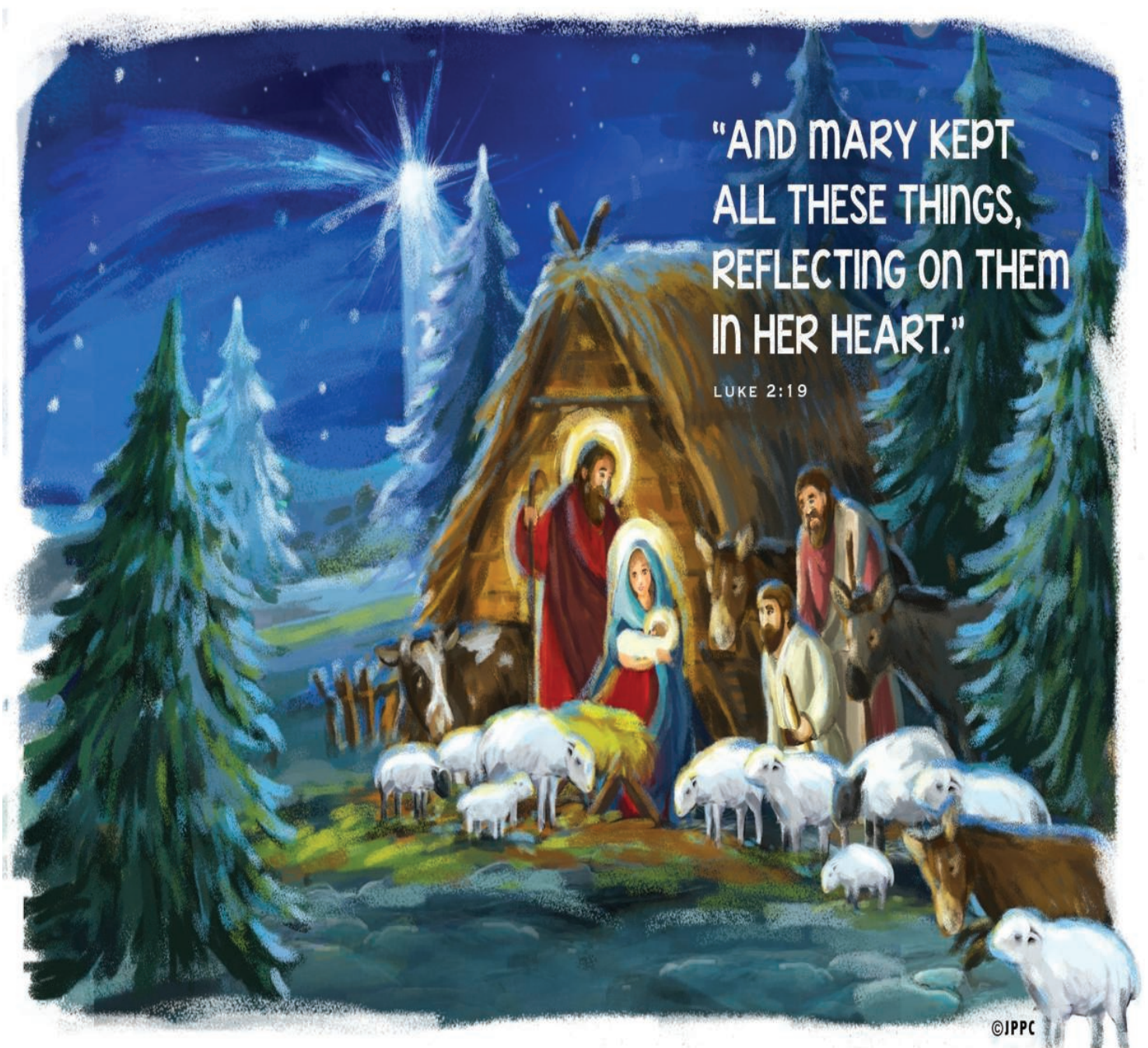


Our Lady of Good Counsel

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD • JANUARY 1, 2023



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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 FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	DECEMBER 31, 2022 Marie & William Dolton r/o Helen Marie Dolton
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	JANUARY 1, 2023 Solemnity of Mary Intentions of David Grimm r/o Mom For the People of the Parish
10:30 AM	Members of DeFrancesco, Collins & Muscente Family r/o Donna & David Collins
MONDAY, 7:30 AM	JANUARY 2, 2023 Deceased Fekete & Walley Family r/o Family
TUESDAY, 7:30 AM	JANUARY 3, 2023 Intentions of Elianny Bree Diaz r/o Wanda Cortes
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM	JANUARY 4, 2023 William P. Hipple, DDS r/o Helen Marie Dolton
THURSDAY, 7:30 AM	JANUARY 5, 2023 Viola Marino r/o Michael & Patricia Coiante
FRIDAY, 7:30 AM	JANUARY 6, 2023 Immaculata Miglierese r/o Mary Arcadipane
SATURDAY, 8:00 AM	JANUARY 7, 2023 Special Intention
5:00 PM	Don Smith r/o Wife & Family Respect Life and an End to Abortion r/o Mary Arcadipane
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	JANUARY 8, 2023 The Epiphany Judy Aiello r/o Vrancik Family For the People of the Parish
10:30 AM	Louise Hohmann r/o Children

RECENT COLLECTION'S

Registered Parish Families	681
	12/11/22 12/18/22
Parishioners using envelopes	117 121
Envelope Contributions	\$2,436.00 2,423.00
Average Contribution	\$20.82 20.02
