

**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        | Linda Dunbar    |
| Parish Secretary                | Stephanie Noto  |
| Administrative School Secretary | Agnes Bacsik    |
| School Office Assistant         | Laura Gruenling |
| Parish/School Bookkeeper        | Paula Roibal    |
| Maintenance Supervisor          | 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 – Second Sunday of Advent**

**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 |

**MONDAY, December 10, 2018**

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| 7:00 AM | Finny Saporito, r/o Maddalena Family    |
| 8:45 AM | Charles Johnson, r/o Mike & Sally Baron |

**TUESDAY, December 11, 2018 – St. Damasus I**

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| 7:00 AM | Linda Tardiff, r/o Carlos, Maria & Anna Martins        |
| 8:45AM  | Angelina & Cristina Cosentino, r/o Mr. & Mrs. Specchio |

**WEDNESDAY, December 12, 2018 – Our Lady of Guadalupe**

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| 7:00 AM | Miriam & Norman Jorgensen, r/o Family    |
| 8:45AM  | Finny Saporito, r/o Margaret Shaughnessy |

**THURSDAY, December 13, 2018 – St. Lucy**

|         |                                   |
|---------|-----------------------------------|
| 7:00 AM | Manuel Campolargo, r/o Wife       |
| 8:45 AM | Felicity Binnier, r/o Eunice Reid |

**FRIDAY, December 14, 2018 – St. John of the Cross**

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| 7:00 AM | Anthony Russo, r/o Family                               |
| 8:45 AM | Christopher Killmurray, r/o Mr. & Mrs. Connie O'Donnell |

**SATURDAY, December 15, 2018**

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| 8:00 AM | Robert Ronney, r/o Rick & Barbara Derollo               |
| 5:00 PM | Maria Medeiros, r/o Mr. & Mrs. Fred Evans               |
| 7:00 PM | Maria Fantoli, r/o Peter & Christine Farbaniec & Family |

**SUNDAY, December 16, 2018**

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| 7:00 AM  | For the people of our parish, living/deceased           |
| 9:00 AM  | Finny Saporito, r/o SJV Altar Rosary Society            |
| 10:45 AM | Irene & Stanley Michnewicz, r/o Tom & Janice Michnewicz |
| 12:15 PM | Brianna Rasimowicz, r/o the Brennan's & the Biri's      |

**The Sanctuary Light  
has been offered  
in loving memory of  
Michael Rojek  
from his wife and children.**



**The Bread and Wine  
have been offered  
in loving memory of  
Aunt Emma  
from her friends and for  
Tony Garbooshian  
from Rocky Pagano.**



*The Prayer Corner*

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

**A TIME TO BAPTIZE**

Ella Cassidy Fuentes & Jackson Correia

**TO WED**

**TO HEAL**

William A. Kovacs, Arlon Roth, Edward O'Brien, 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 Troiano, Ryan Shaughnessy, 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 Boudier, 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**

Eileen Hill

**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), 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Phillip G. Faccone Jr. (Marines), Sgt. Steven Loglisci (Marines)

**Weekend Readings**

Baruch 5:1-9  
 Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11  
 Luke 3: 1-6

*Weekday readings can be found on the parish website.*

**December 9, 2018 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

*"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..."*

*Philippians 1:9-10*

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.

**Reflection**

Last weekend's scripture was all about the preparation of the first coming of Jesus, and how we are filled with hope as we await His arrival. Throughout Advent we are preparing to recognize the birth of Jesus, and it is so important to be vigilant in our preparation. Sometimes it's hard to recognize what we should be doing to prepare for Jesus' birth, and the answer is simple. We must be aware of how Jesus is working through us and showing Himself to us in our lives. We should be using this Advent season as a time of reflection, to see how Jesus acts through us and others on the earth, to spread His gospel and His love. I encourage you all to make room for Jesus in your life, especially during this season of Advent. Make time for prayer and reflection. If you're not sure how to fit this into the hectic season, just look in the mirror – Jesus is a part of you. While looking at your reflection, think about how Jesus works through you in your life. Think about a time when you witnessed Jesus working through someone else to help others, spreading His love. Today we light our second candle on the Advent wreath. The second purple candle is referred to as the Bethlehem candle and symbolizes Love. May we remember the immense and unwavering love that



Joseph and Mary had for Jesus as they journeyed through Bethlehem to conceive Him. May we always remember to express our love for our families, especially through this season of Advent.



**St. John Vianney School News**

732-388-1662 <https://school.sjvianney.com/>

On Wednesday, December 12, (the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe) please join our students at a special Mass at 9:30 am in our church. During the Mass we will hang our banner of Our Lady of Guadalupe which will begin our year-long celebration.

Our annual second grade Christmas pageant will take place on Wednesday, December 19, at 7 pm in church. All are welcome!

Don't forget to purchase your Scrip. It makes great Christmas gifts!

