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LUKE 21:27



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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

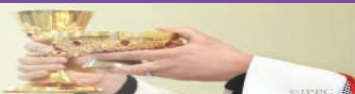
7:30 am, 12 Noon & 7:00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament First
Friday of every month 8:00 am to 7:00 pm

Registration: All parishioners should be reg-
istered. Please contact the Parish Office.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

Masses For The Week



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| SATURDAY, 5:00 PM | NOVEMBER 30, 2024 Damian Zenchak r/o Mom Bernadine Medwick r/o Stan & JoAnne Sliwinski Maria & Philomena Muscente r/o David & Donna Collins |
| SUNDAY, 8:30 AM | DECEMBER 1, 2024 First Sunday of Advent Jean Budney r/o Debbie Smith People of the Parish |
| 10:30 AM | Dominic Bernardi r/o Daughter, Dina Living & Deceased Muscente Family r/o Carol Muscente |
| MONDAY, 7:30 AM | DECEMBER 2, 2024 Intentions of Nathaniel P. Medwick r/o Uncle, Paul A. Medwick Kathleen E. Burke r/o Diane & Karl Kelly |
| TUESDAY, 7:30 AM | DECEMBER 3, 2024 For deliverance of Souls in Purgatory Special Intentions of Eileen & Michael Giglio |
| WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM | DECEMBER 4, 2024 Intentions of Ariel & Bobbie Arcadipane r/o Mom Bernadine Mediwick r/o Jean Bogage |
| THURSDAY, 7:30 AM | DECEMBER 5, 2024 Joseph Mulé, Sr. r/o José Ixcolin & Family |
| FRIDAY, 7:30 AM | DECEMBER 6, 2024 FIRST FRIDAY Special Intentions of Eileen & Michael Giglio McMyne & Voorhees children & grandchildren r/o Mom & Dad <i>Adoration 8:00 Am to 7:00 Pm</i> |
| SATURDAY, 8:00 AM | DECEMBER 7, 2024 Priest's Intention |
| 5:00 PM | Bernadine Medwick r/o Ron & Edie Intentions of the Sisters at Villa r/o Donna Collins |
| SUNDAY, 8:30 AM | DECEMBER 8, 2024 Second Sunday of Advent Jean Budney r/o Parish Council Al DeBlasio (Anniv) r/o Wife, Dolores |
| 10:30 AM | Mary Ann Prunetti r/o John & JoAnn Jaremback People of the Parish |

Readers

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| SATURDAY, 5:00 PM | DECEMBER 7 Mary Anne LeGall |
| SUNDAY, 8:30AM | DECEMBER 8 Keri Wilkes |
| 10:30 AM | Religious Education Students |
| MONDAY, 7:30 AM | DECEMBER 9 Immaculate Conception Art Amaral |
| 12 Noon | Jackie Crane |

Eucharistic Ministers

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| SATURDAY, 5:00 PM | DECEMBER 7 Joyce Christensen |
| SUNDAY, 8:30 AM | DECEMBER 8 Dennis Hice |
| 10:30 AM | Wendy Reading |
| MONDAY 7:30 AM | DECEMBER 9 Immaculate Conception Mary Szmuto |
| 12 Noon | Mary Anne LeGall |

Altar Servers

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| SATURDAY, 5:00 PM | DECEMBER 7 Nathan Stankus, Alana Colazzo |
| SUNDAY, 8:30 AM | DECEMBER 8 Brayden Spina, Daniel Wikes |
| 10:30 AM | MacKaylah Yung, Sebastian Reyes |

News & Events

Monday, December 2, Religious Education will host the **Happy Birthday Jesus Party** 6-7:15 PM in the Parish Hall. Pizza will be served.

Wednesday, December 4, The **Seniors Club** will host their Christmas Luncheon see details in this bulletin.

Friday, December 6—Adoration 8 am to 7 pm.

Community Coffee Club 7:15 pm in Parish Hall

Saturday, December 7, Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude.

COR for Men—Meets 9-10:30 AM in the Parish Hall.
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.



Coins for Charity Weekend

Containers will be available at each Church entrance December 7/8 for your donations. Don't forget your Marrazzo Receipts. **Your generosity is appreciated!**

DECEMBER 1ST ~ THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Reflection ~ Baruch 5: 1-9, Ps 126: 1-6, Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11, Luke 3: 1-6

As we get older, we realize that in the span of years, we have experienced more than we shall witness in the future. Just as the days grow shorter in the wane of the year, our time on this earth grows shorter. For those of us of a more select vintage, we may only have a dozen more Christmases, while our visits to the beach may be counted on the fingers of one hand. And while we may still be capable of achievement, it will no longer be measured in terms of decades, but more likely in the span of a few years, or even just a few seasons. For better or worse, our legacy has largely been demarcated, and our dreams are something that will likely be realized in the lives of our children and grandchildren, dreams not according to our design, but to their own aspirations as they continue their journey, making their mark in the prime of their lives. We have become trapped in a web of our previous decisions. We may have the ability to change in some ways, but can be limited due to physical limitations, ingrained behavior, habits, and customs accumu-

lated in our years of experience, and even the expectations of those around us. Our thoughts are turned more to fulfillment, rather than to the creation of new things. We may experience genuine insight from time to time, but that possibility is tempered by glowing embers of our mortality, until at last, we enter the next phase of our existence.

