

Our Lady of Good Counsel

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT • NOVEMBER 28, 2021



BE VIGILANT AT ALL TIMES.

LUKE 21:36

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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

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS : 8:30 AM

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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SATURDAY, 5:00 PM
NOVEMBER 27, 2021
Dolton Family Deceased Members
r/o Helen Marie Dolton
Intentions of Eileen Trusky
r/o Paul Medwick

SUNDAY, 8:30 AM
NOVEMBER 28, 2021
First Sunday of Advent ~ HOPE
Larry Henricksen r/o Hajjar Family
Philomena Muscente
r/o Debbie & Pete Yacyk
10:30 AM Sara Cooper r/o Mike Delehanty
Harry Masterson, Jr.
r/o Nettie Masterson Eubank

MONDAY, 7:30 AM
NOVEMBER 29, 2021
Anne Coyne r/o Andrew O'Rahilly

TUESDAY, 7:30 AM
NOVEMBER 30, 2021
Jonathon Hess & Von R. Hess
r/o Helene & Butch

WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM
DECEMBER 1, 2021
Janet Morris r/o Bruce & Donna Young

THURSDAY, 7:30 AM
DECEMBER 2, 2021
For Intention of Theresa Gregorio
r/o Donna & David Collins

FRIDAY, 7:30 AM
DECEMBER 3, 2021
Janet Morris r/o Angela Como
David Salvatore r/o Mary Arcadipane

SATURDAY, 8:00 AM
5:00 PM
DECEMBER 4, 2021
Special Intention
For Intentions of Elianna Bree Diaz
r/o Grandmother, Wanda Diaz
People of the Parish

SUNDAY, 8:30 AM
10:30 AM
DECEMBER 5, 2021
Second Sunday of Advent ~ Peace
Eleanor C. Roach r/o Deacon Steve & Mary
Philomena Muscente r/o Frank Ferri
Sara Cooper r/o Dylan Rutkowski
Nicholas Muscente Intentions of Marie
r/o Daughter

Collection Total unavailable due to early publishing date.



Advent Penance Service ~ Cohort 9
Saturday, December 11, 10:00 A.M.

Please wear mask covering both nose and mouth.
Additional Priest will be available for Confession.
Come prepare your heart for our Infant King.

Readers

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4
5:00 PM Jackie Crane
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5
8:30 AM Sean Feddema
10:30 AM Mike Delahanty

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4
5:00 PM Ginny Evans
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5
8:30 AM Tom Maguire
10:30 AM Tony Jones

Altar Servers

SATURDAY DECEMBER 4
5:00 PM Nathan Stankus
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5
8:30 AM Brayden Spina & Daniel Wilkes
10:30 AM Dylan Rutkowski

News & Events

Saturday, December 4 Novenas follow morning Mass.
Reconciliation is 4:00-4:30 p.m. Mask are required.



*Can you say
yes Sister
one more time?*

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.
Retirement Fund for Religious

December 11-12 is the Annual Collection
for Retired Religious.
There will be two collections. Please be generous.

Pray for our Sick: 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 Niranjana, Carol Perrine, Lucy Saganowski, Gregory Schafer, Kristy Shanahan, Steve Schmierer, Linda Solinski, Paul Sollami, Stanley Wroble, 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.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Deacon Steve Szmuto's Reflection on the Sunday Readings November 28, 2021 – First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33: 14-16 Psalm 25: 4-5, 8-10, 14
1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2 Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

"Lord God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior . . . " Pour forth your blessing upon us as we light the candles of this wreath . . ." (Prayer for the Blessing of the Advent Wreath)

Today, the Church celebrates the First Sunday of Advent, marking the beginning of the new Liturgical Year. The Season of Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Son of God, Jesus Christ, both in history and in his second coming at the end of time. Advent is also a time of expectation and hope. It is not just a few weeks to mark the time before the celebration of Christmas; rather it is an important period of prayer, reflection and spiritual preparation. Pope Francis once said: *"Advent invites us to a commitment to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world."*

