

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 – 2ND Sunday of Advent

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 Keker, r/o wife & family

MONDAY, December 9, 2019 – Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM Patricio & Marciana Gabiano, r/o Daughters
Ruby Gabiano & Pat Fortes
8:45 AM Ellie & Joe Dougherty, r/o Dolly Hark

TUESDAY, December 10, 2019

7:00 AM James Park, r/o Sally & Mike Barron
8:45 AM Eleanor D. Mooney, r/o Sally & Mike Barron

WEDNESDAY, December 11, 2019 – St. Damasus I

7:00 AM Krista Park Jentzsch, r/o Sally & Mike Barron
8:45 AM Chester Banasiak, r/o Daughter, Luann

THURSDAY, December 12, 2019 – Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00 AM Arthur Ellermann, r/o Patrick O'Donnell
8:45AM Palma & Rocco Specchio, r/o Son, Pat

FRIDAY, December 13, 2019 – St. Lucy

7:00 AM Miriam & Norman Jorgensen, r/o Jay & Maureen Jorgensen
8:45 AM Manuel Campolargo, r/o family

SATURDAY, December 14, 2019 – St. John of the Cross

8:00 AM Jose Gomes, r/o Wife & Daughter
5:00 PM Barbara Danzi, r/o Ernestine Mascolo

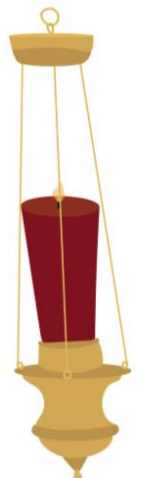
SUNDAY, December 15, 2019

7:00 AM William Fitzsimmons, r/o Flo & Lou Peragallo
9:00 AM Bob Botti, r/o family
10:45 AM For the people of our parish, living/deceased
12:15 PM Peter A. Scocca Sr., r/o John Campanella & family

The Sanctuary Light has been offered in loving memory of Manuel Campolargo from family.



The Bread and Wine have been offered in loving memory of Anna Terranova from a friend, and for William DePalma.



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.

The Prayer Corner

“There is a season and a time for every purpose...”

A TIME TO BAPTIZE

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 Boudier, Bill Hillyer, Marianne Muscavage, Marie Negri, Christiano Bianco, Dorothy Zsamba, Charlene Misak, Mike Misak, Mary Ann Baureis, Andres Quijano, Eileen Ammon, Marian Cassel, Pauline Mendicino-Franke, Sadako Vargas, Robert Grecco, Baby Lucas DeCarlo.

TO JOIN GOD IN HEAVEN

Patricia Vella, Gladys Baldeon, Louis Faccione, Darrin Bloch, Catherine DeChiara & Raymond Angowski

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

Weekend Readings

Isaiah 11:1=10
Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 3:1-12

Weekday readings can be found on the parish website.

**December 8, 2019
2ND Sunday of Advent**

“Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

MATTHEW3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent, and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter, and junk? Our time, our talent, and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

Reflection

This second Sunday of Advent, we light the second purple candle on the Advent Wreath. The second purple candle is the Bethlehem candle and symbolizes Love. This second candle is meant to signify the immense and unwavering love Joseph and Mary had for Jesus as they journeyed through Bethlehem to conceive Him. After doing some research about the path they traveled, it really put into perspective just how much Hope and Love Mary and Joseph were filled with. Their journey breaks down into approximately 99 miles through desert valleys, rocky hillsides and olive groves. We know that Advent is a time of waiting, and Mary and Joseph sure had a test of patience and faith during their journey to Bethlehem. As we encounter our own difficult moments and tests throughout our lives, we must remain hopeful and patient and lay our trust in God's hands, just as Mary and Joseph did. As Father Bede mentioned last week, “if we trust God to be the captain of our boat of life, it will not sink.” God wants us to be free and to love freely and when we wait for Him, we are reminded that He will come again. After lighting this second candle on the Advent wreath, I hope you all make a conscious effort to hold your loved ones close and to tell them how much you love them, especially during this Christmas season.



2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*



St. John Vianney School News

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

Our students will be attending Mass at 9:30am on Monday, December 9th, for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

On Friday, December 13th, dismissal will be at 12:15pm. There will be no Aftercare.

