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MY
BELOVED
SON,
WITH YOU
I AM WELL
PLEASED.

LUKE 3:22

JANUARY 12TH ~ THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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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



SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	JANUARY 11, 2025 Marilyn Dillione r/o Children Kevin Brooks r/o Debbie Smith & Family
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	JANUARY 12, 2025 The Baptism of the Lord Robert Patrick Cook r/o Mom
10:30 AM	Carmen Vasquez r/o Claude & Mary Anne LeGall Richard Prunetti r/o Wife, Dot & Family
MONDAY, 7:30 AM	JANUARY 13, 2025 Marie & William Dolton r/o Donna Penn
TUESDAY 7:30 AM	JANUARY 14, 2025 Phillip Longo r/o Russell & Debbie Vizzini
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM	JANUARY 15, 2025 George J. Hendry r/o Robert Paci James Walker r/o Maria & Jodi
THURSDAY, 7:30 AM	JANUARY 16, 2025 Anthony Feldenzer r/o Family
FRIDAY, 7:30 AM	JANUARY 17, 2025 Vincent Labowitz r/o Kathleen & Herbert Radeer
SATURDAY, 8:00 AM	JANUARY 18, 2025 Priest's Intention
5:00 PM	M/M Richard Russell r/o M/M Michael Giglio Elizabeth Cook r/o Eileen Kovalsky
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	JANUARY 19, 2025 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Jean Budny r/o OLGCC Parish Council Martin S. Olszek r/o Carol Przechacki
10:30 AM	Zenaida Mangonon r/o Jody Tobish and Family Rocco Zangrilli r/o Dina Zangrilli

Readers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	JANUARY 18 Sherri Calderone
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	JANUARY 19 Maeve Cannon
10:30 AM	Maggie Masterson

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	JANUARY 18 Joyce Christensen
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	JANUARY 19 Dennis Hice
10:30 AM	Wendy Reading

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	JANUARY 18 Nathan Stankus, Alana Collazo
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	JANUARY 19 Brayden Spina
10:30 AM	MacKaylah Yung, Ryan Spina

News & Events

Sunday, January 12 is CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word) at the 10:30 Mass. We will dismantle the Christmas decorations in Church following the 10:30 Mass. Please help.

Monday, January 13 Religious Education Classes are at 6:00 –7:15pm in the Parish Hall. Fingers crossed no snow!

Saturday, January 18, Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass.

Reconciliation 4-4:30 PM.

Next weekend is the annual collection for Kasana Luweero. Please be generous.

Pray for our Sick:

Kevin Baker, Mitzi Baker, Rosalie Baldanzi, Erin Barbato, Col. Gabriel Beck, Rosemarie Buker, Richard Cook, 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.

TOTALS	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday
	12/22/24	12/29/24	1/1/25
#Registered Family	688	688	688
# Using envelopes	105	88	70
Envelope Total	\$3,221.00	\$2,169.00	\$ 1,225.00
Average Contribution	\$30.68	\$24.65	\$17.50
Loose Cash	\$509.00	\$759.00	\$379.00
Total Contributions	\$3,730.00	\$2,928.00	\$1,604.00

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Reflection

Reading I: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
or 40:1-5, 9-11

Psalm: 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30

Reading II: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

*“He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior.”
(Titus 3: 5b-6)*

The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines Baptism as the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door, which gives access to the other sacraments. The word “baptism” comes from the Greek and means to plunge or immerse. The immersion in water symbolizes a person’s burial into Christ’s death, from which he or she rises up by resurrection with him as “a new creature.” Whether one is baptized as an infant, child, teen, or adult, the Sacrament of Baptism represents a new beginning, a new life in Christ, free from sin.

Although Christ was without sin, he allowed himself to be baptized by John to “fulfill all righteousness.” In a sense, Jesus experienced a new beginning as his Baptism in the River Jordan marked the commencement of his public ministry. At our Baptism, we began a new life as disciples of Jesus Christ, a path upon which we shall journey until the end of our earthly existence, when we are united fully with him in the eternal kingdom of the Heavenly Father.

