

**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
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, 4:15-4:45pm  
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 – 1<sup>ST</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**SATURDAY, November 30, 2019 – St. Andrew**

8:00 AM Ilona Kuntar, r/o the O'Halloran family  
5:00 PM Michael Pevarnik, r/o Gertrude Zafian

**SUNDAY, December 1, 2019**

7:00 AM For the people of our parish, living/deceased  
9:00 AM Gus Lipinski, r/o wife  
10:45 AM Gloria Walker, r/o Carl  
12:15 PM Purgatorial Society

**MONDAY, December 2, 2019**

7:00 AM Gladys Russo, r/o family  
8:45 AM Joan Napiorski, r/o Egger & Maureen Lugo

**TUESDAY, December 3, 2019**

7:00 AM Dorothy Sohler, r/o Steve & Chris Cherevko  
8:45 AM Mary & Martin Cassidy, r/o Son, Jack

**WEDNESDAY, December 4, 2019**

7:00 AM Edward Holobinko, r/o Michael Sildatke  
8:45 AM Joan Cassidy, r/o Husband, Jack

**THURSDAY, December 5, 2019**

7:00 AM Arthur Ellermann, r/o Jack Cassidy  
8:45AM Jason Pinto, r/o Suzanne MacIntyre

**FRIDAY, December 6, 2019**

7:00 AM Arthur Ellermann, r/o Trish & Paul Murphy  
8:45 AM Louis Rodriguez, r/o Feeney family

**SATURDAY, December 7, 2019**

8:00 AM Celestino Hilvano, r/o Viernes family  
5:00 PM Arlan Roth, r/o Leia & family

**SUNDAY, December 8, 2019**

7:00 AM Madeline Bacsik, r/o Marylynn & Phil Chiera  
9:00 AM For the people of our parish, living/deceased  
10:45 AM Patricia Meagher, r/o family  
12:15 PM Michael Kecker, r/o wife & family



**The Bread and Wine have been offered in loving memory of Robert Confer from John Ciani and for Carole Kenny from Joanne Streck.**

**Please note that our Mass Book for 2020 is already full for weekends except for a few Saturday 8am Masses. We do, however, have a lot of weekday availability for 7am and 8:45am.**

**Advent Booklets**

We will have Advent booklets available again this year for anyone who would like to take one and delve deeper into the Advent season beginning this first week of Advent. There are 3 booklets, one for Children, one for Families, and one for Adults.

*The Prayer Corner*

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

**A TIME TO BAPTIZE**

Elon Medina

**TO WED**

**TO HEAL**

Julia Skrya, Mary Charniga, Brenda & Dolores Tourtellot, Mary Jantas, Kathleen Baumann, Giuliana DeAngelias, Dennis Costante, Gene Moore, Edward Sprague, Roger McNamara, Joel Leiter, Jerry Hill, Prashant Kaushik, Greg Gillespie, Susan Sepedy, Sue Stockman, Geri Lazarowitz, Aymee Iannacone, Terry Briante, John Mihalko, Annie Panaccione, Tony Moskwa, Jean Nych, Gregory Kolaranda, Trevor Horning, Tyler Brown, Johanna Esposito, Fran & Bill Hefele, Maria Middleton, Mary Shegas, Nina Stefanelli, Nikoloz, Tom Woods, Clare Weber, Vincent Dellaquila, Linda Wittmann, Erin O'Halloran, Joseph Reilly, Joe Vitello, Arlon Roth, Edward O'Brien, Theresa Lipuma, June Laub, Jill Bartholomew, Mary Ellermann, Lynn Tumblety, Maryann Robson, Nick Troiano, Ryan Shaughnessy, Bob Bayer, Carl Walker, Joanne Villanueva, Dan Weiss, Arthur Shipiro, Ronald Syslo, Christine Camping, Gladys Gonzalez, Catherine Donahue, Art Bouder, Bill Hillyer, Marianne Muscavage, Marie Negri, Christiano Bianco, Dorothy Zsamba, Charlene Misak, Mike Misak, Mary Ann Baureis, Andres Quijano, Eileen Ammon, Marian Cassel, Louis Faccone, Pauline Mendicino-Franke, Sadako Vargas, Robert Grecco, Baby Lucas DeCarlo.

**TO JOIN GOD IN HEAVEN**

Mary Bongard, Mary Ragucci & Victor Gomez

**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), Bryan Alexander Perez (Army), Brandon Haynes (Army), Jared Endler (National Guard), LTJG Liam Keenan (Navy), Michael Campione (National Guard).

