#### **Mission Statement**

In the spirit of St. John Vianney's zeal and concern for people, we are a community proclaiming the Gospel in the tradition of the Roman Catholic Church. The community of St. John Vianney strives to utilize the gifts and talents of each parishioner to create a vibrant welcoming parish. Through our liturgies, ministries, and organizations, we encounter Christ and are empowered to bring Him to the world.

#### Parish Staff

Administrative Assistant
Parish Secretary
Administrative School Secretary
School Office Assistant
Parish/School Bookkeeper
Maintenance Supervisor
Linda Dunbar
Stephanie Noto
Agnes Bacsik
Laura Gruenling
Paula Roibal
Poncho Julius

#### Mass Schedule

 Monday-Friday
 7am - 8:45am

 Saturday
 8am - 5pm - 7pm

 Sunday
 7am - 9am - 10:45am - 12:15pm

Holy Days will be announced at the end of mass and in the bulletin.

#### Sacramental Schedule

Reconciliation: Saturdays 11am-12pm & after 7pm Anytime in the rectory – call ahead

Baptism: most Sundays at 1:30pm.

Requirements: registration in parish, baptism preparation class, arrangements are made at least 3 MONTHS prior to the date of the baptism. Sponsors and Christian witnesses need verification of belonging to a Church.

Anointing of the Sick: anyone who is ill and or would like to receive Communion is asked to call the rectory.

Marriage: Couples planning marriage must notify the Parish Rectory at least ONE YEAR in advance for date and necessary info. Pre-Cana classes and F.O.C.C.U.S. Program etc. are required. At least one party must be a registered member of this parish.

#### **Parish Membership**

All new families who live within our boundaries are welcome to the parish. They are requested to register at the rectory. If a parishioner is not registered, it is difficult for us to issue testimonial letters, recommendations, references, etc. When you move or change your address please notify the rectory beforehand. Anyone 18 years of age/older not in school must be registered separate of their family. Thank you.

#### Mass Intentions - First Sunday of Advent

#### SUNDAY, December 2, 2018

7:00 AM Purgatorial Society
9:00 AM Gus Lipinski, r/o wife
10:45 AM Patricia Meagher, r/o family

12:15 PM For the people of our parish, living/deceased

#### MONDAY, December 3, 2018 - St. Francis Xavier

7:00 AM Vera McFadden, r/o Children

8:45 AM Mary McNeely, r/o Kathy & John Vieira

#### TUESDAY, December 4, 2018 – St. John Damascene 7:00 AM Linda Tardiff, r/o Carlos, Maria & Anna Martins 8:45AM Thomas Romonds, r/o Dominick & Anita

Pugliesi

#### WEDNESDAY, December 5, 2018

7:00 AM Dora Perez. r/o Martin Family 8:45AM Benedita Pinho, r/o The Sirna Family

## **THURSDAY, December 6, 2018 –** *St. Nicholas* 7:00 AM Jean Caruso, r/o The Norton Family

8:45 AM Catherine Killkenny, r/o Mr. & Mrs. Specchio

#### FRIDAY, December 7, 2018 - St. Ambrose

7:00 AM Lawrence George Mackey Jr., r/o The Cerami

Family

8:45 AM Robert Brown, r/o Michael & Doreen Duffy

#### SATURDAY, December 8, 2018 – The Immaculate

Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM Kathleen Pugliesi, r/o Dominick & Anita Pugliesi

5:00 PM Gloria Walker, r/o Family

7:00 PM Michael Keker, r/o Wife & Family

#### SUNDAY, December 9, 2018

7:00 AM For the people of our parish, living/deceased

9:00 AM Robert Botti, r/o Pam Botti

10:45 AM Marie Bellon, r/o Giovanna & Bill Wheatley 12:15 PM Finny Saporito, r/o Mr. & Mrs. Connie O'Donnell



The Bread and Wine have been offered in loving memory of Joseph Griswold Sr. from Robert & Carol lacobelli and for Benedita Pinho from Kristine Sirna.

The rectory will be closing at 11:30am on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Scrip will be available at the Parish Center in the school starting at 3pm.

# The Prayer Corner

"There is a season and a time for every purpose..."