Storytime with Santa will take place on Friday evening from 6pm – 8pm.

Our annual second grade Christmas pageant will take place on Wednesday, December 18th, at 7pm 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 9am on Friday, December 13th. Students should be brought to the main school library by 8:30am. They can wear their Christmas pajamas and sneakers. 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 11am. All other students will be dismissed at 12:00 noon.

Religious Ed (CCD) News & Class Schedule

732-388-1424

Monday:

Grades 1 - 5
Grades 6 & 7

6pm – 7:15pm
7:30pm – 8:45pm

Thursday:

Grade 8

6pm – 8pm

Please note that December 9th is a Holy Day, the Immaculate Conception, but not of obligation. We will have 7am, 8:45am and the 9:30am school Mass on the 9th.

PARISH MINISTRIES & CONTACTS

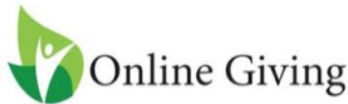
Organization	Contact	Phone
Altar Rosary Society	Jane Bianco	732-382-1512
Altar Servers	Mary Jantas	732-574-1191
Basketball	Joe Marinello	908-347-9269
Bible Study	Deacon Joe & Rose Ragucci	732-548-3880
Cheerleading	Cathy Carroll	732-574-0218
Communion/ Homebound	Joanne Streck	732-382-4147
Cub/Boy Scouts	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	732-382-9639
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!

DECEMBER 1, 2019	OFFERTORY:
Collection:	\$ 12,994.25
On-line giving:	\$ 2,864.50
	<u>\$ 15,858.75</u>
Avg. Weekly Expenses:	-\$ 20,000.00
Balance:	-\$ 4,141.25

DECEMBER 2, 2018	OFFERTORY:
Collection:	\$ 11,014.50
On-line giving:	\$ 2,272.00
	<u>\$ 13,286.50</u>
Avg. Weekly Expenses:	-\$ 22,781.50
Balance:	-\$ 9,495.00



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	9:30am	School Mass
	5:00pm	Basketball
	6:00pm	CCD
	6:30pm	St. Vincent DePaul
Tuesday	4:30pm	Cheer
	4:30pm	Children's Choir
	6:00pm	Cub Scouts
	7:30pm	BoyScouts
Wednesday	7:30pm	Al-Anon
	5:00pm	Basketball
	6:30pm	Girl Scouts
Thursday	7:30pm	Adult Choir
	2:00pm	Altar Rosary
	4:30pm	Cheer
Friday	5:30pm	Basketball
	6:00pm	Storytime with Santa
Saturday	3:00pm	Boyscouts Spaghetti Dinner
Sunday	3:00pm	Christmas Concert
	7:00pm	Middle 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.

Feast of the Week: Our Lady of Guadalupe



Our Lady of Guadalupe is celebrated and honored on December 12th. 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. May we use this time to gain a closer understanding of the gospel and message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Music Ministry News

Many thanks to our parish children’s choir for an excellent job this past week!! The children sang for Christmas shows this past Tuesday and Wednesday at the Avenel Performing Arts Center as well as the “Christmas Tree Lighting” this past Thursday at the Evergreen Center!! All are invited to our parish Christmas Concert next Sunday December 15th at 3:00 pm in the church. This year our adult choir and children’s choir will be singing!! Following the concert, please join us in the school cafeteria for “Christmas Goodies”!!

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 11th! We will sing again on Sunday December 15th at the 9:00am 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 10th and we will sing on Sunday December 8th at the 9:00am mass. Breakfast will follow in the cafeteria – All are welcome!**

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 with any questions, Jamie Frame – Dir. Of Music/Organist

STV Youth & Young Adult Ministries

“ALL ARE WELCOME!”

YOUTH MINISTRY - Upcoming Dates:

Middle School	Topic	High School
12/8, 5:30-6:30pm	Peace & Joy Christmas Celebration	12/8, 7-8:30pm
12/15, 7-8:30pm		12/22, 7-8:30pm

Middle School:

I was so bummed the weather did not cooperate last week but hope that you can make it out this weekend at 5:30pm so we can kick off the Advent season! Then don't forget next weekend is our Christmas Celebration! Feel free to bring your favorite Christmas cookies to share with the group!

