

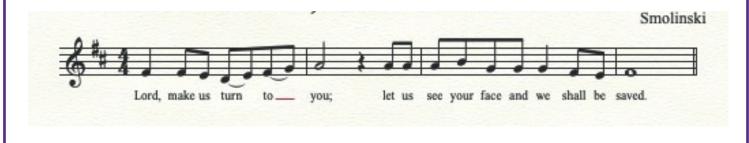
OPENING HYMN: LET THE KING OF GLORY COME



A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET MICAH

Thus says the LORD: You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; whose origin is from of old, from ancient times. Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne, and the rest of his kindred shall return to the children of Israel. He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the LORD, in the majestic name of the LORD, his God; and they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace. The Word of the Lord.

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A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews:

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight. Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God.'" First he says, "Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired nor delighted in." These are offered according to the law. Then he says, :Behold, I come to do your will." He takes away the first to establish the second. By this "will," we have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke:

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

The Gospel of the Lord.

OFFERTORY HYMN: THE KING SHALL COME



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O Good Jesus, hear me. Within your wounds hide me. Permit me not to be separated from you. From the wicked foe, defend me. At the hour of my death, call me and bid me come to you That with your saints I may praise you for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

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 host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: SOON AND VERY SOON



Please Pray for the Sick

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DiCarlo, Anna Adamovich, Sandra Overlock, Laura Luzzi, Pamela Willis, Mark Cefaloni, Patricia McDonnell, Janice Barone. Damian Horbury, Frank DeLucia, Nancy Cavallaro, Rob Sapitowicz, Paul Gawron, Michele Schioppo, Victoria Diana, Laura

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Please contact the Parish Office to add or remove names from the Prayer List.

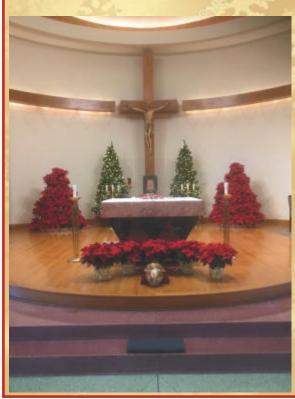
Please Pray for those serving in the Military



Pvt Nicholas Rickel, (Army), Dan Kelley (Army), Captain Alexander Carpenter (Army), Captain Patrick Carpenter Jr., Captain Benjamin Steven San-

tandreu (Army), SEA BEE Nicholas Listro, (Navy) Lieutenant John Philip Morrissey (Army) Lieutenant Matthew Hansen, Major Daniel Morrissey, (Air Force) Lieutenant Colonel Seth Krummrich (Army), Captain Samuel Hurchala, Lieutenant Sean Leary, Kevin Murphy, Danny Murphy, Pfc. J. Adams, Emily O'Hara, Jonathan Sanchez, Alice Mary, Eric Trivette, Meara O' Hara, Zachary Simpson, Jon Farwell, Sergeant Brian Streit, Ryan Rausch ,Mary O'Connell, Andrew Gnidula, and LCPL Glenn Warner.

DECORATE THE CHURCH NIGHT



On Monday, December 20th beginning at 6:30 p.m., we invite those interested to join us in helping to decorate our church interior for Christmas.

The evening includes a Prayer Service and blessing of the Manger scene. Light refreshments will be served. This is a wonderful way to begin the celebration of the Christmas season with fun, fellowship and prayer. Contact Deacon Victor or the Parish Office with any questions.



ANGELTREE PROJECT THANKYOU! THANKYOU! THANKYOU!

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE TO ALL OF OUR PARISHIONERS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE ANGEL TREE PROGRAM AGAIN THIS YEAR!!!!!!! WE WERE, ONCE AGAIN, ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE OVER 300 GIFTS TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WITHIN 6 LOCAL SCHOOLS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN OUR AREA. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXTEND OUR DEEP THANKS TO THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE AND OTHER PARISHIONERS WHO DONATED THEIR TIME BOTH THURSDAY EVENING AND FRIDAY MORNING TO HELP WITH THE SORTING, MATCHING AND PACKING OF ALL THE GIFTS. WE SURELY COULD NOT COMPLETE THIS ENDEAVOR WITHOUT ALL OF THIS AMAZING HELP. WE WISH YOU ALL A BLESSED, HEALTHY AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR!! CO-CHAIRS - ANNE MCDONNELL, NANCY SLUGASKI and GALE TIRRELL





SATURDAY, December 18 Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 P.M. + Jack Kulas (Daughter)

SUNDAY, December 19, Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 A.M. Deceased Members of the Frank & Theresa Perrotti Families (Carol Perrotti)

9:30 A.M. Deceased Members of the LoRicco Families

11:30 A.M. +Dr. John Aversa (Family)

MONDAY, December 20 Late Advent Weekday

9:00 A.M. Open for Mass Intention

TUESDAY, December 21 St. Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church