#### A TIME TO BAPTIZE

#### TO WED

#### TO HEAL

Theresa Lipuma, Louis Rodriguez, June Laub, Mary Yanuzzi. Art Horning, Jill Bartholomew, Concetta Nemezio, Deacon Tom Michnewicz, Rosemary Tennaro, AJ Julius, Mary Ellermann, Lynn Tumblety, Maryann Robson, Nick Trojano, Rvan Shaughnessy, Barbara Perez, Bob Bayer, Carl Walker, Mary Ragucci, Mary Bowkley, Edward Sprague, Dan Weiss, Arthur Shipiro, Helen Slusark, Ronald Syslo, Christine Camping, Arthur Ellermann, Gladys Gonzalez, Catherine Donahue, Becky McCabe, Art Bouder, Bill Hillyer, Marianne Muscavage, Marie Negri, Christiano Bianco, Dorothy Zsamba, Charlene Misak, Mike Misak, Mary Ann Baureis, Andres Quijano, Eileen Ammon, John Murphy, Marian Cassel, Louis Faccone. Mary Mayo. Pauline Mendicino-Franke. Sadako Vargas, Robert Grecco, Baby Lucas DeCarlo.

#### TO JOIN GOD IN HEAVEN

Irene Jantas, Judy Halvorsen, Matthew Giraud, Kevin Mulligan, Yvonne Auguste, Theresa Scrobick, Michaline Scanlon.

#### A TIME OF WAR & PEACE

Keith D. Lee (Air National Guard), Captain Brian McCartin (Army), Staff Sgt. Matthew Harris (Army), Sgt. Albert Cipas (Airforce), Alan Bridges (Navy), John Bridges (Navy), PO 3 Liam Ryan (Navy), 2nd Lieutenant Phillip G. Faccone Jr. (Marines), Sgt. Steven Loglisci (Marines)

#### **Weekend Readings**

Jeremiah 33:14-16 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Weekday readings can be found on the parish website.

#### December 2, 2018 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." LUKE 21:28

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. In this Advent season, use the Sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late.

#### Reflection

Last weekend's scripture was all about the teachings of Jesus and the important lessons we can learn from them. We heard how Jesus, in the New Testament, fulfilled the promises that people failed in the Old Testament. It is important to remember that although Jesus is completely human, He is also completely God. He knew throughout His life that He would one day be betrayed and suffer at the hand of His own people. Can you imagine living your life knowing the terrible fate that awaits you? For Jesus, He didn't think twice. His faith in God and His love for all of us was greater than any selfish temptation that might have come to Him. We also heard Jesus say, "everyone who belongs to the truth, listen to my voice." We know that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the light to come and save us all from sin. When He says these words. Jesus is proclaiming that we are His people and He is our Savior. As we enter this season of Advent, let us focus on the interactions and hidden truths within the scripture leading up to Christ's first coming, His birth. Advent is known as the time of waiting, which is the perfect opportunity for us to reevaluate our faith and what this Advent season is all about. Today we light our first candle



First Sunday in Advent

on the Advent wreath. The first purple candle is referred to as the prophecy candle and symbolizes hope. May we remember to never lose hope when we are faced with struggle, and instead turn to Jesus' open arms.



#### St. John Vianney School News

732-388-1662 <a href="https://school.sjvianney.com/">https://school.sjvianney.com/</a>

The Student Council is sponsoring a Toy Drive to provide Christmas gifts for children through local agencies that help underprivileged families. They are collecting new, unwrapped toys or gift cards. Donations are being accepted through December 3rd.

There will be a 12:15 pm dismissal on December 7. If your child will be attending Aftercare, please send them to school with a lunch.

Our second graders are practicing every day for their Christmas Pageant which will be held on Wednesday, December 19, at 7:00 pm in church.

#### **Pre-School News**

On Friday, December 7, we will follow our half day schedule. Students who attend school in the morning will be dismissed at 10 AM; full day students will be dismissed at 12 noon. Aftercare will be provided.

Our Pre-School students are busy preparing for their Christmas Concert which will take place in the Parish Center on Friday, December 14, at 9 am.

