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- JOHN 3:16



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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December 21, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Intentions for the Week of December 21, 2025		
Sanctuary Candles	Helen & Paul Naughton	
Altar Bread & Wine	Joseph A. Lenge	
Monday, December 22	7:00am	Emil Molinaro
	12:05pm	Healing intention for Arlene DeZao
Tuesday, December 23	7:00am	---
	12:05pm	Antonino Dattolo Janet Hastings
Wednesday, December 24	3:00pm	Dennis Cascio Living & deceased members of the Keating & Irwin families
	5:00pm	Edward Parent
	12:00am	The people of St. Therese
Thursday, December 25	9:00am	Maria Hoffman
	10:30am	Living & deceased members of the Fiorello & Lamberto families
	12:00pm	Living & deceased members of the Geiger & Russomanno families
Friday, December 26	7:00am	---
	12:05pm	---
Saturday, December 27	7:00am	----
	5:00pm	Tony Berlangieri
Sunday, December 28	7:30am	Lourdes Castro Janet Carrero
	9:00am	Christine Zelinsky
	10:30am	Anthony Accola
	12:00pm	Antonino Dattolo

Please pray for the sick, especially for: Reggie Crowley, Mary Patane, Nidia Grenot, Natalie & Jordan Alvarez, Brittany Leon, Edna Flaherty, Hunter & Maya Zurey, Juliana Byank, Raul Ramirez, David M., Fred Mundhenk, Brittany Leon

GUIDELINES FOR NAMES LISTED HERE: For privacy reasons, all names must be submitted by immediate family members only. We will also place names on our Prayer of the Faithful Announcement from the pulpit for 3 weeks. **Twice annually (January & July) we will clear the list.** If you wish to have a person relisted on either list, simply call the parish office

COLLECTION REPORT

2025-26 Collection Weekly Goal based on budget:\$12,885	
Weekly Collection ending December 21, 2025	\$8,250
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St. Therese Church Devotions

Adoration & Benediction
every Wednesday 7:30am-11:45am

First Wednesday Novena
First Wednesday of the month
immediately following the 12:05 mass
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

First Fridays
11am the First Friday of the month
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus followed by 12:05 pm Mass

First Saturdays
9am Mass the First Saturday of the month

CARING4LIFE

A PRO-LIFE FAMILY MINISTRY!

Many thanks from Mary's Hands (Catholic Charities program) for all those in the parish, who contributed to our clothing, toys/books, and diaper collection last month. Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and new year!

ST.THERESE YOUNG ADULT GROUP



Please join the St. Therese Young Adult Group for **Theology on Tap** on Wednesday, January 7th at 7:00pm at Applebee's in Mt. Olive ITC. Fr. Dulibber will be leading a faith based discussion about "Living Faithfully in a Secular World." Open to ages 21-35.

St. Therese Parish Pilgrimage to Italy & Medjugorje
 Rome - San Giovanni Rotondo - Lanciano - Loreto
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BAKE SALE

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Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses Wednesday, December 24th
 3:00pm, 5:00pm & Midnight

Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25th
 9:00am(live streamed) 10:30am & 12:00pm

New Year's Masses
 Wednesday, December 31st 5:00pm Vigil Mass
 Thursday, January 1, 2026 Solemnity of Mary our Mother 12:05pm

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Our parish family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. Every family moving into our parish is requested to register; forms are available in all parish offices and on our website. Registration is required for Religious Education Programs and the reception of the Sacraments. **Only active, registered members can receive sponsor forms for baptism or confirmation. New members must wait 3 months before being eligible for a sponsor form.** Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM is celebrated on two Saturdays each month at 1:00pm. A parent preparation class is held monthly. Parents please call the Parish Office at least two months in advance. Visit the parish website, www.StThereseRoxbury.org for dates and information. Private Baptisms are reserved for Military deployment or extreme extenuating circumstances. **New members need to wait 3 months before scheduling a baptism.**

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION: Our Religious Education program begins with Grade 1. First Reconciliation & First Communion is a 2-year preparation program. Grades 3-8 are required years of continued faith education for entry into our Confirmation program.

