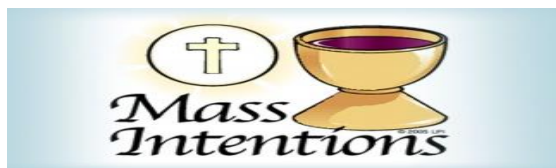


Our Lady of Good Counsel Church



All public Masses have been temporarily suspended per our Bishop, David O'Connell. Masses listed below will still be offered in a closed to the public (as required for safety) setting. All Mass Intentions will be offered.

Go to our Face Book Page For Live Streaming:
<https://www.facebook.com/OlgcWestTrenton>

- SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2020**
 Special Intention
 M/M John Bernard
 r/o Michael & Eileen Giglio
 Peter DiMaggio r/o Dolores DeBlasio
- SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020**
 People of the Parish
 H. Page Fielding
 R/o Wife, Judy
- MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2020**
 Jean Vadola r/o Wendy Reading
- TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2020**
 Hilda Szmuto r/o Szmuto Family
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2020**
 Anne Newell r/o Debbie Smith and Family
- THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2020**
 Claudia Vincenza Defino
 r/o Helen Burghardt
- FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2020**
 Special Intention
- SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2020**
 Special Intention
 John N. Zajaros
 r/o Eileen Doyle & Nan
 Special Intention
 r/o Michael & Eileen Giglio
- SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020**
 Robert W. Cook r/o Wife, Patricia
 Mary DeFrancesco r/o Donna & Mary Ann
 Sophie Roman r/o Lynn Lally
 Louis Muscente r/o Philomena Muscente



Religious Education Classes are CLOSED

Confirmation Retreat Day – So far it is **Rescheduled** for **Saturday, May 16, Incarnation Church** 9:30am-6:30pm

Confirmation **Sponsor Certificates** are due. Remember to keep our children and their families in your prayers as they continue preparation to receive the sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation.



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, Michael Palumbo, Germaine Ryan, Lucy Saganowski, Kristy Shanahan, Suzanne Sibley, Paul Sollami, Bert Steinmann, 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.

Are you able to help?



Please be mindful that although Masses have been suspended **food donations** are needed more now than ever. Because of business closures, temporary layoffs, schools not in session and food bank depletions your donations will be greatly appreciated. Please leave donations in the Rectory

Garage on the tables provided.

Please be advised that no crowds exceeding 10 are allowed anywhere in NJ according to the Governor's mandate. Please observe social distancing (6 feet) and mask must be worn. If there are already several people near the drop off location, please wait in your car until the appropriate time. Thanks for your continued support.



Third Sunday of Easter



Friends,

I wish that I could give this announcement face to face, however, this is the best I can do at the moment.

Bishop O'Connell has asked and I have accepted a reassignment to become Pastor at St. Gregory the Great Church in Hamilton Square, effective July 1, 2020, while still remaining the Director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese of Trenton. The possibility of a transfer is something I have been aware of for a few months, but without any certainty, however I was informed of the actual assignment in the middle/end of February. The official assignment letter was sent this week, which means it is no longer confidential. Also, the Monitor will have the list of new priest assignments for the diocese included in its issue to be published on Friday May 1, 2020.

I know that with any pastoral transfer there are a myriad of emotions and reactions. Please know that while this is not an assignment I have sought out, as I am very happy here at OLG, I did willingly accept it. I know it was one the bishop did not arrive at without significant consideration, and that he does not enjoy making major transfers if he can avoid it.

There are many things that have been in the works here at OLG, and many things that are unfinished, but I am confident that this parish is on strong footing for its future. I also know that in the midst of the current pandemic, it may seem like a very difficult time for a transition. Unfortunately, the moves this year were necessitated and put into motion prior to the current situation. There is a possibility that the current health crisis may delay the change, but that will only happen if and when it is necessary.

OLG will be receiving a new pastor, his name is Rev. Ariel Robles, and he is currently the Administrator of Saint James in Red Bank, whose pastor of almost 30 years died in December. Fr. Ariel is a wonderful and kind priest, who has done a yeoman's job of holding a very complicated parish together in the last few months. I am sure he is looking forward to coming to such a well-established, faith-filled and solid parish like this one (and perhaps less stressful).

Over the next two months, we will come together to discuss what is needed for a smooth transition, so that Fr. Ariel's entrance is as seamless as possible, while allowing the parish to continue moving forward. My biggest regret at this point, aside from knowing that I will miss this church greatly, is that I will not be present when the tremendously frustrating, but needed HVAC and Renovation project are finally completed, but I am very much looking forward to the finished product.

