

STAY AWAKE

ADVENT 2014



PASTORAL CARE FOR THE HOMEBOUND: If you are sick, homebound, or in the hospital and would like to receive Holy Communion or would like a pastoral visit, please contact Deacon John McCormack by leaving a detailed message at 914-456-6329 or calling the Parish Office at 227-1710. If you prefer, you may email Deacon John at jmac1255@gmail.com.

PRAYER NETWORK: The Prayer Network is a way to have prayers requested. Your intentions may be given to Nancy Vaughn at 226-4053 to be prayed for by our "vine" of caring people.

MUSIC MINISTRY: The Youth Choir practices on Wednesdays from 6 to 7:00 pm; Adult Choir practices are Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm; Contemporary Ensemble practices are Thursdays from 7 to 9:30 pm. All practices are in the church. For more information, please contact our Music Director, Nina Ricci, at nina.ricci@saintkaterimusic.org.

PARENT/CHILD CONNECTION: The Parent-Child Connection provides a safe playgroup for young children and an opportunity for adults to share their understanding of early childhood issues in an environment that promotes Catholic values. Please visit our parish website to see a complete schedule.

T.L.C. TRI PARISH TEEN GROUP: The teen group is a program for all the high school students in the parishes of St. Denis, St. Columba and Saint Kateri. The program includes fun activities such as outings and trips, service activities for the parish and greater community, and opportunities to learn more about your faith.

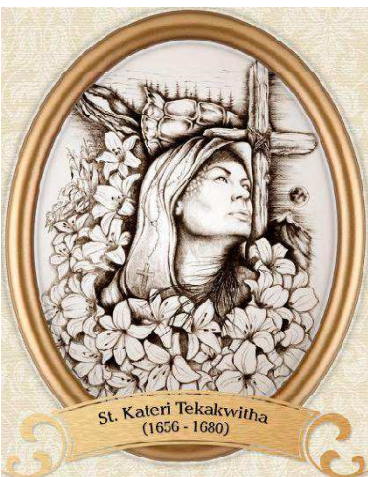
PARISH MEMBERSHIP: New parishioners are always welcome. New Parishioner Forms are available in the church narthex, at the Parish Office, or online. If you are a regular contributor, please consider becoming a member to ensure receipt of a tax statement at each year-end.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is the world's most distinguished "Friends of the Poor". The Society of St. Vincent de Paul offers tangible assistance to those in need. Hotline for those in need: 227-7863.

OUR LADY OF LIFE MINISTRY: We meet monthly for prayer and support of local life needs. Hotline for those in need: Sisters of Life Mission: 212-737-0221
Birth Right: 1-800-550-4900
Good Counsel: 1-800-723-8331

