

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### **SATURDAY, November 30, 2013**

- 8:00 am + **Raymond Ottinger**, Req. Martha
- 5:00 pm + **Anne Oresko**, Req. Al & Julie Caggiano
- + **Dana Riccioni**, Req. Debbie, Denise, Frank, Mike, & Shannon

### **SUNDAY, December 1, 2013**

- 7:30 am + **Stanley Knapp**, Req. Bill & Marlene Kelly
- + **Paul Kulikowski**, Req. Children
- 9:00 am + **John E. Sweeney**, Req. Eileen & Charlie DeFazio
- + **Richard Bryson**, Req. Valania Family
- 11:00 am + **Bridget Fitzgerald**, Req. Joan Ellsworth
- + **Richard Bryson**, Req. Grell Family
- 5:00 pm + **Millicent Ann Borne**, Req. Debbie, Vera, Donna
- + **Steven Orban**, Req. Family

### **MONDAY, December 2, 2013**

- 8:00 am + **Purgatorial Society**
- + **Nellie Desmond**, Req. Joe & Tom

### **TUESDAY, December 3, 2013**

- 8:00 am + **Regina Gallagher**, Req. W. Soccia

### **WEDNESDAY, December 4, 2013**

- 8:00 am + **Mary Dilius**, Req. Daughter Maureen
- + **Jeremiah O'Sullivan**, Req. Curry Family

### **THURSDAY, December 5, 2013**

- 8:00 am + **John (Saju) Cheruparampil**, Req. Teri & John Corcoran

### **FRIDAY, December 6, 2013**

- 8:00 am + **Joan Boehm**, Req. Kenny & Caroline Malley
- + **Living Intention for Elie Argilagos**

### **SATURDAY, December 7, 2013**

- 8:00 am + **Henry (Hank) Riegler**, Req. Jim & Florence Cozzati
- + **Eileen Sullivan**, Req. Lois Alpaugh
- 5:00 pm + **John J. Hrabosky Sr.**, Req. Family
- + **Robert Heller**, Req. Bryson Family

### **SUNDAY, December 8, 2013**

- 7:30 am + **Mary A. Walsh**, Req. Gus & Mary Ellen Doty
- + **Kevin Walsh**, Req. Bill Byrne
- 9:00 am + **John E. Sweeney**, Req. H.F. Golden Age
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- 11:00 am + **Stan Ross**, Req. Eileen Ross
- + **Lydia Medina**, Req. Friend
- 5:00 pm + **John (Saju) Cheruparampil**, Req. Randy, Adele, Evan, and MaryBeth
- + **Andrew Bach**, Req. Opinante Family

## **FAMILY PORTRAITS**

### **FUNDRAISER**

#### **SPONSORED BY THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

The Holy Name Society is presenting, Family Portraits. We will have two professional photographers, with lights and backdrops, set up in Memorial Hall. Bring your family and your smile and we will do the rest.

The sitting fee is \$20 per sitting (\$75 value). Each sitting will receive one 5 x 7 print.

Appointments are limited, so please call Sam Fortino (732-739-2442) or John Hrabosky (732-739-2252) for an appointment or for more information.

### Final Date Available:

**Wednesday Dec 4**

**5pm – 9pm**

A portion of the proceeds of this fundraiser will go toward the Holy Name Society missions.

All prints in a package must be of the same pose. All printed images will be professionally retouched. All prints produced by professional lab on matte surface paper.

### Portrait Packages

#### Package No. 1

1 – 8x10

2 – 5x7

8 – Wallets

**\$40 (\$50 Value)**

#### Package No. 2

3 – 8x10

4 – 5x7

16 – Wallets

**\$65 (\$120.00 Value)**

#### Package No. 3

1 – 11x14

3 – 8x10

4 – 5x7

16 – Wallets

**\$80 (\$155.00 Value)**

#### Package No. 4

1 – 16x20

3 – 8x10

4 – 5x7

16 – Wallets

**\$100 (\$175.00 Value)**

### Individual Items

16x20 = \$50.00

11x14 = \$35.00

8x10 = \$20.00

5x7 = \$10.00

4x6 = \$3.00

4 Wallets = \$5.00

**Pick up Portraits after all Masses December 15, 2013.**

**P.R.E.P. NEWS  
PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**FIRST PENANCE/COMMUNION  
PARENT MEETING – DEC. 4**

All First Penance/Communion parents are reminded to attend the mandatory meeting in the school gym on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> **OR** Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm to 5:40pm.

