

Our Lady of Good Counsel



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT • MARCH 8, 2020

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

Thursdays during Lent 6:30-7:30 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Closed during construction

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

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Rectory Office 609-882-3277

Adult Faith Formation
Deacon Steve Szmuto 609-947-0587

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Mary Szmuto 609-847-0796

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Rectory Office 609-882-3277

Music Ministry
Deirdre Hindley, Organist 609-882-3215

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Deacon Steve Szmuto 609-947-0587

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

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Darlene Wilson 609-882-2996

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Debbie Smith 609-882-3277

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church



SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020
5:00 PM John E. Kane, III r/o Susan T. Kane
People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020 *Second Sunday of Lent*
8:30 AM Tricia Elizabeth Cook Parziale r/o Mother
Joseph Cebulski r/o Karen & Bob Dorio
10:30 AM Jean Trainor r/o Husband, Jack & Family

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020
7:30 AM For Intention of Rush Limbaugh r/o Friend

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020
7:30 AM For the Intention of Margo Giordano
r/o Harry & Sherry Masterson

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2020
7:30 AM Special Intention

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2020
7:30 AM Special Intention
Confessions 6:30 – 7:30 PM during Lent

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2020
7:30 AM Special Intention
Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM during Lent

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2020
8:00 AM Special Intention
5:00 PM Sophie Roman r/o The Gaisers
Rev. James Russell
r/o Michael & Eileen Giglio

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020 *Third Sunday of Lent*
8:30 AM James Newell III
r/o Deacon Steve and Mary Szmuto
Jack Lally r/o The Lally Family
10:30 AM Dolores Brienza r/o Margaret Babecki
Mark Conte r/o Katherine Frankenfield



Registered Parishioners	710 families
Parishioners using envelopes	202
Envelope Contributions	\$5,329.00
Average Contribution	\$26.38
Loose Cash	\$614.00
Contributions for March 1 st	\$5,943.00

Thank you for your generosity

Coins for Charity Containers are placed at all entrances to the Church, March 7/8 for your donations. Also, please continue to place your Marrazzo's receipts in the baskets at the three entrances to the church. Your generosity is appreciated!



Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, MARCH 14
5:00 PM Dennis Hice, Claude & MaryAnne LeGall, Mary Szmuto
SUNDAY, MARCH 15
8:30 AM Vicky Aneser, Tom Maguire, Tom Voorhees
10:00 AM **Preferred Care Visits:** Anna Adamaitis
10:30 AM Tony Jones, Linda Reasoner Darlene Wilson

Readers

SATURDAY, MARCH 14
5:00 PM Maeve Cannon
SUNDAY, MARCH 15
8:30 AM Tricia Williams
10:30 AM Mike Delehanty

Altar Servers

Friday, March 13 Stations of the Cross
James Gummel, Michael Montagna, Dylan Rutkowski
SATURDAY, MARCH 14
5:00 PM Connor Greig
SUNDAY, MARCH 15
8:30 AM Brayden Spina
10:30 AM Jacob Pasquito

NEWS & Events

Saturday, March 7, 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, March 12, Confessions every Thursday in Lent 6:30-7:30 PM.
Friday, March 13, Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent, 7:00 PM



Grade 8 Classes are Sunday, March 8th 9:15-10:25 in the Rectory.
Grades 1-7 Classes are Monday, March 9th 4:30-6:00 PM at Villa Victoria Academy.



Congratulations to our second graders on receiving the sacrament of **First Reconciliation** on February 29, 2020 – Rose Bireta, Antonino Bua, Orlando Collazo, Earl Grell, Jarrett Gummel, Claire Hartmann, Ashley Jonaitis, Jaxen Piccinetti and Austin Wesner.
First Communion Retreat Day is Saturday, March 14th from 10:00-12:00 Noon at Our Lady of Good Counsel.
Confessions - Monday, March 16th All Religious Education Students will meet at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church for Lenten Confessions at 4:30 PM.

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. The idea is to donate one canned food item for each day of Lent, or 40 cans. 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. Please leave your donated cans of fruit, soup, or vegetables in the designated area in the Rectory Garage, which we will deliver to Mount Carmel Guild and Catholic Charities of Trenton. You may donate as often as you would like; one-can-per-day, once a week, or whenever you visit the Church.

TRENTON *2nd Sunday*



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, Germaine Ryan, 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.



Our 2020 parish goal is \$31,000.00. When you make a pledge this year you

may designate your gift as follows:
 ✓ **The Ministry where it is needed most**
 ✓ **Priests, Deacons & Religious**
 ✓ **Community Outreach**
 ✓ **Teaching the Faith**
 Pledge cards and envelopes are located at each church door. You may also call the Rectory Office or go online to make your pledge at: <https://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/aca-donate-page>

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March 13-15, 2020
 Friday, March 13
 7:00 pm
 Saturday, March 14
 7:00 pm
 Sunday, March 15
 3:00 pm

Tickets are on sale now for \$16 each online at www.villavictoria.org or by calling 609-882-1700, ext. 401. Seating is assigned on a first come, first served basis. Villa Victoria Academy is located at 376 West Upper Ferry Road in Ewing, New Jersey. Parking is free.

