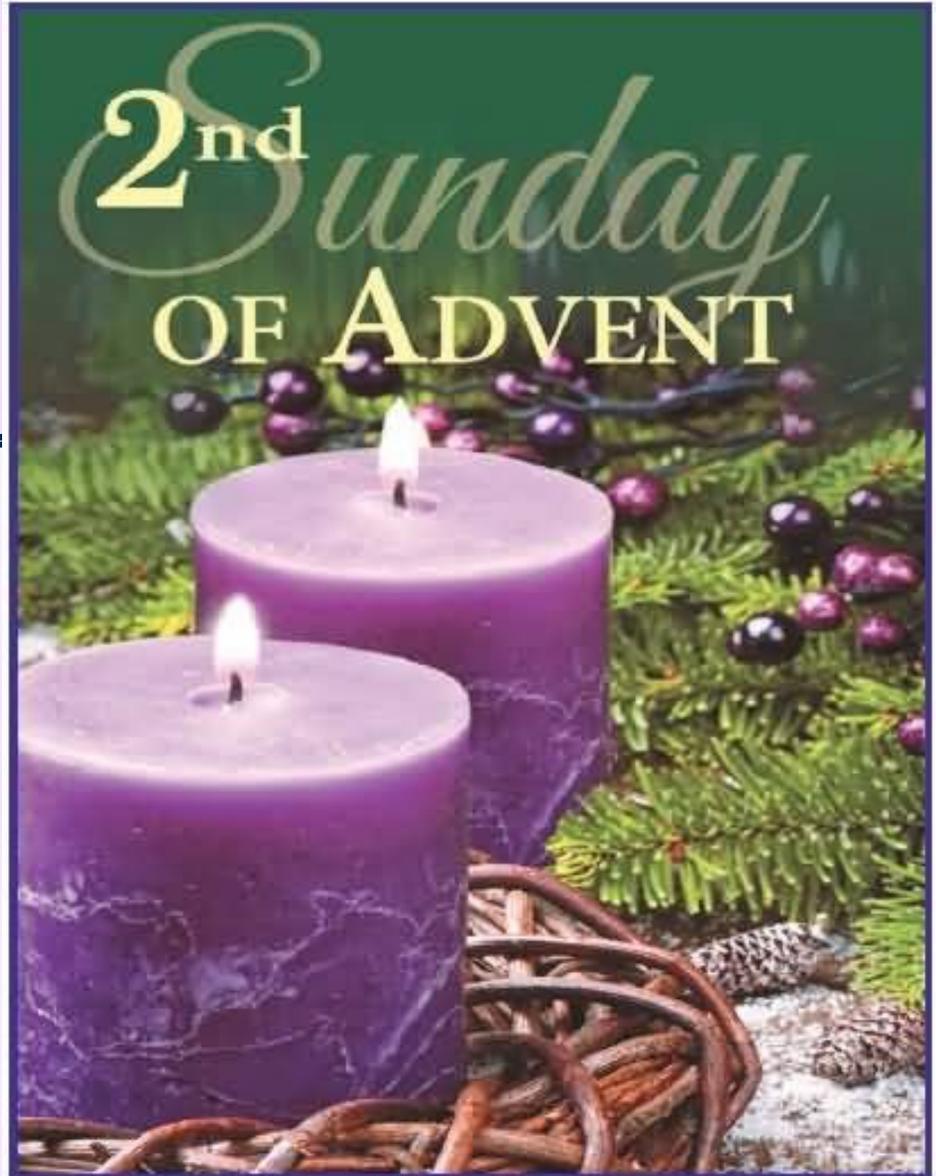
These verses open the so-called "Book of Comfort." We read of the commissioning of the prophet. Later in history John the Baptist will fulfill Isaiah's declaration about a "desert voice proclaiming."

Reading II: 2 Peter 3: 8-14

The unknown author (definitely not St. Peter) addresses the criticism he has heard of God's providence. He explains "divine time," and His "delay" which is actually His patience with sinners.

The Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8

This prologue relates for the reader the promises of the Old Testament prophets to the work of John the Baptist and to Jesus as "the coming One." We also receive a portrayal of St. John's humility.



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE
SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2020**

**"Go up onto a high mountain,
Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry
out at the top of your voice,
Jerusalem, herald of good news!
Fear not to cry out and say to the
cities of Judah: Here is your God!
He comes with power, the Lord
God, who rules by his strong
arm... Like a shepherd he feeds
his flock, in his arms he gathers
the lambs, carrying them in his
bosom, and leading the ewes
with care."**

Writing centuries before Christ, the prophet calls us today to once again make the same great announcement. The 'hear ye, hear ye' of the Isaiah era, echoes in our hearts as we speak not only of the need of Jesus' saving grace, but its coming to us once more. We too are called to reveal His coming in grace, His power.

Today we call this the work of heralding 'evangelization', and our advent task is to prepare His way and make sure He is known. The same Jesus feeds, gathers and carries us, leading with care. What a beautiful image!



