

# Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

## Mass Intentions

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>FEBRUARY 22, 2020</b> Martin R. Siegel r/o Elaine Palatine Edward Darrah r/o Dolores DeBlasio
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM	<b>FEBRUARY 23, 2020</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Brian Perkins r/o William D. Purcell Elayne Smith r/o Bob and Debbie Smith
10:30 AM	Jessica Masterson r/o Harry & Sherry Masterson
<b>MONDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>FEBRUARY 24, 2020</b> For the Intention of Suzanne Sibley r/o Mother
<b>TUESDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>FEBRUARY 25, 2020</b> for the Intention of Suzanne Sibley r/o Mother
<b>ASH WEDNESDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>FEBRUARY 26, 2020</b> for the Intention of Suzanne Sibley r/o Mother
7:00 PM	People of the Parish
<b>THURSDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>FEBRUARY 27, 2020</b> for the Intention of Thomas Voorhees R/o His wife
<b>FRIDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>FEBRUARY 28, 2020</b> For the Intention of Suzanne Sibley r/o Mother Daniel DeFrancesco r/o Donna and MaryAnn
<b>SATURDAY,</b> 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	<b>FEBRUARY 29, 2020</b> Special Intention William A Doyle r/o Eileen Doyle & Nan Edward Darrah r/o Dolores DeBlasio
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	<b>March 1, 2020</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> Nancy Lipski r/o Lynn Lally Filippo Monti r/o German & Gladys Martinez



Registered Parishioners	719 families
Parishioners using envelopes	179
Envelope Contributions	\$ 3,567.00
Average Contribution	\$ 19.93
Loose Cash	\$618.00
Contributions for February 16th	\$ 4,185.00
Thank you for your generosity.	

## Extraordinary Ministers

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>FEBRUARY 29</b> Vicky Aneser, Jackie Crane, Ginny Evans, Fran Zenchak
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM	<b>MARCH 1</b> Butch KRAMER, TOM MCGUIRE, MARY SZMUTKO
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Preferred Care Visits:</b>
<b>10:30 AM</b>	Tony Jones, Linda Reasoner, Darlene Wilson

## Readers

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>FEBRUARY 29</b> Helen Marie Dolton
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM	<b>MARCH 1</b> Sean Feddema
<b>10:30 AM</b>	Mike Delahanty

## Altar Servers

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>FEBRUARY 29</b> Michael Montagna
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM	<b>MARCH 1</b> Dylan Rutkowski
<b>10:30 AM</b>	James Gummel

## Parish Events

**Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>** 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 PM  
**Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> Confessions 6:30 PM**  
**First Reconciliation Practices** will be in the Church at



4:30-5:30 p.m. February 25 to February 28.  
**First Reconciliation** – Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.  
 Please keep our children and their families in your prayers.

Pray for our Sick: Margaret Babecki, Michael Babick, Rosemarie Buker, Dianne Claire, Richard Cook, Sara Cooper, Elizabeth Gervasoni, Nick Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Marie Hegyi, Kevin McBride, Dolores Megesy, Keith Mello, Joan Moore, Marie Muscente, Kim Nash, Angelika Niranjan, Rita Obed, Vincent O'Dell, Joan Pachuta, Jeff Papp, Lucy Saganowski, Kristy Shanahan, Joan Shaw, Suzanne Sibley, 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.



**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 26, 2020**  
**MASS: 7:30 A.M. ASHES DISTRIBUTED**  
**12:00 NOON: PRAYER SERVICE**  
**WITH ASHES DISTRIBUTED**  
**MASS: 7:00 P.M. ASHES DISTRIBUTED**

*The Season of Lent is a time to grow closer to Jesus.*

# The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



## 40 Cans for Lent

Our Social Services Committee invites everyone to participate in this outreach program throughout the Lenten season. Instead of giving up something for Lent, consider giving out something. As Jesus fasted for 40 days and nights, we will be collecting and delivering canned goods to our local charities to help with the nutritional needs of needy families in the Trenton area. The idea is to donate one canned food item for each day of Lent, or 40 cans.

Please leave your donated cans of fruit, soup, or vegetables in the designated area of the Rectory Garage, which we will deliver to Mount Carmel Guild and Catholic Charities of Trenton.

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Note: Lent begins Wednesday, February 26, 2020 (Ash Wednesday)

**CONFESSIONS** will be heard on Thursday evenings during Lent up until Holy Week at 6:30 PM.

**KNIGHTS KORNER NEWS**

As Catholic men, we are called to do more. The *Ewing Knights of Columbus Council 3756* can help you answer that call. Your membership connects you with opportunities to make an impact in your community and gives you access to resources to help you grow deeper in faith and stay informed about the issues Catholics care about. You'll also have exclusive access to insurance and financial planning products to help you protect your family. If you would like more information visit the Knights of Columbus internet site <http://www.kofc.org/un/joinus/en/index.html>. Or contact Past Grand Knight Eugene Blicharz @ 609-462-2689 or Grand Knight Frank Ferdetta @ 609-883-1559

Visit our parish website to sign up for online giving with Parish Giving™.



## SAVE THE DATE Cohort #9 - Lenten Retreat

Speaker: Fr. Daniel Houde, O.S.S.T.  
Theme: **Forgiveness and Mercy: The Two Faces of God**

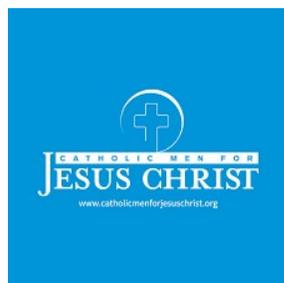
A reflection on the Lucan Parables of the Prodigal Son & the Good Samaritan.