**The Giving Tree**

*Please remember the elderly at area Nursing Homes this Christmas...Our Giving Tree Program has*



begun! The "Giving Tree" is an annual program which provides gifts to the sick & elderly in area nursing homes at Christmas. If you'd like to purchase a gift, please take an "ornament card". The card will list the name of the person in the nursing home as well as their wish gift. After wrapping the gift, be sure to put the card on the package. (This is the only way that the nursing homes know to whom the gift belongs.) Please be sure to return the gift no later than Sat/Sun. Dec. 7/8<sup>th</sup> to our Giving Tree so that gifts can be distributed in time for Christmas. Thanks so much for your generosity!



**December Dance  
Sponsored by Holy Family Social Ministry**

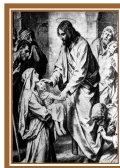
Join us on Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 10:30 p.m. for the December dance party in Memorial Hall. Cost is \$12 and includes DJ and light refreshments. All are welcome. Questions contact Gale at 723-345-0212.

**St. Clement's Annual Craft Show – Dec. 7**

St. Clements, 172 Freneau Ave. Matawan, invites you to their 23<sup>rd</sup> annual craft show on Saturday December 7 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Wonderful hand-made items, 80+ vendors, 50/50s, raffle baskets, food, etc.

**Please Remember to Pray for the Sick**

Christopher Stabile, Thomas Dierks, Caterino Mele, Sharon Brabant, Mary Cheruparampil, Maria Rosengren, Kathy Rapcavage, Cornelius Spangler, The Watson & Whittaker Family, George Valania Sr., Patrick Rash, Amanda Ricottone.  
**RECENTLY ILL:** Joann Bryson, Margaret Cleary, Irene Odea, Christopher Lackner, Grace Wojcik, Danny Smith, Michael Sickles, Charles Merla, Kenneth Watson, Marie Hanna, Michael Greschuk, Patrick Rash, Cornelius Spangler, Phyllis & Edward Illions, Julianna Fagan.



**Tabernacle Light Memorial  
Main Church  
Marie Santilli**



**Ministry Schedule  
Weekend of Dec. 7 & 8**

**Serving at the Altar**

5:00 P.M.	7:30 A.M.	9:00 A.M.
Timothy Connell Colin Mathias Jeremy Ramos	Emily Godkin Jillian Johnson Brian MocarSKI	Robert Fischer Concetta LaLima Gabriella Raad
11:00 A.M.	5:00 P.M.	
Aiden Mulvey Kyle Mulvey Charles Penszynski	Angelina Christ Timothy Hager Emily Hager	

**Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

5:00 P.M.	T. Mathias	P. Dannevig, I. Hallard-Dickinson
7:30 A.M.	B. Picardi	E. Cassidy, P. Cassidy
9:00 A.M.	Religious Education	S. Ledden, M. Oquendo
11:00 A.M.	P. Witzig	D. Javins, P. McCarthy
5:00 P.M.	R. Rubiato	J. Tonks, T. Weldon

**Our Weekly Offering**

**Last Week – November 24**

1<sup>st</sup> Collection – Weekly TBA

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Campaign for Human Develop.TBA

**This Week – December 1**

1<sup>st</sup> Collection – Weekly

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Diocesan Assessment

**Next Week – December 8**

1<sup>st</sup> Collection – Weekly

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Religious Retirement Fund

**Retirement Fund for Religious**

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



**December 8<sup>th</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup>Collection**

Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and social-service agencies, often for little, if any, pay. You can help support our

elderly religious by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection next week. Your donation helps provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of elderly religious. Please give to those who gave a lifetime.