9:00 A.M. Open for Mass Intention

WEDNESDAY, December 22 Late Advent Week-day

9:00 A.M. Tony Esposito (L) (Karen Cusick)

THURSDAY, December 23 St. John of Kanty No Mass

FRIDAY, December 24 Late Advent Weekday NO 9:00 A.M. MASS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24 VIGIL, NATIVITY OF THE LORD

3:00 P.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 4:30 P.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 10:00 P.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, NATIVITY OF THE LORD

10:00 A.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH NO 8:30 A.M. MASS NO 5:00 P.M. VIGIL MASS

SUNDAY, December 26, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

8:00 A.M. +Rose Hurlihe

9:30 A.M. +Maureen O'Brien (Joan Murphy & the Murphy Family)

11:30 A.M. +Cynthia Schultz (husband, Charles)

The Sanctuary Lamp burns at the Mother Church for the intentions of Tony Esposito requested by

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS: 9:00 A.M. At the Mother Church (1700 Litchfield Tpke, Rt. 69, Woodbridge)
(NO MASS ON THURSDAYS)

SATURDAY: 8:30 A.M. (Center Road)
WEEKEND MASSES: SAT. VIGIL 5:00 P.M.,
8:00 A.M. 9:30 A.M. 11:30 A.M (Center Road)

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 4:00 TO 4:45 P.M OR BY APPOINTMENT





All Masses at the Center Road church All Masses will be livestreamed No reservations required

ADVENT PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light and the darkness,
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.
We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day,
We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.
We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.
We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.
To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!'
Amen.

- Henri J.M. Nouwen

STATEMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

"It is heartbreaking to see the destruction and devastation brought by the tornadoes that tore through the South and Midwest overnight. During this Advent season where we await in joyful anticipation for the birth of our Lord, we pray for those who have been injured, for those who have lost their lives, and for their grieving families and communities. May those who have been impacted by these storms find peace, comfort, and hope in our faith and in God's endless love. We also pray for the emergency responders and those who have begun the work of providing for the needs of the impacted in these communities in the recovery efforts. We entrust all our brothers and sisters in harm's way to our Blessed Mother, and we ask for her continued protection and for her intercession in comforting those who are suffering.

"Catholics and all people of good will may help our brothers and sisters in their recovery by supporting the work of Catholic Charities USA at https://www.catholiccharities.us/campaign/ccusa-disaster-relief/c353051."



OLOA LADIES GUILD CHRISTMAS GATHERING DECEMBER 13, 2021

The Ladies Guild were able to gather together to celebrate Christmas this year. We thank them for their service to the Parish.







Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers Christmas Mass Schedule

Please stop in the sacristy before or after Mass this weekend to view the sign up sheet for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. I have filled in the slots that were requested.

We do still need a lector the 10:00 A.M. Mass on Christmas Day and one more Eucharistic Minister for the 10 P.M. Mass on Christmas Eve.

Thank you!

ONLINE GIVING



Please note: If you have signed up for online giving, please be careful when choosing the appropriate donation category.

Mass stipend category is chosen when you have scheduled a Mass to be celebrated at the parish. *It is not for weekly or monthly offertory.*

Please call the parish office with any questions.

CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

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"Make room for the Word through silence"

Pope Francis reflects on Joseph's silence in the Gospels.

"St Joseph with his silence invites us to make room for the Presence of the Word made flesh, for Jesus. However, the Pope continued, "Joseph's silence is not muteness," but is instead "a silence full of listening, an industrious silence, a silence that bring out his great interiority." Quoting St John of the Cross, the Holy Father explained that God the Father spoke the Word, His Son, in eternal silence "and in silence it must be heard by the soul."

In his earthly life, Jesus, too, had this experience of silence, "with the daily example of Mary and Joseph." Pope Francis noted that "He Himself sought spaces of silence... and invited His disciples to have such an experience" as well. The Holy Father emphasized the importance of following St Joseph's example "in recovering this contemplative dimension of life opened wide by silence," but noted that it is not easy. Silence, he said, can be frightening, because "it asks us to delve into ourselves and confront the truest part of us."

Pope Francis invited everyone "to cultivate spaces for silence in which another Word can emerge: that of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us." This will involve being careful of our speech, which if unchecked can become evil, and our words can become "flattery, bragging, lies, backbiting, and slander."

Pope Francis concluded the catechesis with a prayer to St Joseph:

Saint Joseph, man of silence,
you who in the Gospel
did not utter a single word,
teach us to fast from vain words,
to rediscover the value of words that edify,
encourage, console and support.
Be close to those who suffer
from words that hurt,
like slander and backbiting,
and help us always
to match words with deeds. Amen.

(www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-12/ pope-at-audience-make-room-for-the-wordthrough-silence) Porsche Volvo Mercedes BMW



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