I want to thank you for all that you do and have done in accepting me as your pastor, and for being as faithful to this parish as you are. Know that I am still here for a couple of more months, which hopefully we will at least be able to spend part of together, and won't be far away when I go. While I am going "home" as a pastor, I will definitely always consider OLG to be home as well.

God Bless you and please pray for me.
Fr. Mike

40 Cans for Lent Update

Thanks to your support and generosity during Lent, our Social Services Committee collected 49 bags and 16 boxes of donated canned goods, for a total of **807** cans over the past seven weeks. And Mount Carmel Guild picked up all the cans on April 16. We should all be very proud of this wonderful effort to help those in need in our Trenton community especially during the current virus pandemic.

Although the emphasis during Lent was on canned food donations, non-perishable food donations and your homemade meals are always welcome throughout the year. Despite the current pandemic, we will continue to collect donations in the Rectory garage and make regular deliveries. Whatever you can give is greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your ongoing support.

Note: during the time the Church is closed, we will try to have food trays available for your use on the table adjacent to the freezers. SSC members



Parish Outreach For Quarter 1 2020

Thanks to your continued generosity, our Social Services Committee volunteers delivered the following items to Catholic Charities of Trenton and Mount Carmel Guild during January, February and March: 217 frozen food tray meals, 2 turkeys, 7 other frozen items, 55 bags/boxes of non-perishable food, 52 bags/boxes of clothes, 2 bags of personal care items, 2 boxes of baby items, 39 bags/boxes of household items and 2 bags of miscellaneous items.

Parishioners should know that in our weekly deliveries to these charities we regularly hear sincere expressions of appreciation for your continued generosity. Their thanks for all of our food and meal donations always get special mention. Thanks for all you do for parish outreach to help those in need!

April 26, 2020

WATCH MASS FROM YOUR HOME
You can view Mass live at the times listed or view the recording any time afterwards, on Facebook.

Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Visit our Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/OlqcWestTrenton/>

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

"My Jesus, I believe that
You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive
You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You
sacramentally,
come at least spiritually
into my heart.
I embrace You as if You
were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen."



TWO UPCOMING DIOCESAN EVENTS

#1 The Diocese and its parishes will celebrate the Mass of St. Joseph the Worker on Friday, May 1 for the intention of all workers throughout the Diocese, employed, unemployed and seeking work, and retired. The Diocesan Mass will be live-streamed from St. Joseph Parish in Toms River:

<http://www.stjosephtomsriver.org/>

on **Friday, May 1st at 12 noon**. You can also tune in on the Diocesan websites:

<https://trentonmonitor.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/trentondiocese>

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish will broadcast its own live-streamed Mass of St. Joseph the Worker at 7:30 a.m.

#2 The Diocese will participate with the bishops of the United States and Canada in a prayer service (not a Mass) of reconsecration of our respective countries to Mary, Mother of the Church at

3 pm on Friday, May 1, hosted by Mary, Mother of the Church Parish Church in Bordentown, NJ. The service will be conducted by the Bishop and the pastor, Fr. Martin O'Reilly. It will be broadcast on the diocesan websites accessible to every parish. The entire Diocese is invited to join in this reconsecration.

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The Perspective of Justice Third Sunday of Easter Gerald Darring

[Reading I: Acts 2:14, 22-33](#)

[Reading II: 1 Peter 1:17-21](#)

[Gospel: Luke 24:13-35](#)

The Encounter

The two disciples are leaving Jerusalem. They had been caught up in the experience of following Jesus, and they were devastated by his crucifixion.

Moreover, they were undoubtedly frightened by the prospect of what might happen to them as followers of the executed master.

On their way from Jerusalem to Emmaus, they have an unusual encounter.

The man they find themselves walking with seems to understand much about the scriptures, but they aren't able to make the connection between what he says and who he is.

It is only in welcoming him into their house and sharing a meal with him that they realize who it is they are facing: it is Jesus, the risen Lord. So moved are they by the encounter that they turn around and head back to Jerusalem, to join up with the other disciples but also to face risk and uncertainty.

They may very well have headed straight into martyrdom.

The Easter event can also turn around our lives. It can cause us to "rise and come forth into the light of day," but we must be prepared for the risk and uncertainty such a conversion would entail.

For the Church, evangelizing means bringing the good news into all the strata of humanity, and through its influence transforming humanity from within and making it new. ...

The purpose of evangelization is (an) interior change, and if it has to be expressed in one sentence the best way to stating it would be to say that the Church evangelizes when she seeks to convert, solely through the divine power of the message she proclaims, both the personal and collective consciences of people, the activities in which they engage, and the lives and concrete milieux which are theirs.

Pope Paul VI, [Evangelii Nuntiandi](#), 1975:18.

Gerald Darring

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