**Discernment Retreat/December 13-15  
Friday 6PM – Sunday 1PM  
Villa Maria House of Studies**

Young women (18-35) are invited to join us for this retreat which focuses on the IHM Charism and the importance of listening to God's call and discovering the many ways that God speaks to us. Time will be included for personal and communal prayer as well as the opportunity to interact with the Sisters in Formation. (Contact: ihmvoc@aol.com or 610-889-1553)

# The Holy Family Youth Ministry Invites You To...



Enjoy:

**Pancakes, French Toast, Pork Roll, Breakfast  
Potatoes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs,  
Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, and Juice**

**Holy Family Church, Memorial Hall  
Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>,  
After All Morning Masses**

**Admission:**

**\$5 a person, \$20 Family of 4+**

**Get your picture taken with Santa!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return with Cash or Check made payable to Holy Family Youth Ministry



## Drive Through the Christmas Story



Bible Stories of the Savior come to life as you drive through and experience them from the comfort of your car. See costumed live characters, animals, and unique scenes, while enjoying holiday music and related Scripture verses. Tens of Thousands have experienced the Drive Through the Christmas Story, and it has become an annual event for many in the area.

**November 29, 30 December 1, 6, 7, 8**

Fridays Saturdays & Sundays  
7:30 pm - 9:30 pm 5:00 pm - 9:30 pm

At **Sayre Woods Bible Church**  
Route 9 South, 1/4 Mile North of Route 516  
(Across from ShopRite)  
2290 Highway 9, Old Bridge, New Jersey 08857  
(732) 679-5989 www.sayrewoods.org

**COMPLETELY FREE**

Voluntary donations of canned food (no money) for the Bread of Life Ministry will be accepted.

### ALTAR & Rosary Society Memorial Poinsettia Plants - \$10

The Altar & Rosary Society is sponsoring a program whereby families may purchase a Poinsettia plant to be placed on the Altar in memory of a loved one during the Christmas Season. Midnight Mass will be offered for those remembered in this special way. Envelopes can be found in the December envelop mailing or at any of the church entrances or you may use the form below and place in an envelope. The donation is \$10. Please drop off the completed form in the offertory basket or at the parish office.

Altar & Rosary Society

*Memorial  
Poinsettia*

*Offering: \$10  
Please Print below*



*Plant*

*In Memory of* \_\_\_\_\_

*Your Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Address* \_\_\_\_\_

*City & State:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Amount Enclosed: \$* \_\_\_\_\_

*Please cut along dotted line, place in envelope & mark "Memorial Poinsettia Plant" and drop in the offertory basket or bring to the parish office. You may also mail to Holy Family P.O. Box 56, Keyport, NJ 07735.*



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# KID'S KORNER

## GOSPEL TODAY

December 1, 2013 | Matthew 24:37-44  
Jesus wants us to lead good lives and help others, so we are ready when He comes again.

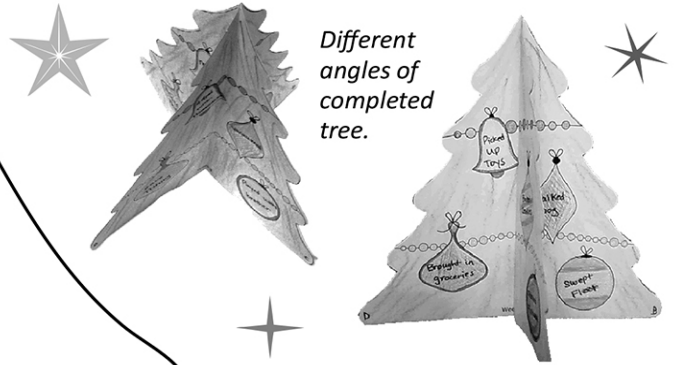
BE READY, LIKE NOAH!



### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### DIRECTIONS

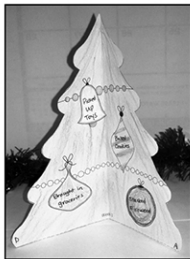
- [1] Color tree green and write your good deeds on the ornaments and color.
- [2] Cut out and fold at right angle to stand up by itself.
- [3] Each week of Advent complete the tree and repeat steps 1-2.
- [4] After you have 4 weeks of trees colored, filled in and cut out, attach **week 1** to **week 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.



Different angles of completed tree.