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OR TO ACCESS ACCOUNT](#)

Since we are still on a temporary Mass schedule, your support at this time is greatly needed. The bills do not stop coming in and need to be paid. We ask all who are able to do so to please register for online giving with [PARISH GIVING](#) during this time. Alternatively, your weekly contribution envelopes can be mailed to the rectory .

As a church that seeks to serve, we wanted to provide you the convenience of being able to give the way you want.

[Parish Giving](#) offers you the opportunity to make secure, automatic contributions from your bank account to our church. [Parish Giving](#) costs you nothing and provides many advantages to you and the church:

Is Parish Giving Safe?

[Parish Giving](#) meets the highest banking-level security standards set forth by the Payment Card Industry (PCI) to ensure safe and confidential transactions. In fact, your banking information is encrypted in the system and is not accessible to any users or administrators of the Parish Giving system. When you manage your own account information, your church never needs to handle checks or worry about locking up documents containing your account information. And you'll always be certain that your gifts are direct-deposited into your church's account.

WWW.PARISHGIVING.ORG

COLLECTION REPORT:

LAST WEEKS SUMMARY:

Mailed Contributions: \$150
11/29 Weekend: \$1,398
Parish Giving: \$1,577
Total for last weekend: \$3,125
Fuel Offering: \$464

**Come and join the
65 parishioners
who regularly give via
Parish Giving!**

Please help your parish and sign up for Parish Giving. There is no cost to you, it's safe & easy! Just click on the links to the left to get started.

Questions, email Christine at office@stmolph.com

Benefits For You

- No check writing or ATM stops before church
- Safe, secure, and confidential
- Use your checking or savings
- Schedule recurring or one-time donations
- Change a gift or account any time you like
- Choose regular offering or special collections

Benefits For The Church

- Reduces check processing fees
- Allows staff more time to focus on ministries
- Your data & auto-deposited gifts are secure
- Accommodates special collections
- Provides giving history for tax statements
- Reduces costs of mailing collection



Please keep in your prayers the ill of our parish especially:

Kristin Harkin, Susan Sullivan Manuel, Fred Wolff, Tom Donohoe, John Wazeter, Eleanor Dalton, Laura McCarthy, Trevor McKay, Rev. Alexander Agyepong

And for those who have died marked by the sign of faith, especially:

If you know of any parishioners who are ill and would like to be visited by a priest, please contact the rectory at 914-478-2822. Please feel free to call the rectory to add names of immediate family members at any time.



PRAY
FOR OUR MILITARY

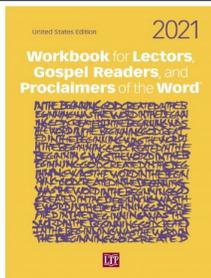
We are very grateful to those in the military who have dedicated themselves to protect our liberty and freedom. Please keep our troops in your prayers, especially: Brian Dunne-Navy, Christopher Gaulin-Army, George Moore-Navy, Nicholas Sestito-Marine, Michael Germain-Navy, Brandon King-Army, Michael Parton-Navy, Peter Dillon-Coast Guard, Chris Minozzi-Marines, Sean Roth-Army, Mike Gibbons-Marines, Donald Wemer Jr.-Marines

If you would like to add a name to our Military List, please call the rectory office.

LECTORS

Please pick up your **2021 Workbook for Lectors**

Copies can be found in the sacristy or at the rectory at St. Matthew's.



2021 MASS BOOK:

The Mass Book for 2021 is open from **January 1 - February 16**



Candles are also available at both churches. If you are interested in having a Mass or the Tabernacle Candle burn in memory of a special someone, please call Theresa in the rectory: 914-478-2822

CANDLES DEDICATIONS



St. Matthew Tabernacle Candle
In Memory of Jack Tassio
req. by Janet & Marty

Blessed Mother Candle
Special Intentions for Lucrezia Macri
req. by Mom

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Tabernacle Candle
In Memory of Amelia Cantatore
req. by Sylvia & Rosalie

CIRCLE OF LOVE PRAYER GROUP TO CONTINUE WITH ZOOM

We will continue our Circle of Love prayer group on Monday's at 7:45pm through the Zoom app. Meeting id is 456-044-682. People should connect at 7:30pm. More info call 914-693-2959.

Due to the current situation with Covid-19, we are unable to offer a Christmas Pageant this year.



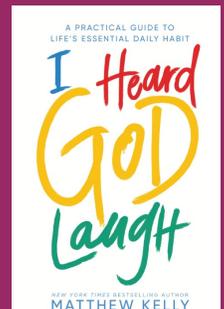
Advent Retreat

Today, Sunday:
December 6th at 3pm

The retreat will be held at St. Matthew Church and will also be live-streamed on Zoom.

Books can be pick up after Masses from the Ushers or at the rectory.

