

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church



SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2019
 5:00 PM Fred Magee r/o JoAnn Fort & John
 David Gummel r/o Patricia & Andrew
 Williams and Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019
 8:30 AM **Fourth Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday**
 Eileen O'Brien r/o Julia Petro
 10:30 AM Mary E. Brooks r/o Judy Fielding

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019
 7:30 AM Shirley Yando Morris r/o Father Mike Hall

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019
 7:30 AM Frank & Mildred Ryba
 r/o Daughter and Son-in-law

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019
 7:30 AM Shirley Yando Morris r/o M/M Robert Smith
Confessions 6:30 – 7:30 PM during Lent

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2019
 7:30 AM Special Intention

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2019
 7:30 AM Special Intention
Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM during Lent

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019
 8:00 AM Special Intention
 5:00 PM Fekete & Walley Families r/o Family
 George "Ted" Claffey r/o Elaine Palatine

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019 Fifth Sunday of Lent
 8:30 AM William Patrick Dierkes
 r/o Deacon Steve & Mary Szmuto
 10:30 AM Living and Deceased Members of
 Muscente Family
 r/o Philomena Muscente



Registered Parishioners	740 families
Parishioners using envelopes	215
Envelope Contributions	\$4,883.00
Average Contribution	\$22.71
Loose Cash	\$715.00
Contributions for March 10 th	\$5,598.00

Catholic Relief Collection is this weekend March 30/31st.
 Please place both envelopes in the collection basket.
 Thank you for your generosity.

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, APRIL 6
 5:00 PM Dennis Hice, Mary Szmuto, Darlene Wilson

SUNDAY, APRIL 7
 8:30 AM Claude & Mary Anne LeGall, Michael Lake
 10:00 AM **Preferred Care Visits:** Butch Kramer
 10:30 AM Brenda O'Callahan, Tony Jones, Linda Reasoner

MONDAY, April 8 *Reposition* Mary Pat Voorhees

Readers

SATURDAY, APRIL 6
 5:00 PM Elise Stankus

SUNDAY, APRIL 7
 8:30 AM Carol Lake
 10:30 AM Mike Delehenty

Altar Servers

Friday, APRIL 5 Stations of the Cross
 Marcus Christensen, Brayden Spina, Dylan Rutkowski

SATURDAY, APRIL 6
 5:00 PM Brayden Spina

SUNDAY, APRIL 7
 8:30 AM James Gummel
 10:30 AM Dylan Rutkowski



Sunday, March 31, Adult Faith Formation Presence-The Mystery of the Eucharist will meet in the Church Hall 6-8:00.

Monday, April 1, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place following the 7:30 AM Mass until 7:00 PM.

Religious Education Classes for Grades 1-7 are Monday afternoon from 4:30-6:30 PM at Villa Victoria Academy.

West Trenton Garden Club will meet in the Church Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 2, The Knights of Columbus Council 3756 will sponsor a social night at Incarnation-St. James in the Church Hall at 7:30 P.M. Everyone is welcome.

Stations Mass at St. George Church 7:30 PM Titusville.

Wednesday, April 3 – OLGC Seniors Club - 19 members attended the March 6 meeting we made plans for future events for our Senior Club. Any senior citizen wishing to join our club, you are welcome to come to a meeting and see what we do. We meet the first Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting is April 3 in the Church Hall at 11 A.M. Please remember to bring a non-perishable item for the food pantry. Refreshments will be provided by: Mary Pat Voorhees, Dolores DeBlasio and Jo Ann Fort.

Confessions 6:30-7:30 PM.

Friday, April 5, Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM

Saturday, April 6, 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.

Hand Bag Bingo Church Hall-doors open at 6 p.m. \$30 p.p.

COINS FOR CHARITY containers will be at the entrances to the church next weekend, April 6th and 7th. Also, please continue to place your Marrazzo's receipts in the containers at the entrances to the church. Thank you for your generosity!

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Pray for our Sick: Bob Arcadipane, Michael Babick, Leon Beauvais, Rosemarie Buker, Gregory DeFillippo, Otilie Droggitis, Nick Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Debra Kern, Ken Kleine, Carol Lake, Rebecca Lynn, Thomas McGuire, James McMyne, Dolores Megyesy, Keith Mello, Marie Muscente, Angelika Niranjana, Vincent O'Dell, Jeff Papp, Lucy Saganowski, Jordan Schujko, Kristy Shanahan, Elayne Smith, Joey Suggs, Oscar Tanyag, Stephen Thoma, & Gary Vanderbilt, Laura Varone 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.



