

Our Lady of Good Counsel

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD • DECEMBER 25, 2023

Born
the King of
Angels



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2023
5:00 PM Richard L. Palatine r/o Wife, Gail Eleanore & Paul Gofus r/o Gail Ann Palatine

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ PEACE
8:30 AM Anne Rita Newell r/o Family For the People of the Parish
10:30 AM Gloria Buttaci r/o Norman
CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES
5:00 PM Faith Holland r/o Sister, Hope
10:00 PM Stella Przechacki r/o Carol, Maria & Stefanie Przechacki

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023
CHRISTMAS DAY
8:30 AM Newell Family Dec'd mbrs r/o Family
10:30 AM People of the Parish

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2023
7:30 AM Martin Olszak r/o Carol Przechacki

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2023
7:30 AM Rocco Zangrilli r/o Peter J, Tara Zangrilli & Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2023
7:30 AM Helen Marie Dolton r/o Mark & Tracy DiMascio

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2023
7:30 AM Rocco Zangrilli r/o Antonio Agliata & Lynn LiMato

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2023
8:00 AM Priest's Intention
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



Readers

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30
5:00 PM Jackie Crane
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 Holy Family
8:30 AM Laura Shea
10:30 AM Maggie Masterson
MONDAY, JANUARY 1 Solemnity of Mary
9:00 AM Art Amaral

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30
5:00 PM Joyce Christensen
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 Holy Family
8:30 AM Mary Szmuto
10:30 AM Tony Jones
MONDAY, JANUARY 1 Solemnity of Mary
9:00 AM Laura Shea

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30
5:00 PM Nathan Stankus
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 Holy Family
10:30 AM Dylan Rutkowski

News & Events

12/24 Sunday - RCIA and Grade 8 Closed until 1/7/24.
12/25 Monday— Religious ED Classes 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.



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.



2023 CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASSES

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th

5:00 PM ~ Contemporary Group ~ Children's Pageant

10:00 PM Midnight of Mass ~ Adult Choir
Christmas Selections before Masses

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th

8:30 with Contemporary Group and
10:30 AM with Adult Choir
Christmas Selections before Masses.

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph
Sunday, December 31st**

8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

Knights of Columbus Consecration to the Holy Family

**Mary, Mother of God ~ New Year's Day
Monday, January 1st**

9:00 AM

(Not a holy day of obligation)

**The Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday January 7, 2024**

8:30 and 10:30 AM

Church Office is CLOSED

December 25, December 26 and January 1

*May God's richest blessings continue with
you through the coming year.*

*God bless you and your family,
Rev. Ariel Robles, Pastor
Deacon Steven Szmuto,
Brenda O'Callaghan, CRE
and the Parish Staff*



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



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.

**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.



Reflection ~ Deacon Steve Szmuto Nativity of the Lord

*The people who walked in
darkness have seen a great light.*

The time has come; the world is now and forever changed. The Son of the Most High has descended to earth, to reconcile us with the Father and lead us to Salvation:

*Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice; let the sea and what fills it
resound; let the plains be joyful and all that is in them! Then shall all the trees of the forest exult.*

We celebrate the birth of the Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ into a world that does not always recognize him as Redeemer. Yet, granted with the gift of grace, we know him. As with our fellow disciples, faith in Christ, his person, and his message, has transcended the limits of time and space. He is the Son of God, the Anointed One, the Messiah, the one who has been sent to make all things new. He was born in the most humble of circumstances: neither in a palace, nor among the acclaimed and powerful, but in a stable, to a poor woman — the Blessed Mother — and Joseph, her husband. Yet, despite these lowly beginnings, his words and deeds, and ultimately his passion, death and resurrection, would conquer sin and death and draw all men and women to God.

Amidst the preparations for the holiday, we sometimes forget that the greatest gift of all is not a present, but rather his presence — the coming of God Himself as the infinite expression of His boundless and eternal love. An angel appeared to the shepherds and calmed their fears:

Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

Christ is the fulfillment of prophecy, the source and salvation of all.

Now and forever, may you keep the peace and joy of Christmas always in your hearts, and in your minds, and your souls. Let us join our voices to those of the heavenly hosts and of Christians throughout the centuries and boldly proclaim:

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests. Deacon Steve Szmuto

2023 Gift Giving

Many thanks to all who participated in this year's gift giving opportunity to help brighten Christmas morning for struggling families in our Trenton Diocese. The turnout was great! Together we helped provide gifts to Catholic Charities of Trenton and Mount Carmel Guild.

A special thanks to those who participated in the Adopt-a-Family program this year.

Thanks also for the hard work of our Social Service Committee members and other volunteers who helped process the gifts, and to everyone for your donations! We knew we could count on you! THANKS!

Merry Christmas

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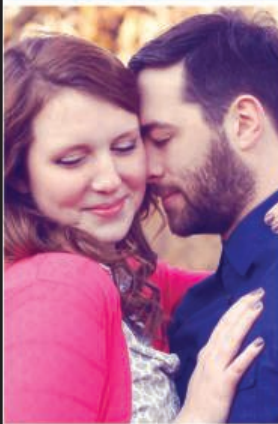
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