Loose Cash	\$355.00 436.00
Total Contributions:	\$2,791.00 2,859.00

Thank you for your generosity.



Readers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	JANUARY 7 Jackie Crane
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	JANUARY 8 Keri Wildes
10:30 AM	Jennifer Sidone

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	JANUARY 7 Ginny Evans
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	JANUARY 8 Laura Shea
10:30 AM	Tony Jones

Altar Servers

SATURDAY 5:00 PM	JANUARY 7 James Gummel
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	JANUARY 8 Brayden Spina, Daniel Wilkes
10:30 AM	Dylan Rutkowski

Parish News & Events

Religious Education ~ Classes are closed for the Christmas Holiday. Classes resume January 8/9.

We wish all a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

Monday, January 2, The Rectory Office is closed.

Wednesday, January 4, The Seniors Club will meet in the Parish Hall at 11:00 a.m. Make joining the seniors group one of your New Year's Resolutions. All seniors are invited to join in the Fun.

Thursday, January 5, Good News Sunday Group will meet in St. Joseph Rm at 7PM and Friday at 10 AM. All are welcome. Come and see.

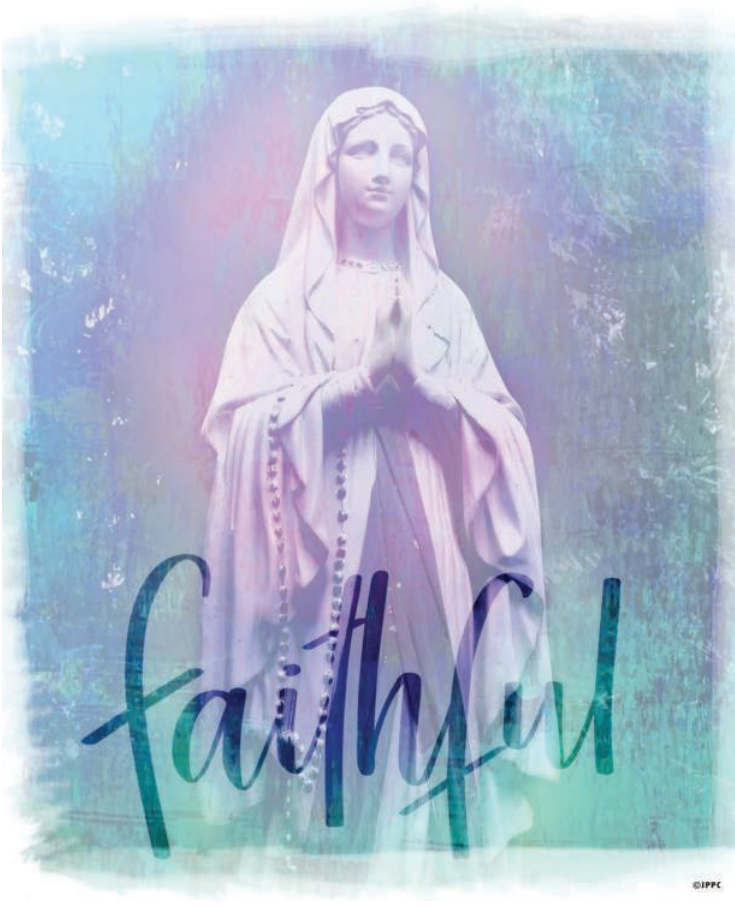
Friday, January 6, First Friday Adoration will be from 8 AM to 3 PM. Sign up at each Church door or online. Come spend time with Jesus truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Saturday, January 7, Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass. Reconciliation 4:00-4:30 p.m. Mask required.