DIRECTORY OF ACTIVITIES

Adopt-A-Night (feeding homeless).....	lacolla@optimum.net - Vivian LaColla
Adult Faith Form/Bible Study	223-3658 ----- Julie Borges
Altar Linens.....	227-2807 ----- Geraldine Natale
Altar Rosary Society.....	454-1840 ----- Betty Perrino
Altar Servers	227-1710 -----
Baking	221-2741 ----- Lorraine Travia
Baptismal Program	226-8987 ----- Deacon Bob
Bereavement Group	221-2741 ----- Lorraine Travia
	bktbereavement@optonline.net
Blood Drives	590-1601 ----- Dusty Maiolo
Chapel/Church Cleaners	223-5650 ----- Mary Covucci
Church Decorators	227-1529 ----- Cathy Varano
Cursillo	226-5207 ----- Tony Martino
Discover Christ	223-3658 ----- Julie Borges
Ecumenical Group	223-3658 ----- Dave Borges
Eucharistic Adoration	223-3658 ----- Dave Borges
Eucharistic Ministers	914-456-6329 - Dcn John McCormack
Faith Formation/Family Catechesis.....	227-1710 x3 ----- Heidi Reale
Fund Raising	677-6496 ----- Anthony Cirone
Gardening/Landscaping.....	223-5999 ----- Dennis Rosenfeld
Hospital/Homebound Visits	914-456-6329 ----- Deacon John
Hospitality	677-6496 ----- Andrea Cirone
Kateri Can Cook.....	223-5951 ----- Ellen Newhard
Knights of Columbus.....	705-8023 ----- Christian Jones
	jonesykofc13@gmail.com
Lectors.....	223-8410 ----- Deacon John
Leisure Club	mlbiasotti2000@aol.com --- Mary Biasotti
Liturgical Minister Schedule	227-1710 ----- Denise Casey
Joyful Noise.....	227-1710 ----- Heidi Reale
Junior High Club	227-8382 ----- Larry Ryan/ St. Denis
Marriage Encounter	223-5661 ----- Anne Anderson
Men's Group	223-3658 ----- Dave Borges
Music Ministry/Youth Choir.....	nina.ricci@saintkaterimusic.org --- Nina Ricci
Pancake Breakfast	223-5951 --- Robert & Ellen Newhard
Parent-Child Connection	592-4322 ----- Kira Gorman
	kirazgorman@yahoo.com
Parish Activities	677-4783 ----- Ed & Laura Leahy
Parish Council.....	724-5331 ----- Marie Sanchez
Prayer Shawl Ministry.....	223-5001 ----- Vivian LaColla
Prayer Network	226-4053 ----- Nancy Vaughn
R.C.I.A./R.C.I.T.	227-1710 ----- Msgr. Desmond
	bktrcia@gmail.com
Respect Life.....	sktforlife@optonline.net --- Annemarie R./Cathy D./Andrew H
Spirit Wind Prayer Group.....	440-3519 ----- Pat Mackey
Spiritual Life.....	227-1710 ----- Msgr. Desmond
St. Vincent de Paul	227-7863 ----- Joyce Pfirman
Support for Military Families.....	635-3623 ----- John & Ruth Recchia
TLC Teen Group...914-708-7331...	dpbell@optonline.net --- Dave and Kathy Bell
Teen Music Ministry.....	nina.ricci@saintkaterimusic.org --- Nina Ricci
Ushers/Greeters	677-6496 ----- Anthony Cirone
Vacation Bible School	226-8987 ----- Judy Horton
Widows & Widowers Club	223-3097 ----- Joan Lee



Prayer to Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, favored child and Lily of the Mohawks, I come to seek your intercession in my present need: (mention it). I admire the virtues which adorned your soul: love of God and neighbor, humility, obedience, patience, purity and the spirit of sacrifice. Help me to imitate your example in my state of life. Through the goodness and mercy of God, Who has blessed you with so many graces which led you to the true faith and to a high degree of holiness, pray to God for me and help me.

Obtain for me a very fervent devotion to the Holy Eucharist so that I may love Holy Mass as you did and receive Holy Communion as often as I can. Teach me also to be devoted to my crucified Savior as you were, that I may cheerfully bear my daily crosses for love of Him Who suffered so much for love of me. Most of all, I beg you to pray for me that I may avoid sin, lead a holy life and save my soul. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday----- **December 1**
 9:00 am For All Parishioners
Tuesday----- **December 2**
 9:00 am Peter & Nonie Corcoran
Wednesday----- **December 3 St. Francis Xavier**
 9:00 am Justina Rivera
By Leo & Kathy Montalbano
Thursday----- **December 4 St. John Damascene**
 9:00 am Rose Troiano
By the Rogers Family
Friday----- **December 5**
 9:00 am Anna Dodaro
By her daughter Rose
Saturday----- **December 6 St. Nicholas**
 9:00 am Sarah Bonvissuto
 5:00 pm James, Concetta & Louis Liccione
By the Liccione Family
Sunday----- **December 7**
 9:00 am Richard Spadavecchia
By his wife Theresa & family
 10:30 am Anthony Celestino
By Betty Perrino
 12:15 pm Stephen Kraus (L)
By family
 5:30 pm Gabriele Rositani
By his wife, children & grandchildren

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The +TLC+ is hosting a pancake breakfast this Sunday, December 7th, after the 9 & 10:30 am Masses. All teens are invited to help.