High School:

I can't wait to see you this weekend at our normal time, 7pm to kick off the Advent Season and talk about how we can find Peace & Joy during the crazy holiday season!

YOUNG ADULTS:

Save the date for our Christmas Party! Wednesday 12/18 at 6:30pm in Trailer D! Please feel free to bring an appetizer or dessert to share! We will also be playing White Elephant! So, don't forget a wrapped gift (\$15)! Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

This is a group for individuals (single, married, parents, etc.) who are in their 20's and early 30's!
NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

Please email me with any questions:
LRomano@sivs.net



The Pro-Life Corner

December 8, 2019

This week we pray especially that God may move us to act with tenderness and compassion for the most vulnerable among us.



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

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 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

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 Morrisey- 732-501-2195 or Donna Worosila -732-381-1584 for more info.



SIMBANG GABI

A Treasured Filipino Tradition

All parishioners are invited to join our parish community on Monday, December 23rd at 7:00pm when we will host the last night of Simbang Gabi, a devotional 9-day series of Masses, honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary, in preparation for the Nativity of our Lord, Jesus Christ. All are welcome! There will be a reception to follow in the school cafeteria. The diocesan celebration, coordinated by the Diocese of Metuchen Filipino Apostolate, will start at St. Francis Cathedral on Sunday, December 15th at 5:00pm. For a complete schedule of Masses, visit www.dmcfa.org. Thank you.



**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!



**SJV School Presents the Annual
2nd Grade Christmas Pageant**

Please join us as our SJV School second graders perform our annual Christmas Pageant on Wednesday, December 18th. The school performance will be at 9:30am and the public performance will be at 7pm in the Church. All are welcome!

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 3:45pm 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.



Adopt-A-Turkey Update

Low-tech meets compassion

For each of the last eleven years we have asked you to donate money to our Adopt-A-Turkey Program. What did you get out of it? All you got out of it was a construction paper turkey with your name on it. What did the community get out of it? Each year more than 100 families get to eat a Thanksgiving meal they might not have had without your generosity and compassion. Think about this. Your generous donations have helped to provide more than 1000 turkeys, 5000 lbs. of potatoes, 500 pies and on and on. This food is distributed through the St. James Food Pantry. This year your generosity helped to raise more than \$5000 to not only buy Thanksgiving food but help to provide food security throughout the year at the St. James Food Pantry. This is a community project that has many donors. We are fortunate that we work collaboratively with St. James to make a better world for at least one day.

2019 Parish Mass Headcount – What Did We Learn?

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 all Parishes in the Diocese to count the number of persons attending every weekend Mass during the first four weekends in November. We did not have to count the weekend after Thanksgiving.

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; our seminarian, when he was able to join us, Altar Servers; the Organist; the Cantor, the members of the Choir; the Extraordinary Ministers; the Lector; Ushers (whether or not wearing the red jacket); people standing; people up in the balcony; and people in the crying room.

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

Mass with the highest attendance: 5:00 pm (average 301.5 people per Mass)
Mass with the second highest attendance: 10:45 am (average 258.5 people per Mass)

Curious about the others?

7:00 am average 112 people per Mass
9:00 am average 244 people per Mass
12:15 pm average 253.25 people per Mass

The single Mass with the greatest attendance was the 12:15 on November 24th when we counted 322 people. The runner-up was the 5:00 Mass on November 17th with 307 people.

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. Even though there are many open seats in the Church, some people head up to the balcony.

**SAVE THE DATE
Friday, April 24, 2020**



**St. John Vianney Church
60th Anniversary Gala Dinner Dance
Colonia Country Club – Colonia, NJ
Ticket information to follow**

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Gospel Today Second Sunday of Advent / Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist prepared the people for the coming of Jesus. He taught them to repent, be sorry for their sins and reform their lives to be good and helpful to others.

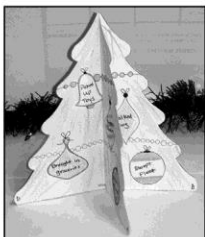
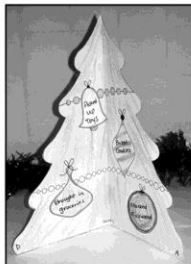
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.