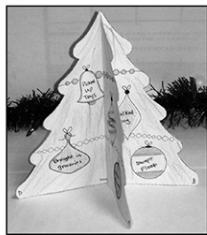
All of God's children are blessed with a variety of time, talents and treasures. This Advent, make a "gift to others" of your abilities, then write what you do on the ornaments on your "Share Me" tree.

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

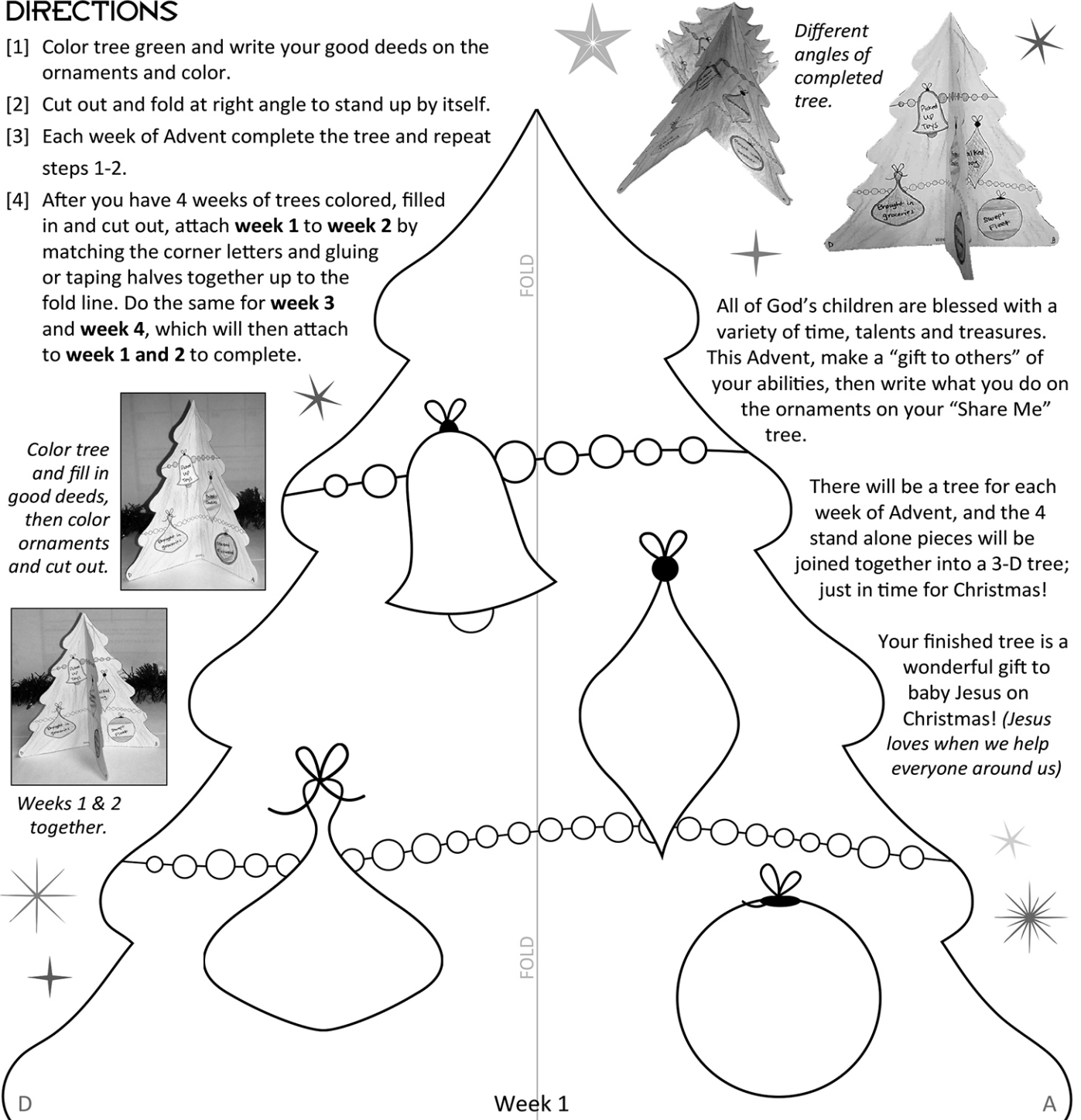


There will be a tree for each week of Advent, and the 4 stand alone pieces will be joined together into a 3-D tree; just in time for Christmas!

