



JANUARY 5TH ~ THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday 7:30 am

Saturday – 8:00 am

Monday's of Holiday Weekends - Daily

Mass time moves to 8:30 am

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday – 5:00 pm

Sunday – 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Confessions Saturday: 4:00 to 4:30 pm

Holy Days

7:30 am, 12 Noon & 7:00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament First

Friday of every month 8:00 am to 7:00 pm

Registration: All parishioners should be registered. Please contact the Parish Office.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

Masses For The Week



SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	JANUARY 4, 2025 Ann & Steve Dill r/o Ron & Edie Kolodziej Special Intentions
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	JANUARY 5, 2024 The Epiphany of the Lord Mary Ann Casey r/o Herbert & Kathleen Radeer Henriette Thomas r/o Elaine Palatine
10:30 AM	Joseph Sgro r/o Eileen Kovalsky Sr. Margaret Doris Devlin RSM r/o Tom Hankinson
MONDAY, 7:30 AM	JANUARY 6, 2024 Ralph T. Patrone, Jr. r/o M/M Nick Solimando
TUESDAY, 7:30 AM	JANUARY 7, 2024 Intentions of Robert Delahanty r/o Elaine Palatine
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM	JANUARY 8, 2025 Elyssa DiPietro r/o Jackie Stockman
THURSDAY, 7:30 AM	JANUARY 9, 2025 Irene Keast r/o Claude & Mary Anne LeGall
FRIDAY, 7:30 AM	JANUARY 10, 2025 Mary Scarano r/o Donna Penn
SATURDAY, 8:00 AM	JANUARY 11, 2025 Priest's Intention
5:00 PM	Marilyn Dillione r/o Children Kevin Brooks r/o Debbie Smith & Family
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	JANUARY 12, 2025 The Baptism of the Lord Robert Patrick Cook r/o Mom
10:30 AM	Carmen Vasquez r/o Claude & Mary Anne LeGall



Readers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	JANUARY 11 Chaya Collazo
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	JANUARY 12 Laura Shea
10:30 AM	Religious Ed Students

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	JANUARY 11 Ginny Evans
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	JANUARY 12 Dennis Hice
10:30 AM	Tony Jones

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	JANUARY 11 Alana Colazzo, James Gummel
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	JANUARY 12 Brayden Spina
10:30 AM	Ryan Spina, Sebastian Reyes

News & Events

Early Deadlines No Collection Data.

Coins for Charity Weekend—January 4-5. Please share your coins with us. Thanks for your support.
Monday, January 6th Religious Education Classes resume at 6:00 –7:15pm in the Parish Hall.
Wednesday, January 8th the Delaware Valley Radio Assoc. meets at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall.
Saturday, January 11th, Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass. **Reconciliation** 4-4:30 PM.
Sunday, January 12th 10:30 Mass is Family Sunday and CLOW. Refreshments follow in the Church Hall.



Pray for our Sick:

Kevin Baker, Mitzi Baker, Rosalie Baldanzi, Erin Barbato, Col. Gabriel Beck, Rosemarie Buker, Richard Cook, Joseph and Marilyn Dablewski, Jack Devlin, Al Gatto, Leo Genovesi, Brian Gershon, Phil Glaser, Sandra Goeke, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Theresa Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Eileen and James A. Keenan, IV, Mary Lou Kramli, Carol Lake, Mary Leary, Laura Lynch, Kevin Mattis, Kevin McBride, Keith Mello, Joan Moore, Marie Muscente, Kim Nash, Angelika Niranjan, Debbie Paterson, Carol Perrine, Dominic Petito, Jennifer Andres, Gadiel Quiroga, Lucy Saganowski, Vincent Schnell, G. Welly Samuels, Debbie Sattler, Gregory Schafer, Steve and Pamela Schmierer, Dolores Sebasto, Kristy Shanahan, Linda Solinski, Dorothy Stanley, Brenda Thornley, Erin Cahill Wetzell, Stanley Wrobel and all parishioners who are sick or homebound.

Please call the parish office to add a name to the prayer list and to inform us when all is well so we may take a name off the list.