Rosemarie Buker, Richard Cook, Katie Dao, Helen Marie Dolton, Matthew Evans, John Finn, Al Gatto, Leo Genovesi, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Theresa Gregorio, Leslie Hall, Sherri Hanlon, James A. Keenan, IV, Carol Lake, Laura Lynch, Kevin McBride, Keith Mello, Joan Moore, Marie Muscente, Kim Nash, Angelika Niranjana, Carol Perrine, Lucy Saganowski, G. Welly Samuels, Debbie Sattler, Gregory Schafer, Dolores Sebasto, Kristy Shanahan, Steve Schmierer, Linda Solinski, Erin Cahill Wetzell, 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.



Reflection on the Sunday Readings The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Reading I: Numbers 6:22-27

Responsorial Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

Reading II: Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

Calm

“Let it be done unto me according to your will,” Mary had said. A real Archangel had appeared, handing out shocking news. What a jolt the Annunciation must have been for someone so unassuming, so self-effacing as Mary. Did she flinch?

No. She reacted with calm. She said simply, “I accept. Tell me how this wonderful birth will happen.”

But the series of events that followed do not seem to warrant calm. Mary became a betrothed woman found pregnant. Her husband-to-be had been about to divorce her until an angel explained things in a dream.

And since walking was the usual mode of transportation in those days, sometimes for astonishing distances, the census call did not make her promise easy. It was the last part of her pregnancy—the most difficult time of all to travel from Nazareth in the far north of Israel down to Bethlehem, which is south of Jerusalem. Not an impossible distance, but in the last month of pregnancy, a real challenge. This was God’s will and she had accepted it. Joseph in his kindness got a donkey for Mary to ride.

When they finally got to Bethlehem, a very small village, The inn had no room for them. And there is nothing in scripture about a cave. The most likely place would have been some kind of barn or stable for domestic animals, since the infant was “lying in a manger.” This birth was not bathed in satin finery, not luxurious. Jesus was born into poverty and discomfort.

This Sunday we see Mary just days after the grueling journey and the amazing birth (Gospel). She is carrying out the promise she made to Gabriel. All is well. The child is healthy and cute, and the angels, unable to contain their joy, have once more danced into Mary’s life. Even the animals understand. It is breathtaking.

It would seem that Mary’s calm would now seek some quiet and rest after all that had happened. But no. Unkempt shepherds, straight from the fields, “went in haste” to the shelter, announcing in their craggy voices that they knew who this baby is. Angels had told them. Wise men, or as we now say, kings, found the holy shelter and barged right in, bearing royal gifts.

Does this all impinge on Mary’s peace? No. She is good to her word. The Gospel says that she quietly “kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.”

How could she do this? Part of it was her personality, of course, but even more, it was the presence of God deep within her, so deep that she let her life become one with his, and produced a son. Life on this earth is never free from hazards and setbacks and stunning difficulties, but as Mary let her heart reflect, and as she watched each movement of the newborn baby, she breathed in a holiness, a degree of holiness that even she had not known before.

“May it be done unto me according to your will.” Her acceptance was complete.

As we witness this calm, within a crowded, difficult, surprising stable, as we keep the picture of it within our own hearts, may each of us be able to echo her words, “May it be done unto me according to your will.”

John Foley, SJ



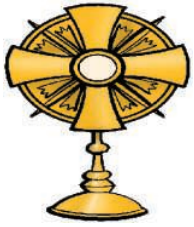
*“Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them in her
heart” (Gospel)*

JANUARY 1, 2023



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.



First Friday Adoration is January 6, 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 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 aside and rest a while with the Lord. He is truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Super 50/50

Thank you to the many parishioners who helped us make the Super 50/50 a success. The prize of \$2,182.50 was won by a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel parish. Profits of about \$2,000 will be used to support Knights of Columbus Charities and community events. Tom DeFalco, Grand Knight

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"then your light shall break forth like the dawn."
Isaiah 60:1-2

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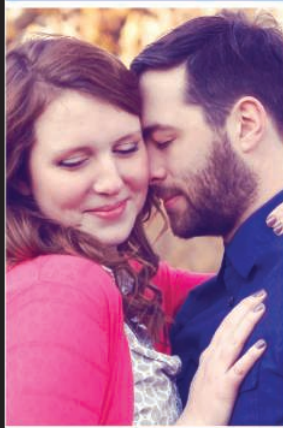


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