



Our Lady of Good Counsel



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT • December 1, 2019

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Saturday 8:00 AM

Weekends: Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM
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Holy Days: 7:30 AM, Noon & 7:00 PM

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First Sunday

Advent

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2019
 8:00 AM Special Intention
 5:00 PM Robert Arcadipane r/o Wife & Children
 Michael J. Nittoli
 r/o Elaine Palatine

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 8:30 AM Anne & James Newell r/o Smith Family
 10:30 AM Jennie Ferri r/o Philomena Muscente
 Robert Arcadipane r/o Wife & Children

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019
 7:30 AM Special Intention

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019
 7:30 AM Rev. Adam Kearns

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019
 7:30 AM Special Intention

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019
 7:30 AM Special Intention

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2019
 7:30 AM Special Intention

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2019
 8:00 AM Special Intention
 5:00 PM Kathleen Urbano r/o Dolores DeBlasio
 Carole W. Conroy r/o Elaine Palatine

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019
Second Sunday of Advent
 8:30 AM Rev. Adam Kearns
 10:30 AM Daniel DeFrancesco
 r/o Mary DeFrancesco
 Al DeBlasio r/o Wife, Dolores DeBlasio

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Pray for our Sick:
 Ben Agtuca, Michael Babick,
 Rosemarie Buker, Richard
 Cook, Sara Cooper, Elizabeth
 Gervasoni, Nick Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Thomas McGuire,
 Dolores Megesy, Keith Mello, Joan Moore, Marie Muscente,
 Kim Nash, Angelika Niranjan, Rita Obed, Vincent O'Dell,
 Elaine Palatine, Jeff Papp, Pat Robinson, Lucy Saganowski,
 Kristy Shanahan, Joan Shaw, Elayne Smith, Paul Sollami,
 Stephen Thoma, & Gary Vanderbilt 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.



RENOVATION PROGRESS REPORT

Sunday, December 1, 2019

Join Father Mike our Pastor for a progress report on our Church Renovation Project to date. We will meet in the Church following the 10:30 a.m. Mass for a presentation by Father Mike. See you there!

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7
5:00 PM Jackie Crane, Claude & Mary Anne LeGall
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8
8:30 AM Carol & Michael Lake, Dennis Hice
10:00 AM Preferred Care Visits: Claude LeGall
10:30 AM Tony Jones, Butch Kramer, Linda Reasoner
MONDAY, December 2 – Adoration Closed

READERS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7
5:00 PM Helen Marie Dolton
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8
8:30 AM Trish Williams
10:30 AM Mike Delehenty

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7
5:00 PM Michael Montagna
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8
8:30 AM Brayden Spina
10:30 AM Dylan Rutkowski

PARISH EVENTS

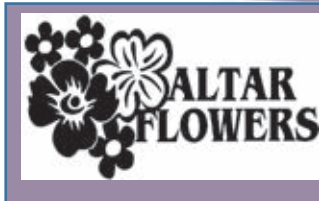
Saturday, November 30, Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place at 4:00
Sunday, December 1, Grade 8 CCD Classes are Sunday in the Rectory 9:15-10:25.
Monday, December 2, Grades 1-7 CCD Classes are at Villa Victoria Academy 4:30-6:00.
Wednesday, December 4th Seniors Christmas Luncheon at the Blooming Grove at 12 Noon.
 We had 25 members present at the last meeting. Charles Clarkson spoke to us on Senior Medicare Fraud and how to prevent it. We will have our Christmas Luncheon at the Blooming Grove at 12 Noon, Dec. 4th. We decided not to have a meeting in January as New Year's Day falls on our meeting day. Our next meeting will be February 5th, 2020.



If you are considering joining our Senior Club, come and see what we are all about. We meet at 11 AM on the first Wednesday of each month. Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!



First Sunday Advent



November 30- The lovely floral arrangement placed at the Blessed Mother Altar is:
*In Loving Memory of:
Jennie Ferri*



COINS FOR CHARITY
Containers are at the entrances to the church this weekend, December 7-8. Also, please continue to place your Marrazzo's receipts in the containers at the entrances to the church. Thank you!

Children's Christmas Choir
Join us for Practice Sundays 9:20-10:20 am, in the cry room of the church. We will sing at the Christmas Eve 5 PM Mass. For more information or any questions, please contact **Mary Anne Le Gall** at cmlegal@gmail.com or call 609-883-4464.

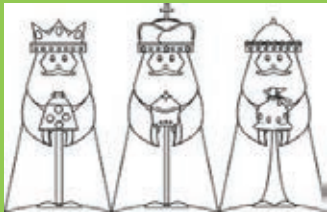


ALTAR CANDLES/FLOWERS FOR MARY AND JOSEPH
Please note: December 15th is the final date candles/flowers may be requested for the Altars of Mary and/or Joseph. Candles will burn for a week 12/15-12/22 then our Christmas decorations will be going up.



**Thursday, December 19
7:00 P.M.**
Additional Priest will be available for Confession. Come prepare your heart for our Infant King.

