



DECEMBER 29TH ~ THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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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



<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
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM	<b>DECEMBER 29, 2024</b> <b>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b> 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
<b>MONDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>DECEMBER 30, 2024</b> Frank X. McMyne and Intentions of Rosemary McMyne r/o Sister & Mom
<b>TUESDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>DECEMBER 31, 2024</b> Intentions of Rosemary & Julie McMyne r/o Mom <b>Solemnity of Mary Mother of God—Holy Day Vigil</b>
5:00 PM	Intentions of Joan Pakiland r/o Donna Collins
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b> 9:00 AM	<b>JANUARY 1, 2025</b> <b>Solemnity of Mary Mother of God—Holy Day</b> Intentions of Rosemary McMyne r/o Mom
<b>THURSDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>JANUARY 2, 2025</b> Intentions of Eileen & Michael Giglio Intentions of Rosemary McMyne r/o Mom
<b>FRIDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>JANUARY 3, 2025 First Friday</b> Bernadine Ann Medwick r/o Antinette & Sean O'Connor <b>Adoration 8:00—7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>SATURDAY,</b> 8:00 AM	<b>JANUARY 4, 2025 First Saturday</b> Priest's Intention
5:00 PM	Ann & Steve Dill r/o Ron & Edie Kolodziej Special Intentions
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM	<b>JANUARY 5, 2024</b> <b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b> 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

## Readers

<b>TUESDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>DECEMBER 31</b> Jackie Crane
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00 AM	<b>JANUARY 1</b> Laura Shea
<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>JANUARY 4</b> Chaya Collazo
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM	<b>JANUARY 5</b> Keri Wilkes
10:30 AM	Laura Shea

## Eucharistic Ministers

<b>TUESDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>DECEMBER 31</b> Mary Szmuto
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00 AM	<b>JANUARY 1</b> Dennis Hice
<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>JANUARY 4</b> Joyce Christensen
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM	<b>JANUARY 5</b> Dennis Hice
10:30 AM	Wendy Reading

## Altar Servers

<b>TUESDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>DECEMBER 31</b> Nathan Stankus, Alan Colazzo
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00 AM	<b>JANUARY 1</b> Brayden Spina, Ryan Spina
<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>JANUARY 4</b> Alana Colazzo, Nathan Stankus
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM	<b>JANUARY 5</b> Brayden Spina, Daniel Wilkes
10:30 AM	Dylan Rutkowski, Sebastian Reyes

## News & Events

**Friday, January 3rd First Friday Adoration** is 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Church. The **Community Coffee Club** will meet in the parish hall at 7:15 p.m.

**December 31-January 1** the Parish Office is closed.

**Tuesday, December 31, 5:00 PM Vigil Mass Solemnity of Mary Mother of God.** No Morning Mass.

**Wednesday, January 1, 9:00 AM Mass Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (holy day of obligation)**

**Coins for Charity Weekend—January 4-5. Please share your coins with us. Thanks for your support.**

**Saturday, January 4,** Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass. **Reconciliation 4-4:30 PM.**



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## Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 29, 2024



Reading I: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

or 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Responsorial Psalm: 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

or 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10

Reading II: Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

or 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

### TEMPTED BUT WITHOUT SIN

In the Gospel Reading, when Mary finally finds her almost-adolescent son, she says to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." It is not hard to recognize her lines to him as a rebuke. She has been looking for him for three days!

But here the story has to bump up against doctrine. Scripture tells us that Jesus was like us in every way, except that he had no sin (Heb. 4:15). Anyone in doubt about the moral seriousness with which

Scripture takes honoring one's parents should look

again at the First Reading. How is the doctrine that Jesus is without sin compatible with this story in the Gospel about his mother's having to search for him for three days?

The answer lies in the explanation Jesus gives his mother. He says to her, "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?"

So, Jesus thought that his mother understood his relation to God and his need to be in God's temple learning at this time. He was wrong, on this score, of course. But it's a kind of wrongness that shows something sweet in him, isn't it? He is attributing to his mother more knowledge, more understanding, than she has.

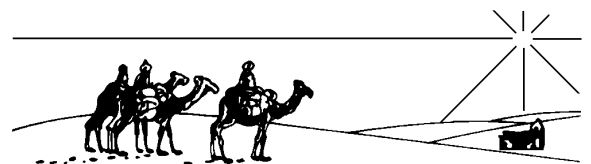
Thinking more highly of your mother than is warranted is a sinless mistake if anything is.

He is therefore not dishonoring her when he takes off for three days without a word to her. On the contrary, he is in fact honoring her by thinking of her as if she had Christ's own knowledge of his relation to his father.