"I Heard God Laugh"



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Will be celebrated on
Tuesday, December 8th with the
8 am at OLPH and 9am at St. Matthew's.
The 9am Mass will also be Live Streamed
for those who can not join us in person.

Please know that in the current pandemic,
dispensation from the obligation of Sunday and
Holy Day Masses for all the Archdiocese of New
York Catholics remains in place.

If you are unable to participate in-person, please
join us by offering an Act of Spiritual Communion
in union with others around the world.



Parish Council Report Summary

At our Parish Council Meeting on November 19, 2020 we discussed the following:

Brad Inskip, the parish custodian, has resigned as of November 18. Our HVAC contractor has ordered filters for the ventilation systems in each church that are able to remove the coronavirus in the air. They are due to be installed soon. Nine Masses have been scheduled for Christmas Eve and Day; parishioners will be required to register to secure a ticket. Tom Milton, chair of the parish's Finance Council, presented a report on the parish's finances. The parish's main sources of income are weekly collections, rental payments and interest on parish reserves. Our main expenses are lay and clerical salaries and benefits. Rental income this year is expected to be down 16% due to the vacancy of the St. Matthew School building and weekly collections are down 6% from pre-pandemic levels - although weekly online giving and mailed in donations have helped lower this deficit. All told, the budget deficit for the current fiscal year is projected to be approximately \$80,000. Maria Crisafi, Religious Education Director, joined the meeting to update the council on the religious education program. This fall, 55 students received First Confession and First Communion and 45 students received Confirmation. The program, which is all online this year, has 240 students currently enrolled, which is a decrease from last year. The council stressed the importance of families registering for the religious education program, even if parents intend to homeschool, for continuity's sake and to receive the weekly lessons sent by email. Fees were not raised this year in consideration of the economic climate. Since last November, the parish has had a net gain of approximately 50 families and the parish census has officially topped 900 registered families. The parish council is next scheduled to meet on December 10th via Zoom.

CHRISTMAS JESUS STOCKING DONATIONS

Once again, we will be collecting "Jesus Socks" for the homeless. Donations of **NEW SOCKS** for both **Men & Women** are needed as well as **TOILETRIES**. The Jesus Socks will be delivered to Midnight Run.

Donations should be returned to the boxes in the rear of the churches by December 20th.



CHRISTMAS GIFT/TOY DONATIONS...A Little Different This Year

Due to the current health crisis, we are unable to accept donated toys this year. Instead of Toys, we will be collecting **GIFT CARDS** to hand out to families so they can purchase what is needed for their children.

We will be coordinating with **SPRING COMMUNITY PARTNERS** in Dobbs Ferry as well as the **JAMES HARMON COMMUNITY CENTER** in Hastings. Gift Cards can be from any of the following as well as **LOCAL BUSINESSES**.

Gift Cards can be dropped into any collection basket or brought to the rectory. Cards may be mailed to the rectory as well.

**Deadline to donate cards:
Sunday, December 13**



DECEMBER 21ST

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

4-6pm at St. Matthew's • 6-8pm at OLPH

Visit any Catholic church in the Archdiocese of New York or the Diocese of Brooklyn where priests will be available to hear confessions.

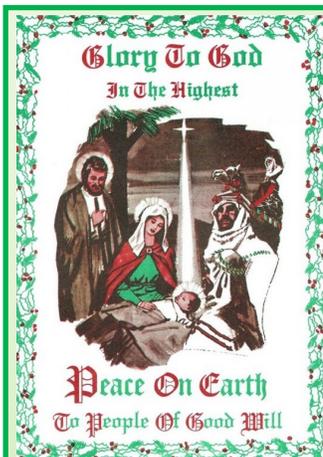
Experience the light of His forgiveness through the sacrament of penance this Advent.



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CHRISTMAS/OPLATKI BREAD WAFERS

The breaking of the Christmas wafer is a custom that began in Poland in the 10th century and is practiced by people of Polish ancestry around the world. It is considered the most ancient and beloved of Polish traditions. The Christmas wafer symbolizes the unity of the family, which many consider to be the main pillar of society.

Packages are available at the rectory this year. We only have 100 packets which are available on a first come/first served basis.

A donation of \$2.00 per packet is appreciated.



If you would like to make a donation towards the Christmas Flowers in memory of a loved one, please use the Christmas Flower Envelope that you can find in your monthly envelope packet. If you need a Christmas Flower Envelope (or a Christmas Envelope) Please call the rectory and we can mail one to you.

The Christmas Flower Envelope and the Christmas Offering Envelope can be dropped into any collection on any weekend.



St. Matthew &
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Presents

A Virtual
Christmas Concert

with

*Alice Smyth
&
Danny Gray*

Sunday, December 20
at 3 pm

Listen to traditional Christmas carols and hymns from the comfort of your home. The concert will be shown live on our Facebook page as well as on Zoom. Visit the parish website, stmolph.com, for details on joining the concert live as well as to download a songbook to follow along.

< KID'S > KORNER

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

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.