

Our Lady of Good Counsel

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH • DECEMBER 31, 2023



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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, DECEMBER 30, 2023
5:00 PM Marie & William Dolton
r/o Helen Marie Dolton

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023 Holy Family
8:30 AM Helen Marie Dolton
r/o Gina & Tony DiMascio
For the People of the Parish
10:30 AM Anthony Carabelli
r/o Patti Pagnani & Alert Janec
Charles Chianese
r/o Ceil Vinci & Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024
9:00 AM **Solemnity of Mary**
Faith Holland r/o John Aberle

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024
7:30 AM Fekete & Walley deceased r/o Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024
7:30 AM Edna Duay r/o Peter Coiante

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024
7:30 AM Richard Serluco, Jr.
r/o Norman Buttaci

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024 First Friday
7:30 AM Sister Margaret Doris Devlin, RSM
r/o Nephew, Tom
Adoration from 8 AM to 3 PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024
8:00 AM Priest's Intention
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

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Readers

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6
5:00 PM Sherri Calderone
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7
8:30 AM Laura Shea
10:30 AM Carol Lake

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6
5:00 PM Joyce Christensen
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7
8:30 AM Dennis Hice
10:30 AM Michael Lake

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6
5:00 PM James Gummel
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7
8:30 AM Brayden Spina, Daniel Wilkes
10:30 AM Dylan Rutkowski, Ryan Spina

News & Events

12/31 Sunday - RCIA, Gr. 8 Closed until 1/7/24.
01/01 Monday— Religious ED Classes Closed until 1/8/24 **We wish you a Happy New Year.**
01/03 Wednesday— Seniors club will meet in the parish hall at 11 a.m. All are welcome.
01/04 Thursday Good News Sunday 7pm Opdenacker Room of Parish Hall and Friday morning at 10am.
01/05 Friday—First Friday Adoration 8am-3pm
01/06 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.

DECEMBER 31, 2023 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

LUKE 2:22-40

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Many items in our everyday lives follow a formula. The list would include everything from breakfast cereal to industrial chemicals. But the same holds true for our spiritual lives. Our Catholic prayers, for example, generally follow the “formula” or pattern of the “Our Father.” We praise God and then make respectful request (s) of Him.

So too is there a formula for living family life as given us in Holy Scripture. Today’s Second Reading, of St. Paul to the Colossians, should rank high in our estimation. It is a direct refute of all the bullish attacks on Christian family life in the secular culture that surrounds us. The chief feature there is the absence of God and any refer-

ence to Him that is sadly prevalent in many families today.

The purpose of this particular letter was to bolster the faith of the community at Colossae and to correct errors reported about the Church in that city. Jewish and Hellenistic elements seem to be combined in those errors. Paganism, magic, astrology and mystery religions.

As we read the particular section of the Letter chosen for us on this special Feast of the Holy Family, we note the formula that emerges for living all our families in a truly Christian way. The basic component is the fact that we are “God’s chosen ones.” This means that God’s existence as well as His presence are the essentials. Take God away and the whole formula is baseless. Note that “bearing with one another and forgiving one another” is included. How absent that seems to be many times these days!

Comedians make light of it, sometimes, but underneath the laughter is the sad kernel of truth that too many of us do not forgive and forget the mistakes of those people who have the same last name as ours.

We dare not push aside the Holy Family as our model because of the sublime holiness present there. If we are, as Paul tells us, “God’s chosen ones,” we have the inborn ability to honor God’s choice by our prayer and daily effort.

The story is told of a young man who stood before a judge to be sentenced for forgery. The judge had been a friend of the boy’s father, who was famous for his books on the law of trusts. “Young man,” said the judge sternly, “do you remember your father, that father whom you have disgraced?”

“I remember him perfectly.” the young man answered quietly.

“When I went to him for advice or companionship. He would say ‘Run away, boy, I’m busy.’ Well, my father finished his book, and here I am.”

God love you, and bring His peace to your family.



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.

EWING KNIGHTS ~

Consecration to the Holy Family
Sponsored by Ewing Knights of
Columbus-December 30-31

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 30 and 31. The Knights of Columbus will provide prayer cards that will be available at all the doors of the church on those days.

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

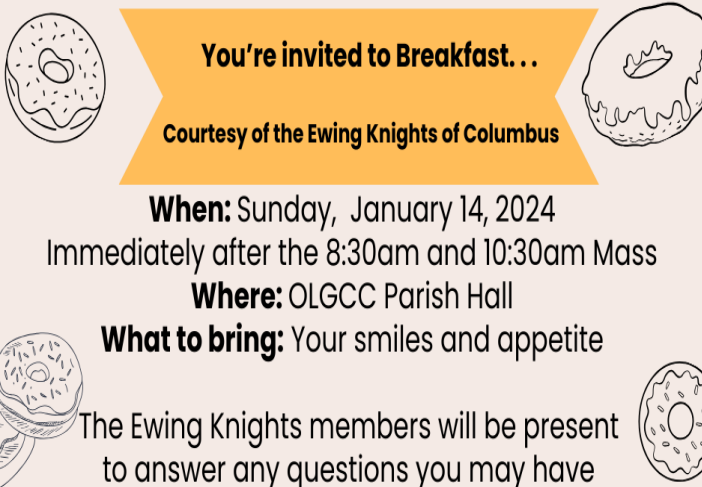

Where: OLGCC Parish Hall

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

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 in Princeton, February 16-18, 2024. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco) or visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.



First Friday Adoration is January 5, from 8 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sign up sheets are in the Church Vestibule to designate a time when you can attend. You may also sign up on line at olgcc.net see Adoration on top menu bar, click on the flyer and you will be in the sign up area. Simply pick a time and you will be prompted to fill in your information. Don't like doing things on line then please call our Chairperson, Denise Hayes at 908-242-2183 she will gladly help you sign up.

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



Central Jersey Choral Society Presents

Lauda Sion

by Felix Mendelssohn

Requiem

by Gabriel Fauré

Friday, January 19, 2024, 7:30 pm



Our Lady of Good Counsel
 Roman Catholic Church
 137 West Upper Ferry Rd.
 Ewing, NJ

Tickets: cjchoralsociety.org
 \$20 adv. \$25 at door




Christopher Loeffler,
 Artistic Director

Dearest Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish. Just wanted to take a moment to thank you for your donations for Thanksgiving and Christmas so blessed to have you as a donor! Warmest regards for a blessed New Year!

MT. CARMEL GUILD

On behalf of our Board of Trustees, dedicated Volunteers, and our staff, we thank everyone for your generosity. The Guild wishes you and your families a Merry Christmas and best wishes in the New Year!



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