

Our Lady of Good Counsel

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD • JANUARY 7, 2024



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MASSES

Weekdays: Monday thru Friday 7:30 AM,
Saturday 8:00 AM

Weekends: Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Holy Days: 7:30 AM, Noon & 7:00 PM

Reconciliation:
Saturdays 4:00 to 4:30 PM

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024
5:00 PM Richard Ranucci
r/o Robert Leiggi & Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024
8:30 AM **Epiphany of the Lord**
Rocco Zangrilli
r/o Robert, Lorie Zangrilli & Family
For the People of the Parish
10:30 AM Don Smith r/o Family
Charles Chianese r/o Diane Coyle

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024
7:30 AM Frank & Mildred Ryba
r/o Daughter and Son in law

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024
7:30 AM Ed Meister r/o Su, Tom & Tyler Nix

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024
7:30 AM Mary Scarano r/o Helen Marie Dolton

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024
7:30 AM Bruce Burke r/o Peter Coiante

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024
7:30 AM Mary Lou McCabe r/o Hope Holland

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024
8:00 AM Priest's Intention
5:00 PM Marie & William Dolton r/o HMDolton
Rev. Msgr. William Fitzgerald (10th Anniv)
r/o Dennis and Barbara Hice

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024
8:30 AM **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Robert Patrick Cook r/o Mom
Mary Ann Prunetti
r/o Nino & Angela Como
10:30 AM Fedina Marandola
r/o Bernardino Zangrilli
People of the Parish

COLLECTION

Registered Parish Families	686
Parishioners using envelopes	100
Envelope Contributions	\$2,180.00
Average Contribution	\$21.80
Loose Cash	\$609.00
Contributions for December 31st:	\$2,789.00

Thank you for your generosity.

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Readers

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13
5:00 PM Jackie Crane
SUNDAY, JANUARY 14
8:30 AM Maeve Cannon
10:30 AM Religious Education Children

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13
5:00 PM Mary Szmuto
SUNDAY, JANUARY 14
8:30 AM Dennis Hice
10:30 AM Wendy Reading

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13
5:00 PM James Gummel
SUNDAY, JANUARY 14
8:30 AM Brayden Spina, Liz Baron
10:30 AM Dylan Rutkowski, Ryan Spina

News & Events

01/07 Sunday-Religious ED Classes Gr 8, 7:00 pm Parish Hall. RCIA 11:30 am Parish Hall.
01/08 Monday— Religious ED Classes Gr 1-7 6:00-7:15 pm Parish Hall.
01/09 Wednesday—Delaware Valley Radio Assoc. in Parish Hall at 7 pm.
01/011 Thursday Good News Sunday 7pm Opdenacker Room of Parish Hall and Friday morning at 10am.
01/12 Saturday - Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass. **Reconciliation** 4:00-4:30 pm.



Pray for our Sick:

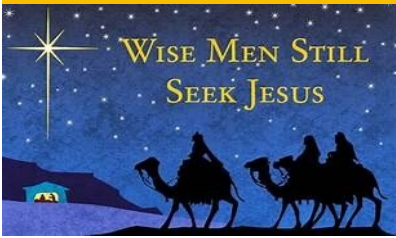
Kevin Baker, Erin Barbato, Col. Gabriel Beck, Christina Beck, Rosemarie Buker, Richard Cook, Sarah Dowd, John Finn, Al Gatto, Leo Genovesi, Brian Gershon, Phil Glaser, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Theresa Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Eileen and James A. Keenan, IV, Mary Lou Kramli, Carol Lake, Laura Lynch, Kevin McBride, Keith Mello, Joan Moore, Marie Muscente, Kim Nash, Angelika Niranjan, Carol Perrine, Lucy Saganowski, Vincent Schnell, G. Welly Samuels, Debbie Sattler, Gregory Schafer, Steve Schmierer, Dolores Sebasto, Kristy Shanahan, Linda Solinski, Brenda Thornley, Cherylann Wilson, Stanley Wrobel and all parishioners who are sick or homebound.

Please call the parish office at 609-882-3277 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.

Pray for our Military:

TSgt. Andrew G. Vrancik, Air National Guard
Please email: dsmith@olgcc.net to add your soldier to the prayer list.

JANUARY 7, 2024 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
Isaiah 60: 1-6
Psalms 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13 **Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6**
Matthew 2: 1-12

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord reminds us that Christ came to save not only the chosen people of Israel, but all men and women. The Gospels, addressed to various audiences, clearly show that Christ came first (but not only) to save the people of Israel. However, it quickly becomes apparent that while salvation history began with the Jewish people, it ultimately expanded to encompass all of humanity. In a sense, it reveals the vast and eternal expanse of God's love for the whole world. *"The Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel."* (Ephesians 3:6)

Today's reading from Matthew's Gospel tells of the Magi, the wise men from the East, who had seen the star at its rising. They did not understand what it foretold, but they recognized it as a sign of great importance. It was they, rather than Herod and the chief priest and scribes of Israel, who opened their hearts and minds to the meaning of the star, and embarked on an arduous journey to discover the truth.

The Magi are models for all of us who seek to uncover the mysteries of faith. They persisted in their long journey and earnestly sought the meaning of the star. They did not seek to impose their own definition or interpretation of it; rather, they desired only knowledge of the newborn king so that they could do him homage. In a sense, they were the first disciples from the world of the Gentiles.

