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**Mass Schedule**  
Saturday: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 8:00 & 11:30

**Weekdays**  
Monday: 7:00 PM Mass with  
Miraculous Medal Novena  
Tuesday through Saturday: 7:00 AM  
Monday through Friday: 12:10 PM

**Confession**  
Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30  
Saturday: After 5:00 PM Mass  
Sunday: 9:00-9:30 AM

*“Advent invites us  
to a commitment  
to vigilance,  
looking beyond  
ourselves,  
expanding our  
mind and heart  
in order to open  
ourselves up to  
the needs of  
people, of brothers  
and sisters, and  
to the desire for  
a new world.”*

— Pope Francis



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 7, 2025 • Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptizer prepares the way for Jesus. Clothed in a garment of camel's hair, he baptizes the people in the Jordan River, but warns the Pharisees in ringing tones that they must give evidence that they mean to reform.

*Second Sunday*  
of ADVENT *Peace*



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ❖ DECEMBER 7, 2025

**Baptism:** Baptism is celebrated on Sundays.

Please call the parish office to schedule.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick:** Please call the parish office when you or a loved one is sick at home or in the hospital for visitation with the Eucharist and for the Anointing of the Sick.

**Marriage:** Couples should contact the parish office at least one year before the potential wedding date. **New**

**Parishioners:** Should register as soon as possible.

Please contact the parish office

**Religious Education (CCD):** Please log-on to [www.ololchurchnj.org](http://www.ololchurchnj.org) for calendar and parish events.

### Mass Offerings

#### MONDAY, Dec. 8

**7:00am** Robert J. Murphy req Riordan Family

**12:10pm** Dominic Fama req Family

**7:00pm** Phyllis & Jack Olson req Tom & Bernadette Olson

#### TUESDAY, Dec. 9

**7:00am** For souls in Purgatory req Anonymous

#### WEDNESDAY, Dec. 10

**7:00am** For souls in Purgatory req Anonymous

#### THURSDAY, Dec. 11

**7:00am** For souls in Purgatory req Anonymous

#### FRIDAY, Dec. 12

**7:00am** Michael Duffy req Nancy Duffy

#### SATURDAY, Dec. 13

**7:00am** For souls in Purgatory req Anonymous

**5:00pm** Intention of Parishioners

#### SUNDAY, Dec. 14

**8:00am** Jose Reyes req Pat Holzinger

**11:30am** Lee Matthews req The Olson Family



LIVE IN HARMONY



### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

In this beautiful passage, a messianic prophecy, Isaiah exults in the coming of the Lord, who will bring justice and peace for all.

#### Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Paul reveals to us the necessity of living in peace and harmony. His words "Accept one another, then, as Christ accepted you, for the Glory of God" are as needed today as they were in Paul's own time.

#### Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

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#### Sunday

Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

#### Monday

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

#### Tuesday

Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

#### Wednesday

Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

#### Thursday

Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

#### Friday

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab;  
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings  
from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### Saturday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**SCHEDULE FOR 2nd SUNDAY OF THE MONTH****EUCCHARISTIC MIN****LECTOR****SAT. Dec. 13**

5pm

Donahue

Hanson

**Sun. Dec. 14**

8am

Anton

Demetor

11:30am

Aponte

Young

**Bulletin for Dec. 6-7, 2025 – Second Sunday of Advent****Holy Day of Obligation**

Monday, **December 8<sup>th</sup>**, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary and IS a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Mass will be Sunday evening, **December 7<sup>th</sup>**, at **7:00**, and **December 8<sup>th</sup>** at **7:00 am, 12:10 pm and 7:00 pm** WITHOUT Novena and Rosary.

**Second Collection**

There will be a second collection next weekend for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. This collection is to support retired Sisters and Brothers in the United States.

**Altar Rosary**

Our Christmas Dinner Meeting is Monday **December 8<sup>th</sup>**, at **5:00pm**.

**A Great Big Thank You**

To Bernadette Olson, Ann Marie Simons and to the many of you who labored so diligently to make our Annual Christmas Bazaar such a smashing success. Many people worked extremely hard to make this project a reality. It has really brought us into the spirit of Advent.

Also, thanks to the very many of you who donated gifts to the 2025 Giving Tree project. Your generosity will make somebody's Christmas a little happier. Thanks to Barbara Gallo who was kind enough to organize the project.

**Christmas Crib**

Our young students in Religious Education (CCD) have been growing the grass which will be used as the straw for Baby Jesus in our outdoor Christmas Crib. The grass will be harvested and brought to the 5:00 pm Mass on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all the Children for preparing a place for the Lord.

