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OF THE
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PASSION

TRIDUUM



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Reflect
Rejoice

PALM SUNDAY • MARCH 28, 2021

Our Lady of Good Counsel

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Our Lady of Good Counsel

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2021
 5:00 PM Claudia DeFino
 r/o DeFino & Hayes Families

SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021 Palm Sunday
 8:30 AM Maria DeFiore r/o Tony & Gina DiMascio
 Tricia Elizabeth Parziale r/o Mother
 People of the Parish
 10:30 AM Mark Conte r/o Teresa Guarino

MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2021
 7:30 AM Sister Marie Therese Steiger
 r/o Linda Solinski

TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2021
 7:30 AM Sister Josephine Calo r/o Linda Solinski

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2021
 7:30 AM Mario DiFiore r/o Linda Solinski

THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021 HOLY THURSDAY
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
 7:30 PM People of the Parish
 Church open for prayer following Mass until 10:00 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2021 GOOD FRIDAY
FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
 3:00 PM Solemn Service and Holy Communion
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 2021 HOLY SATURDAY
 No Morning Masses permitted
 7:30 PM **EASTER VIGIL MASS**
The People of the Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021 EASTER SUNDAY
 8:30 AM Carol Smith Hanson
 r/o Nino & Angeline Como
 10:30 AM Newly Initiated Members of the Church

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Parishioners using envelopes	79
Envelope Contributions	\$2,057.00
Average Contribution	\$ 26.04
Loose Cash	\$ 243.00
Contributions for March 21 st	\$ 2,300.00

The **Black & Native American** Collection amounted to \$313.00 and The Collection for the **Churches in Eastern Europe** amounted to \$192.00
 Thank you for your generosity.

Readers

THURSDAY, APRIL 1	HOLY THURSDAY
7:30 PM Susan Barnada	
FRIDAY, APRIL 2	GOOD FRIDAY
3:00 PM Trish Williams	
SATURDAY, APRIL 3	HOLY SATURDAY
7:30 PM Jackie Crane	
SUNDAY, APRIL 4	EASTER
8:30 AM Sean Feddema	
10:30 AM Maeve Cannon	



Pray for our Sick:
 Rosemarie Buker, Richard Cook, Sara Cooper, Al Gatto, Elizabeth Gervasoni, Theresa Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Marie Hegyi, Kevin McBride, Keith Mello, Lorraine Metzgar, Joan Moore, Marie Muscente, Kim Nash, Angelika Niranjan, Joan Pachuta, Carol Perrine, Lucy Saganowski, Kristy Shanahan, Linda Solinski, Paul Sollami, Lauren Williams 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.



Visit our parish website:
olgcc.net
 Click on the  **Facebook Icon**
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will link you to the Live Stream Broadcast. Daily Masses Monday-Friday 7:30 am, Saturday 8:00 am. Sunday Mass Streamed at 10:30 A.M. Stations of the Cross Fridays at 7:00 pm

 **Coins for Charity** is next weekend, **April 3-4**. Containers will be available at each entrance 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!



Our Lady of Good Counsel



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.

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. Call the Rectory during the week 9-3:00 so we may unlock the garage for you, 609-882-3277.



Make the Faith come alive for your family this Lent.

Faith At Home for Lent is a **one page resource** that is intended to accompany families during Lent in preparation for attending Sunday Mass through Sunday, March 28th.

Click on the Link:

<https://dioceseoftrenton.org/documents/2021/3/Faith-At-Home-Holy-Week.pdf>



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WHY DO WE VEIL THE CRUCIFIX AND STATUES DURING LENT?

Veils over sacred images keep our minds on the promise of Easter.

First, The Church uses Veils to alert us of the special

time that we are in. When we walk into church and notice everything is covered, we immediately know that something is different. These last two weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum and these veils are a forceful reminder to get ready.

Second, veils focus our attention on the words being said at Mass. When we listen to the Passion narrative, our senses are allowed to focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter into the scene.

Third, the Church uses veils to produce a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter Sunday. This is further actualized when you attend daily Mass and see the veils each day. You don't want them to be there because they are hiding some very beautiful images.

And therein lies the whole point: the veils are not meant to be there forever. The images need to be unveiled; it is unnatural for them to be covered.

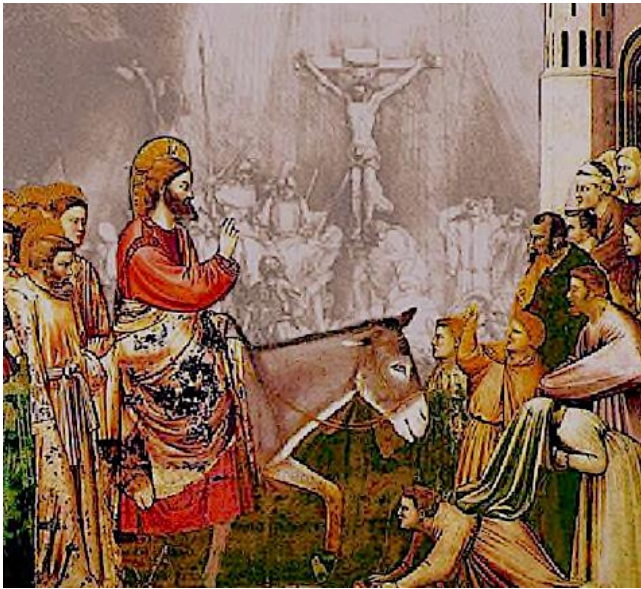
The unveiling before the Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own life on earth. We live in a "veiled" world, in exile from our true home. It is only through our own death that the veil is lifted and we are finally able to see the beauty of everything in our lives.