**Weekend Readings**

Isaiah 2:1-5  
Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 24:37-44

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

**December 1, 2019  
1<sup>ST</sup> Sunday of Advent**

*"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."*

*MATTHEW 24:42*

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given. You begin to see God's active presence in your life.

**Reflection**

This first Sunday of Advent, we light the first purple candle on the Advent Wreath. The first purple candle is the Prophecy candle and signifies Hope. This first candle is meant to signify the Prophecy that God was sending the earth His one true Son to save all of us and that He is coming soon. The color purple is often associated with prayer and penance, which is perfectly fitting since Advent is a time of reflection and waiting. With waiting for Jesus' first coming, we are filled with Hope that the Prophecy will be fulfilled. Lighting this first Advent candle is a symbol of Hope that we are casting a light in the darkness of our lives, no matter what we may be going through. For me, my light in the darkness is Jesus, who is also referred to as "The Light of the World." This Advent season I encourage you all to use this month of December as a time of reflection. What did this last year offer you? Are you content with what the year has given you? What are some ways you can slow down, enjoy living in the moment, and be fully present? Reflect on what ways you are going to use the blessings and gifts you have been given to better your life, and the lives around you in the coming year. It's never too late to find your inner light or to help others see the light inside of them.



**First Sunday in Advent**



**St. John Vianney School News**

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

We invite all our families to come and make their own Advent Ornament on Wednesday, December 4th, at 7:00pm in the school cafeteria. All materials will be provided. Join us for a night of faith formation as we prepare for Christ's birth at Christmas.

On Monday, December 2nd, our students will have a free Dress Down Day. This is to thank everyone for their participation in our Walk-a-Thon.



The Home School Association is sponsoring a Christmas Bazaar on Thursday, December 5th, in the Parish Center. Students will be able to shop during the school day, and from 3pm – 8pm it will be open to the public. There will be many vendors and lots of items that would make great Christmas gifts!

Join us on Friday, December 6th, at 6:00pm in the gym for our Basketball & Cheerleading Pep Rally to kick off the start of the Basketball season.

Story Time with Santa will be held on Friday, December 13th, at 6:00pm. Students in grades Pre-K and K-4 are invited to attend. More information will be sent home with the students.

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

732-388-1424

Monday:

Grades 1 - 5 6pm – 7:15pm  
Grades 6 & 7 7:30pm – 8:45pm

Thursday:

Grade 8 6pm – 8pm

**PARISH MINISTRIES & CONTACTS**

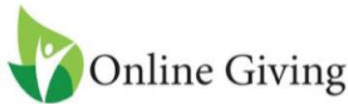
Organization	Contact	Phone
Altar Rosary Society	Jane Bianco	732-382-1512
Altar Servers	Mary Jantas	732-574-1191
Basketball	Joe Marinello	908-347-9269
Bible Study	Deacon Joe & Rose Ragucci	732-548-3880
Cheerleading	Cathy Carroll	732-574-0218
Communion/ Homebound	Joanne Streck	732-382-4147
Cub/Boy Scouts	Sandra Franczak	732-381-5033
Eucharistic Ministers	Rose Ragucci	732-548-3880
Finance Council	Cliff Bacsik	732-388-9034
HSA	Kelly Sachewicz	732-397-4047
	Odette Maia-Aly	201-710-0444
Knights of Columbus	Robert Luban	732-382-9399
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
Parish Life Comm.	Egger Lugo	732-801-6705
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 Action	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 Ministry	Laureen Romano	732-381-0008



**We will be selling St. John Vianney Parish Christmas Ornaments this year! They will be available for purchase after all Masses beginning the weekend of November 30th - December 1st. There is a limited quantity of ornaments available for this year, so don't wait too long to pick one up to decorate your Christmas tree!**

**NOVEMBER 24, 2019 OFFERTORY:**  
*Not available due to last year's holiday deadline*

**NOVEMBER 25, 2018 OFFERTORY:**  
*Not available due to last year's holiday deadline*



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**

Monday	12:30pm	Secular Franciscan Council
	5:00pm	Basketball
	6:00pm	CCD
	6:15pm	CCD Confessions
	7:30pm	CCD Confessions
Tuesday	4:30pm	Cheer
	4:30pm	Children's Choir
	6:00pm	Cub Scouts
	7:30pm	Boy Scouts
	7:30pm	Al-Anon
Wednesday	5:00pm	Basketball
	6:00pm	Life Choices
	7:00pm	Advent Ornament Making
	7:00pm	Boy Scout Committee Meeting
	7:30pm	Adult Choir
Thursday	3pm-8pm	Christmas Bazaar
	6:00pm	CCD Confessions
Friday	<i>Pep Rally in the Gym</i>	
Sunday	<i>Altar Rosary Gift Shop Sale</i>	
	10:00am	Parish Breakfast
	1:30pm	Secular Franciscans
	7:00pm	High School Youth Ministry Meeting

**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 this weekend, December 1, 2019. We will be selling grocery stores (Acme, Foodtown, Shop Rite, Stop n Shop and Wegmans); gas stations (BP, Exxon, Gulf, Shell, Speedway and Wawa), Home Depot, Target, WalMart, Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks and Amazon.