**Last week's Offertory collection – \$3,060.00****Online- \$1,560.00****1st weekend counters –John Reardon, Steve Svonavec**

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.



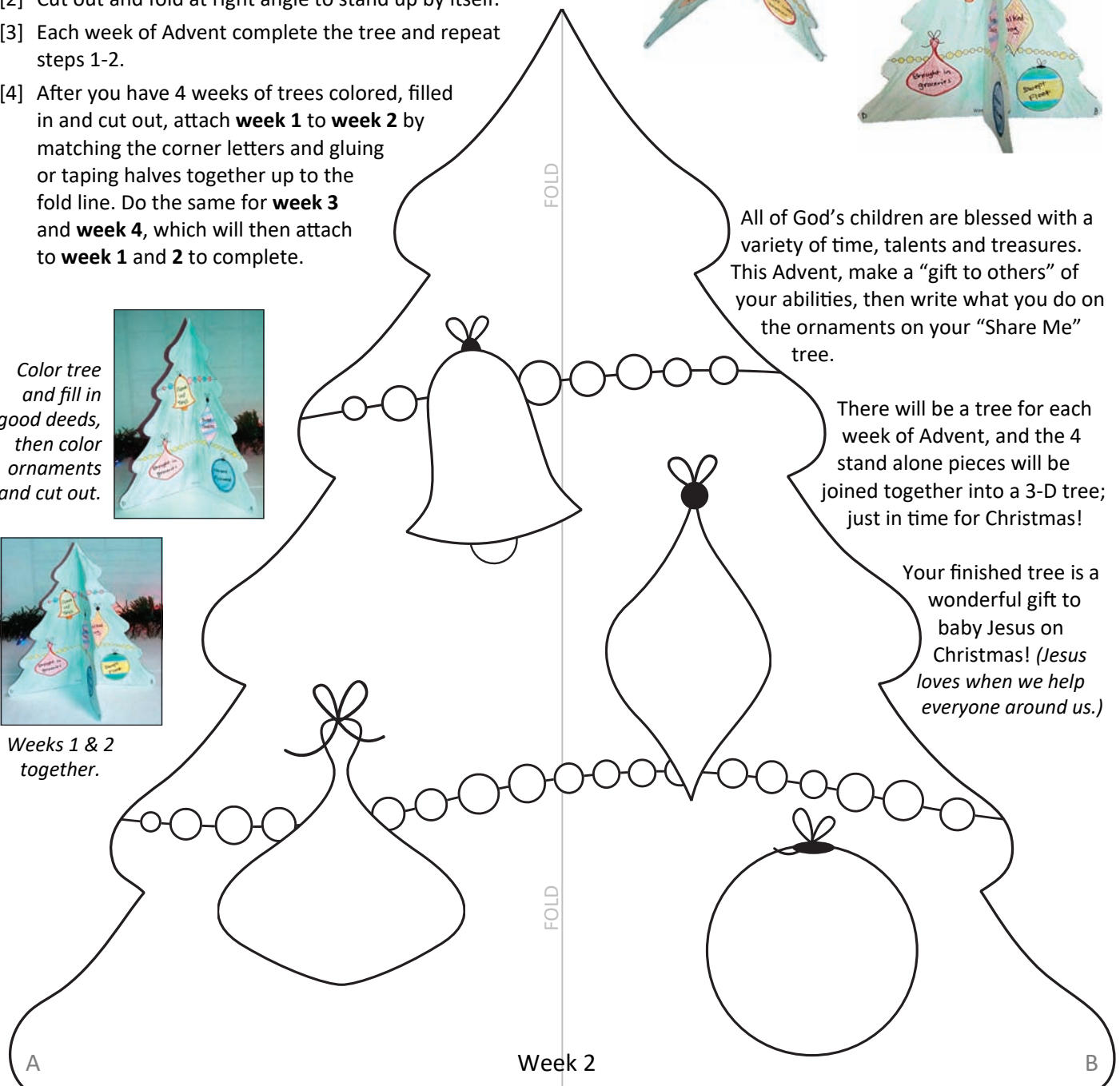
Different angles of completed tree.



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.*)







# **OLOL ALTAR ROSARY CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

OLOL's Altar Rosary Society is accepting donations for flowers for our church for Christmas. Your Christmas message will be printed in the Bulletin following the New Year. This is a lovely way to remember a loved one or to spread a special Christmas message.

The cost is \$25 per message. Checks are payable to OLOL Altar Rosary. Please fill out the form below and return it with your payment to the Rectory at 233 North Main Street, Milltown or place in the collection basket by Monday, December 22, 2025.

Please call Bernadette Olson at (732) 991-6359 if you have any questions.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# of messages \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Messages (Please print):

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