**Pre-School News**

The children will be performing their Christmas Concert for their families in the Parish Center at 9:00 am on Friday, December 14. Students should be brought to the main school library by 8:30 am. They can wear their Christmas pajamas. Immediately following the concert, the children will be brought back to the Pre-School for their Christmas parties. Students who don't normally attend school on Friday or who only attend for a half day will be dismissed at 11 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 Faccione                | 732-815-0004 |
| Altar Servers         | Mary Jantas                    | 732-574-1191 |
| Basketball            | Joe Marinello                  | 732-690-7061 |
| Bible Study           | Deacon Joe & Rose Ragucci      | 732-548-3880 |
| Cheerleading          | Cathy Carroll                  | 732-574-0218 |
| Communion/ Homebound  | Joanne Streck                  | 732-382-4147 |
| Cub/Boy Scouts        | Sandra Franczak                | 732-381-5033 |
| Eucharistic Ministers | 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 Michnewicz          | 732-574-1651 |
| Music Ministry        | Jamie Frame                    | 908-331-0471 |
| Pastoral Council      | Suzanne MacIntyre              | 732-283-0731 |
| Pre-Cana              | Deacon Tom & Janice Michnewicz | 732-574-1651 |
| 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 |

**Feast of the Week: Our Lady of Guadalupe**



Our Lady of Guadalupe is celebrated and honored on December 12<sup>th</sup>. The feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe commemorates the apparitions of the

Blessed Virgin Mary in 1531 in Guadalupe, near Mexico City. Mary appeared 4 times, in the dressings of a Mexican Princess, to Juan Diego. Her image remained on a cloak that currently is preserved in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. May we all be inspired by her love and care for the poor and powerless. Bishop Checchio announced plans to consecrate our Diocese of Metuchen to Our Lady of Guadalupe throughout the year of 2019. May we use this time to gain a closer understanding of the gospel and message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

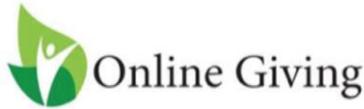
**December 1-2, 2018**

Collection:  
On-line giving:

**OFFERTORY:**

\$ 11,014.50  
\$ 2,272.00  
\$ 13,286.50  
-\$ 22,781.50  
-\$ 9,495.00

Avg. Weekly Expenses:  
Balance:



A Secure & Convenient Way to Give to St. John Vianney Church

**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!

**This Week at a Glance**

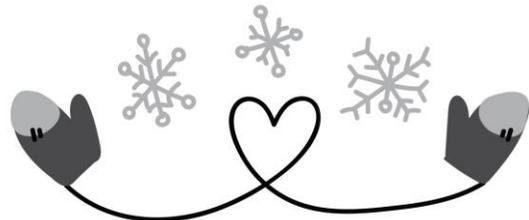
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| Monday    | 5:00pm  | Basketball                            |
|           | 6:00pm  | CCD Confessions                       |
|           | 6:30pm  | St. Vincent DePaul                    |
| Tuesday   | 4:00pm  | Cheering                              |
|           | 6:00pm  | Cub Scouts                            |
|           | 7:30pm  | Boy Scouts                            |
| Wednesday | 7:30pm  | Al-Anon                               |
|           | 9:30am  | Consecration of Our Lady of Guadalupe |
|           | 5:00pm  | Basketball                            |
| Thursday  | 6:30pm  | Girl Scouts                           |
|           | 7:30pm  | Adult Choir                           |
|           | 5:00pm  | Cheering                              |
|           | 6:00pm  | CCD Confessions                       |
| Friday    | 7:00pm  | Cheering Christmas Party              |
|           | 5:00pm  | Basketball                            |
|           | 12:00pm | Knitting Group                        |
| Saturday  | 3:00pm  | Advent Christmas Concert              |
| Sunday    | 6:30pm  | Social Concerns                       |

**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.



**The Giving Tree**

Please make sure you return your gifts this weekend, **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.

**Parish Gift Shop**

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

***There is Oplatki – Christmas Wafers available for sale in the Rectory and in the Parish Gift Shop.***

### Music Ministry News

We would like to thank the children's choir for a great job leading the Christmas carols during the "Christmas Tree Lighting" this past Thursday at the Evergreen Center! Our SJV children's choir will be preparing for our parish Christmas Pageant as well as Christmas Eve mass!! We would also like to 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 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 12<sup>th</sup> and we sing again next Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at the 9:00 am mass as well as our Christmas concert at 3:00 pm.**

### 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 18<sup>th</sup> and we sing again on Christmas Eve for the 4:00 pm Family Mass!!!**

### 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 reaching out to ALL high school students and parents to try to coordinate practices etc. for our new group. 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. **We are planning to have this group sing again on Sunday December 23<sup>rd</sup> at the 10:45 am mass for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent!!**

You can contact me at [jframeiii@yahoo.com](mailto:jframeiii@yahoo.com) with any questions. See you all at rehearsals, Jamie Frame – Dir. Of Music/Organist

### Parish Poinsettia Sale December 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>

*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](http://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.





