

December 5th, 2021

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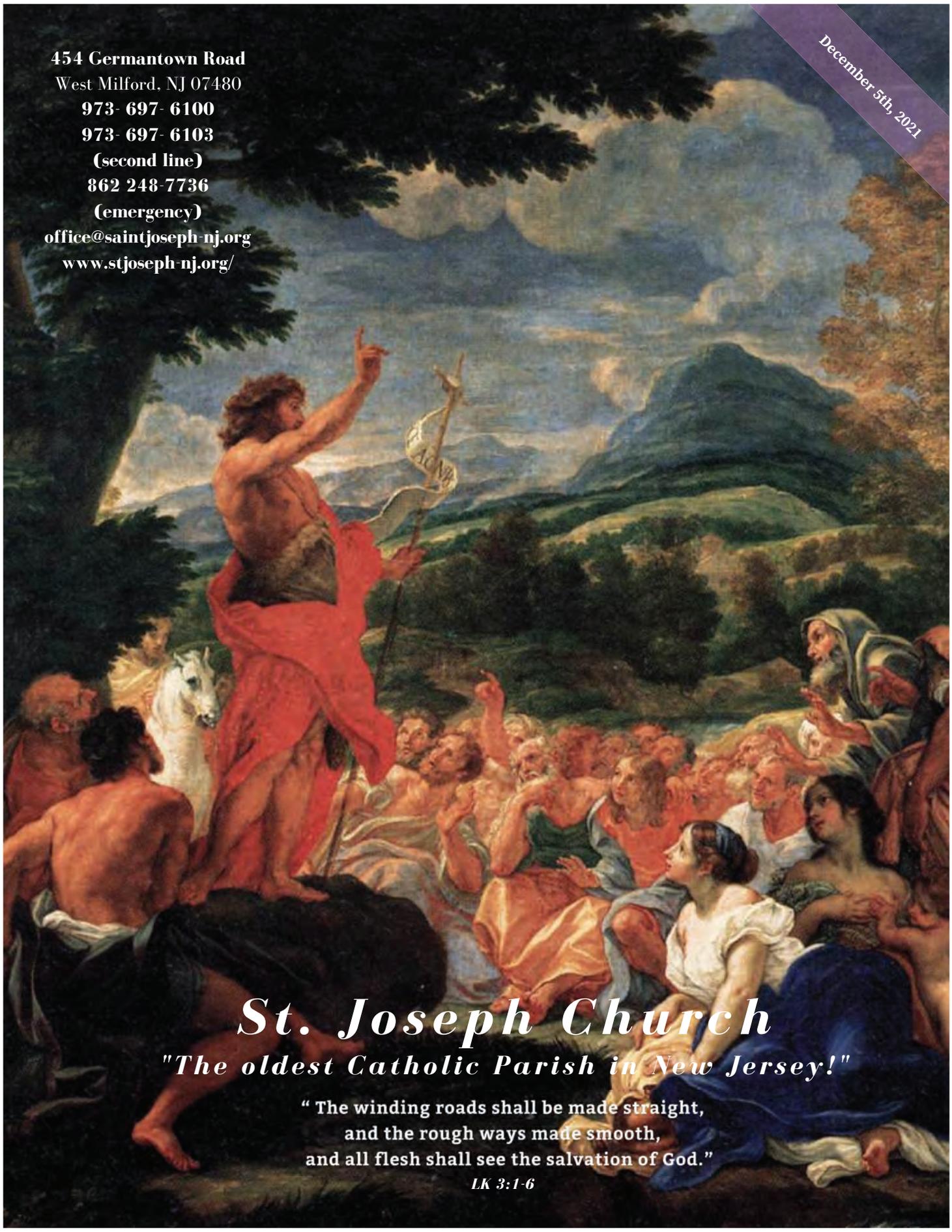
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**" The winding roads shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."**

LK 3:1-6

Served By:

Fr. Jakub Grzybowski Parish Administrator

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Sister Geraldine Corio, P.B.V.M

Saturday	5:00 pm Church
Sunday	8:00am, 10:00am, 12 Noon Church
Weekday Mass:	
Monday, Wednesday, Friday:	6:00 pm Church
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday:	9:00 am Church
Holy Day Masses	9:00 am & 6:00pm
Eve of Holy Day	6:00 pm
Confession:	
Saturday	4 pm- 4:30 pm
Monday (After Mass 6 pm/Holy Hour)	6:30- 7:15 pm

Sacrament of Baptism: Information about the Sacrament of Baptism may be found on the parish website: www.stjoseph-nj.org. If you wish your child to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

Marriages: Please contact the Parish Office one year in advance of your wedding to arrange for Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Sessions.