Today’s reading from the Gospel of Luke clearly identifies Jesus as the Son of God. It is what may rightly be called a Trinitarian moment: Father, Son, and Spirit. Jesus entered his ministry in full accord with the Father with the power of the Holy Spirit. Fully human, he revealed his divinity through the oneness of the Blessed Trinity. It was a powerful moment and one that set the stage for his ultimate sacrifice -- the realization of the Paschal Mystery and the salvation of humanity.

Similarly, the Sacrament of Baptism makes us members of the Body of Christ. We are all one: the People of God of the New Covenant. By water and the Spirit, we become one body. We no longer belong to ourselves, but to the one who suffered, died and rose in expiation for our sins. As we join with Christ in the Eucharist, let us resolve to continue our devotion and discipleship to the one without sin, the spotless lamb who offered himself for our redemption.

Deacon Steve Szmuto



*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.*



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.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD—CLOW JANUARY 12TH at 10:30 AM MASS.

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 ~ Sorry No Refreshments due to dismantling the Christmas decorations in Church.



Parish Outreach for Q4 2024

Thanks to your continued generosity, our Social Services Committee volunteers delivered the following items to Mount Carmel Guild during October, November and December: 97 frozen food tray meals, 16 turkeys, 19 other frozen items, 94 bags/boxes of non-perishable food (includes Thanksgiving food), 53 bags/boxes of clothes, 2 bags of personal care items, 1 bag of baby items, 34 bags/boxes of household items and 44 bags/boxes of miscellaneous items (includes Christmas gifts).

Note: Frozen items can be placed in the donations freezer adjacent to the kitchen area. Food trays and instructions are available next to the freezer. Please consider sharing your leftovers with those in need.

Parishioners should know that in our weekly deliveries to these charities we regularly hear sincere expressions of appreciation for your continued generosity. Their thanks for all of our food and meal donations always get special mention. Thanks

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- Engage with local organizations dedicated to upholding and promoting human dignity throughout all stages of life.
- Enjoy delicious refreshments, fostering new friendships, and strengthening bonds within our community.

Friday
JANUARY 24
11:00AM
Co-Cathedral of
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For full information about the day's events, visit:
dioceseoftrenton.org/standing-together-for-life



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March for Life – 2025

The Church of St. Ann in Lawrenceville is hosting a bus on January 24th for the annual March for Life. It will go directly from St. Ann to the rally in Washington D.C. and will pick us up near the Capitol. **No subway connections needed.**

The goal for the March is to be a visible sign of hearts and minds dedicated to building a culture of life in the U.S. For participants it can be an energizing event to see people of all ages and faiths standing up for justice for the most defenseless of all life – the baby in the womb.

When: 7:30AM boarding in the FDC parking lot, January 24th. Arriving at the rally before noon. Pickup near the Capitol at 4PM. Arriving back around 9PM.

Stops: Rest stop on Maryland on the way to Washington and a dinner stop on the way home at the Whitmarsh Mall in Baltimore.

Cost: \$25 per person (scholarships available for anyone.)

How: Contact Deacon Frank Golazeski (mail@deaconfrank.com or 609-882-6491 x165) or Deacon Gene Lanzoni (glanzoni@comcast.net) to sign up.

Family game night

**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
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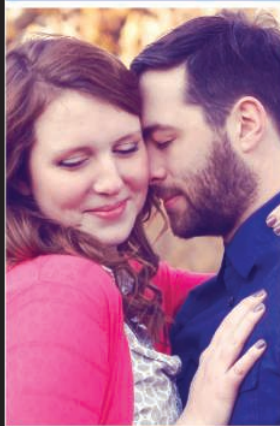
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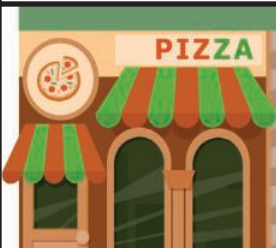
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