Marriage Banns
 III Shari Sloma & Paul DeLucia
 II Brian Shannon & Lauren Stolle

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Monday, December 8th, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation. Masses will be, 9:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday, December 8th.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday-----**December 1**
 7:30 pm Adoration (*Chapel*)
 7:30 pm Confessions (*Chapel*)
Tuesday-----**December 2**
 10:00 am Parent-Child Connection
Faith Formation Building: St. Therese
 Boy Scouts Ad Altare Dei
Faith Formation Building: St. Francis
 RCIT
Faith Formation Building: St. Nicholas
 Spirit Wind Healing Mass (*Chapel*)
 District Committee Meeting
Faith Formation Building: St. Patrick
 Prayer Shawl Ministry
Faith Formation Building: St. Cecilia
Wednesday-----**December 3**
 After 9:00 am Mass Confessions (*Chapel*)
Thursday-----**December 4**
 7:00 pm RCIA
Faith Formation Building: St. Paul
Friday-----**December 5**
 3:00 pm Adoration (*Chapel*)
Saturday-----**December 6**
 8:00 am Spirituality Day
Church Meeting Room
 10:00 am Eucharistic Minister Training (*Church*)
 4:00 pm Confessions (*Chapel*)
Sunday-----**December 7**
 After the 9:00 & Pancake Breakfast
 10:30 am Masses **Church Meeting Room**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

This Friday, December 5th, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 3 pm, and Benediction at 9 pm.

TRAINING FOR NEW EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Anyone who is interested in joining this ministry should attend the training session on Saturday, December 6th at 10 am in the main Church. Please pre-register by calling the Parish Office at 227-1710 x 2.

PARISH INCOME REPORT

Last year's in-Pew collection: \$10,220.00

SUNDAY DECEMBER 7, 2014 LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Sat. 5:00 pm - Fr. Michael	Wally Guillaume Jr.	Jean Bartoes, Connie Liccione, Patricia Lyons	Rebecca Campos, Olivia Gomez TBD
9:00 am - Msgr. Desmond	Family Liturgy	Anne Anderson, Angela Bava, Debbie Outman, Christine Ryan, Diana Schopen	Billy Kelly, Eddie Kelly, Tommy Kelly
10:30 am - Fr. Michael	Robert Young	Kathleen Jastrzembksi, Cindy McKinney, John Reale III, Peter Reale, Gregory Wiley	Joseph Jastrzembksi, Julia Jastrzembksi, Stephen Jastrzembksi
12:15 pm - Msgr. Desmond	Norma Kraus	David Borges, Marie Sanchez, TBD	Liam Elliffe, Kimberly Silva, TBD
5:30 pm - Fr. Michael	Peter Bodnar III	Katie Hogan, Harrison Nobel, Erin Lemmey	Jillian Coniglio, Rory McComb, Brooke Tobin


THE POWER OF PRAYER

If you would like to have your name, or know someone who has given permission to have their name, added to the prayer list, call Nancy Vaughn at 226-4053.

Please pray for those who are ill:

Denee DeVizio, Anna Florence, William Grafer, Dariana Jamison, Kate Madigan, William Manley, Patricia and Kenneth McCabe, Johnny Mucha, Jodi Peragallo, Zachary Tank, Mary Celeste Torri

Please pray for our parishioners serving in the military:

Jamie Babon, Michael Baibagallo, Daniel Barone, Timothy Douglass, Thomas Finn, Brandon Gonzalez, Matthew Howard, Kenneth Jablecki, Zachery Kirchner, Ian Mackay,  Vincent Nichtern, James Tindall, Matthew Walsh

THE GIVING TREE

The +TLC+ Teen Group has placed two trees in the Narthex with gift tags for the needy of our county. Most of these gifts are distributed by Catholic Charities in Poughkeepsie. This year, we are also requesting gift cards for Astor Homes here in Dutchess County so that they can purchase gifts and needed clothes for the children in their care. We encourage that every family take a gift label and return the gift with the **gift label placed on the gift**. Each gift is for a specific individual, so please return them unwrapped. We ask that the gifts be returned by Sunday, December 7th and the gift cards be returned by Sunday, December 14th. If you were requested to obtain a gift card, please return that with the label in the collection basket. If you did not receive a gift label, you can assist our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