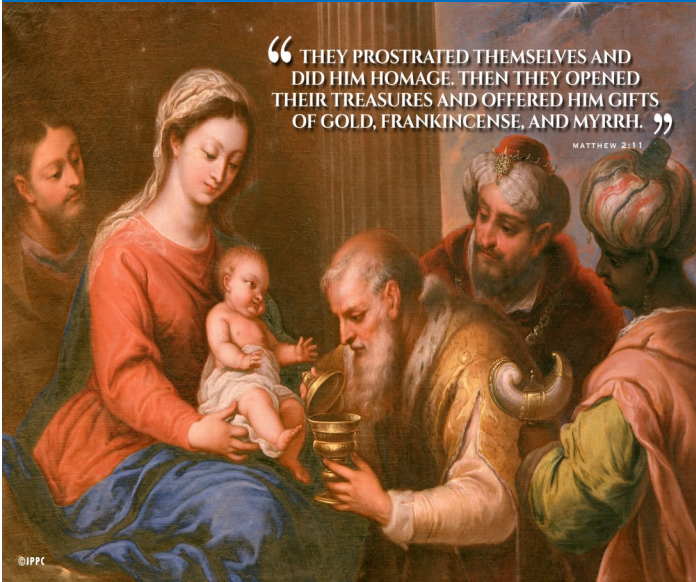
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“THEY PROSTRATED THEMSELVES AND DID HIM HOMAGE. THEN THEY OPENED THEIR TREASURES AND OFFERED HIM GIFTS OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH.”
MATTHEW 2:11

Reflection

January 7, 2007 – Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60: 1-6 Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2: 1-12

“And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.” (Matthew 2: 9b)

I wonder if we would have recognized, or choose to recognize, the Messiah had we lived at the time of Jesus' birth. Certainly, many who were learned in the Hebrew Scriptures and leaders of the Jewish people chose otherwise. For all of their knowledge of the law and the prophets, most failed to recognize the numerous signs that they could virtually recite from memory. Others refused to recognize the signs, as they pointed to their own shortcomings, fears and vulnerabilities. The Messiah was a threat to the established

order; his coming would bring change and upheaval – a radical new way of life to all.

In today's Gospel, Matthew tells us of the Magi's visit at the rising of the star. Signs pointed to Jesus, the newborn king. However, not all greeted their visit with enthusiasm, viewing the reported child as a threat to the status quo and their own individual spheres of influence. Herod was particularly troubled; a venal man, he would do everything to preserve his power, choosing to disregard the signs around him. Yet the Magi, foreigners in a strange land, discerned and chose wisely, offering their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh in homage to the newborn king.

Do we recognize Christ as the ruler of our life? Do we see him in the eyes of our fellow men and women? For that is the call to wisdom. Or do we avert our gaze, ignoring what is plainly before us, to preserve our status quo and individual spheres of influence?

We are called to follow the star each time we celebrate the Eucharist. We choose to accept the risen Christ and do him homage. It is a radical conversion of self, prostrating ourselves before the Precious Body and Blood, offering ourselves in humble service to the Lord. Only in such humility are we truly wise and worthy of eternal salvation.

*“Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.”
(Isaiah 60: 1)*

Deacon Steve Szmuto



Mary's of Mary
January
Respect Life Month

We will gather at 4:30 pm on every Saturday night in January to pray the Rosary for an end to

abortion and a greater respect for all human life.

Please join us in prayer.



EUCHARIST FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you know is unable to come to Mass because of significant illness or long-term disability, Fr. Ariel and our Eucharistic Ministers will visit area homes to bring the Blessed Sacrament. Please call the parish office at 609-882-3277x3 to inform us you would like to be added to the **Communion Call list**. Homebound members will be scheduled to receive the Eucharist at home.





Special Christmas Gift for Married Couples

For a truly meaningful Christmas/New Year's gift, consider treating each other to a Marriage Encounter Weekend. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held **February 14-16**. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco).

Visit us at:

www.wwme.org for more information



FAMILY SUNDAY

FAMILY SUNDAY ~ CHILDREN'S LITURGY ~ JANUARY 12TH at 10:30 AM MASS.

Each Month on the 2nd Sunday our parish religious education children will take part in serving at the 10:30 AM Mass. The children will serve as Greeters, Ushers and Readers. All children of the parish are welcome to participate, for information please email:

Brenda O'Callahan CRE: olgc.re.wt@gmail.com

EXCITING NEWS FOR FAMILY SUNDAY! CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW) JANUARY 12TH at 10:30 MASS

The 2nd Sunday of the month, is dedicated to Family Sunday and **CLOW**. The CLOW program is designed for **children up to 7 years old**. Before the first reading, children along with a parent or adult will depart from mass to attend a class in the hall, returning after the Homily. The session will feature:

- Listening to a children's version of the Gospel
- Engaging in prayer
- Enjoying a story, song, or even acting out a skit
- Participating in a coloring page or craft activity
- Mark your calendars for upcoming CLOW Sundays:

January 12, February 9, March 9

Family Sunday ~ Refreshments will follow the 10:30 Mass in the Parish Hall. Join us for some hot brewed coffee and delicious treats.

