

# *Our Lady of Good Counsel Church*



## **The Solemnity of OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe**

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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  
(And by appointment)

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## Mass Intentions

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>NOVEMBER 25, 2023</b> Deceased Members Dolton Family r/o Helen Marie Dolton Eleanor & Paul Gofus r/o Gail Palatine
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM	<b>NOVEMBER 26, 2023</b> <b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b> William G. & Margaret A. Smith r/o Family Rocco Zangrilli r/o Achille & Gina DiLibero
10:30 AM	Christine Carballera r/o Claude & Mary Anne LeGall For the People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>NOVEMBER 27, 2023</b> For the Intention of Eileen Trusky r/o Nephew Paul
<b>TUESDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>NOVEMBER 28, 2023 Giving Tuesday</b> Anthony Carabelli r/o M/M Anthony Conte
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>NOVEMBER 29, 2023</b> Healing Intentions of Marie Grimm r/o Marie Grimm
<b>THURSDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>NOVEMBER 30, 2023</b> Faith Holland r/o Mary Timlen
<b>FRIDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>DECEMBER 1, 2023</b> Healings Intentions Lucy Ryan r/o Hope Holland
<b>SATURDAY,</b> 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	<b>DECEMBER 2, 2023</b> Priest's Intentions Intentions of Nathaniel P. Medwick r/o Uncle Paul Jennie Ferri r/o Donna & David Collins
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM	<b>DECEMBER 3, 2023</b> <b>First Sunday of Advent</b> Rocco Zangrilli r/o Donna & David Collins For the People of the Parish
10:30 AM	Charles Cruser r/o Dolores DeBlasio Thomas Volk r/o Dot Prunetti

## Readers

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>DECEMBER 2</b> Jackie Crane
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM	<b>DECEMBER 3</b> Keri Wilkes
10:30 AM	Maggie Masterson

## Eucharistic Ministers

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>DECEMBER 2</b> Ginny Evans
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM	<b>DECEMBER 3</b> Laura Shea
10:30 AM	Danny Morales

## Altar Servers

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>DECEMBER 2</b> James Gummel
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM	<b>DECEMBER 3</b> Brayden Spina, Daniel Wilkes, Elizabeth Baron
10:30 AM	Dylan Rutkowski, Ryan Spina

## News & Events

**11/26 Sunday** - RCIA Session Closed. Religious ED Classes GR 8 at 7pm in the Parish Hall.  
**11/27 Monday**— Religious ED all Grades Advent Confessions in Church. Advent Wreath making with parents in the Parish Hall 6:30-7:15pm.  
**11/30 Thursday**—Good News Sunday 7pm in the Opendacker Room of Parish Hall and Friday morning at 10am. All are welcome!  
**12/1 Friday-First Friday**—Adoration 8am—3pm.  
**12/2-3 Coins for Charity Weekend.** Please remember to put your donations in the box at each church door this weekend. Thanks!  
**12/2 Saturday** - Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass. **Reconciliation** 4:00-4:30 pm.  
**12/2 Saturday**— **Parents Night out 6-9 in the Parish Hall. See bulletin for more information.**



## 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 609-882-3277 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.



The Senior Citizens Club will hold their annual Christmas Luncheon on **December 6th at 12 Noon** at Sal DeForte's Restaurant. See Mary Pat Voorhees for details.

Merry Christmas!



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<https://www.instagram.com/olgcchurch/>



**Reflection**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ the King of the Universe**  
Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17 Psalms 23: 1-3, 5-6  
1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28  
Matthew 25: 31-46

*“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him.” (Matthew 25: 31-32a)*

It is hard to believe that another year is coming to a close. The trees stand stripped of their leaves, with branches silhouetted against grey dreary skies. As I write this, a cold rain pelts the windows; outside, all is quiet -- the lawnmowers and leaf-blowers have fallen silent -- weekend warriors have turned to projects inside their homes.

Liturgically, we are at year’s end; the Feast of Christ the King is the last Sunday in the liturgical year. Next week begins the Season of Advent, the time of preparation for the coming of our Lord at Christmas, and the cycle begins anew. Today’s readings focus on the end times, and places Christ at the center of history. He, who came to earth to offer himself in sacrifice for our redemption, will return in glory and sit in judgment of all men and women. Saint Paul reminds us, that as we, the descendants of Adam, die, so too in Christ, we shall be brought to life.

The imagery of the New Testament readings contrasts with the shepherd imagery found in Ezekiel and the beloved 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm. Yet, God can be seen clearly and consistently in both images. Love and judgment are not mutually exclusive. We are brought into the flock, nurtured in the fold, yet ultimately we shall be judged by the loving kindness that we share with others. Do we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, comfort the ill and imprisoned? Or did we turn away in selfishness? On that last day, we shall be judged in our faith according to Christ’s simple words:

*“Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.” (Matthew 25: 40)*

Deacon Steve Szmuto



**Pray for our Sick:**

Kevin Baker, Erin Barbato, Col. Gabriel Beck, Christina Beck, Rosemarie Buker, Richard Cook, Steve Dill, Sarah Dowd, John Finn, Al Gatto, Leo Genovesi, Brian Gershon, Phil Glaser, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Theresa Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Eileen and James A. Keenan, IV, Henry Louis Kopruckim, Mary Lou Kramli, Carol Lake, Laura Lynch, Kevin McBride, Keith Mello, Joan Moore, Marie Muscente, Kim Nash, Angelika Niranjana, Carol Perrine, Lucy Saganowski, Vincent Schnell, G. Welly Samuels, Debbie Sattler, Gregory Schafer, Steve Schmierer, Dolores Sebasto, Kristy Shanahan, Linda Solinski, Ann Szostak, Brenda Thornley, 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](mailto:dsmith@olgcc.net) to add your soldier to the prayer list.



