

Our Lady of Good Counsel

Feast of the



*Holy
Family*

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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 ~ Mask are required

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CHURCH

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	DECEMBER 25, 2021 Christmas Day Anne Rita & James Newell r/o Debbie & Family Thomas LeGall r/o Claude & Mary Anne LeGall Antonio & Laura DeLellis r/o Children People of the Parish (There is no vigil Mass Christmas day)
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	DECEMBER 26, 2021 The Holy Family Ernie Legasi r/o Mary Abbe Mempim For the Intentions of Donna Collins r/o Angela Androla Nicholas Muscente, Sr. & For Intentions of Marie Muscente r/o Daughter
MONDAY, 7:30 AM	DECEMBER 27, 2021 For the Intentions of Tangi LeGall r/o Claude & Mary Anne LeGall
TUESDAY, 7:30 AM	DECEMBER 28, 2021 Margaret & Frederic Baker r/o Family
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM	DECEMBER 29, 2021 For the Intentions of Arnaud LeGall r/o Claude & Mary Anne LeGall
THURSDAY, 7:30 AM	DECEMBER 30, 2021 For the Intentions of Tom Voorhees, Sr. r/o Wife Francis X. McMyne r/o Sister
FRIDAY, 7:30 AM 5:00 PM	DECEMBER 31, 2021 New Year's Eve Living Members of Muscente Family r/o Family Marie & William Dolton r/o Helen Marie Dolton
SATURDAY, 9:00 AM	JANUARY 1, 2022 Mary Mother of God Philomena Muscente r/o Dominic DeFrancesco People of the Parish (There is no vigil Mass January 1st)
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	JANUARY 2, 2022 Epiphany of the Lord Fekete & Walley Families r/o Family Philomena Muscente r/o Lindsey & Dominic Wesner

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Collection Totals Unavailable
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Readers

SATURDAY, 9:00 AM	JANUARY 1 Solemnity of Mary Sean Feddema
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	JANUARY 2 Epiphany of the Lord Early Publishing date

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, 9:00 AM	JANUARY 1 Solemnity of Mary Laura Shea
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	JANUARY 2 Epiphany of the Lord Early Publishing date

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, 9:00 AM	JANUARY 1 Solemnity of Mary Daniel Wilkes
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	JANUARY 2 Epiphany of the Lord Brayden Spina Dylan Rutkowski

News & Events

Saturday, January 1 There are no Confessions New Year's Day.
The Church Office is Closed December 31 to January 3.

Pray for our Sick:

Allan Baenziger, Rosemarie Buker, Richard Cook, Katie Dao, Al Gatto, Elizabeth Gervasoni, Theresa Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Marie Hegyi, Carol Lake, Kevin McBride, Keith Mello, Joan Moore, Marie Muscente, Kim Nash, Angelika Niranjan, Carol Perrine, Lucy Saganowski, Gregory Schafer, Kristy Shanahan, Steve Schmierer, Linda Solinski, Paul Sollami, Stanley Wrobel, Nancy Newell Yeomans 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.



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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



Deacon Steve Szmuto's Christmas & Holy Family Reflection December 25-26, 2021

"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth."

"Joy to the World, the Lord has come. Let earth receive its king." The wait is over; the promise given has been realized. The prophecies have been fulfilled; the Kingdom of God is near at hand. As the Prophet Isaiah foretold: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." Choirs and congregations sing, "Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King." The light pierces the darkness; may the world rejoice in the light.

For two thousand years, Christians everywhere have celebrated the birth of the Savior, the king who came to earth as a little child, born of the humble virgin in a stable, *"because there was no room for them in the inn."* There was Jesus, Mary his mother, and Joseph, the husband of Mary and Jesus' foster father – the Holy Family. Unlike the birth of earthly kings, Jesus' coming was not marked by boisterous celebration by the affluent and powerful in the land. There were no attendants or courtiers; rather, the first witnesses to his coming were the shepherds in the fields, those who lived in the outside the mainstream of polite society. Yet, to these simple men, the wonder of the Son of God come to earth was made known. The angel of the Lord announced: *"I proclaim to you good news of great joy: today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord."*

For many at this time of year, joy is conspicuously absent. Pain, suffering, mourning are around us. War, terrorism, suffering, upheaval, poverty, social injustice, and strife in places such as Afghanistan, the Middle East, and even in our own country, provide a stark and horrific reminder that evil exists in this world and with free will, can enter the hearts of men and cause heartbreak and sorrow. For nearly two years, the COVID pandemic has cast a pall over everything and everyone. There is scarcely anyone who is ignorant to the effects of the disease, whether in our selves or in others. Yet we can reclaim the Spirit of Christmas Joy by drawing nearer to family, friends, and neighbors (spiritually if not physically, depending upon health and other circumstances), or by offering our hand in kindness, healing and compassion and turning to Christ, the Light of the World to dispel the darkness inflicted by malevolence. Only love can overcome the dark night of the human heart. Joy is a process, a glorious rose that can come to full bloom only with care and tenderness. Ultimately, joy is the gift of grace and presence, of accepting the Lord into our hearts and sharing his light with others, the illumination that can vanquish the despair and isolation of darkness. We, who are his disciples, are called to see the face of Christ in every man, woman and child, no matter what their disposition or station.

And so, as we celebrate Christmas with the exchange of presents, let us never forget the greatest gift: Joyful Presence! It is a time to celebrate in the Lord, to offer him praise and thanksgiving, and to demonstrate our discipleship in an outpouring of kindness and compassion to our fellow man – to give to those who cannot repay, just as the gift of grace is given to us, who cannot possibly repay in full measure of that which God has given us. As disciples, we owe this to all men, women, and children, regardless of their race, color, or creed, simply because they are human beings – all creatures made in the image and likeness of God. Just as Jesus, Mary and Joseph were one family – the Holy Family – we are all one family in his Holy Church.

May the Lord Jesus Christ, whose birth set in motion, the means of our redemption, bestow every grace and blessing upon you and your families this Christmas, and indeed in every hour of every day throughout the year. Make room for Christ, finding in his person the joy and peace of his presence. Let us, with loving and faithful hearts, join in the chorus of the heavenly host and sing: *"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."*

Deacon Steven Szmuto

DECEMBER 26, 2021 ~ MERRY CHRISTMAS



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASSES

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph
Sunday, December 26th
8:30 and 10:30 AM

Mary, Mother of God
Vigil Mass, Friday, December 31st
5:00 PM

New Year's Day, Saturday, January 1, 2022
9:00 AM
(There is no Vigil Mass for Sunday)

The Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday January 2, 2022
8:30 and 10:30 AM

Church Office is CLOSED
December 24 to 27 & December 31 to January 3

**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**



Parish Office is CLOSED

December 24—27 and

December 31—January 3



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Christmas Gift



For a truly meaningful Christmas present, one that lasts long after the decorations have been put away, why not give your spouse the gift of a Marriage Encounter Weekend? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen

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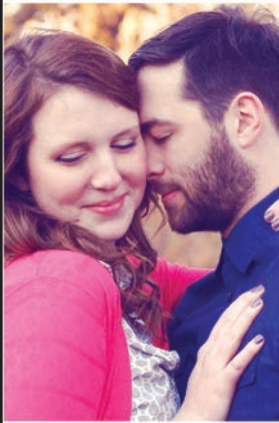
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