There are many other gift cards for purchase at the Rectory, and even more gift cards available if you order through the 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.

**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.

**Music Ministry News**

Our children’s choir has been asked to perform at the Avenel Performing Arts Center this Tuesday December 3rd and Wednesday December 4th, please see the information in this bulletin!! Please mark your calendars for Thursday December 5th at 6:00pm for our annual “Christmas Tree Lighting” at the evergreen center! Our SJV children’s choir will lead the singing for this fun event! You are also invited to our parish Christmas Concert on Sunday December 15th at 3:00pm in the church. This year our adult choir and children’s choir will be singing!!

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 9am mass (and once a month at the 10:45am mass). We practice each Wednesday from 7:30pm to 9pm in the church. **Our next rehearsal will be on Wednesday December 4th! We will sing again on Sunday December 8th at the 10:45am 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 4pm mass on Christmas Eve, as well as the 9am mass on Easter Sunday!! We practice on Tuesday afternoons from 4pm to 5pm in the church. We sing twice a month at either the 9am or 10:45am mass! **Our next rehearsal will be on Tuesday December 3rd and we will sing on Sunday December 8th at the 9:00am 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 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. Our hope is to have the students sing once a month at either the 10:45 or 12:15 pm mass.

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

*SJV Youth & Young Adult Ministries*

“ALL ARE WELCOME!”

**YOUTH MINISTRY - Upcoming Dates:**

Middle School	Topic	High School
12/1, 7-8:30pm	Peace & Joy Christmas Celebration	12/8, 7-8:30pm
12/15, 7-8:30pm		12/22, 7-8:30pm

**Middle School:**

I am so excited to see you this weekend, Sunday 12/1 as we begin our Advent Season! Our focus will be finding PEACE & JOY during the crazy Holiday Season and of course, starting to bring in that Christmas Cheer!

**High School:**

It was so great to share what we are all thankful for as we kicked off Thanksgiving week. Remember to lead with a THANKFUL HEART! I will see you next week when we focus on PEACE & JOY. Remember to spread the joy and bring a friend!

**YOUNG ADULTS:**

We had an amazing time at our Friendsgiving! It was so nice to share a meal together with our new community! Our next Faith & Fellowship Night will be TBD! Stay tuned for updates!

\*This is a group for individuals (single, married, parents, etc.) who are in their 20’s and early 30’s!\*

Please email me with any questions:

[LRomano@sivs.net](mailto:LRomano@sivs.net)



# The Pro-Life Corner

**December 1, 2019**

This week we pray especially for all the faithful, may the Lord help us build a culture of life in vigilant expectation of His return.

If you are concerned about the state of Life Issues in today's world and how you might be able to be an influence, please call Carolyn at 973-349-4626.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas celebration held on Wednesday, December 4th at 6pm in the upper room of the Church.



If you are a man or woman affected by abortion please check this website for information that may help you:  
<http://www.silentnomoreawareness.org/>

## Annual Advent Family Gathering

The SJV Spirituality Committee invites all SJV Parish and School families to join us for a night of faith formation at our annual Advent Family Gathering on Wednesday, December 4th at 7pm in the SJV cafeteria. This year we will be making Advent ornaments. Please rsvp to reserve your space and materials by calling the rectory at 732-574-0150.



## SJV Christmas Bazaar! Hosted by the HSA

December 5th is St. John Vianney's Annual Christmas Bazaar! The event will be held in the Parish Center and admission is free. From 9am-2pm, students only will be able to purchase Christmas gifts for their families. From 3pm-8pm our Christmas Bazaar is open to the public. There will be a variety of handmade vendors, crafts, personalized items, etc. available for purchase to give that extra special gift this holiday season. Hope to see you there!

## St. Vincent de Paul

The St. James food pantry is in need of jelly, peanut butter, instant potatoes, pancake syrup, oatmeal, cookies, canned meat, canned fruit, mac & cheese, jell-o.



## SJV Seniors

Our Christmas meeting will be at the Evergreen Center on Wednesday, December 4th at 12:30pm. The Colonia HS Chorus will entertain us. Come join us as we celebrate the Christmas season. Don't forget to bring cereal for the Ozanam Family Shelter.