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



Weeks 1 & 2 together.



Week 1

## Make an Advent Wreath at Home



Did you know that Advent wreaths were originally used in the home? They didn't become popular in churches until the middle of the twentieth century. You can make an Advent wreath

with either four or five candles.

### How to Make an Advent Wreath

To begin, put four candles on a wreath or at least in a circle. Traditionally the candles are purple, because in antiquity, purple dye was very expensive and it was the color of royalty. We use purple for Advent because it is the season of the coming of the King. If you can't get purple candles, you can substitute blue ones. You can also make one of the candles pink if you like—technically, it is rose colored. If you have a fifth candle, it goes in the center of the wreath and it should be white.

### How to Use Your Advent Wreath

The idea is to use the wreath in conjunction with worship services or personal or family devotions on the four Sundays in Advent. You light candles at the beginning of each service and snuff them out at the end.

- On the first Sunday in Advent, you light the first candle. Have your service, then snuff out the candle.
  - On the second Sunday in Advent, you light two candles, first the one from the previous Sunday, then the second one. Have your service, then snuff out the candles.
  - On the third Sunday in Advent, you light the two candles from the previous weeks, in the order you lit them before, then you add the third one. Have your service, then snuff out the candles.
  - On the fourth Sunday in Advent, you light the three candles from the previous weeks, in the order you lit them before, then you light the fourth one. Have your service, then snuff out the candles. You should get a stair-step effect, since each candle is a different length by now.
- If you have a fifth candle in the center, then on Christmas Day you light the four candles in the order you lit them before, and then you light the center candle. Have your service, then snuff out the candles. You notice how I emphasize snuffing out the candles at the end of each service? This has absolutely no liturgical significance whatsoever, but it is vitally important and you must not leave it out. It prevents the candles from burning your house down. I recommend that you snuff out the candles, rather than blowing them out. The reason is that if you blow them out, you might spray hot wax over everything.

## Prayers for Use with the Advent Wreath

When you use an Advent Wreath in personal or family devotions, you can use whatever scriptures and prayers you like. If you need a point of departure, here is something to get you started. Please don't take it as a set form. You can use different readings, you can modify the prayers, and you can add hymns, carols, or other prayers as you like.

### On the First Sunday in Advent (Hope)

- Light one purple candle
- Read Isaiah 60:2-3

Lord God, we light this candle to thank you for your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who is the light of the world. We who have sat in darkness have seen a great light, the light of Jesus Christ, our salvation. We give you thanks and praise in Jesus' name, because he lives and reigns with you in your glory, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

### On the Second Sunday in Advent (Love)

- Light two purple candles
- Read Mark 1:4

Lord God, we light this candle to thank you for your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who is the way. We who like sheep have gone astray have found the way to you through Jesus Christ. We give you thanks and praise in Jesus' name, because he lives and reigns with you in your glory, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

### On the Third Sunday in Advent (Joy)

- Light three purple candles
- Read Isaiah 35:10

Lord God, we light this candle to thank you for your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who brings us great joy. We who have walked in the shadow of the valley of death have found life in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We give you thanks and praise in Jesus' name, because he lives and reigns with you in your glory, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

### On the Fourth Sunday in Advent (Peace)

- Light all the purple candles
- Read Isaiah 9:6-7

Lord God, we light this candle to thank you for your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who is the Prince of Peace. We who live in discord and strife have found peace in the promise of eternal life, through Jesus Christ. We give you thanks and praise in Jesus' name, because he lives and reigns with you in your glory, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

### On Christmas Eve or Christmas Day

Remember, it isn't Christmas Eve until sundown on December 24!

- Light all the purple candles and the white candle
- Read Luke 1:68-79 and Luke 2:1-20

We praise you, Lord God, because on this day, your Word became flesh in our Savior Jesus Christ, was born of a woman, and walked among us as a man. Help us to imitate your incarnation, by manifesting our faith in our conduct as well as in our speech. To you, O Lord, we give our honor, praise, worship, and love, in the most holy and precious name of the One who is born today; because He lives and reigns with you in your glory, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit, Amen.