Please join us at the ISJ- Rosary Altar Society's Annual Little Christmas Luncheon
**Sunday, January 12
12:30 p.m.**
Acacia Restaurant
Choice of Mesclun Green Salad or Caesar Salad



Penne Vodka served family style. Your entrée choices are:

- Organic Chicken Breast with Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetable
- Roasted Scottish Salmon with Roasted Potatoes & Sautéed Spinach
- Eggplant Parmesan with Mixed Vegetables

Flourless Chocolate Torte or Coffee Cake, Soft Drinks/Coffee/Tea, BYOB, No need to select entrée. Choice will be made at the restaurant. \$33 per person, payable to: ISJ Rosary Altar Society **RSVP by Sunday, January 5** to Joyce Raymond at 609-695-9204, Mary Frances Mendola at 609-883-1865. All are welcome to attend!



Once again, it is your opportunity to participate in our **Christmas Gifting Outreach** ministry. To participate, please take a gift tag, or more, from the baskets at all Church entrances. Purchase the gift, attach your gift tag to it and return it to the designated table in Rectory Garage by next Monday, December 9th. **Please do NOT wrap your gift.** Should you have any questions or wish to help process the gifts, please call Jim Gambino of our Social Services Committee at 609-818-1708

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 provide wish lists for specific items, which you can help provide. Please call **MarKeesha Ferguson** at 609 394-8847 to find out how you can participate and help brighten Christmas morning for a struggling family in our area! Adopt-A-Family gifts may also go in the Rectory Garage.

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December 1, 2019

Deacon Steve Szmuto's Reflection on the Sunday Readings

December 1, 2019 - First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2: 1-5 Psalm 122: 1-9 Romans 13: 11-14

Matthew 24: 37-44



"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." (Matthew 24: 42)

Today, we begin the Season of Advent, a time of repentance and preparation for the Birth of the Messiah, and the beginning of the 2020 Liturgical year. It is a good time to reacquaint ourselves with the significance of the season and its symbolism.

The word Advent is a word taken from Latin, meaning "the coming." The longer term, "*Adventus Redemptoris*," means, "the coming of the Savior." Over the next four weeks, the readings reflect the anticipation of the Messiah, the coming of Jesus Christ, both in the fullness of his humanity two thousands years ago, and in his divinity at the end of time. Purple vestments are used throughout Advent, a sign of penance. One of the most visible and enduring symbols of Advent, both in the Church and at home, is the Advent Wreath. Traditionally crafted of evergreens (a sign of everlasting life), the wreath is decorated with three purple candles and one rose candle, the latter first used on the third Sunday of Advent. One candle is lit on the First Sunday of Advent and one additional candle is lit each successive Sunday, symbolizing the

coming of the Savior -- the light of the world. As the wreath is blessed and lit on the First Sunday of Advent, the celebrant prays in these or similar words: "*May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay.*"

The Third Sunday of Advent is known as *Gaudete Sunday*, a term which means "rejoice"; on that day, the rose (or pink) vestments will be worn by the priest and deacon and the rose candle is lit. The rose color is used only twice in the Liturgical year -- on this Sunday and on the fourth Sunday of Lent, known as *Laetare Sunday* -- a sign of joyful hope and anticipation, even amidst a time of penance and preparation.

Too often, the significance of Advent is lost amidst the preparations for our secular celebration of Christmas. Rather than focus on the importance of Christ's nativity into a world made weary by sin, many of us embrace the frenetic pace of a holiday season, where the dollar reigns supreme and love can mistakenly be measured by the price of our gifts, rather than by the inestimable value of our love.

As we gather today to celebrate the Sacred Eucharist, the eternal and enduring gift of Jesus' Precious Body and Blood, let us take a few moments each day to reflect in joyful anticipation of the birth of our Lord. In the peace of grateful prayer and devotion, we can turn our hearts away from the matters of this world -- if only for a few blessed moments -- and prepare ourselves to welcome the Lord with gladness at the most sacred celebration of the Nativity.

"For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand."

(Romans 13: 11b-12a)

Deacon Steve Szmuto

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 next weekend, Dec. 7 and 8

Aging Religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.



KNIGHTS KORNER NEWS



Super 50/50 Raffle - The Ewing Knights of Columbus along with the Incarnation - St. James Community Group will be selling Super 50/50 Raffle Tickets after all Masses on the weekend of Nov. 30th -- Dec. 1st. Funds raised from the raffle will help support Knights of Columbus and Church charities. Drawing will be held on Saturday December 7th at 9:00 pm at Incarnation-Saint James

Church in Ewing. Winner need not be present to win.

KofC "Coats for Kids" Program - Any business owner or parishioner who wishes to participate please send a check made payable to the Ewing Knights of Columbus Council 3756 and mail to: Coats for Kids Knights of Columbus Ewing Council #3756, PO Box 7647, Ewing NJ, 08628. Thank You for your Support!



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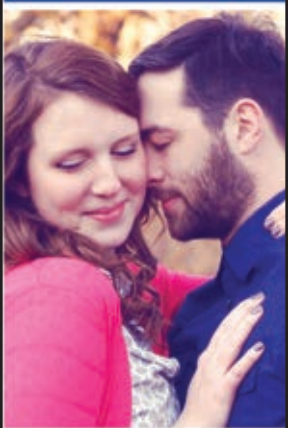
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