DECEMBER HEALING MASS

A Healing Mass, with a free flow of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, will be held on Tuesday December 2nd at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, 1925 Rte 82, LaGrangeville, NY 12540. Guest Celebrant will be Monsignor Joseph Martin, former Pastor of St. Mary's Fishkill, currently at St. James, Carmel. Praise and worship starts at 7pm, Mass at 7:30. Individual prayers for healing will follow Mass. The Mass is sponsored by Spirit Wind Prayer Group. For details, contact Pat or Joe at 845-440-3519 or Dave at 845-223-3658.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 40 CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE

The Boy Scouts will be at St. Kateri selling their beautiful Christmas wreaths this weekend, November 29th and 30th. This fundraiser helps defray the costs of campouts and troop activities. Please consider purchasing a wreath and supporting Troop 40. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

OPŁATKI

Polish, Slovak and Lithuanian background families have a Christmas tradition of breaking off a piece of opłatek (wafer) and sharing it with family and friends as an expression of blessing and forgiveness. We now have the opłatki available in the Narthex after Masses and at the Saint Kateri Parish Office. A donation to cover the cost of the opłatki would be greatly appreciated.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Reconciliation Mini-Retreat Thank you

I would like to extend my thanks to all of the people who helped out in preparing for our Reconciliation mini-retreats and all those who helped out on the retreats: Aubrey Arrick, Jean Bartoes, Tom Beresford, Andrea Cirone, Jillian and Lisa Coniglio, Matt D'Angelo, Angela Grabowski, Alicia Leone, Theresa Mark, Kathleen Mooney, Lillian O'Connor, Mary Orrico, and Betty Perrino. Your help is greatly appreciated and priceless!

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to all the families for your generous support and participation in Operation Christmas Child!

TLC + TEENS LOVING CHRIST + TLC

9th graders and all high school students are encouraged to be involved in +TLC+ events. They are as follows:

- **Sunday, December 7th**- Pancake Breakfast
- **Wednesday, December 10th**- Hillcrest House Christmas Tree Decorations
- **Saturday, December 13th**-Angel Gift Project- 11 am-1 pm
- **Sunday, December 14th**-General Meeting- The Gospels

The tri-parish Youth Group meets after the 5:30 pm Mass at St. Kateri from 6:30-8 pm in the Church Meeting Room. All high school teens are welcome. For +TLC+ news and forms, visit saintkateriparish.com/#tclc

R.C.I.A

This week's topic is: Eucharist. All are welcome. Our website is bit.ly/bktrcia.

ST. KATERI MIDNIGHT RUN

St. Kateri is doing our first Midnight Run on Friday, December 12th for the homeless, and we are in dire need of the following items:

- gently used sleeping bags
- gently used blankets
- gently used scarves, hats, gloves
- men's coats
- soap, shampoo, deodorant
- toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, cough drops
- flashlights with batteries
- CVS gift cards
- Starbucks Coffee gift cards
- over the shoulder cloth bags, old knapsacks

Due to storage restrictions in the Church, items can be dropped off in the Narthex on Saturday December 6th and Sunday December 7th only!

Any and all items would be a great help to make this new and very important ministry a success. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call Anthony Cirone at 489-6174 or cironea927@gmail.com.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY NEWS**Jesus is the reason for the season.**

Christmas is coming fast! If you would like to donate a Christmas food basket for our less fortunate families and help put a smile on their faces, please call 227-7863 and Linda will call you back. If you cannot donate a whole basket, please feel free to donate a basket with another family or friends or you can donate one or more of the items from the list and bring it on the day the baskets are distributed. Items that are needed in the baskets are: turkey or ham, milk, eggs, fresh vegetables, salad mix, salad dressing, sweet potatoes, white potatoes, butter, fruit, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, gravy, rolls, beverages, dessert, tea, coffee, and an aluminum pan. Drop off is at St. Columba Church, on Sunday, December 21st, between 10 am and 12 Noon. The baskets will be dispersed after the blessing at 1 pm. Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas Gifts

This year as a substitute for Christmas gifts, the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry has purchased \$25 gift cards from Burlington Coat Factory for each child, ages infant to 17 for the families they serve. The gift cards permit the parents/guardians to purchase the most needed or wanted items. We ask for your assistance to help cover the cost of these gift cards. Donations in any amount are greatly appreciated. You can mail your donations to: St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, c/o St. Columba Church, PO Box 428, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533.