OLGC Feast Day Dinner - Tickets are now on sale for \$10 per person and \$2 for children 4 to 18 who are living with you. Tickets will be at each door after all the Masses. They will be on sale only until April 15 because of Easter. At the Dinner, there will be a silent auction, raffles for an Italian and Auto baskets and certificates from local businesses and restaurants. Hope to see you there!



Blue Devils Bag Bingo - The Ewing High School Class of 2020 Project Graduation will hold a bag bingo **Saturday, April 6** in OLGC Church Hall. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and Bingo begins at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30.00 per person which includes 10 games and light refreshments (4 cards per game).



Also available for purchase are basket raffles and hot food. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://ehspg.booktix.com> or by calling [609-902-7018](tel:609-902-7018).

Mark Your Calendar
ISJ - CASH BINGO
Saturday, April 13, 2019
Tickets \$25
Doors Open 6:45 Begins 7:30
Over \$1300 in CASH Prizes!



and
FLEA MARKET
Saturday, May 4, 2019
(Rain date May 11)
 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
 Outdoors behind I-SJ Church
 Look for more details to come!



Our **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** will take place on **April 13 at 10:00 a.m.** on the Rectory grounds. All children ages 5th grade and under are invited to attend. In the event of inclement weather, the hunt will take place in the Church Hall. If you have any questions or would like to help please contact Joyce Christensen at 609-651-0466.

MASS FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS



Pope Francis blesses the "Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians," as Cardinal Edwin F. O'Brien, Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and a member of the Knights of Columbus, looks on. (L'Osservatore Romano)

On April 5, 2019, Incarnation-St. James will be hosting a 7:00 pm *Mass for Persecuted Christians* at Incarnation Church. The Knights of Columbus, Ewing Council # 3756, are sponsoring this night with the New Icon of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians. Just think about it, our brothers and sisters in Christ are subjected to ridicule, rejection, torture, imprisonment and death for Jesus. They walk the Stations of the Cross each and every day of their lives. This night we will walk the Stations of the Cross as we listen to Guest Speaker, Trinitarian Father, Kurt J.

Klismet, O.S.S.T., as he enlightens us on this most prominent issue within the Church and our world. Fr. Kurt is the President of S.I.T., (Solidarity International Trinitarian) in the United States and has spoken numerous times about the plight of Christians persecuted for their faith in Jesus Christ. Please join us for this wonderful evening of prayer and information about those who physically, mentally, emotionally and psychologically walk the Stations of accusation, judgment, bearing their crosses, stumbling on the path of life and being led to their own crucifixions and imminent death.

40 Cans for Lent



Our Social Services Committee invites everyone to participate in *40 Cans for Lent* this Lenten season. Please leave your donated cans of fruit, soup, or vegetables in the designated area in our Church Hall, which we will deliver to Mount Carmel Guild and Catholic Charities of Trenton. You don't have to wait until the end of Lent to bring your donation to the Church. You may donate as often as you would like one-can-per-day, once a week, or whenever you visit the Church.

Whatever you can give is greatly appreciated!



Pledge cards are available at each Church entrance. Thank you for your support!



4th Sunday

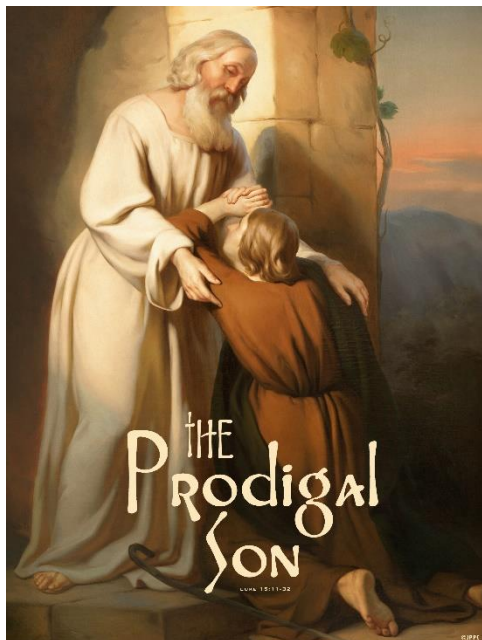
Deacon Steve Szmuto's Reflection on the Sunday Readings