### Tuesday, March 3, 2019 at OLCG Church

- ◀ 7:30 AM - Morning Mass with Homily
- ◀ 1:00 – 2:00 PM - Holy Hour: Recitation of the Holy Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Eucharistic Adoration, Quiet Time, Confessions.
- ◀ 7:00 PM: Lenten Talk – The Prodigal Son - Confessions to follow the presentation

### Wednesday, March 4, 2019 at Incarnation Church

- ◀ 6:45 AM - Morning Mass with Homily
- ◀ 1:00 – 2:00 PM - Holy Hour: Recitation of the Holy Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Eucharistic Adoration, Quiet Time, Confessions.
- ◀ 7:00 PM: Lenten Talk – The Good Samaritan, Confessions to follow the presentation.



## CATHOLIC MEN for JESUS CHRIST

Join other Catholic men from across the Diocese of Trenton at the 23rd Annual Men's Conference on Saturday, February 29, at Saint Mary, Mother of God Parish in Middleton, NJ. The theme of this year's conference is "Discipleship: The Greatest Adventure." The day runs from 8:00am-3:00pm and will feature Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop David O'Connell; Mark Teixeira, former Yankee first baseman and MLB All Star, and current ESPN analyst; Marcellino D'Ambrosio AKA Dr. Italy, an author, evangelist and the funniest theology professor you will ever meet; and Stephen Auth, the CIO for Federated Global Equities and author of The Missionary of Wall Street. There will also be music, Catholic vendors, and the opportunity to fellowship with other men who are looking to grow in their walk with Jesus and dynamically live out their Catholic faith. A youth breakout session will also be offered for young men from 8th grade to college age. Cost is \$30 per person in advance (\$35 at the door); \$15 for students. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information /to register online go to [www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org](http://www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org).

The February issue of The Monitor Magazine dedicates its special IN FOCUS section on Lent 2020 – including all that you need to know for a fruitful Lent.

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# February 23, 2020

## 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

[Reading I: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18](#)

[Responsorial Psalm 103:1-2,3-4,8,10,12-13](#)

[Reading II: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23](#)

[Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48](#)

## Sunday Readings

The **first reading** is taken from the Book of Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18. Today, we hear one of the rules of conduct which are set out in chapter 19; that of love of neighbor. Other rules included reverence for parents, observance of the Sabbath, avoidance of idolatry, upon harvesting leaving some of the grain in the fields for the poor, and the practice of justice and charity in social dealings. The **second reading** is from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 3:16-23. As we work our way through the first part of 1st Corinthians, last week we heard Saint Paul tell of the true wisdom of God. This week he again addresses the divisions in the people of God and reminds the Corinthians (and us) whom we really belong to. The **Gospel** is taken from St. Matthew (5:38-48). The lesson we have to learn from today's gospel hardly needs any emphasizing. We must, if we are truly Christian, forgive those who offend or injure us. We must love all men, whether they be friends or enemies. G. K. Chesterton says : "We are commanded to love our neighbors and our enemies; they are generally the same people." This is very true for all of us. It is very easy for me to love (in a theoretical way) all Japanese, Chinese, Russians and most Europeans—they never met me and never tread on my corns. But it is my neighbors, those among whom I live and work, who are liable to injure me and thus become my enemies.

Charity begins at home, because it is here that it can and should be learned and practiced. It is first necessary for Christian peace in the home. Husband and wife must learn to understand and tolerate each other's imperfections and faults. If one offends in what the other would regard as something serious, the offended one should not demand an apology but should show forgiveness before the other has humbly to apologize. No two persons in the world, not even identical twins, can agree on all things, so it is vain and unrealistic to expect even one's married partner to agree with one in all points. Christian charity alone can cover the multitude of faults of both partners. If there is peace and harmony between husband and wife, as there will be if both are truly charitable, the children will learn too to be understanding and forgiving. Such a home will be a truly happy home even if it has little of the world's riches. Our charity must spread from the home to our neighbors—to all those with whom we have contact. It is easy to get on with most people, but in every neighborhood and in every village or town there will always be those who are difficult. There will be the dishonest, the tale-bearers, the quarrelsome, the critic of everyone and everything. It is when we have dealings with such people that all our Christian charity is necessary. Most likely we will never be able to change their ways of acting, but charity will enable us to tolerate their faults and will move us to pray for their eternal welfare.

Life for many, if not for most people, has many dark, gloomy and despairing moments. The man or woman who is moved by true Christian charity can bring a beam of sunshine, a ray of hope, into the lives of these people. Fr. Faber in a booklet on kindness has a poem which we could all learn and practice with great profit for ourselves and for a neighbor in need of kindness. He says:

"It was but a sunny smile,  
And little it cost in the giving,  
But it scattered the night like the morning light  
And made the day worth living.

It was but a kindly word,  
A word that was lightly spoken,  
et not in vain for it chilled the pain  
Of a heart that was nearly broken.

It was but a helping hand,  
And it seemed of little availing,  
But its clasp was warm, it saved from harm

A brother whose strength was failing."

Try the sunny smile of true love, the kindly word of Christian encouragement, the helping hand of true charity, and not only will you brighten the darkness and lighten the load of your brother but you will be imitating in your own small way the perfect Father of love who is in heaven.

Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

ANNUAL  
CATHOLIC  
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2020

This weekend at all Masses we will introduce the 2020 Diocese of Trenton Annual Catholic Appeal. Please see the pledge cards in the pews, the brochures at the Church entrances, or the information on the Appeal that can be found at:

[dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal](http://dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal)

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