This week, the SVDP's Food Pantry is in need of: cake/muffin mix, jello/pudding, hot chocolate, salt & pepper. If you need assistance, would like to volunteer or want to be a member, call **227-7863**. Next meeting is December 10th at 7 pm in the Convent Meeting Room at St. Columba.

ST. KATERI PARENT-CHILD CONNECTION

This week's topic is: Family ties, overcoming distance. St. Nicholas craft. For more information, please contact Kira Gorman at 592-4322 or atkirazgorman@yahoo.com.

**LIGHTHOUSE CD'S AND BROCHURES**

The talks are available in the narthex. For any questions, contact Dusty Maiolo at (845) 590-1601.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Bible study classes are canceled at this time. The start dates will be announced. For information, contact Julie Borges at juliamajor1@gmail.com or 223-3658.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

Our Christmas Dinner on Monday, December 1st, 6:30 pm, at LaChambord. The dinner is \$38 per person. All are welcome. Call Betty Perrino at 454-1840 for information.

ST. DENIS' CHRISTMAS TEA & CRAFT FAIR

St. Denis will be hosting their Silver Tea & Craft Fair Saturday, December 6th, 10 am - 4 pm (snow date: December 13th). Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee while you listen to the sounds of our holiday music selection. Then leisurely browse our crafters' tables and select the perfect gift for that special someone. For information, call 227-3949.

FIRST SATURDAY CLUB FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

The First Saturday Club will be held on Saturday, December 6th at St. Mary's, 11 Clinton Street, Wappingers Falls. The Rosary will be said at 11:30 am, followed by Mass. For information, contact JoAnn at 462-3186 or Elizabeth at 454-2340.

**NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE
DECEMBER 8TH AT 9 PM**

On Monday, December 8th from 9 pm - 1 am, St. Denis Church will be hosting the annual "National Night of Prayer for Life". This is a pro-life service consisting of exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Rosary and other vocal prayer, silent meditation, and Benediction to end the evening. During the "Hour of Unity", 12 am - 1 am, we will be united with Churches across the country in prayer to end abortion and all offenses against the Culture of Life, to make reparation for these sins and pray for the healing of those who are suffering as a result of them. Please join us for 1 hour or all 4 hours of prayer.

**ST. GIANNA MASS FOR INFERTILITY
DECEMBER 12TH AT 6:30 PM**

On Friday, December 12th at 6:30 pm, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, a St. Gianna Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick's Church, 137 Moseman Rd., Yorktown Heights, NY for couples struggling with infertility or recurrent miscarriage. Their family and friends are welcome to attend. After Mass, meet Dr. Anne Nolte, MD, the co-founder and medical director of the National Gianna Center for Women's Health & Fertility in New York City. Please RSVP to Gianna-Mass1212@gmail.com.

PARENT GUIDES TO HUMAN SEXUALITY

The Chastity Education Program of the Archdiocese of New York provides "Parent Guides to Human Sexuality", a set of three resources for parents of children from ages 5 to 19 to educate themselves in the Catholic Church's teachings regarding human sexuality. These guides were a collaboration between the Family Life/Respect Life, Catechetical, and Education Offices of the Archdiocese of New York. Pope John Paul II said, "Only the chaste man and the chaste woman are capable of true love". For more information or to order the guides, go to nyfamilylife.org/chastity.