### Religious Ed (CCD) News & Class Schedule

732-388-1424

Monday Only

Grades 1 - 5

6pm - 7:15pm

Grades 6 & 7

7:30pm - 8:45pm

Thursday Only

Grade 8

6pm -8pm

#### **PARISH MINISTRIES & CONTACTS**

Organization	Contact	Phone
Altar Rosary Society	Louise Faccone	732-815-0004
Altar Servers	Mary Jantas	732-574-1191
Basketball	Joe Marinello	732-690-7061
Bible Study	Deacon Joe & Rose	732-548-3880
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Cheerleading	Cathy Carroll	732-574-0218
Communion/	Joanne Streck	732-382-4147
Homebound		
Cub/Boy Scouts	Sandra Franczak	732-381-5033
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Rose Ragucci	732-548-3880
Finance Council	Cliff Bacsik	732-388-9034
HSA	Jen Walusz	732-388-5486
Knights of Columbus	Robert Luban	732-382-6939
Ladies Aux. K of C	Mary Swiderski	732-382-2558
Lazarus Ministry	Ann Ruth	732-381-6815
Lectors	Deacon Tom	732-574-1651
	Michnewicz	
Music Ministry	Jamie Frame	908-331-0471
Pastoral Council	Suzanne MacIntyre	732-283-0731
Pre-Cana	Deacon Tom & 732-574-16	
	Janice Michnewicz	
Pro-Life	Carolyn Glodek	732-381-0499
R.C.I.A.	Deacon Joe Ragucci	732-548-3880
Secular Franciscans	Rev. J. Kubiak	732-574-0150
	Dolores Jules	908-756-3659
SJV Seniors	Robert & Mary Nilan	732-574-3427
Soccer	Jennie Derkack	732-574-2340
Social Justice	Jim Leathem	732-388-5512
St. Isidore's Garden	Maureen Jorgensen	732-396-4320
St. Vincent DePaul	Joe Pampalone	732-429-2901
Track	Amanda Miller	732-549-2356
Ushers	Ray Morgan	732-815-1037
Youth Group	Vacant	732-381-0008

#### Saint of the Week: St. Nicholas



St. Nicholas became bishop in a southwest region of Turkey. He is famously known for his pastoral care and his charitable deeds. There are many legendary tales of his

charity and generosity, and he later became known as the figure of Santa Claus. May we be inspired by his love of children, his care for the poor, and his spirit of giving. Especially as we enter this Christmas season, let us follow St. Nicholas' example of generosity, love, and care for all people.

#### NOVEMBER 24-25, 2018 OFFERTORY:

Collection: \$ 12,329.00
On-line giving: \$ 2,147.00
\$ 14,476.00
Avg. Weekly Expenses: -\$ 22,781.50
Balance: -\$ 8,305.50



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#### Donate Now!

No cash or check? No problem! Our parish offers a convenient, safe, and automatic way to contribute to our parish directly from your bank or using a credit card. Online Giving is a web-based application that allows you to start, stop and change your contributions at any time. You will still receive offering envelopes to present during offertory at Mass to indicate "I've given online". Online Giving is very easy to use and requires no special knowledge. If you haven't already signed up, then go to our parish website at "sjvianney.com" and select Online Giving. It's easy and safe!

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9:30am	Prayer Service/ Confessions
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5:00pm	Basketball
6:00pm	CCD
7:30pm	CCD
4:00pm	Children's Choir
4:00pm	Cheering
6:00pm	Cub Scouts
7:30pm	Boy Scouts
7:30pm	Al-Anon
7:30pm	St. Vincent DePaul
2:30pm	SJV Seniors
5:00pm	Basketball
6:30pm	ProLife Christmas Party
7:30pm	Adult Choir
11:30am	Rectory Closed for
	Afternoon
2:30pm	Altar Rosary Christmas
	Party
6:00pm	CCD
12:00pm	School Dismissal
5:00pm	Basketball
5:00pm	Poinsettia Sale
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#### ST. JOHN VIANNEY SCRIP PROGRAM

For several years the St. John Vianney school community has participated in a fundraising program known as the Scrip Program. We would now like to open this program to the entire parish community. Scrip simply means "substitute money". When you purchase Scrip, you are purchasing gift cards that are used exactly as cash. You can use Scrip to purchase everyday items such as food, gas, clothing and other essentials. With every gift card you purchase you are earning revenue for St. John Vianney. Your gift card is worth exactly the amount you purchased it for - \$100, \$50, \$25, \$10. We earn the revenue from the vendor by purchasing it at a discount. This is a fundraiser that does not require you to spend money on things you wouldn't normally buy.