It is true that I am showing a way in which Jesus in this story is guilty of no sin—but only by virtue of pointing out that he is guilty of a mistake. But the Scriptural line says that Jesus is like us in every respect except sin, and to err is human. Thinking more highly of your mother than is warranted is a sinless mistake if anything is.

Jesus is human enough to learn from his mistake, though. The story goes on to say that Jesus went home with his parents and was obedient to them. And so, the story finishes, Jesus advanced in wisdom as well as age.

And that is a good way to age, isn't it?  
Eleonore Stump







## 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.



## Join our Adult Group - The Community "C.O.F.F.E.E." Club

All adults, 19 years and older are welcome to join in for conversation, faith fellowship and group activities consistent with living your faith in Christ!

Come check out "The Community C.O.F.F.E.E. Club" Friday, January 3rd at 7:15 PM Parish Hall.

We encourage and invite you to attend First Friday Adoration any time from 8AM-7PM in the Church before the meeting.

Be inspired! Come and See!

We meet the First Friday of every month. More information will be available at the Meeting!




*Solemnity of  
Mary, Mother of God*

**January 1**

**Mass Times**

**December 31 - 5:00 PM**

**January 1 - 9:00 AM**

## Pray For The Sick

### 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.



### January 3 ~ First Friday Adoration

Sign-up sheets are available at all church entrances for you to choose a time to attend. Alternatively, you can register online at [olgcc.net](http://olgcc.net) by selecting "Adoration" from the top menu bar. Click on the flyer, and you'll be directed to the sign-up area. Just select your preferred time slot and provide your information. If you prefer not to sign up online, feel free to call our Chairperson, Tom Hankinson, at 609-731-4542, and he will be happy to assist you.

*Come aside and rest a while with the Lord. He is truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.*



### EUCHARIST FOR THE HOMEBOUND

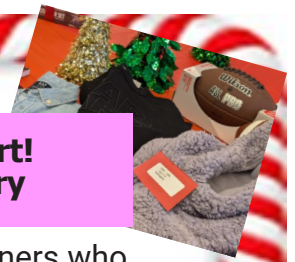
If you or someone you know is unable to come to Mass because of significant illness or long-term disability, Fr. Ariel and our Eucharistic Ministers will visit area homes to bring the Blessed Sacrament.

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.





Wow!



**Thank you for your incredible support!  
Christmas Gifting Outreach Summary**

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all parishioners who contributed to this year's gift-giving efforts, helping make Christmas morning brighter for families in need within our Trenton Diocese. The response was outstanding, and together, we provided 439 gifts to Mount Carmel Guild. A special thank you to those who participated by Adopting a Family through Catholic Charities of Trenton. We also appreciate the hard work of our Social Service Committee members and other volunteers who decorated our gifting and tagging areas, assisted in processing and delivering the gifts, and to everyone for their generous support of our Christmas Outreach program.

We added numerous spoons to create our Spoons of Love Manger! Merry Christmas!

Great Job!

Thank You!



**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.



**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). Or **Visit us at: [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) for more information.**



**Attention Business Owners and Generous Parishioners!**

**Our Lady of Good Counsel is looking for  
New Sponsors for 2025**

Cindy O'Neal will be working on setting up advertising sponsorships for our bulletin. Cindy is with John Patrick Publishing, our Bulletin Company.

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We need and appreciate your help as the advertising dollars keep our bulletin FREE of charge to the church.

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**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???**



**Please RVSP to [nfinn1121@gmail.com](mailto:nfinn1121@gmail.com)**



**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](mailto:olgc.re.wt@gmail.com)

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)**

**JOIN US FOR THE 10:30 MASS 1/12/2025**

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.



## **2025 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship**

Hopewell Council #7103 and Ewing Council #3756 are inviting all boys and girls aged 9 to 14 to participate in the local level of competition for the **2025 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship**. The local competition will be held on January 11<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 1:00 pm at the **Saint James Pennington gymnasium**. Saint James is located along 115 East Delaware Avenue Pennington, NJ 08534. (In the event of inclement weather, the rain date is February 1<sup>st</sup>).



The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and jurisdictional competitions. International champions are announced by the Knights of Columbus international headquarters based on scores from the jurisdiction-level competitions. All boys and girls aged 9 to 14 are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent and may only enter one local competition. **Players can come to the gym anytime between 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to participate. Please bring a copy of proof of age, entry forms will be provided day of event. Winners progress through local, district, and jurisdictional competitions.**