Visitation of the Sick and Elderly: Please keep us informed so that we can be attentive to those who are ill at home or in the hospital.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA): We wish to invite anyone interested in becoming a Catholic or a Catholic who would like information on receiving the Sacraments of Eucharist and or Confirmation to please call the Parish Office. Instructional sessions are offered on Sunday mornings from October - Easter Vigil.

MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 5, 2021 - 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MONDAY, DEC 6 - St. Nicholas, Bishop

6:00 PM All Intentions of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

TUESDAY, DEC 7 - St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM All Intentions of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

WEDNESDAY, DEC 8 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:00 PM All Intentions of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

THURSDAY, DEC 9 - Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

9:00 AM +Ann Riva by Ken Riva
All Intentions of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

FRIDAY, DEC 10

6:00 PM +Carol DiGiacomo by Fr. Jakub Grzybowski

SATURDAY, DEC 11 - St. Damasus I, Pope

9:00 AM Blessing and Protection of the Virgin Mary and St. Joseph for Mary Catherine and Anna Rose
5:00 PM +Carol DiGiacomo by Glenn and Thez Wargo

SUNDAY, DEC 12- Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM +Travis Farkas by Hand Family
10:00 AM Intention of Curran Family by Dellapi Family
Intention of TenHoeve Family
12:00 PM Birthday Intention for Aaron Diehl by Mom and Dad



This Week: 2nd Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Bar 5:1-9

2nd Reading: Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel: Lk 3:1-6



Next Week: 3rd Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Zeph 3:14-18

2nd Reading: Phil 4:4-7

Gospel: Lk 3:10-18

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

While the First Sunday of Advent focuses on hope, the Second Sunday is a time of preparation.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist preaches repentance and how to ready oneself for the birth of our Savior.



Advent is the time to make a straight way for the one who is to come. *In what ways are you challenging yourself this season to change your life and your attitude in order to make room for Jesus?*



Scripture Focus: John the Baptizer was looking forward to and preparing for the coming of a great prophet, which was to signal the dawn of God's reign. His message was a stern no-nonsense one. Repent or be damned! He also gives people specific examples of how they are to repent. People who have more than they need are to share with those who do not have enough. Tax collectors must stop cheating people. Soldiers and heads of state must stop intimidating people. The people who heard John wondered if he were the coming Messiah, but he quickly points to one "far superior to himself." The difference is indicated by their baptisms - one with water, one with the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Life Focus: How can we radiate to others the joy of God's presence within us?

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NEXT FOOD DISTRIBUTION DATES:

DECEMBER 18TH - 10AM TO 12 NOON - CHRISTMAS FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

CHRISTMAS FOOD DISTRIBUTION WILL BE ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18TH.

DONATIONS OF **FROZEN FAMILY / PARTY SIZE LASAGNAS** FOR OUR CHRISTMAS FOOD DISTRIBUTION WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.



THESE PERISHABLE ITEMS CAN BE BROUGHT TO THE PARISH OFFICE DURING BUSINESS HOURS, OR CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO MAKE OTHER DROP-OFF ARRANGEMENTS, IF NEEDED.

NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS MAY BE DROPPED OFF INSIDE THE DOOR OF THE KOCH HALL ANYTIME, 24/7

THE **SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS GIFT DISTRIBUTION**

ALSO HAPPENS AT OUR DECEMBER 18TH CHRISTMAS FOOD DISTRIBUTION. PLEASE SEE THE INFORMATION REGARDING GIFT DONATIONS TO BE DROPPED OFF AT SISTER JANET'S GARAGE.



ADVENT SONG OF THE WEEK:

"HOLY IS HIS NAME"

LET MUSIC ENHANCE YOUR ADVENT PREPARATIONS AND FILLS YOU WITH HOPE!



(SCAN THE CODE WITH YOUR PHONE CAMERA TO LISTEN ON YOUTUBE!)



A Time for Vocations...

Deacon Diego Monsalve

Time to Serve in The Military...

Daniel Luccarelli, Joseph Connors,

Alex Richnavsky,

Matthew Lattanzi, Christopher

Hettema,

Jeffrey Cox, Joshua Paicer, Ckyson

Santos,

Johnathan Greenwald and Joseph

Canova

If you have a family member in the military and would like them to be prayed for please call the parish office with the name of the person.