We will be selling gift cards after the 5:00 pm mass on Saturdays, and after the 9:00 am, 10:45 am and 12:15 pm masses on Sundays, beginning January 6, 2019. We will be selling grocery stores (Acme, Foodtown, Shop Rite, Stop n Shop, Wegmans and Whole Foods); gas stations (BP, Exxon, Gulf, Shell, Speedway and Wawa), Home Depot, Target and WalMart.

There are many other gift cards for purchase at the Rectory, and even more gift cards available if you order through GLScrip company. Gift cards can be purchased with cash or a personal check. For more information, stop by the Rectory and speak with either Stephanie or Linda, or call us at 732-574-0150.

#### **Second Collection for Religious Retirement**

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

#### **Music Ministry News**

Many thanks to ALL parents of our children's choir members for a great job hosting our parish breakfast on Sunday November 18<sup>th</sup>!! We would like to invite everyone to the "Christmas Tree Lighting" this Thursday December 6<sup>th</sup> at the Evergreen Center! Our SJV children's choir will be singing for this event! We also invite you all to our annual parish "Lessons & Carols" concert (Presented by our adult choir) on Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm in the church!!

Our parish adult choir enhances our liturgies each Sunday from September through mid-June. The choir also sings for many special occasions during the year, such as: Christmas Eve Mass, Holy Week, Confirmation, and our "Mass of Remembrance" in November!! The choir also provides two beautiful concerts for the parish. one during Advent and the other during Lent. We are always looking for new people to join with our very dedicated group!! We welcome all adults (And high school students) to be part of our choir! The adult choir sings weekly at the 9:00 am mass (And once a month at the 10:45 am mass). We practice each Wednesday from 7:30 to 9:00 Pm in the church. Our next rehearsal will be on Wednesday December 5th and we sing again next Sunday December 9th at the 9:00 am mass.

#### Children's Choir

Our parish children's choir is made of students from our parish from grades two and up!! The children in the group love coming together to sing for Sunday liturgies as well as special events during the year. The choir sings for our parish Christmas Pageant and 4:00 pm mass on Christmas Eve, as well as the 9:00 am mass on Easter Sunday!! We practice on Tuesday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:00 pm in the church. We sing twice a month at either the 9:00 or 10:45 am mass! Our next rehearsal will be on Tuesday December 4<sup>th</sup> and we sing again next Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup> at the 10:45 am mass! Please join us after 9:00 am mass today for our parish monthly breakfast in the school cafeteria!!

#### **Folk Group**

Our Parish Folk Group enhances the 12:15 liturgy each week. The Folk Group is under the direction of Ms. Jennie Esposito. Rehearsals are held weekly at 11:15 am in the conference room adjacent to the church gathering area. Jennie is always looking for more singers as well as instrumentalists to join with the Folk Group!

#### **High School Group**

This year we are going to start a new group consisting of high school students. We are reaching out to ALL high school students and parents to try to coordinate practices etc. While we are still in the planning stages, our hope is to have the students sing once a month at either the 10:45 or 12:15 pm mass. Many thanks to Taylor, Allyson, and Victoria for an excellent job starting off our new high school group last Sunday at the 10:45 am mass!!

You can contact me at <a href="mailto:jframeiii@yahoo.com">jframeiii@yahoo.com</a> with any questions,

See you all at rehearsals, Jamie Frame

Dir. Of Music/Organist

Please join us for our Parish Breakfast after the 9am mass this weekend. Our hosts this month are the SJV Basketball & Cheering.



## 8th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

Sponsored by Colonia Business Community Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm Evergreen Center – 400 Inman Ave. Colonia, NJ *Sing-along with SJV Children's Choir* 

**Santa** arrives at 6:15 pm to help us light the tree. There will be crafts, a balloon maker and refreshments along with a few other surprises inside the Evergreen Center.

