



# Born the King of Angels

DECEMBER 22ND ~ THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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

## Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

### Masses For The Week



<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>DECEMBER 21, 2024</b> Gloria Buttaci r/o Husband, Norman Jennie Ferri r/o Dave & Donna Collins
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM	<b>DECEMBER 22, 2024</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> Gloria Buttaci (Anni) Husband, Norman People of the Parish
10:30 AM	Richard L. Palatine r/o Wife, Gail Eleanor & Paul Gofus r/o Gail Palatine
<b>MONDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>DECEMBER 23, 2024</b> Janet McMyne r/o Daughter Nicholas Muscente Sr. r/o Marie & Daughter, Carol Intentions of Marie Muscente r/o Carol
<b>TUESDAY,</b> 7:30 AM 5:00 PM Vigil 10:00 PM	<b>DECEMBER 24, 2024 Christmas Eve</b> Intentions of Rosemary McMyne r/o Mom Anne Rita & James Newell r/o Family Andrew J. Tobias, Jr. r/o Mom and Dad
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	<b>DECEMBER 25, 2024 Christmas Day</b> Gloria Buttaci r/o Husband, Norman Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Spitzer r/o Family Intentions of Rosemary McMyne r/o Mom
<b>THURSDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>DECEMBER 26, 2024</b> Intentions of Eileen & Michael Giglio Intentions of Rosemary McMyne r/o Mom
<b>FRIDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>DECEMBER 27, 2024</b> Cheryl Anne Wilson r/o Maeve Cannon Intentions of Rosemary McMyne r/o Mom
<b>SATURDAY,</b> 8:00 AM	<b>DECEMBER 28, 2024 Holy Innocents</b> Priest's Intention
5:00 PM	Marie & William Dolton r/o HM Dolton Alfred George Vetter r/o Dave & Donna Collins



### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024** **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

8:30 AM People of the Parish  
Intentions of Rosemary McMyne r/o Mom

10:30 AM Stephen Dill  
r/o Keenan Family  
William Gronkowski  
r/o Dot Prunetti

### Readers

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>DECEMBER 28</b> Chaya Collazo
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	<b>DECEMBER 29</b> Laura Shea Maggie Masterson

### Eucharistic Ministers

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>DECEMBER 28</b> Ginny Evans
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	<b>DECEMBER 29</b> Dennis Hice Tony Jones

### Altar Servers

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>DECEMBER 28</b> James Gummel, Alana Colazzo
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	<b>DECEMBER 29</b> Brayden Spina MacKaylah Yung, Sebastian Reyes

### News & Events

**Sunday, December 22nd and 23rd** Christmas Pageant Practice in Church at 3:00 p.m. All Parish Children are invited to take a part in our Pageant!  
**December 23-26 the Parish Office is closed.**  
**Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve**  
Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm with Children's Pageant.  
Mass of Midnight at 10:00 pm with the Adult Choir.  
**Wednesday, December 25, Christmas Day**  
Masses: 8:30 am and 10:30 am  
**Saturday, December 28,** Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass. **Reconciliation** 4-4:30 PM.



#### 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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**Deacon Steve Szmuto's Advent Reflections**  
**December 22, 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**Micah 5: 1-4a   Psalms 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19**  
**Hebrews 10: 5-10   Luke 1: 39-45**



In the final days before Christmas, the readings address the imminent arrival of Jesus, the long-awaited savior. The Messiah had been prophesized in the Hebrew Scriptures and was eagerly anticipated by the Jewish people. We too eagerly await the arrival of Christmas, both for the secular aspects of the holiday and the profound significance of the holy day. As a boy, the longest period of time was the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Today, as a father and grandfather, like most adults, I have found

that the same interval passes far too quickly, leaving precious few days to prepare for the birth of the Lord. From our earliest days, we have often experienced the real pressure of making Christmas perfect. The perfect present, the most beautiful Christmas tree, meticulously decorated twinkling lights, and treasured ornaments, while wonderful in themselves, can add to stress and anxiety if pursued not with love, but with a singular sense of obligation. It is no easy task to take a time out for God, let alone others, when we burden ourselves exclusively with such things.

In today's Gospel, St. Luke describes the meeting of the Blessed Virgin Mary and her cousin Elizabeth – both of whom were blessed with child through unusual circumstances: Elizabeth, a woman advanced in years; Mary, a young virgin, with child through the power of the Holy Spirit. Their meeting was at once touching and profound. It was a celebration of life, and a recognition of the fulfillment of hope and promise. It was a compelling manifestation of the Holy Spirit, both of the Son of God, now carried in the womb of this young woman, and of the knowledge of the truth by her cousin, pregnant with the child who would become John the Baptist.

Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, recognized Mary not just as her cousin, but as the Mother of the Lord. Her own child, who would later baptize Jesus in the River Jordan, and who, just last week, we heard proclaim the coming of the Messiah, leapt with prophetic joy in her womb. What great faith in response to the unspoken witness to the Gospel! What an example of total obedience to God, who entrusted unto them the fulfillment of the messianic promise: Elizabeth, the mother of the last and greatest of the prophets; Mary, the mother of our Lord and Savior. It was a moment of unbridled joy, yearned for, yet never before or since experienced.