A Time to Heal...

Bill Hoffman, Scott Frew, Natalie

Hummel, Donald Conlon, Mary

Henaghan, Pat Burd, Elenore

Presing, Andrea Di Domenico,

Mary Paicer, Peg Lupo, Blanca

Medina, Bobby Toomes,

Antioniette Moralışvili,

Dave Youngren and Bob Caldo

A Time to Return to God...

Mary C. Kochka

DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL

“LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE”

With the year coming to an end, many people plan to make a final year-end charitable contribution that has the most impact.

Please consider the Diocesan Ministries Appeal which helps so many of your brothers and sisters in Christ. In fact, tens of thousands of people are supported each year by the work of our Diocese with assistance from the Appeal. All of us can play a part in the

Diocesan Ministries Appeal – as either a contributor to the cause or as a recipient of its mission – and all are blessed as a result.

Please make the Diocesan Ministries Appeal a priority in your year-end philanthropy. Gifts can be made by check, credit cards, through gifts of securities or on-line at

www.2021appeal.org.

May God bless you for your generosity!



AN EVENING OF

Lessons and Carols

... followed by a Christmas Tree Lighting and Refreshments in the Parish Center.

**Sunday, December 12, 2021,
at 6:00PM**

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church,
West Milford, NJ 07480

Because food will be served, it is important for the number of attendees to be known. Please call the Parish Office to let us know that you are coming or sign the attendance sheet located in the Parish Store!

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St. Nicholas Day

Dec. 6



ST. NICHOLAS WAS A BISHOP WHO WAS KNOWN FOR HIS GOOD DEEDS, ESPECIALLY FOR THE NEEDY AND CHILDREN. HE OFTEN GAVE GENEROUSLY AND ANONYMOUSLY PERHAPS THE BEST-KNOWN STORY ABOUT NICHOLAS CONCERNS HIS CHARITY TOWARD A POOR MAN WHO WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE DOWRIES FOR HIS THREE DAUGHTERS OF MARRIAGEABLE AGE. NICHOLAS SECRETLY TOSSED A BAG OF GOLD THROUGH THE POOR MAN'S WINDOW ON THREE SEPARATE OCCASIONS, THUS ENABLING THE DAUGHTERS TO BE MARRIED. MANY COUNTRIES IN EUROPE CELEBRATE ST. NICHOLAS DAY!

BELGIUM AND THE NETHERLANDS- A FELLOW DRESSED AS ST. NICHOLAS WOULD ARRIVE BY SHIP ON DECEMBER 6 AND RIDE A WHITE HORSE (OR A DONKEY) THROUGH THE TOWNS, HANDING OUT GIFTS



POLAND- IF ST. NICHOLAS COMES IN PERSON, HE WILL HAND OUT HOLY PICTURES AND FRUIT SUCH AS RED APPLES OR ORANGES. POLISH CHILDREN WILL BE TESTED ON THEIR CATECHISM AND REWARDED WITH SWEETS. CHILDREN CAN EXPECT SMALL GIFTS ON THE MORNING OF ST. NICHOLAS DAY

Pro-Life Corner



PRAYER FOR THE HELPLESS PREBORN

Gracious God,
 we beg You in Your infinite mercy and love, to protect the helpless preborn to whom You have given the precious gift of life at the very moment of their conception. Help all confused pregnant women to understand that their babies are made in Your image and likeness - as well as their own - and that You have given each child a soul, and life itself. Lead these young mothers beyond their fear and confusion. Grant them the courage and strength only You can offer. Gift them with great love to bring their children to birth, and to provide the understanding that only a mother's heart can give.
 Amen.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING IN SR. JANET'S GARAGE UNLESS IT IS LISTED HERE

Needed:

- Refrigerator
- Gas Stove
- Box Freezer
- Transport wheelchair in good condition

Bingo at Milford Manor:

The wonderful residents have missed Saint Joseph Bingo. Volunteers must be fully vaccinated. We will start in the fall. Call Sr. Janet if you would like to be involved. Thanks!



Sr Janet:
 973 697 2846



St. Joseph our patron pray for:



Every Wednesday we have devotion to St. Joseph, we will pray for you.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS:

The elderly religious need your help. Thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes—often for little to no pay. Now, many religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members. Your gift to today's Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous and make a check payable to St. Joseph Church and include RFR in the memo.

The collection will take place on December 11 & 12.



HELP US COLLECT DONATIONS FOR THOSE AGE 4-15 IN NEED!

