



Our Lady of Good Counsel



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • AUGUST 18, 2019

137 West Upper Ferry Road • West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

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Brenda O'Callaghan, CRE

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Mondays 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Infant Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays at Noon with prior arrangements made at least three months in advance with the Infant Baptism Ministry. Parents are required to attend a parish preparation program. Godparents must be practicing Catholics in good standing with their local parish. See the ministry brochure in parish Literature Racks.

Marriages: Arrangements should be made at least one year in advance. Couples are required to participate in a parish marriage preparation program and to attend a pre-marital conference sponsored by the Diocese. Weddings must be scheduled before 2:00 PM on Saturdays.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound: To arrange for the spiritual needs of the homebound or sick, contact the Rectory Office and see the ministry brochure in parish Literature Racks. Urgent sick calls at any time.

Registration: All parishioners should be registered. Please contact the Rectory Office when entering or leaving the parish.

Parish Ministries & Services

Parish Rectory & Office 609-882-3277
Office Hours: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Fax: 609-882-4375
Monday thru Friday **Website: olgcc.net**
E-mail: rectoryoffice@olgcc.net

Religious Education
Brenda O'Callaghan, CRE 609-883-9005
E-mail: religiouseducation.olgcc@comcast.net

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Rectory Office 609-882-3277

Adult Faith Formation
Deacon Steve 609-947-0587

Consolation Ministry
Rectory Office 609-882-3277

Homebound Out Reach
Rectory Office 609-882-3277

Infant Baptism
Mary Szmuto 609-847-0796

Knights of Columbus
Frank Ferdetta, Grand Knight 609-883-1559
George Steward, Church Director 609-883-9173

Liturgical Ministers
Rectory Office 609-882-3277

Music Ministry
Deirdre Hindley, Organist 609-882-3215

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Deacon Steve 609-947-0587

Senior's Club
Mary Pat Voorhees, President 570-290-2373
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Social Services
James Gambino 609-818-1708

Youth Ministry
Darlene Wilson 609-882-2996

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Our Lady of Good Counsel Church



SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	AUGUST 17, 2019 Mary & Harry Dennis r/o Gail Ann Palatine Anne Dill r/o Husband
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	AUGUST 18, 2019 20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Karen Dwyer r/o Bill & Kathy Scarborough Theresa Sodomini r/o Donna & David Collins Patrick Keenan (Anniv) r/o Parents, Jim & Eileen Keenan
MONDAY, 7:30 AM	AUGUST 19, 2019 Robert E. Jones r/o Stanley and Elizabeth Wilk
TUESDAY, 7:30 AM	AUGUST 20, 2019 Frank Szmuto r/o Deacon Steve & Mary Szmuto
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM	AUGUST 21, 2019 Stephen Bednar r/o Harry & Kathy Giordano & Sons, Thomas & Harry from Heaven
THURSDAY, 7:30 AM	AUGUST 22, 2019 John Lally r/o Lally Family
FRIDAY, 7:30 AM	AUGUST 23, 2019 Mary Jane DeForte r/o Josephine & Chester Chianese
SATURDAY, 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	AUGUST 24, 2019 Special Intention Richard J. Crea r/o Stan & Joanne Sliwinski Gladys Rooney r/o Dolores DeBlasio
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	AUGUST 25, 2019 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Robert Arcadipane r/o Sliwinski Family Nora Czelusniak r/o M/M Steve Czelusniak

CHURCH SUPPORT

Registered Parishioners	735 families
Parishioners using envelopes	196
Envelope Contributions	\$4,182.00
Average Contribution	\$21.33
Loose Cash	\$626.00
Contributions for August 11 th	\$4,808.00
Thank you for your generosity.	

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	AUGUST 24 Joyce Christensen, Jackie Crane, Claude LeGall
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	AUGUST 25 Vicky Aneser, Dennis Hice, Mary Szmuto
10:00 AM	Preferred Care Visits: Mary Pat Voorhees
10:30 AM	Tony Jones, Brenda O'Callahan, Darlene Wilson
MONDAY, 10:30 AM	AUGUST 26 <i>Reposition</i> Claude LeGall

Readers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	AUGUST 24 Mary Anne LeGall
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	AUGUST 25 Fran Golinski
10:30 AM	Laura Shea

Altar Servers

SATURDAY 5:00 PM	AUGUST 24 Marcus Christensen
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	AUGUST 25 Brayden Spina
10:30 AM	Jacob Pasquito

NEWS & Events

Saturday, August 17, 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
Monday, August 19, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place following the 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass until 7:00 p.m.



2019-2020 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS for the 2019-20 School year were due **August 1st, 2019.** Classes are Mondays at Villa Victoria for Grades 1-7 from 4:30-6:00. The **8th Grade** Confirmation Class meets

Sundays from 9:15 to 10:25 in the Openaker Room in the Church Hall. Classes will start in mid- September.

Re-registration forms were emailed to current students in June. Forms and fees are also available online and at all Church Doors. Please add \$20.00 late fee after August 1st.

RE Teachers and Aides Needed:

We are looking for a few parishioners who would be available to teach or be an aide for our religious education program. Please consider sharing your faith with the youth of our parish. Please email Brenda O'Callaghan at:

ReligiousEducation.olgc@comcast.net to volunteer.



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



BECOMING CATHOLIC

Have you been called by Jesus Christ to the fullness of the faith – the Catholic Church? If you or someone you know are interested in becoming Catholic, or completing their Sacraments of Initiation – those never baptized; those baptized in other Christian denominations; or those

baptized Catholic, but never confirmed or formed in the faith – call or text Deacon Steve at 609-947-0587 or email at deaconstevenszmutko@gmail.com to set up an informal and confidential conversation and start the process. with you!