There is more to our lives than just our brief time on this planet. God created us not merely for physical existence, but rather for everlasting life, if we but turn to him and offer ourselves as beings made in his own image. While God exists outside of human time, we are limited simply to the present, even with the memories of our past or with our eyes focused on the future. God promises renewal, redemption, and eternal salvation. Just as Jesus came to this earth in the form of a child some two-thousand years ago, he is present with us each time we celebrate the Sacred Liturgy and partake of the Holy Eucharist. It is the eternal promise, the new covenant that sustains and refreshes us until that time when Christ will come again. With eternal promise comes eternal hope, the hope that will sustain us, no matter whether we are in the autumn of our temporal existence or in the flower of our youth. It is that hope that renews us, that infuses us with passion and enthusiasm, causing us to transcend our earthly limitations as we put our trust in him.

Today, we begin the Season of Advent, which begins the new Liturgical Year. It is a time of renewal, a time of prayer, a time of reflection, a time of preparation, and a time of anticipation for the celebration of the coming of Christ, Our Lord and Savior, both in history and at the end of time. Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, later to become Pope Benedict XVI once said:

"Advent's intention is to awaken the most profound and basic emotional memory within us, namely, the memory of the God who became a child. This is a healing memory; it brings hope. The purpose of the Church's year is continually to rehearse her great history of memories, to awaken the heart's memory so that it can discern the star of hope."

As the Wise Men once followed the star to bear witness to the Christ child, we too can follow the star of hope throughout the year, the great gift that is realized in the redemption of mankind.

Advent, like Christmas, has a few traditions which help us to understand and enter the significance of the season. In this reflection, we will focus on the lighting of the Advent Wreath, both in our homes, or in the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. The Advent Wreath is a symbol of the anticipation and hope of the world for the coming of Our Lord and Savior at the end of time, as well as a reminder of Jesus' coming into the world in history. Each wreath has four candles, three purple candles and one rose-colored candle (although four white candles may occasionally be used). Purple (also prominent in Lent) signifies the preparatory or penitential nature of the Advent Season. The faithful are encouraged to pray, atone for their sins, and offer good works to prepare their hearts for the celebration of Christmas. The rose-colored candle, lit on Gaudete Sunday (which means "joy"), reminds us that the Solemnity of the Nativity is drawing near (Advent is halfway over as we journey to Christmas. Candles are lit progressively each week as a sign of expectation and for Christ's first coming into the world, as well as the anticipation of the Lord's coming for the final judgment at the end of time. We will explore other traditions in the coming weeks.

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DECEMBER 1ST ~ THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Reflection Cond.

Promise is the great theme of Advent. In the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah, we hear the voice of God, saying: *“The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah.”* In today’s reading from the Gospel of Luke, the focus is not on Christmas, but rather on the second coming of Our Lord at the end of time. Jesus promised signs and while we know neither the day nor the hour, throughout history the faithful have anticipated the coming of Christ. Jesus encourages them not to fear: *“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves . . . And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.* Those who persist in prayer, and live life according to the Gospel message have nothing to fear.

As we begin this season of liturgical renewal, let us always remember that Christ is ever near to us. He is the fulfillment of promise, past, present, and future. Christ is with us, now and forever.

Deacon Steven K. Szmuto



On **December 3, 2024**, Catholic schools from across the Diocese of Trenton are participating in **Giving Tuesday**, the global day of charitable giving that follows Thanksgiving, Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Giving Tuesday is a day of charity that fosters connection and generosity which helps you bring real change to your community. 100% of the monies raised through this campaign will go directly to the Catholic school that you specify in your donation. Help support our Catholic Schools this Giving Tuesday by sharing your resources; a donation to the Catholic school of your choice, pledging to volunteer your time at a school, or sharing a prayer in support of Catholic education!

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SENIOR CLUB NEWS



The Senior Club will hold its Annual Christmas Lunch at 12:00 Noon on **Wednesday, December 4th** for all members who paid the \$20.00 lunch fee.



The luncheon will take place at Sal deForte’s at 1400 Parkway Ave. There will be no meeting in the Church Hall.

ADVENT WREATH CANDLES

The Advent Wreath candles are Donated **In Loving Memory** of: Rusty (Howard) Scott by Robyn G. Scott



December 6 ~ 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 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.