BIG HITS ARE:

- SWEAT SHIRTS
- SWEAT PANTS
- HOODIES
- SOCKS,
- UNDERGARMENTS
- BASKETBALLS
- SOCCER BALLS
- GAMES,
- ARTS & CRAFTS
- TOYS
- AND GIFT CARDS

GIFTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, ETC. ON **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18TH** BETWEEN **10:AM - 12:00PM** TO COINCIDE WITH FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO NEEDS GIFTS PLEASE CALL SR. JANET. UNWRAPPED GIFTS MAY BE DROPPED OFF IN SR. JANET'S GARAGE BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12TH.



Knights of Columbus CHRISTMAS Poster Contest!

CREATE AN ORIGINAL
POSTER (SIZE: 11 X 17)

THAT REFLECTS THE
THEME: **KEEP CHRIST IN
CHRISTMAS**

POSTER MAY BE COLOR OR
B&W

(IF

PASTEL/CHALK/CHARCOAL
ARE USED; YOU MUST

LAMINATE OR COVER WITH
PLASTIC)



- **THREE AGE GROUPS: 5-7 8-10 11-14**
- MAKE YOUR POSTER, FILL OUT ENTRY FORM, AND DROP POSTER AND FORM OFF AT PARISH OFFICE BY **MONDAY DECEMBER 13TH!**
- (ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE PARISH CENTER AND CHURCH BULLETIN BOARDS)
- WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED AT **12 NOON MASS, SUNDAY DECEMBER 19TH.** THERE IS A PRIZE FOR 1ST PLACE IN EACH AGE GROUP AND CERTIFICATES FOR ALL ENTRIES!

CONTACT PARISH OFFICE OR
MONICA AND STEVE MCKENZIE FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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SAVE THE DATE FOR...
Breakfast with Santa Claus! 

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WHEN: SATURDAY DECEMBER 18TH, 9AM-11AM

WHERE: SAINT JOSEPH'S PARISH CENTER

WHAT: DELICIOUS PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE

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WHAT'S NEXT: CONTACT THE PARISH CENTER IF YOU CAN COME (TO HELP US PLAN THE NUMBERS)

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Meditation for the Second Sunday of Advent



Gospel of Luke 3:1-6 | *Advent Conversion*

During this Advent time, there is a time of expectation. Let us use it well to prepare the way for the Lord. Let us go out into the desert to calm down and pray and hear God's voice. It's difficult in everyday life, but let's try to find a moment for the Lord. Such a moment for us can be the Advent Retreat on Friday, December 10th. We will have Holy Mass at 6 pm with the first Retreat Conference. On Saturday, December 11th at the 9am Mass and the second Retreat Conference and each Sunday at Mass with the third Retreat Conference. Only these Masses with conferences can change and help a lot in our spiritual life.

One time per year we can sacrifice some time for a Retreat to re-organize our life and renew ourselves.

Let us pray, read a passage from the Gospel and reflect on our lives. During this Advent season, each Friday (from 12 noon until 6 pm) in our church, we have a chance to stay with Jesus face to face. Let us come for adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and let us distance ourselves from problems. Let us re-establish our hierarchy of values: God and love of neighbor.

Let us stand in the truth and start working on ourselves. Advent is the perfect time for reconciliation which will help us prepare for Christmas in our hearts. May the attitude of John, a man of great humility, help us with this preparation, who knows that the Lord is the most important.

Lord, please show me what needs to be put in order in my life and support me in my conversion, so that I can be a light to the world.

-Rev. Jakub Grzybowski

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in Faith,
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Join us for a special Advent Retreat
as we enter into the season of anticipation,
a time to prepare for the coming of Jesus.



December 10-12, 2021

FRIDAY- 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY- 9:00 a.m. + 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY- 8:00 a.m. + 10:00 a.m + 12:00 noon

RETREAT MASTER: Father Stephen Giorno, S.T.