On **November 28**, 2023, 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!

Visit [www.LeadinFaith.org](http://www.LeadinFaith.org)



## Christmas Gifting Outreach

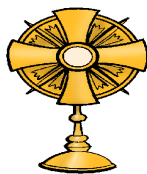


Once again it is your opportunity to participate in our **Christmas Gifting Outreach** ministry where our parishioners purchase gifts for those in need in our Diocese to help brighten their Christmas holiday.

To participate, please take a gift tag, or more, from the baskets located in the front Church vestibule. This year's 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, December 11<sup>th</sup>**. ***Please do NOT wrap your gift.***

For those who *do* 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 this program 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 on the designated tables.



**First Friday Adoration** is December 1st 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](http://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 spend some time with Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.*



**Saturday, December 9th at 10:00 am**

The Community of Parishes—OLGCC, ISJ and Sacred Heart will join together for an Advent Penance Service here at Our Lady of Good Counsel on December 9th at 10 AM. Additional Priest will be available for Confessions.

***Come prepare your heart for our Infant King.***



### EWING KNIGHTS

The Ewing Knights of Columbus Council #3756 will be selling "**Keep Christ in Christmas**" Car Magnets and Christmas Cards at **all Masses** the weekends of : December 2/3 and December 9/10. All proceeds will be used to support our various Charities.  
*Thank you for your generous support.*

## Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids

*The Ewing Knights of Columbus will be donating warm winter coats to children in need in our area.*

*If you would like to help the Knights provide as many coats as possible you can send a donation to the following address:*

*Knights of Columbus  
Coats for Kids  
Post Office Box 7647  
Ewing NJ 08628*

*The cost of each coat is approximately \$ 25.00.*



Need a little alone time? We're here to help!

**PARENTS' NIGHT OUT**  
 Saturday, December 2  
 6:00 to 9:00 pm  
 OLCG Church Hall

- Do your Christmas shopping
- Have a quiet dinner
- Decorate

We'll take the kids for an evening of **FUN AND GAMES.**  
 Pizza will be served.

Sponsored by the OLCG Parish Council  
 Youth Ministry Committee

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

Central Jersey Choral Society Presents  
 A Community Singing Event:  
**The Messiah**

*by George Friedrich Handel*

Join our choir singing the classic Christmas masterwork  
 (or just come to listen)

Sheet music provided for those wishing to sing

Sunday, December 10,  
 2023, 3:00 pm

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



Suggested Donation: \$10

For more information visit [cchoralsociety.org](http://cchoralsociety.org)



central jersey choral society



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Christopher Loeffler,  
 Artistic Director

**Christmas Movie Night**  
 Double Feature

**ANGELA'S CHRISTMAS**  
 A NETFLIX ORIGINAL

**THE VERY FIRST NOEL**

**Saturday, 16 December 2023**

Following 5 PM Mass in the Parish Hall  
 Pizza, Pop Corn and Light Refreshments

Please RSVP to:  
**[Nfinn1121@gmail.com](mailto:Nfinn1121@gmail.com)**  
 This will help us plan quantities!

We are the  
**BODY of CHRIST**  
 2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

**Annual Catholic Appel 2023 Wow! We did it!**

**Goal: \$24,500.00**

**Pledged: \$26,600.00 (109% of Goal)**

**Paid: \$25,529.54 (104% of Goal)**

**Total Donors: 124**

**Total Gifts: 147**

**Average Gift: \$180.95**

**Congratulations on reaching goal! Your estimated rebate due is: \$4,189.77**

The 2023 Annual Appeal's final outreach arrived in homes last month. Thank you to those who have made a gift to get our parish to our goal! If you would like to make a gift to help our parish go over the goal please respond to the mailing or fill out a pledge card found in the back of the church - every gift helps! Remember, we get 15% of funds received to goal and 50% of funds beyond goal for our parish's needs, enhancing our services, programs, and facilities. Gifts to the 2023 appeal are being accepted until 12/31/2023.

Your support means the world to us – thank you for your consideration!



OLGCC Advent Mission Day  
**Saturday, December 16th**

8 a.m. – Mass

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Talk presented by  
JMJ Missions – **“Source & Summit”**

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Exposition, Adoration and  
Benediction



Evangelizing for Christ... one soul at a time

# Advent

PLEASE JOIN US

For unto us  
a child is born!



Calling all Parish children!  
Be part of the  
Annual Christmas Pageant

Sunday, 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 - Friday, December 22 - 4:00 pm  
Saturday, December 23 - 3:00 pm

For more information contact:

✓ Brenda O'Callaghan at [olgc.re.wt@gmail.com](mailto:olgc.re.wt@gmail.com)