Please bring a toy for "Toys for Tots" Collection and non-perishable food items for "We Feed Woodbridge Food Bank".

#### **Parish Gift Shop**

Hours: before & after the 5pm mass, 9am mass, 10:45 mass, and 12:15 mass.

# Parish Poinsettia Sale December 8th & 9th

In the Church Foyer Following All Weekend Masses

It's time to get out your Christmas Decorations! Please support your Parish Community and buy your Poinsettias at St. John Vianney again this year! There will be two sizes available and the Poinsettias come in the following colors: Red, Pink, White, Marble



#### **SJV Strong Shirts**

One of our families of St. John Vianney has created an "SJV Strong" t-shirt in support of our wonderful school and parish. The shirts are available through Amazon – if you would like to purchase a t-shirt please go to: bit.ly/SJVStrong. The t-shirts are \$22.99 each and come in men, women, and youth sizes and are available in colors Red, Royal Blue, Navy Blue, Brown, and Black. The proceeds from the shirts will go to St. John Vianney.

#### **The Giving Tree**

As you can see the Giving Tree is back!
Please take an ornament and return it the weekend of **December 8/9** with the tag securely attached to the **(New, Unwrapped gift).** 

Gift cards and monetary donations may be placed in the box provided.

#### Please indicate the gift card amount.

St. Vincent DePaul, SJV ProLife, Local Seniors, Catholic Charities, and SJV families in need will be the recipients of your generous gifts.



#### SJV Parish Advent/Christmas Concert!!

On Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm, our parish adult choir will be singing some of your favorite "Christmas Carols". There will also be reading from sacred scripture as well as an opportunity to sing some carols together. Following the lessons and carols you are invited to join with us in the school cafeteria for a pre-Christmas celebration of all your favorite "Christmas Cookies." We will also have crafts and games for all the children. So, bring the whole family out to join with your parish family!!! Hope to see you there!



#### SJV Parish Children's Christmas Pageant

All children in our parish (Pre-K and up) are invited to participate in our annual Christmas pageant on Christmas Eve! We are in need of readers, shepherds, angels, wise men, and animals for the living nativity! The pageant will take place on Monday December 24th at 3:45 in the church. Following the pageant all students will be asked to sit with their families for the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass. There will be one rehearsal for ALL participants on Saturday December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12 noon in the church. All costumes will be given out at the rehearsal. Information will be going home with ALL students in SJV School as well as religious education. Please call Mrs. Cowan at the religious education office or Jamie Frame at (908) 331-0471 with any questions.

#### St. Vincent DePaul

The food pantry is in need of peanut butter jelly, pancake mix & syrup, pork & beans, macaroni & cheese, spaghetti, canned meat, canned fruit, tuna fish, coffee & tea, cereal, oatmeal, snacks (e.g. cookies), chef boy-r-dee, pasta sauce, soup, toiletries (shampoo, soap or body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes), canned vegetables, canned or instant potatoes. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

#### Adopt-A-Turkey

The Society of St. Vincent DePaul would like to thank everyone for their generosity. This year's Adopt-A-Turkey raised \$4,415.00, which is 110% of our goal of \$4,000.00.



#### **Bus Trip to Golden Nugget Casino**

The Ladies Auxiliary Knights of Columbus is having a bus trip on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$25 and receive \$25 plus a \$5 food voucher. The bus leaves from the SJV parking lot at 11:30am. Please call Mary for tickets at 732-382-2558.

#### **SJV Seniors**

Our next meeting will be at the Evergreen Center on Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm. The Colonia High School Chorus will entertain us with their Christmas Program.

Ozanam Family Shelter will be the recipient of our Christmas Gifts. Don't forget cereal for Ozanam. See you at the meeting!

#### **Altar Rosary Society**

Our next meeting and Christmas Party is on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

#### **SJV Secular Franciscan Fraternity**

The Secular Franciscan Order (Third Order) is not an organization or a club but an Order. Our Fraternity meets the Second Sunday of each month at 1:30pm in the upstairs room of St. John Vianney Church. Is God calling you to walk in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi? Do you want to deepen your relationship with the Lord & give witness to the Kingdom of God? Then come visit with us. Information call: Dolores Jules 908-756-3659.