CATHOLIC COUNSELOR AVAILABLE

Roger Szafranski LMSW, is an experienced clinical social worker who has worked with children, adolescents, adults and families in both clinical and school settings to address an array of emotional, psychological and behavioral issues. Roger will meet with any of our parishioners having difficulties dealing with personal, family or professional issues which may be causing stress, anxiety, and/or depression impacting your life, marriage and/or relationships. Roger is offering his services, free of charge and in complete confidence, to help you through whatever challenges you may currently be facing. We have the ability for you to meet privately with Roger here at the church, and confidentiality will be assured. Contact Roger at 845-416-8993 or roger57@frontiernet.net

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7

In this straightforward psalm, the people acknowledge their sinful ways, yet plead that their Creator might reveal himself to them. They ask God to remember, not their sins, but that "We are all the work of your hands."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Paul explains to the Corinthians that they are specially favored by God who has sent his only Son to them. He reminds us all that it was through God's grace that we have been called to kinship with Christ.

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Just as a servant watching over the master's house does not know when he will return, we do not know the hour of the Second Coming. Mark reminds us of the warning from Jesus to always be on guard, for we know not the day nor the hour.

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A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2014


"Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be constantly on the watch! Stay awake! You do not know when the appointed time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he orders the man at the gate to watch with a sharp eye.'"

A new season of grace begins, advent, when we remember the first coming of Christ, anticipate His future coming and discern His presence among us today. The image of the traveler found in the person of Jesus is so appropriate. We have been given our personal, as well as collective tasks. He has placed certain responsibilities in our hands. As disciples we are called to be faithful followers, stellar examples as parents, responsible members of His flock and enthusiastic in the practice of our faith.

A person on watch is there to provide safety from danger, but also to seize opportunities to serve. How many needs can be answered, how many wounds can be healed, how many chances for growth in the life of the church are offered to us, but we fail to take advantage.

The church needs ministers at worship, teachers as catechists, sponsors for RCIA candidates. The church needs models for our youth, and support for our aging and homebound. Who is ready to respond to these needs?

Advent offers a new beginning. Are you ready? His coming today is what is all important.



KID'S KORNER

Gospel Today
First Sunday of Advent | Mark 13:33-37

BE AWARE & KEEP WATCH!
Always be ready for the day and hour when God comes again. No one knows when, not even Jesus or the Angels in Heaven.

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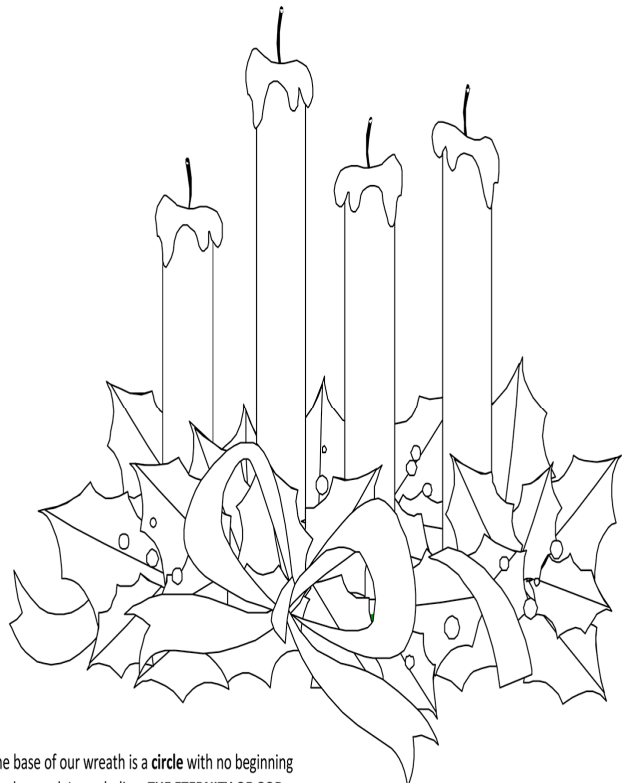
FIRST WEEK OF
ADVENT
ARRIVAL OR COMING OF CHRIST

WEEK 1, evening lighting prayer
Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come, that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord, Amen." Youngest child lights 1 purple candle.

BLESS THIS WREATH
Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessings upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Through Christ our Lord, Amen."



The base of our wreath is a circle with no beginning and no end. It symbolizes **THE ETERNITY OF GOD**.

We decorate the base with **EVERGREENS** which represent **CONTINUOUS LIFE**.

Color 3 purple and 1 rose/pink candle. Draw a flame on 1 purple candle and color the holly leaves green.