March 31, 2019 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

Joshua 5: 9a, 10-12 Psalms 34: 2-7

2 Corinthians 5: 17-21 Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

"Taste and see the goodness of the Lord." (Responsorial Psalm)



The Fourth Sunday of Lent was traditionally known as *Laetare Sunday*, and represents the approximate mid-point for the penitential season. The word "*Laetare*," means "rejoice" in Latin, and was taken from the opening prayer (Introit) of the mass and entrance antiphon: "*Rejoice, Jerusalem . . .*" As is the case on the Third Sunday of Advent (*Gaudete Sunday*), the theme is joy amidst the solemnity of the season and the hope of the resurrection at Easter. The priest and deacon often wear rose-colored vestments and there may be flowers on the altar, in contrast to the other days of Lent.

Today's readings reflect the joy and hope inherent in the reconciliation of humanity through the paschal sacrifice of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and the mercy and compassion in which God reaches out to His people. The Gospel reading is the Parable of the Prodigal Son. The account from the Gospel of Luke is the familiar story of the man and his two sons. The younger son demanded to receive his share of his inheritance and then left to live a life of dissipation. After he had squandered his inheritance, he returned home, having come to his senses and was willing to live

in his father's house, not as a son, but as a servant. Instead, upon the son's return, the father welcomed him and restored him to his place as his son. The older son, upon seeing the celebration at his brother's return, complained bitterly and refused to enter the house. He complained to his father of the seeming unfairness of it all. The father, in a spirit of compassion and mercy, reminded the elder son: "*My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.*"

The parable was one of three told to the Pharisees and scribes, who were offended that Jesus was associating with both tax collectors and sinners, who were drawn to the Lord by his teachings. It emphasizes the importance of reconciliation and restoration to those who were lost, but also challenges those who deemed themselves "righteous" to exhibit the same degree of compassion to their lost brothers and sisters. In a sense, it reminds us that we must love both God *and* neighbor, if we are to be Disciples of Christ.

The theme of reconciliation can also be seen in the reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians. Paul reminds us that just as Christ was sent by the Father to reunite and reconcile us, who had been estranged by the sin of Adam, so too does he send his disciples into the world so that all of us are reconciled through the grace of the Sacraments. Paul wrote: "*And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and giving us the ministry of reconciliation, namely God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.*"

As we continue our days of prayer and repentance in Lent, let us reach out to others with the same sense of love, grace and compassion so that we are truly reconciled, both with God, and with our brothers and sisters. As did the father in the Parable of the Prodigal Son, let us welcome those who earnestly seek to return to the Lord, as we would our own family, so that we might together walk with Christ and experience the Easter joy of his resurrection.

Deacon Steven Szmuto

REQUIEM FOR THE LIVING CONCERT



Capital Singers of Trenton (CST) is proud to partner with Sinfonietta Nova and members of the Trenton Children's Chorus to perform Dan Forrest's Requiem for the Living on Sunday, March 31st at 4 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 343 South Broad Street, Trenton, NJ 08608. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.capitalsingers.org or call 609-434-2781. All tickets are \$20.00 and children under 12 are free. Advance Tickets also available thru the Sacred Heart parish office 609-393-2801.

KOFC CENTENNIAL CHAPTER'S PRO LIFE BABY SHOWER



To facilitate, **Choice One Pregnancy Care** (Trenton) and **First Way** (Burlington), Allentown's Knights of Columbus **Council 7333** will host on April 28, 2019, following Saint John the Baptist 9:00 AM Mass **the annual Centennial Chapter's Pro-life Baby Shower**. **Ewing Knights** wish to invite every person to help support this event with donations of diapers, baby wipes and formula products etc. and, to place any contributions in the **Church basement donation box**. These items do make a world of difference for mothers and their newborns. If you would like to attend the event, please call, **Saint John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church**, 1282 Yardville-Allentown Road Allentown, NJ 08501 at 609-259-3391.



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Sunday, April 28th
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