#### **Seeking Volunteer Mentors**

Catholic Charities is seeking both male and female mentors to participate in one-to-one activities and to be a role model to young people. Do you have a minimum of 3 hours per week to offer a child? Like having fun? Reside in or near Middlesex County or Franklin Township? Want to make a difference in a child's life? Contact Jeanette Cullen at 732-738-1323 or <a href="mailto:jcullen@ccdom.org">jcullen@ccdom.org</a>, for more information.





In October, our Bishop announced plans to consecrate our Diocese of Metuchen to Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12, 2019. To be consecrated means to be set apart for a holy purpose. His hope is to increase the holiness of life and bring about a renewed commitment to the Gospel message as we hope to share that message with others. Beginning this **December 12, 2018 (the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe)** we will begin a year of preparation.

There will be many activities both on the parish and diocesan levels which will enhance this year of preparation.

- 1. On **Wednesday December 12** there will be a **special mass at 9:30 am in our church** at which time we will hang our banner of Our Lady of Guadalupe. There will be special candles available for you to light all year before the image. There will be an Evening Prayer service at the Cathedral that night at 7:30 PM and **all are welcome** at both events.
- 2. There will be **special prayer cards** available in English, Spanish and Polish next weekend December 8 & 9.
- 3. We will say the *prayer before each weekend mass* copies will be in the cover of the hymn book. We will discontinue the Prayer to St. Michael at the end of mass but encourage you to continue saying it privately.
- 4. In January there will be a **special movie** shown (both in the morning and evening) about Our Lady of Guadalupe. The exact dates will be announced.
- 5. Finally there will be a *traveling image of Our Lady of Guadalupe*. There will be 2 for the **school**, which will have further details on how this will take place in the school. There will be 1 for **CCD** and they will explain further details. There will be 1 for our **homebound** parishioners. Our Eucharistic Ministers will bring the image from person to person each week if they wish. They will have more details in the future.

There will be 2 for our parish. Beginning the **weekend of December 16**, we will be encouraging people to sign up to take the image home, along with a kit that contains prayers, rosaries, holy water etc. The image and **kit will be given to you at the 9:00 am Mass on the Sunday you select and be returned the following week at the 9:00 am Mass** where the host family will hand it off to the new family for the next week.

There will be a sign-up book available in the church lobby by the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, where you can select a week during which you will "host" the image and gather to pray each day/night. We encourage not just *families* but *single parishioners* also to participate in this program.

It is our hope and prayer that this special year will light a fire in our hearts to renew our dedication to our parish and the church. Please watch the bulletin for other upcoming events. God bless you.

www.lightingheartsonfire.org/

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# Gospel Today First Sunday of Advent | Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus tells us to be on guard, and be watchful for His coming.

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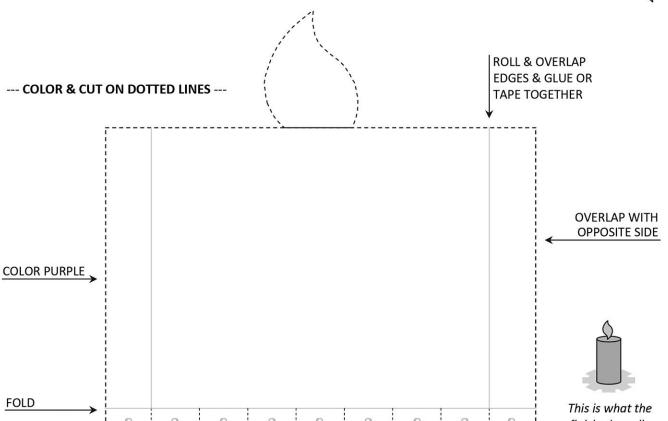
#### WEEK 1, evening lighting prayer

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.

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



CUT BASE

**COLOR GREEN** 

**WEEK 1** Cut, color and fold our first advent candle - tape or glue to a 9" paper plate or cardboard circle that has been colored green. Place as shown on the diagram at right.

This is what the finished candle should look like