Coins for Charity Weekend

Containers are available at each Church entrance January 4/5 for your donations. Don't forget your Marrazzo Receipts.



Your support is appreciated!



Mass for Life & Life Expo

CELEBRATED BY



Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.

PRAY, CONNECT, ENGAGE

Embrace the transformative power of the Eucharist, foster solidarity, and take decisive action to nurture a culture of life that honors every stage from womb to tomb.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Join us for a special Mass celebrated by Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.
- Engage with local organizations dedicated to upholding and promoting human dignity throughout all stages of life.
- Enjoy delicious refreshments, fostering new friendships, and strengthening bonds within our community.

Friday
JANUARY 24
11:00AM
Co-Cathedral of
St. Robert Bellarmine,
Freehold

All are Welcome • No RSVP needed



For full information about the day's events, visit: dioceseoftrenton.org/standing-together-for-life

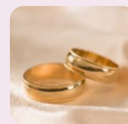
Go for the Gold 7 Skills for Winning at Marriage

Saturday February 22, 2025
1:30pm - 4:45pm

FREE

St. James Parish Center
115 East Delaware Avenue
Pennington, NJ

Followed by 5:00pm Mass and a Marriage blessing!



Discovering the path to Happiness, Healing and Harmony in Your Home



All married couples are invited to this event!




Dynamic Presentation by Coleen Kelly Mast, M.S. Life Coach, National Speaker, and EWTN Radio Talk Show Host of "Mast Appeal"

A Great Christmas Gift!

REGISTER NOW!





Babysitting available upon request. Families can attend Mass together at the end of the event.



DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE


THE JOURNEY

FEB. 1ST
 2025
 10AM


 **8th-12th grade**
 Notre Dame H.S.
 Lawrence, NJ



 **Advance Registration**
 \$25

 **Walk-in Registration**
 \$35

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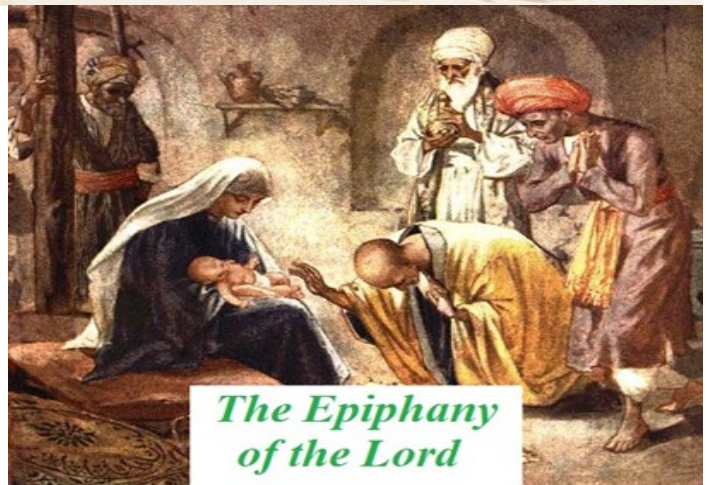


"Those who hope in the Lord will run and not be weary." (Is 40:31)

ISAIAH 60

*Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
 Your light has come,
 the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
 See, darkness cover the earth,
 and thick clouds cover the peoples;
 but upon you appears his glory.
 Nations shall walk by your light.*

*Raise your eyes and look about;
 all shall gather and come to you:
 then you shall be radiant at what you see,
 your heart shall throb and overflow,
 For the wealth of the nations
 shall be brought to you,
 dromedaries bearing gold and frankincense.*



**The Epiphany
 of the Lord**

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Family game night

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025
6-8 P.M. – IN THE PARISH HALL
Come just for the fun of it!**

**Join us after the 5:00 pm Mass for trivia
and some games to test your balance, speed
and determination!**



**Pizza will be served.
Bring a dessert or snack to share.
Which family will take home the
GRAND PRIZE???**



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