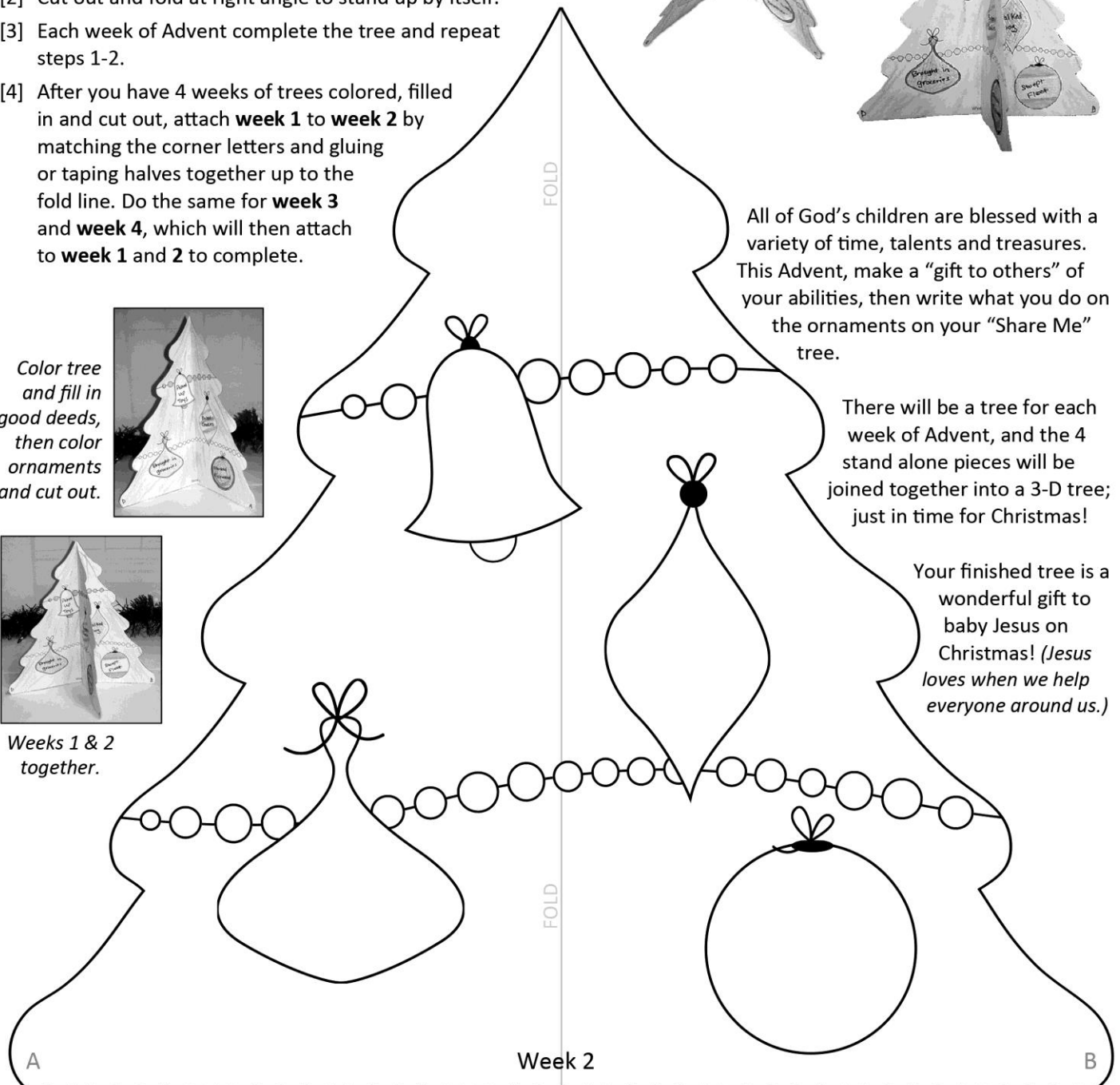
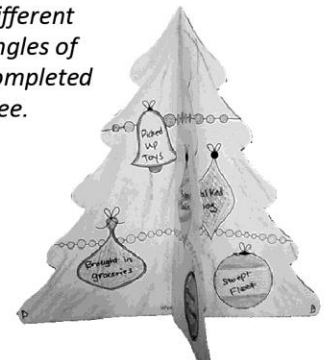
Color tree and fill in good deeds, then color ornaments and cut out.



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.)