

# Our Lady of Good Counsel

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT • DECEMBER 17, 2023

# JOY



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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

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>DECEMBER 16, 2023</b> Anthony Carabelli r/o Stan & Joanne Sliwinski
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM	<b>DECEMBER 17, 2023</b> <b>Third Sunday of Advent ~ JOY</b> Rocco Zangrilli r/o Maria Zangrilli Carol Hanson Smith r/o Family
10:30 AM	Nicholas Muscente, Sr. & Intentions of Marie Muscente r/o Daughter For the People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>DECEMBER 18, 2023</b> Minnie Katherine Jones r/o M/M Russell Vizzini
<b>TUESDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>DECEMBER 19, 2023</b> Frank J. Ricketti r/o Norman Buttaci Frank J. Ricketti r/o J. Capuano Family
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>DECEMBER 20, 2023</b> Fekete & Walley Deceased r/o Family
<b>THURSDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>DECEMBER 21, 2023</b> Nora McKay r/o Paci Family
<b>FRIDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>DECEMBER 22, 2023</b> Gloria Buttaci r/o Norman
<b>SATURDAY,</b> 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	<b>DECEMBER 23, 2023</b> Priest's Intention Richard L. Palatine r/o Wife, Gail Eleanore & Paul Gofus r/o Gail Ann Palatine
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	<b>DECEMBER 24, 2023</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ PEACE</b> Anne Rita Newell r/o Family For the People of the Parish Gloria Buttaci r/o Norman <b>CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES</b> Faith Holland r/o Sister, Hope Stella Przechacki (Mass of Midnight) r/o Carol, Maria & Stefanie Przechacki
5:00 PM 10:00 PM	
<b>MONDAY,</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	<b>DECEMBER 25, 2023</b> <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> Newell Family Dec. members r/o Family People of the Parish

Parish Office is closed December 25 and 26.



## *Readers*

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>DECEMBER 23</b> Sherri Calderone
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	<b>DECEMBER 24</b> Laura Shea Carol Lake
5:00 PM 10:00 PM	Catherine Ard Elise Stankus
<b>MONDAY,</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	<b>DECEMBER 25</b> Laura Shea Maeve Cannon

## *Eucharistic Ministers*

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>DECEMBER 23</b> Janet Stankus
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	<b>DECEMBER 24</b> Dennis Hice Mike Lake
5:00 PM 10:00 PM	Joyce Christensen Janet Stankus
<b>MONDAY,</b> 8:30 AM 10:00 AM	<b>DECEMBER 25 Christmas Day</b> Danny Morales Tony Jones

## *Altar Servers*

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>DECEMBER 23</b> Nathan Stankus
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	<b>DECEMBER 24</b> Brayden Spina, Elizabeth Baron Dylan Rutkowski, Ryan Spina
5:00 PM 10:00 PM	Brayden Spina, James Gummel Nathan Stankus
<b>MONDAY,</b> 10:30 AM	<b>DECEMBER 25</b> Dylan Rutkoswki

## *News & Events*

**12/24 Sunday** - RCIA Session 11:30 am. in the Parish Hall. Grade 8 Closed until 1/7/24.

**12/25 Monday**— Religious ED Closed until 1/8/24 **We wish you a Blessed Christmas.**

**12/26 Tuesday**—Parish Office is Closed.

**12/28 Thursday** Good News Sunday 7pm Opdenacker Room of Parish Hall and Friday morning at 10am.

**12/30 Saturday** - Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass. **Reconciliation** 4:00-4:30 pm.



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# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Reflection

### Third Sunday in Advent B

December 17, 2023

[Reading I: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11](#)

[Responsorial Psalm: Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54](#)

[Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24](#)

[Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28](#)

## Joy in the Lord

“I rejoice heartily in the Lord,” the prophet says in the **First Reading**. And why wouldn’t he? He has glad tidings. The poor will be taken care of, the brokenhearted will be healed, the captives will be freed, and the prisoners will be released. Who wouldn’t rejoice in these things? As the winter dark and cold encroach on our days, and as the birth of the baby Jesus draws near, we hear these beautiful words everywhere. But the problem is that, for so many people, this is a time of depression, not of joy.

And why? Because the poor are still poor; the people are still broken-hearted; and the captives and prisoners are only slowly released. In this country, the bank still forecloses on the house of a person who has lost his job; a friend still becomes treacherous; a spouse succumbs to alcoholism. What has happened to the promise and the beautiful words? How is joy possible?

The answer lies in Mary’s words in the Magnificat. “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior,” she says. Does anyone think that she took these words back when she stood by the cross as her son was crucified?

How can Mary maintain the words of the Magnificat still at the foot of the cross? The answer is that the greatest love of the Lord was there. The words of joy that Mary spoke, before the Lord was born, are only more true in the suffering she bears at his cross. His love doesn’t take away her suffering at his crucifixion (how could it)? But her suffering is enveloped in great love, and so it is transfigured.

Joy in the Lord is compatible with waiting for the final redemption from our suffering and our sin—because Christ is Emanuel, God with us. Even now, since his love infuses all our suffering, our souls can proclaim the greatness of the Lord, and our spirits can rejoice in God. Our Lord transfigures the suffering of our lives in his love.

Eleonore Stump

ADVENT - CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE	
8:30 AM AND 10:30 AM	<b>December 24th</b> Fourth Sunday of Advent Fulfills Sunday obligation only
5:00 PM	<b>December 24th Christmas Eve</b> Children’s Pageant with Contemporary Group. Music starts before Mass.
10:00 PM	<b>December 24th Christmas Eve</b> Mass of Midnight - With our Adult choir. Music starts before Mass.
8:30 AM AND 10:30 AM	<b>December 25th Christmas Day</b> Contemporary Group at 8:30 a.m. Mass Adult Choir at 10:30 a.m. Mass Music starts before Mass.
5:00 PM	<b>December 30th Vigil - Holy Family</b>
8:30 AM AND 10:30 AM	<b>December 31st Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b>
9:00 AM	<b>January 1st Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</b> (Not a holy day of obligation)
5:00 PM	<b>January 6 Vigil - The Epiphany of the Lord</b>
8:30 AM AND 10:30 AM	<b>January 7 - The Epiphany of the Lord</b>



### **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](mailto:dsmith@olgcc.net) to add your soldier to the prayer list.

### Christmas Gift



Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for your spouse? Why not give yourselves 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 16 - 18. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco).



### 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 609-882-3277 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.