COMMUNITY COFFEE 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 Coffee Club in the Parish Hall.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 7:15 PM

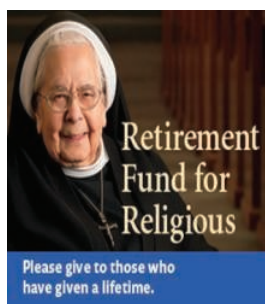
We encourage and invite you to attend First Friday Adoration any time from 8 AM—7 PM in the Church before the meeting. *Be inspired! Come and See!*



DECEMBER 7, 9-10:30 AM OLGC PARISH HALL

COR for Men is a faith-sharing group designed for men age 18 and over, organized by the Ewing Knights of Columbus. We invite and welcome members from Incarnation-St. James and Our Lady of Good Counsel parishes. The primary goal of COR is to nurture and strengthen the faith and virtue of Catholic men, empowering them to become missionary disciples. COR invites men to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ, through prayer, formation and fraternity.

Topic: Spiritual Warfare Part 2. How to overcome the devil in the world and in the flesh. Coffee and Refreshments. For Information: Michael Ennis



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION

A special collection to benefit **the Retirement Fund for Religious** will be taken up during Masses in parishes across the Diocese of Trenton the weekend of ~

December 7th and 8th

Aging Religious need your help. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please say, "Yes Sister", one more time.



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE ~ Cohort 9 ~

Sacred Heart Church
343 South Broad Street
Trenton, NJ 08608

Saturday, December 14th at 10:00 a.m.

Priests from OLGCC, I-SJ and Sacred Heart will be available for Confession.



FAMILY SUNDAY ~ CHILDREN'S LITURGY ~ DECEMBER 8TH 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: olgcre.wt@gmail.com

EXCITING NEWS FOR FAMILY SUNDAY! CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)

JOIN US FOR THE 10:30 MASS ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

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:

December 8, 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.



Immaculate Conception

December 9th

Holy Day Masses:
7:30 AM AND 12 NOON
The Rosary will be recited after the 7:30 AM Mass and 30 minutes before the 12 Noon Mass.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IS CELEBRATED ON DECEMBER 8 AND IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. THIS YEAR, BECAUSE DECEMBER 8 FALLS ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, THE SOLEMNITY IS TRANSFERRED TO MONDAY, DECEMBER 9.

CATHOLICS IN THE UNITED STATES ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND MASS FOR THIS SOLEMNITY, IN ADDITION TO THEIR REGULAR SUNDAY MASS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT.



Christmas Gift's Due, December 16th

Once again it is your opportunity to participate in our **Christmas Gifting Outreach** ministry where our parishioners purchase gifts for those in need in our Diocese to help brighten their Christmas holiday.

To participate, please take a gift tag, or more, from the baskets located in the front Church vestibule. This years' tags include infant (0-2 yrs), toddler (2-4 yrs.), child (5-10 yrs.), and teen (11-13 yrs.). Purchase the gift, attach your gift tag to it and return it to the designated table in the Parish Hall by **Monday, Dec. 16th**. **Please do NOT wrap your gift and do NOT place your gifts in bags.**

For those who like to wrap gifts, consider **Adopting A Family** this Christmas. Catholic Charities of Trenton is searching for **Adopt-a-Family** donors right now. Struggling families of various sizes provide wish lists for specific items, which you can help provide. Family sizes include Small (2 people), Medium (3-5 people), Large (6 or more) or No preference.

Please call Jim Gambino of our Social Services Committee at 609-818-1708 to find out how you can participate in Adopt-A-Family and help brighten Christmas morning for a struggling family in our Diocese this year. **Adopt-a-Family** gifts may also be left in the Parish Hall in the designated area.



Thanks for your generosity!

Parents' Night Out/
Family Movie Night
Saturday, December 14
6:00 to 8:30 pm
OLGC Church Hall

- We'll supply dinner and a movie
And some fun and games too
- You can stay with your children
or leave them with us while you
Shop, decorate or wrap it up!

Pizza will be served. Featured
Movies: The Crippled Lamb and A
Charlie Brown Christmas
sponsored by the OLGC Parish Council
Youth Engagement Committee

Please RSVP to nfinn1121@gmail.com

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



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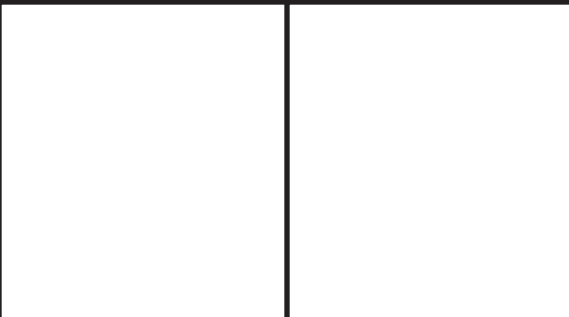
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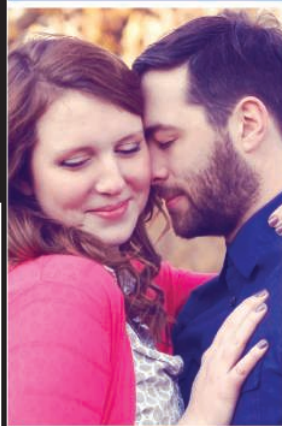
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