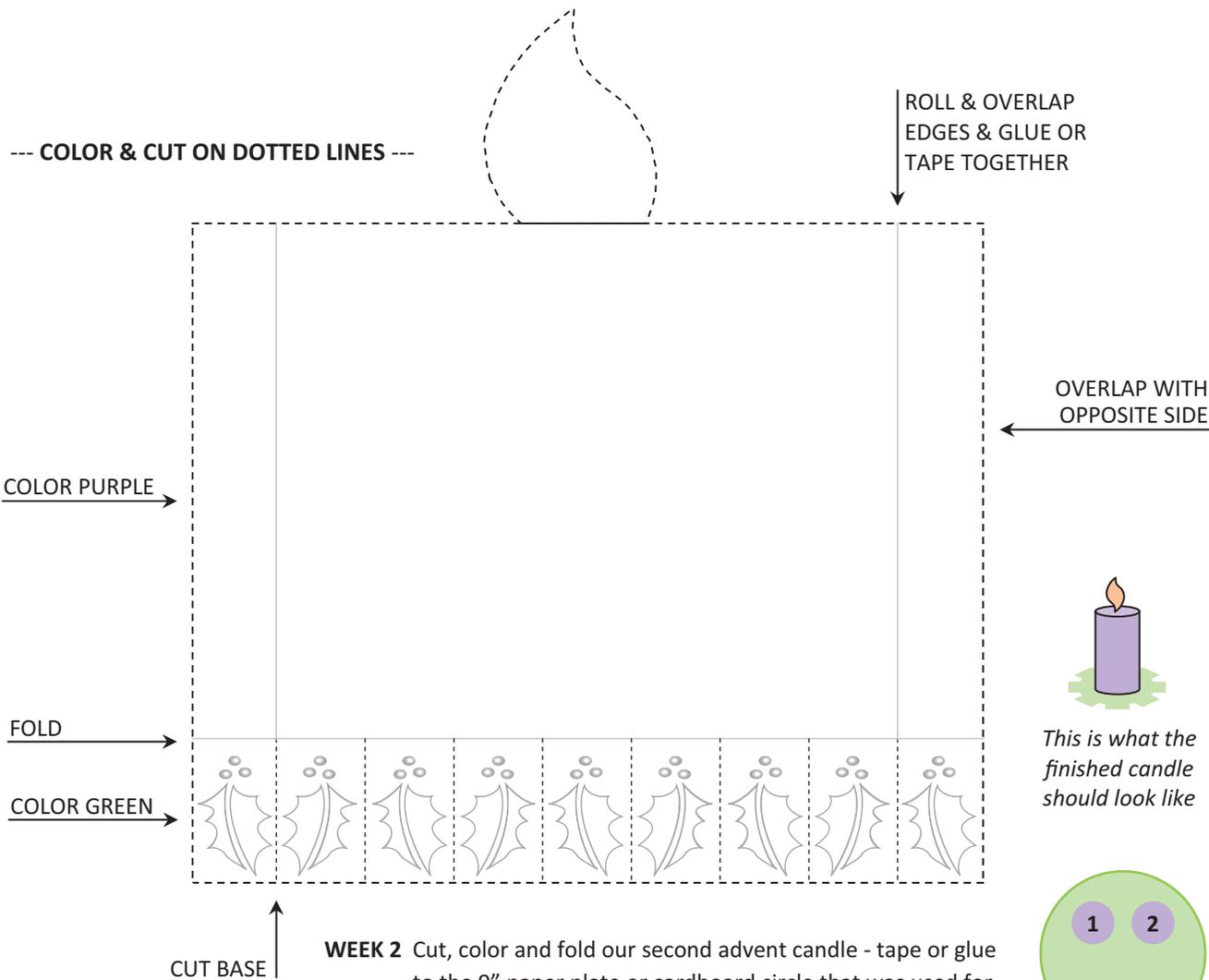
WEEK 2, evening lighting prayer

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".

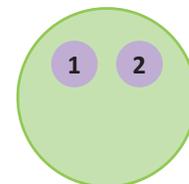
Oldest child lights 2 purple candles.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“I am sure of this much, that he who has begun the good work in you, will carry it through to completion, right up to the day of Christ Jesus... My prayer is that your love may more and more abound, both in understanding and wealth of experience so that with a clear conscience and blameless conduct you may have to value the things that really matter, up to the very day of Christ.”

Paul’s words of encouragement can be considered the best wish for any Christmas card. It is easy to presume one’s well wishes, but he tells us this is his prayer, yes, even his prayer for us at this moment.

May we take just a moment to consider ‘what really matters’ and address ourselves as we live this second week of advent.

What in my opinion really matters? Politicians make their pitch. Educators define certain goals. Business executives look at bottom lines and profit. How few reflect on the state of their souls, their relationship with God and what He expects of them.

I am sure that the last mentioned is what really matters. Don’t you agree?

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS



LIGHT TO GUIDE OUR FEET
INTO THE PATH OF PEACE.

- LUKE 1:79

Peace



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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