Throughout the Season of Advent, I will share some of the traditions common to this special time of year, the reminders of how we use imagery, sacramentals and other symbols to engage our body, mind, and spirit toward a deeper understanding of our faith. The most common Advent devotion is the lighting of the Advent Wreath, both in our homes, or in the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. The Advent Wreath is a symbol of the anticipation and hope of the world for the coming of Our Lord and Savior at the end of time, as well as a reminder of Jesus' coming into the world in history. Each wreath has four candles, three purple candles and one rose-colored candle (although four white candles may occasionally be used). Purple (also prominent in Lent) signifies the preparatory or penitential nature of the Advent Season. The faithful are encouraged to pray, repent, and offer good works to prepare their hearts for the celebration of Christmas. The rose-colored candle, lit on Gaudete Sunday (which means "joy"), reminds us that the Solemnity of the Nativity is drawing near; Advent is halfway over as we journey to Christmas. Candles are lit progressively each week as a sign of expectation and for Christ's first coming into the world, as well as the anticipation of the Lord's coming for the final judgment at the end of time. The colors of the priest's and deacon's vestments will match the colors of the candles in the Season of Advent, except for certain solemnities such as the Immaculate Conception.

Today's reading from the Gospel of Saint Luke focuses on the second coming of Our Lord at the end of time, when he will come to judge the living and the dead. We know neither the day nor the hour, but there are certainly times when it seems as if we are living in the end times, but I am sure that Christians have felt this way throughout history. For faithful disciples, Jesus encourages them to not fear. *"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves . . . And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."* Those who persist in prayer, and live life according to the Gospel message have nothing to fear. As we prayed in the Responsorial Psalm: *"Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, for you are God my savior, and for you I wait all the day."*

And so, as we begin the Season of Advent, let us remember that Christ is never far from us. He came to earth in human history to save all people from sin and death, is with us today in the Holy Eucharist, and will return at the end of time to gather his faithful to himself. *"Be vigilant at all times!"*

Deacon Steven K. Szmuto

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY COHORT 9

You are invited to join us for our

Upcoming Events:

December 12th following 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. James. We will be making out Christmas cards for Nursing Home residents. If you have extra cards please bring them.
Sunday, January 16th Annual Christmas Party at Acacia Restaurant details TBD.
St. James Church 29 E. Paul Ave. Trenton, NJ



Thanksgiving

In this season of Thanksgiving, why not celebrate your marriage and its many blessings by attending a **Marriage Encounter Weekend?**

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage

Encounter Weekend in Central New Jersey will be held February 4 – 6. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for app and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco).

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 years' 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 Rectory Garage by **Monday, December 13th**. 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 Rectory Garage.



On November 30, 2021, 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!

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THE MELCHIZEDEK PROJECT Priesthood Discernment Gathering for young men aged 16 – 40.

An evening with prayer, discussion and fellowship. Join us if you are interested in learning how to discover God's will for your life and are open to discerning a vocation to the priesthood.
Thursday evenings 6:30 to 8:00 PM
Frassati House (Lawrence Township)

December 16

For more information call 609-406-7448.



The Ewing Knights of Columbus Christmas Card Sales

The Knights will be selling Christmas Cards and car magnets at all Masses the weekends of November 20-21, November 27-28 and December 4-5. Your support will help the Knights continue their charitable activities.

Thank you for your generosity.





Prayer to St Michael The Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our protection against
the wickedness and snares
of the Devil. May God rebuke
him, we humbly pray, and do
thou, O Prince of the heavenly
hosts, by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan, and
all the evil spirits, who
prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen



CASH Bingo

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Saturday, December 4, 2021
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Articles for 12/19 Bulletin Due 12/06
Articles for 12/26 Bulletin Due 12/13
Articles for 01/02 Bulletin Due 12/17



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Containers will be at the entrances to the church the first full weekend of December the 4-5.

Please continue to place your Marrazzo's receipts in the containers at the entrances to the church.

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Can you spare a few morning hours to make a difference in the life of a homebound resident of Mercer County?

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Call 609-695-3483 for more information or
e-mail llivne@mealsonwheelsmercer.org



THANKSGIVING REPORT CARD—A+

Many thanks to all parishioners who participated in our Thanksgiving Food Drive this year.

Because of your generous donations, our Social Service Committee volunteers were able to process and deliver 11 turkeys, 1 Large Lasagna and 34 bags & 13 boxes of non-perishable food items to Catholic Charities and Mount Carmel Guild, Trenton.

Parishioners also donated a \$25 check to Mount Carmel Guild plus one \$25 Gift Card to Shop Rite and one \$50 Gift Card to Shop Rite.

Thank you for caring and helping provide a special holiday meal for those in need!