## *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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**2018 Parish Mass Headcount – The Numbers are In!**

Have you noticed people walking around with paper and pencil during the Offertory the past few weeks? Did you wonder what they were doing? Every year the Bishop's Office asks every Parish in the Diocese to count the number of persons attending every weekend Mass during the first four weekends in November.

First, a big THANK YOU to the Extraordinary Ministers who walked around counting people! We counted *everyone* – not just people in the pews...we counted: the Priest; the Deacon, if any; Altar Servers; the Organist; the Cantor, the members of the Choirs; the Extraordinary Ministers; the Lector; Ushers (whether or not wearing the red jacket); people standing; people in the crying room; and we even spotted some up in the balcony. Our Seminarian was here for a couple of the Masses, so we also counted Jay.

So, what did we learn? Using averages for the four weeks of November:

Mass with the highest attendance: 10:45 am (average 267.5 people per Mass)  
 Mass with the second highest attendance: 5:00 pm (average 253 people per Mass)

Interestingly, these were the same two Masses as last year, but the order flipped!

Curious about the others?

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|----------|--|
| 7:00 pm  | average 120.75 people per Mass (modest increase as compared to 2017) |
| 7:00 am  | average 117.75 people per Mass (modest increase as compared to 2017) |
| 9:00 am  | average 233.75 people per Mass (modest decrease as compared to 2017) |
| 12:15 pm | average 255.5 people per Mass (modest decrease as compared to 2017)  |

Altar servers were commissioned 9:00 Mass on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Attendance at that Mass exceeded the attendance at any other Mass during November, with 327 people in attendance.

What else did we observe? Unless there is something special happening like the Altar Server Commissioning, more people sit in the back two sections of the Church than in the front two sections. With respect to the front, more people tend to sit in the front left (organ side) than in the front right (Mary side) section. So, if you are running late for Mass and want to get a seat – head up to one of the front sections!

**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.

***The November Poor box contained \$1,337.00 and the Thanksgiving Day collection was \$1,381.00.  
 Thank you for your on-going financial support and generosity.***

## Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe



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/](http://www.lightingheartsonfire.org/)

# < KID'S > KORNER

## Gospel Today Second Sunday of Advent | Luke 3:1-6

As written in Isaiah, John the Baptist proclaimed, "Prepare the way of the Lord."  
Luke 3:4

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### 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.

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



--- COLOR & CUT ON DOTTED LINES ---

ROLL & OVERLAP  
EDGES & GLUE OR  
TAPE TOGETHER

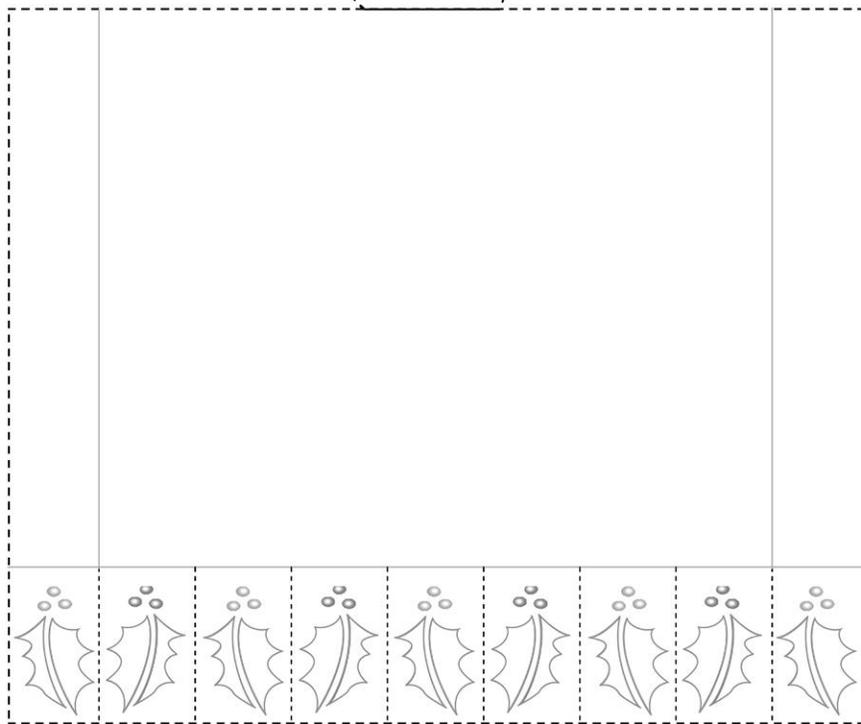
OVERLAP WITH  
OPPOSITE SIDE

COLOR PURPLE

FOLD

COLOR GREEN

CUT BASE



This is what the  
finished candle  
should look like

**WEEK 2** Cut, color and fold our second advent candle - tape or glue to the 9" paper plate or cardboard circle that was used for the first candle. Place as shown on the diagram at right.