**The Giving Tree**

As you can see the Giving Tree is back! Earlier than usual to help with your shopping plans. Please take an ornament and return it the weekend of **December 7/8** 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.

“Give and it shall be given to you...”- Luke 6:38

Please call Barbara Morrissey- 732-501-2195 or Donna Worosila -732-381-1584 for more info.



**SJV Gift Shop Christmas Sale**

The Altar Rosary Society is hosting a Christmas Sale at the parish gift shop on the weekend of December 8th after all masses. Come shop for that special gift for the person of faith in your life.

**Parish Gift Shop**

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

**9th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting**

Sponsored by Colonia Business Community  
Thursday, December 5th 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 Poinsettia Sale  
December 7th & 8th**

*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 Parish Christmas Concert!!**



On Sunday December 15th at 3:00pm, our parish adult choir, children’s choir and brass quartet will be singing some of your favorite “Christmas Carols”. 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!

## St. Isidore's Garden

Saint Isidore's Garden had its most successful year ever in 2019. Through the hard work of our volunteers and the generous support of our business partners, we were able to donate an incredible amount of produce to our hungry neighbors. We supported the food pantries at Saint James in Woodbridge, Saint Cecelia in Iselin and Saint Anthony of Padua in Port Reading. We started the season with \$200 worth of plants and were able to convert that into 2110 pounds of vegetables. Our breakdown is as follows:

- 244.7 pounds of zucchini and yellow squash
- 99.7 pounds of cucumbers
- 261.8 pounds of eggplant
- 113.5 pounds of banana peppers
- 316.2 pounds of green bell peppers
- 54.25 pounds of onions
- 57.0 pounds of jalapeno peppers
- 23.0 pounds of Hungarian peppers
- 903.5 pounds of tomatoes
- 33.5 pounds of beets
- 3.0 pounds of basil

Our garden is pesticide free and utilizes only compost as fertilizer. We are proud to offer safe, healthful food options to the clients of our local food pantries.

Much of our success is owed to the local businesses who supported us: Schieferstein's Farm Market in Clark, Want a Smoothie in Woodbridge, Knot Just Bagels in Woodbridge, and Bartell's Landscaping Supplies in Clark. If you visit any of these businesses, please express your appreciation for their generosity in helping us to serve our community.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the help of our tireless volunteers who watered, weeded, planted, harvested, delivered, spread soil, hauled compost, and did whatever needed to be done. May God bless all of you for your dedication to His vulnerable children.

If you would like to join this ministry next spring, contact Maureen Jorgensen at [maureencjorg@aol.com](mailto:maureencjorg@aol.com).

**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 Tuesday December 24th at 3:45 in the church. Following the pageant all students will be asked to sit with their families for the 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass. There will be one rehearsal for ALL participants on Saturday December 21st 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.



**Robin Spielberg's Holiday Sing-Along  
Ft. St. John Vianney's Children's Choir**  
Please join us for this fun and festive event at the Avenel Performing Arts Center! Showtimes are Tuesday, December 3rd at 7pm and Wednesday, December 4th at 2pm and 8pm. For tickets visit [www.avenelarts.com](http://www.avenelarts.com) or call the Box Office at 732-314-0500. Use code CHOIR for \$5 off original price of \$24.50.

### Bus Trip

Join us for a bus trip to Sands Casino in PA on December 16th. The bus will be leaving SJV parking lot at 10am and will return at 6:30pm. Cost is \$30 and get back \$35. For more information and to sign up please call Mary Lou at 732-388-9452.



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## Gospel Today First Sunday of Advent / Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus wants us to lead good lives and help others, so we are ready when He comes again.

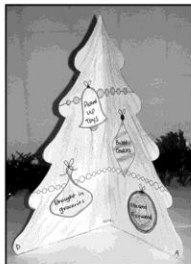
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### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### Directions

- [1] Color the tree green, write your good deeds on the ornaments and color them in.
- [2] Cut out and fold at right angle to stand up by itself.
- [3] Each week of Advent complete the tree and repeat steps 1-2.
- [4] After you have 4 weeks of trees colored, filled in and cut out, attach **week 1** to **week 2** by matching the corner letters and gluing or taping halves together up to the fold line. Do the same for **week 3** and **week 4**, which will then attach to **week 1** and **2** to complete.