CONFIRMATION: Our 2-year program begins in the Freshman year of high school and culminates with the sacrament at the end of the Sophomore year of high school.

MATRIMONY: Couples should call the Parish Office at least one year in advance. Please do not set your reception date until your church date is definite.

HOLY ORDERS- If you think God may be calling you to the serve Him in the ministry of the priesthood, please contact the Diocesan Vocation Office (973) 777-8818 X 711.

ANointing OF THE SICK- The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. A careful judgment about the serious nature of the illness is sufficient. For the SERIOUSLY SICK and dying contact the Rectory immediately.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (R.C.I.A.) Preparation for the sacraments begins in September and culminates at the Easter Vigil.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & ELDERLY: For the confined, the elderly and/or shut-in, be they at home or in the hospital, please inform the Rectory. Holy Communion will be brought to the home of any person permanently or temporarily homebound.

CONSECRATED LIFE: Those called to consecrated life are invited to follow Christ more closely through the total offering of their entire life to God through the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience. For more information, contact Chancellor / Delegate for Religious (973) 777-8818 X 247.

UPDATING FAMILY REGISTRATIONS

Do you have an adult child that no longer lives at home? If they no longer live at home but they live locally, have they re-registered at St. Therese at their new address? Have they moved away? Encourage them to register at their local church, because their St. Therese registration becomes inactive when they move away. Most parishes, including St. Therese, require sponsors for Baptism, Confirmation or RCIA to be an active, registered member of a parish. It is so important for young adults to establish their own membership. Sacramental information is always kept on record at the Parish. Registration forms are available on the parish website. Please feel free to call the Parish Office with any questions!!

PARISH MINISTRIES

Committee/Organization	Contact	Phone Number/E-mail
Adult Altar Servers	Dc. Joe Padron	dcnjoepadron@sttheresenj.org
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Religious Education Gr 1-8	Greg Marchesi	973-584-9444 X 302
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Spanish Prayer Group	Yolanda Betaneur	973-945-7705
Tuition Coordinator	Michelle Danielson	973-584-9444 ex 301
Ushers	Deacon Joe	dcnjoepadron@sttheresenj.org
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Women's Cornerstone	Annette Oswald	973-713-6088
Confirmation Coordinator	Michael Harding	michool02ss@aol.com
Young Adult Ministry	Eric Wolan	973-527-1561
Youth Minister		
Fr. Rick Kilcomons, Pastor	973-584-8271 ex 716	frkilcomons@sttheresenj.org
Fr. Dulibber Gonzalez	973-584-8271 ex 718	Rev.dulibberg@sttheresenj.org
Fr. Vic Leviste	973-584-8271 ex 719	vleviste@sttheresenj.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday 7:00am & 12:05pm

Saturday- 7:00am & 5:00pm

Sunday - 7:30am, 9:00am(live streamed), 10:30am & 12:00pm

Civic Holidays – 12:05pm (no 7:00am)

Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil 7:00pm Holy Day 7:00am, 12:05pm & 7:00pm

First Saturday's - 9:00am

Confessions are Saturdays 11:00am-12:00pm
or by appointment. Please call a priest to schedule.

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Why join a Bible Study?

Being part of Bible Study group helps individuals
deepen their faith, grow in their understanding of scripture,
and build community with other parishioners.

What a great opportunity for the new year!

The angel spoke to Joseph in a dream saying, "Through the Holy Spirit Mary will bear a son and you will name Him Jesus." Joseph was a good and righteous man and obeyed God's message taking his wife Mary into his home.

FOURTH 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.