The obedience of these two women in accepting and joyfully embracing God's Will, must have been a splendid example for their sons, both as children and, as they both grew to adulthood, in fidelity to their mission. While Jesus, in his divine nature was the only begotten Son of God, the example of his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, provided him with the example of perfect human conformity to the Father's will. In the Blessed Mother, we find perfection in faithfulness. In her own words, she affirmed her loving and unconditional trust: *"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."*

As we anticipate the birth of our Lord, let us remember the total submission of Mary to serve mankind as the mother of Jesus. In her willingness to do God's will, she is the exemplar of devotion and humility – the model to which we all can aspire to emulate. Let us rejoice!

Deacon Steve Szmuto





### SIMBANG GABI

A special part of Christmas celebrations of the Filipinos is **Simbang Gabi** (literally means "night Mass"). This is a novena of Masses in preparation for Christmas.

The Filipino-American community has organized *Simbang Gabi* here in Mercer County: Nightly Mass is being celebrated in nine different churches. Our Lady of Good Counsel Church has been chosen to host the Mass on

**December 22, 2024 at 7:00 PM**

All are invited to take part in this special Christmas preparation and celebration.  
**See you there!**



### 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:**

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### 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.

### Attention Business Owners and Generous Parishioners!

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For unto us  
a child is born!



Calling all Parish children!  
Come be a part of the  
Annual Christmas Pageant

Tuesday, December 24, 5:00 pm Mass

- Multiple non-speaking roles - You could be a King, a Shepherd, an Angel, Mary or Joseph!
- Narrator needed
- Practice in Church - Sunday, December 22 at 3:00 pm and Monday, December 23 at 3:00 pm

For more information contact:  
✓ Brenda O'Callaghan at [olgc.re.wt@gmail.com](mailto:olgc.re.wt@gmail.com)



## CHURCH SUPPORT

COLLECTION TOTALS	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
	12/08/2024	12/15/2024
Registered Parishioners	688 Families	688 Families
Parishioners using envelopes	118	116
Envelope Contributions	\$ 2,451.00	\$ 2,910.00
Average Contribution	\$ 20.77	26.94
Loose Cash	\$ 541.00	\$ 482.00
Total Contributions	\$ 2,992.00	\$ 3,392.00
Immaculate Conception amounted to	\$1,890.00	Thank You!



EWING KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #3756

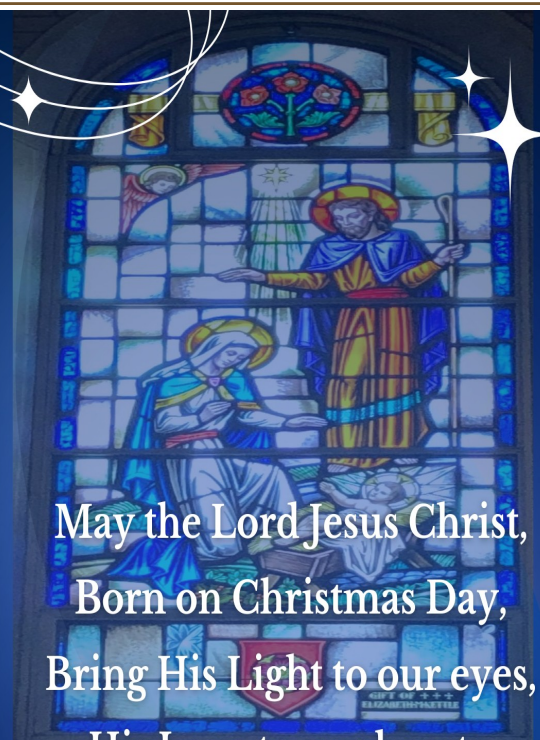
### Consecration to the Holy Family

A prayer of Consecration to the Holy Family will be read at all of the masses on the Vigil and Feast of the Holy Family,

#### December 28 and 29

The Knights of Columbus are providing prayer cards that will be available at all the doors of the church on those days.

Families are also encouraged to pray the prayer together at home in the week following the Feast of the Holy Family.

May the Lord Jesus Christ,  
Born on Christmas Day,  
Bring His Light to our eyes,  
His Love to our hearts  
And His Peace to our world.

Merry Christmas and all God's blessings  
throughout the New Year!

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Deacon Steve Szmuto, Brenda O'Callahan, CRE  
and the Parish Staff

# 2024 CHRISTMAS SEASON

## SCHEDULE



### **Christmas Eve**

**December 24th 5:00 PM Vigil Mass**

Children's Pageant with Contemporary Group

Music starts before Mass

### **Christmas Eve**

**December 24th 10:00 PM Mass of Midnight**

With our Adult choir Directed by Deirdre Hindley

Music starts before Mass

### **Christmas Day**

**December 25th Mass 8:30 AM Contemporary Group**

**December 25th Mass 10:30 AM Adult Choir**

Music starts before Mass

### **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**December 28th - Vigil-5:00 PM**

**December 29th - 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM**

### **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (A Holy Day of Obligation)**

**December 31 - 5:00 PM Vigil Mass**

**January 1st - 9:00 AM**

### **The Epiphany of the Lord**

**January 4th - Vigil-5:00 PM**

**January 5th - 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM**