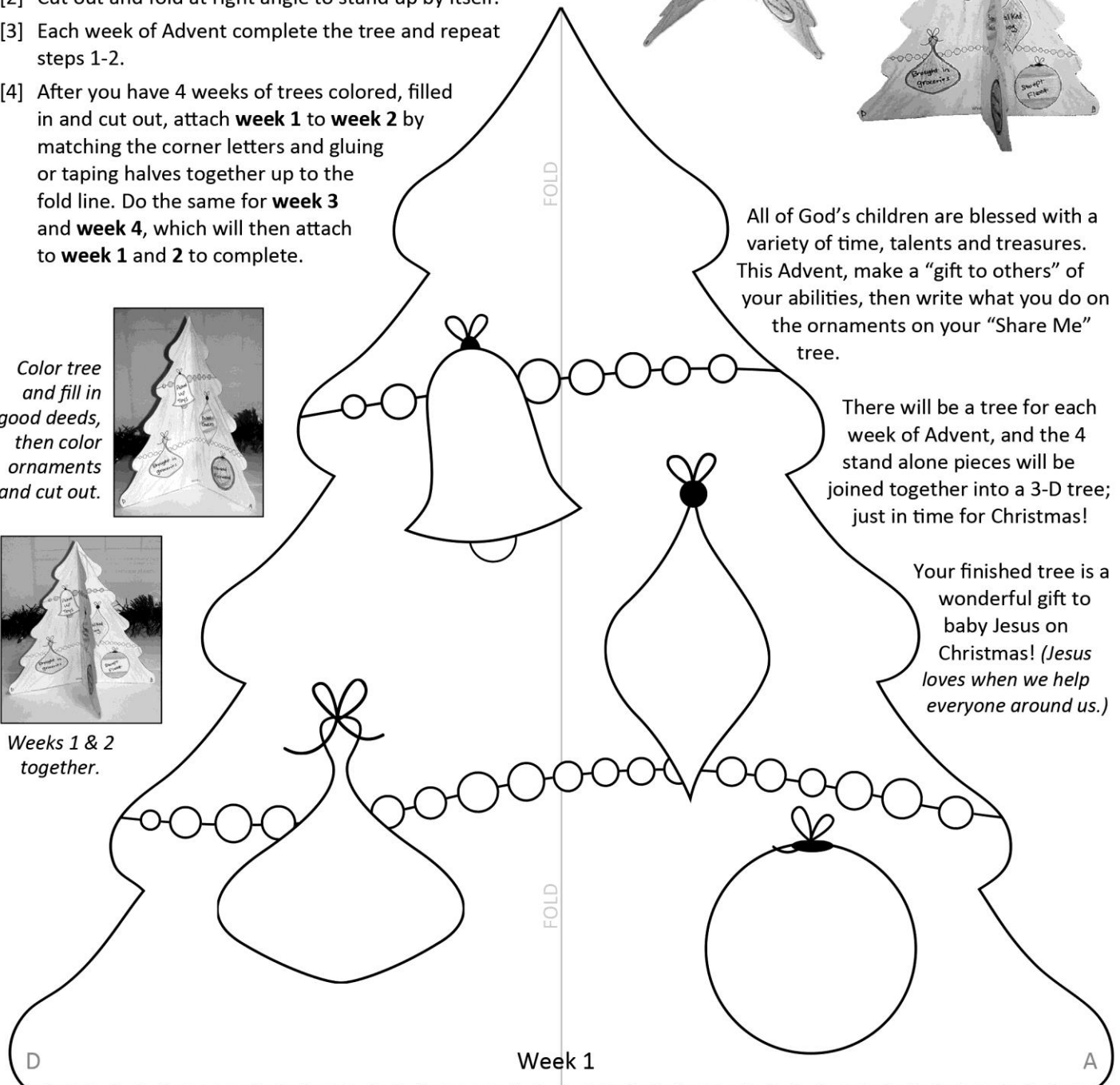
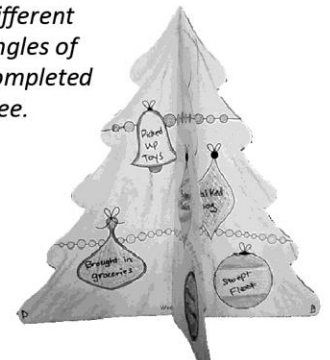
Color tree and fill in good deeds, then color ornaments and cut out.



Weeks 1 & 2 together.



Different angles of completed tree.



All of God's children are blessed with a variety of time, talents and treasures. This Advent, make a "gift to others" of your abilities, then write what you do on the ornaments on your "Share Me" tree.

There will be a tree for each week of Advent, and the 4 stand alone pieces will be joined together into a 3-D tree; just in time for Christmas!

Your finished tree is a wonderful gift to baby Jesus on Christmas! (Jesus loves when we help everyone around us.)