Hunger never takes a holiday. During the summer months please continue to remember your non-perishable food items for our pantry.

Pray FOR THE SICK

Pray for our Sick Michael Babick, Leon Beauvais, Rosemarie Buker, Richard Cook, Gregory DeFillippo, Nick Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Carol Lake, Mary Elizabeth Lake, Thomas McGuire, Dolores Megyesy, Keith Mello, Marie Muscente, Angelika Niranjan, Vincent O'Dell, Jeff Papp, Pat Robinson, Lucy Saganowski, Kristy Shanahan, Joan Shaw, Elayne Smith, Oscar Tanyag, 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.



Join Parishioners and Families for an evening of food, fun and dancing!

Pig Roast, Chicken, Baked Mac 'n Cheese Sides, Desserts, Beverages
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Saturday, August 24, 2019 - 6:30pm

Outdoors in the field behind Incarnation-St. James Church

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Tickets

Adults \$15 • Children \$10 • Children 3 years & under are free

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During July and August, we will be collecting

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Please save and clip this ad to your donations bag which you may leave on the donations table in the Church Hall. We will deliver all supplies collected to Catholic Charities of Trenton and Mount Carmel Guild at the end of August. The OLGC Social Services Committee members thank you in advance for your help

August 18, 2019

[Reading I: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10](#)

[Reading II: Hebrews 12:1-4](#)

[Gospel: Luke 12:49-53](#)



Furious Love

I sit on a screened-in porch, on retreat in Wisconsin. Tonight, old earth is receiving abundant rain.

I listen to the delicious drenching sounds of this enormous rain, splattering, slapping the ground.

Love is not just sweetness and light. It is the dark and pounding rain as well.

Is it friend or foe? For sure this storm would overcome me if I were silly enough to walk around in its violence. It is restrained mainly by the need to get its water just as fast as possible out of the skies and into the earth.

It has no intention of harming anything. But I remember the many floods I have known and feel a twinge of fright. Well, the rain just ignores me. In fact it redoubles its efforts. Its huge sound gets huger, like a swell of applause.

Rain like this carries goodness for the tough, tender earth. I know this. Comfort sighs deep within the storm's rough pounding, and the big tree branches bow their heads to receive cleansing and nourishment.

But why so furious a love, one that is so sweetly intended but so able to hurt? I do not have an answer. Maybe it is a "tough love," one which uses its fury to keep our planet in bloom.

Hopkins once addressed God as father and fonder of heart thou hast wrung: Hast thy dark descending and most art merciful then.*

Well, Jesus is headed into such a darkness this Sunday. He is on his way to Jerusalem.

He loves her and her people and he wants to shower abundance upon them. But he knows with increasing certainty that they will put him, not merely down a cistern, and not just outside Jerusalem's gates and walls, but right straight into the jaws of death. "It is a baptism," he says, and he wants it. He shouts to his disciples that he has come to set the earth on fire—just like the blazing lightning tonight. "How great is my anguish until it is accomplished," he says in the [Gospel](#).

Is Jesus the storm or is he the stormed upon?

Both. He is filled with the Spirit of God and says he cannot wait to let it flow. But he must let it flow upon him as a pounding downpour! He will not run away. Sunday he will proceed into a continuous storm that has by no means reached its apex. No wonder he is distraught.

Because, you see, love is not just sweetness and light. It is the dark and pounding rain as well.

I call to mind the [First Reading](#). There Jeremiah is literally "stuck in the mud." He had prophesied too truly and too many times. They threw him into an empty cistern with just enough mud for him to sink into. How could he prophesy from the midst of mud? And how could Jesus speak God's Word from a criminal's cross?

Yet each one does.

So, tonight, the rain keeps pouring. As I sit I see a single lamp across the lake showing through it all. Is this a porch-light of welcome? Maybe!

As I look, it surrenders itself as just an old, white piece of leaf that has caught on my screen. It reflects light from my lamp inside. I play a game. I shift my eyes up and it is a lantern. I look down and it is a remainder of leaf-life. Back, forth. Which is it really?

It is both.

There is comfort in both, if I will let go of fear and let in God's plan.

John Foley, SJ

_____ * Hopkins, *The Wreck of the Deutschland*. This poem is long and complex. And great. Here is its [location](#).

And here are the relevant lines:

Thou art lightning and love, I found it, a winter and warm;

Father and fonder of heart thou hast wrung:

Hast thy dark descending and most art merciful then.



The **Ewing Knights of Columbus Council 3756** is associated with Our Lady of Good Counsel and Incarnation-Saint James parishes. During the past year working with both parishes the Knights helped support a Consecration to the Holy Family; Mass with the New Icon of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians; Mass for People with Special Needs; promoted Good Friday attendance; and organized a Spiritual Retreat at the Morningstar House of Prayer. Visit the Knights of Columbus internet site <http://www.kofc.org/un/joinus/en/index.html> Or contact Past Grand Knight Eugene Blicharz



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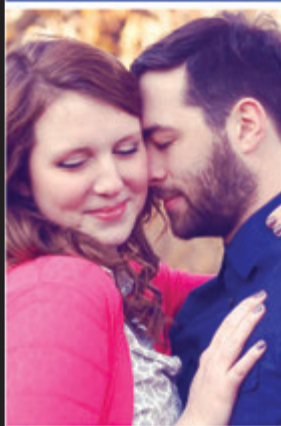
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