While we possess the gift of faith in Christ Jesus, would we undertake such a journey? Would we drop everything and travel to a far-away land in search of the truth? The scriptures never mention the magi after this passage. But I cannot help but think that they, or their heirs might have become members of the body of Christ as the early Church grew to surrounding nations. Their desire was genuine and deep and offers a model for all of us.

As we reflect upon the Epiphany during these final days of the Christmas Season (following the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Monday, January 8) and return to Ordinary Time, let us model our devotion to the faith on the Magi, who persevered in their desire for the truth: *"They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."* (Matthew 2: 10-11)

Deacon Steve Szmuto

FAMILY SUNDAY—CHILDREN'S LITURGY JANUARY 14TH, 10:30 AM MASS

It's the 2nd Sunday of the month which means our parish children will take an active part in serving as; Greeters, Ushers and Readers. All children of the parish are welcome to participate! For more information please email: Brenda O'Callahan CRE: olgcc.re.wt@gmail.com

Family Sunday ~ Refreshments will follow both the 8:30 AM and the 10:30 AM Mass immediately following in the Parish Hall sponsored by the Ewing Knights of Columbus. Join us for some breakfast treats thanks to our Ewing Knights!



You're invited to Breakfast...

Courtesy of the Ewing Knights of Columbus



When: Sunday, January 14, 2024

Immediately after the 8:30am and 10:30am Mass

Where: OLGCC Parish Hall

What to bring: Your smiles and appetite



The Ewing Knights members will be present to answer any questions you may have about the Knights and the charitable works we do to support the Church, the Community and Life.

Come join us.



Courtesy of the Ewing Knights of Columbus



Status of the Gordon family's efforts to bring Bogdan and Galena home

The Gordon family would like to thank all the parishioners from OLGCC who sent an email to their representative asking to support resolution H RES 915. Four members of the House of Representatives agreed to co-sponsor the resolution before Congress went on recess. Rep. Smith and Rep. Norcross are the only members from NJ who co-signed the resolution. Congress resumes on January 9, 2024. If you did not receive a response from your representative then please send another email. If you did receive a response then please follow-up with an email reminding the member of the resolution.

If you know a family member or friend who resides in a different congressional district and wants to help then please provide them Matt and Deidre's email address: Mdgordon2019@gmail.com. Matt and Deidre can provide them with all the necessary information. To make an impact, we need as many Congressional co-sponsors as possible. Thank you again for your prayers and support. This is the best effort to reunite not only the Gordon family, but also 199 other families.



*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 from womb to tomb. Please join us in prayer.



A very special thank you to six Adopt-a-Family donors who Volunteered to receive the names, age, size and gift wish of each child in their Adopted family. Thank you for the bounty of gifts you provided. It was a blessing to see the table full of beautifully wrapped gifts for each Family.

Catholic Community of Hopewell Valley—All Inclusive Ministry—Invites You to a
SENSORY FRIENDLY MASS
St James Church, Pennington, NJ
Saturday, 5 PM, January 13, 2024

A Sensory-Friendly Mass provides a safe, comfortable, and stigma-free setting for children and adults with sensory challenges or any kind of disability to feel engaged and experience Mass in a meaningful way.

Accommodations Include: Softer Music and Lighting, Bell Free, shorter more literal homilies, and Gluten Free Hosts

We encourage families and individuals to get up and move if needed, to bring fidgets or noise cancelling headphones, and to participate in the liturgy just as they are. **Please Join Us – All Are Welcome**



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In Loving Memory of Family

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Hartmann Family
Kane & Thoma Family
Kownacky Family
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**Thank you for your 2023 Christmas
Flower Donations.**

Your generosity has made our Sanctuary beautiful for the Christmas Season. Please know I tried very hard to get names spelled correctly if there is an error God knows who you meant. 😊 Thank you for your understanding.
Debbie

Central Jersey Choral Society Presents

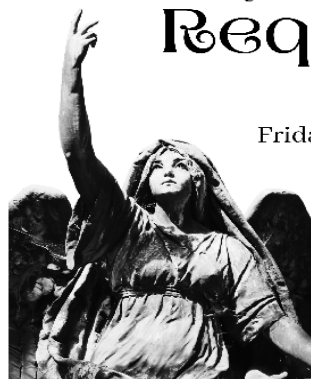
Lauda Sion

by Felix Mendelssohn

Requiem

by Gabriel Fauré

Friday, January 19, 2024, 7:30 pm



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Roman Catholic Church
137 West Upper Ferry Rd.
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Tickets: cjchoralsociety.org
\$20 adv. \$25 at door



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Christopher Loeffler,
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Parish Outreach for Q4 2023

Thanks to your continued generosity, our Social Services Committee volunteers delivered the following items to Mount Carmel Guild during October, November and December: 105 frozen food tray meals, 11 turkeys, 17 other frozen items, 78 bags/boxes of non-perishable food (includes Thanksgiving food), 56 bags/boxes of clothes, 4 bags/boxes of personal care items, 3 bags/boxes of baby items, 15 bags/boxes of household items and 66 bags/boxes of miscellaneous items (includes Christmas gifts).

Note: Frozen items can be placed in the donations freezer adjacent to the kitchen area. Food trays and instructions are available next to the freezer. Please consider sharing your leftovers with those in need.

Parishioners should know that in our weekly deliveries to these charities we regularly hear sincere expressions of appreciation for your continued generosity. Their thanks for all of our food and meal donations always get special mention. Thanks for all you do for parish outreach to help those in need!