Villa Victoria Academy Designer Bag Bingo
 Friday, April 17, 2020 at 6 PM – 10 PM Villa Victoria Academy 376 West Upper Ferry Road, Ewing, NJ (handicap accessible)
OPEN SEATING: Tickets: \$35 per person (in advance) / \$40 (at the door, if available) for more information: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/villa-victoria-academy-19198028032>

Villa Victoria Academy Open House
 Saturday, April 18, 2020 from 1-3 pm-- Meet teachers, students and parents, hear about our programs and tour the school. Villa Victoria Academy, 376 West Upper Ferry Road, Ewing, NJ 08628, www.villavictoria.org or 609-882-1700 x 2 for more information, pre-registration not required

Villa Victoria Academy SPRING CONCERT
 Wednesday, April 29, 2020 at 7 pm- Villa Victoria Academy theatre, 376 West Upper Ferry Road, Ewing, NJ 08628, www.villavictoria.org or 609-882-1700 x 401 for information, tickets available at the door, \$5



Cohort 9 (ISJ and OLG)
 Has purchased a number of tickets for the Showing of **Jesus** at the **AMC 24 Movie Theater on Sloan Avenue, in Hamilton, NJ.**

Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, Time: 6:30 P.M., Cost: \$15.00 per ticket – Adult, Senior, and Child. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please contact Dan Gowaty – 609-658-1196 or Nina Gowaty – 609-658-7615. The tickets are available on a first come, first serve basis.

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March 8, 2020

Deacon Steve Szmuto's Reflection on the Sunday Readings

Genesis 12: 1-4a Psalm 33: 4-5, 18-20, 22

2 Timothy 1: 8b-10 Matthew 17: 1-9



“Behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.’” (Matthew 17)

Continuing our journey into the Season of Lent, we encounter the profound account of the Transfiguration of the Lord in the Reading from the Gospel of Matthew. Only Jesus’ closest apostles witnessed the moment of divine revelation: Peter, James and John. Throughout the Season of Lent, the Gospel Readings reveal the true nature of Jesus in both his divinity and humanity, the only begotten Son of God became man – the Christ, fulfillment of prophecy and the one who would bring salvation to the people. Each Sunday, we draw nearer to the Paschal Sacrifice, whereby the Scriptures are fulfilled and we are presented with the fullness of faith: Jesus, Son of God and Messiah, who came to save humanity from their sins, reconciling all men and women – created in the image and likeness of God – to that state which had been lost through the sin of Adam. And in that reconciliation, we are called to be disciples to spread the Good News of Salvation as members of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

There are many people in this world who regard Jesus as a great teacher, a gifted healer, and perhaps even a prophet. And this is correct – as far as it goes. However, there have been many teachers, healers and prophets throughout history. Unique to Christ is his revealed identity as the eternally begotten Son of God, who became man. I would strongly suggest that were Christ not the Son of God, then what would be the point of it all! Our faith rests upon the person of Christ as Lord and Redeemer. It’s that simple! Yet, in its simplicity, it is profound enough for us to devote our lives to faith, understanding and witness. This fundamental truth is contained throughout the Holy Scriptures and is promulgated daily throughout the world by the actions of the Church.

In today’s reading from the Gospel of Matthew, we recall a moment of great revelation: *“And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him.”* What wonder, awe and joy must Peter, James and John have experienced! To hear the voice of God proclaim – *“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him,”* – must have been an incomparable moment not only in their lives, but in all of human history, save perhaps his appearance to the disciples after the resurrection. In the moment of transfiguration, Jesus conversed with Moses and Elijah, the unity of prophecy and fulfillment – and these men were witnesses to this!

As one might expect, the three apostles sought to preserve the moment. Peter said, *“Lord it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”* Alas, the moment would not last forever. They, along with Jesus, would descend from the mountain and continue their journey. Ahead lay Jerusalem, where Jesus would complete his mission, which would culminate in his passion, death and resurrection – the singular perfect sacrifice.

Our own journeys of faith are similar to those of Peter, James and John. Despite moments of profound revelation, we, like the apostles, return to the world. As did these men, we stumble and fall in sin as we live in a world often opposed to the Gospel message. Yet, in difficult times, we may garner strength from these moments of transfiguration. Prayer, adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, Fasting and Penance, and most importantly the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy: these can fill us with sufficient grace to withstand temptation and live as faithful disciples. Let us continue to be nourished by the Eucharist, Jesus’ Precious Body and Blood. Let us proclaim in joyful unison: *“Lord, it is good to be here.”*

Deacon Steven Szmuto



EWING KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PREGNANCY CENTER SUPPORT

**Event: Baby Shower
Location: Incarnation Church
Date: March 29
Time: 12:00 pm Auditorium**

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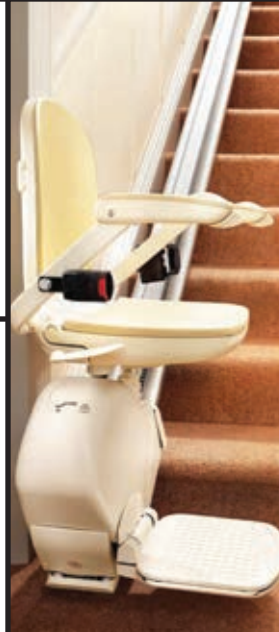
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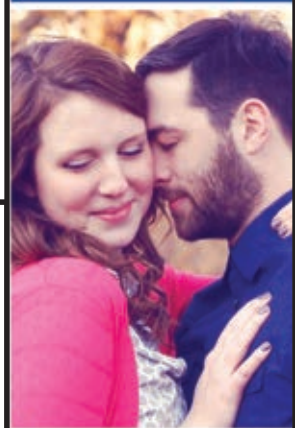


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