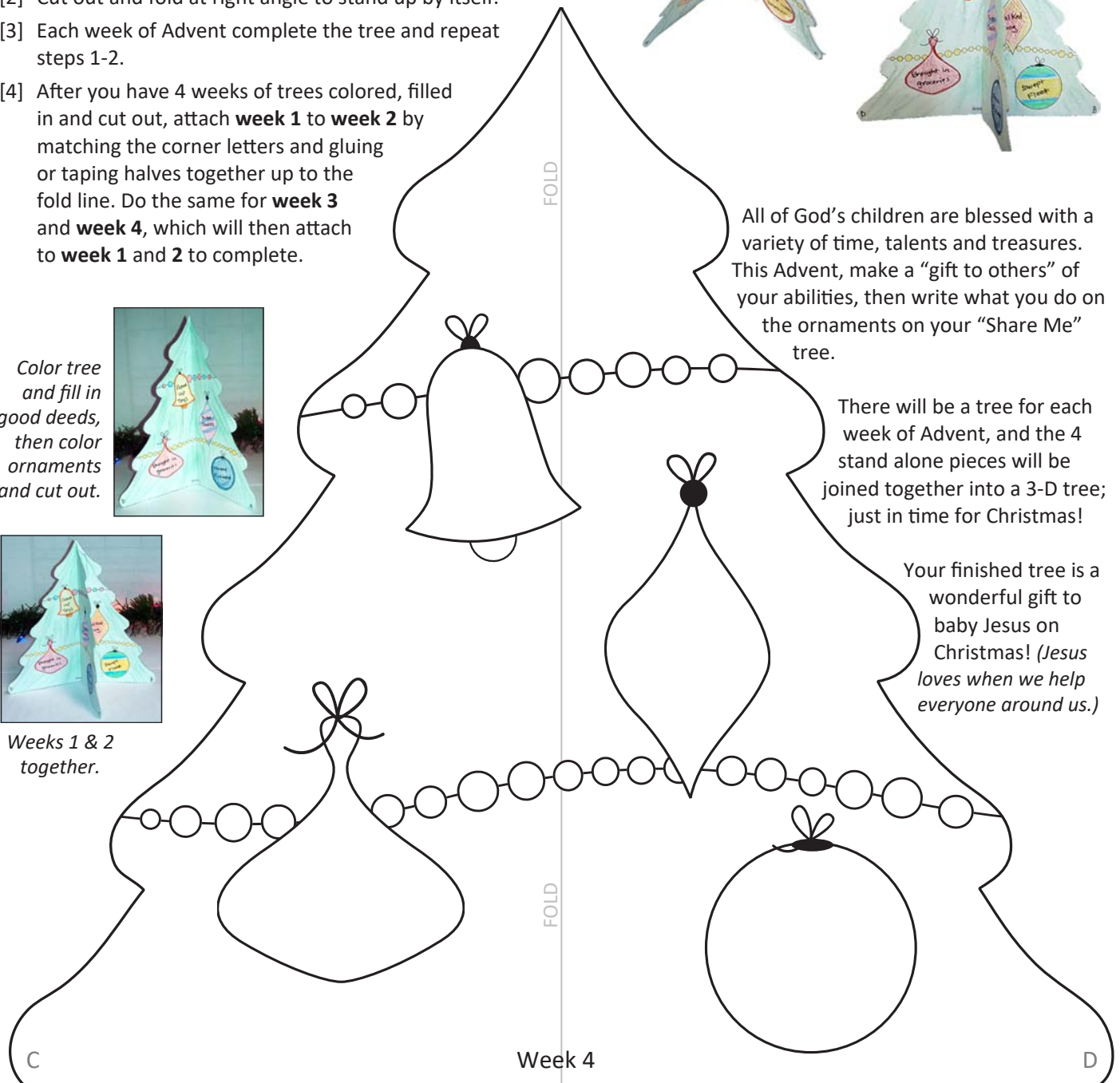
Different angles of completed tree.



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.*)



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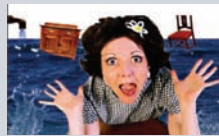
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