MARYS OF MARY

December 8th

*Join us thirty minutes
before all Masses to
pray the rosary.*

*Holy Day Masses:
7:30 a.m., 12:00 & 7:00 p.m.*

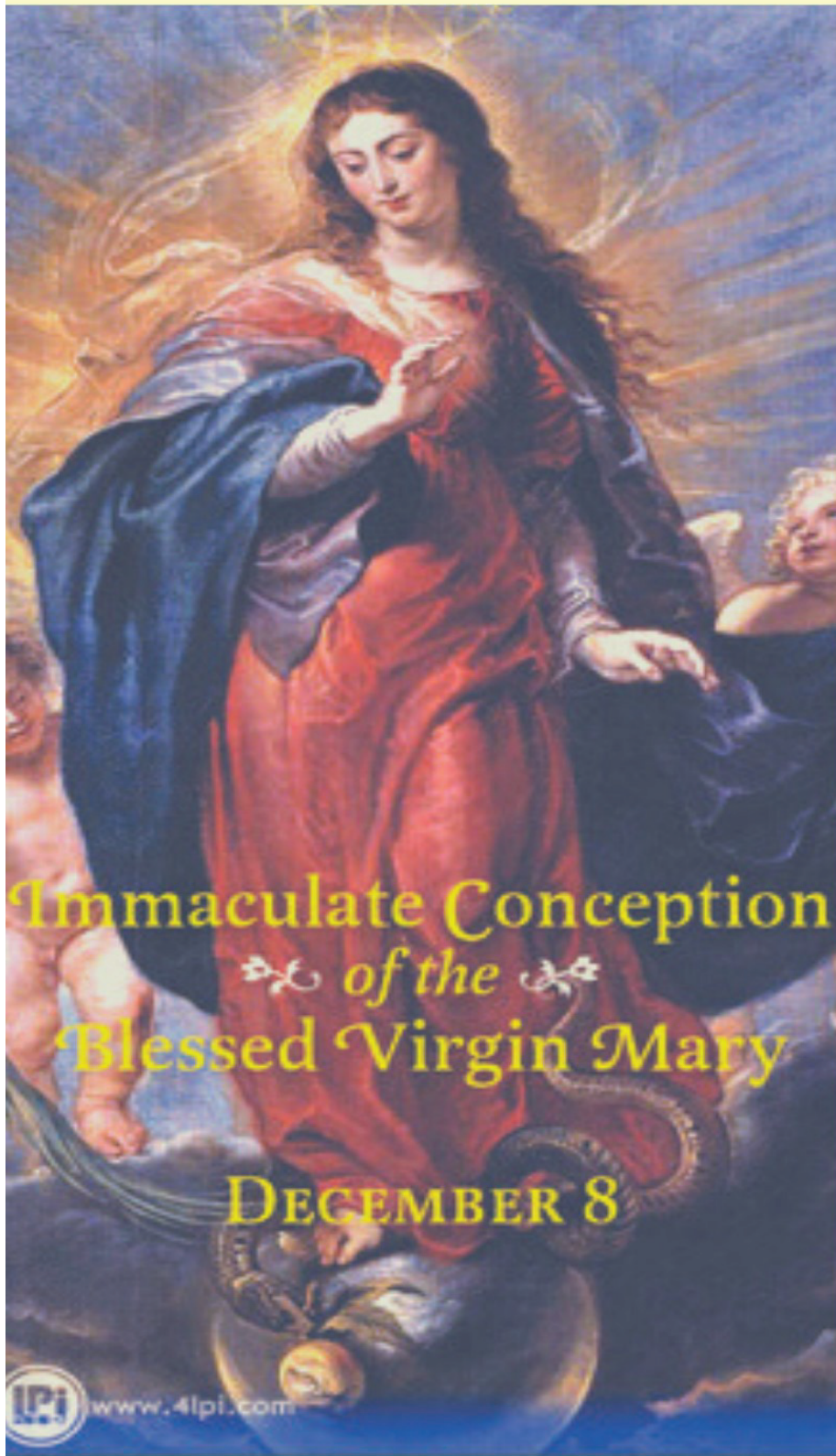


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Prayer to Our Lady of the
Immaculate Conception

O God, who by the
Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, did
prepare a worthy dwelling
place for Your Son, we
beseech You that, as by the
foreseen death of this, Your
Son, You did preserve Her from
all stain, so too You would
permit us, purified through Her
intercession, to come unto
You.

Through the same Lord Jesus
Christ, Your Son, who lives and
reigns with You in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, God, world
without end. Amen.



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