The Sacred Triduum

On **Palm Sunday** we begin a weeklong journey to Easter culminating in a three-day celebration - called the **Triduum** – which encompasses *Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday*. The Triduum begins as we gather the evening of Holy Thursday (April 1 this year). That night we listen to the scriptures; and we celebrate Eucharist. (We would usually wash feet on Holy Thursday, but we'll have to skip that this year.) At the end of our celebration we don't just "get up and go." We honor the presence of Christ in the Consecrated Bread, keeping our vigil. OLGC will remain open until 10:00 p.m. On Good Friday we re-gather quietly in the afternoon and again listen to scripture. We pray at length for all the world's needs. We reverence the Cross (staying quietly in our seats this year). We share Communion from the hosts reserved from our Holy Thursday celebration. (We will not celebrate Mass again until the Easter Vigil on Saturday night.) During the evening of Good Friday at 7 p.m. we have a chance to pray the Stations of the Cross. We continue then in fasting and prayer, in rest and quiet through Saturday. Then on Saturday night (at 7:30pm), the Church gathers again (usually around a fire outside, but this year we will go directly indoors). We listen to some of the most powerful scriptures in the Bible. Together we go to the table and celebrate the Easter Eucharist. Easter Sunday begins and we are ready for Fifty Days of rejoicing!

March 28th Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Reflection ~ Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion



[At the Procession with Palms:](#)

[Mark 11:1-10](#) or [John 12:12-16](#)

[First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7](#)

[Responsorial Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24](#)

[Reading II: Philippians 2:6-11](#)

[Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47](#) or [15:1-39](#)

The Small Things and the Great King

In the [Gospel](#), Jesus is acclaimed as King of Israel by a crowd of people as he rides to Jerusalem on a donkey. It is a great triumphal parade, a high point of local fame and popular success for Jesus.

But I want to ask about the donkey.

It's not Jesus' donkey. How did he get it?

The [Gospel](#) says Jesus sent his disciples to a neighboring village to untie it and take it away. But why would anyone let the disciples of Jesus simply make off with somebody else's donkey? As far as that goes, how did Jesus even know a donkey was there in that village?

The crowd that
acclaims Jesus
so greatly is
next seen
shouting for his
crucifixion.

Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Gospel)

Repainting of Giotto, *The Entry into Jerusalem*, c.1305 including the Passion

Here's one possible answer. The Gospel says that Jesus was near Bethany when he sent his disciples to get the donkey. So maybe that donkey was in Bethany. Bethany is the home of Martha and Mary and Lazarus. Like the donkey, which is a humble beast, Martha, Mary, and Lazarus are small and ordinary people. Nobody would acclaim them in great parades. But they are nonetheless the particular friends of Jesus. Maybe the donkey belongs to them or to their friends. Maybe Jesus knows exactly where that donkey is because he has seen it when he was visiting Mary and Martha and Lazarus. Maybe the villagers are so ready to let the disciples of Jesus take the donkey because they know and trust Jesus.

On this way of reading the story, with the people shouting and acclaiming him King, Jesus rides into Jerusalem on the small beast which comes from the village of his particular friends, two ordinary women and their equally ordinary brother.

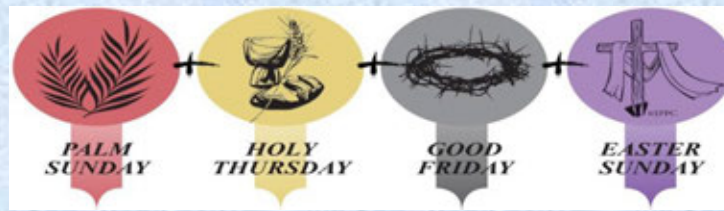
And here's the sequel. The crowd that acclaims Jesus so greatly is next seen shouting for his crucifixion. That's how much fame and popular success are worth. And here's what particular friendship with the Lord is worth. When Jesus ascends to God the Father, do you know what place he chooses as the site for his ascension? It's Bethany ([Luke 24:50](#)), where his friends Mary, Martha, and Lazarus live.

And so in his royal procession, on that little donkey, our Lord shows us what is truly worth caring about, the small things, the particular things so dear to us and to our great King.

Eleonore Stump



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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion March 27th and March 28th

~Blessing and Distribution of Palms after Mass~

Monday March 29th 7:30 PM The Chrism Mass will be Live Streamed only by the Diocese of Trenton

Holy Thursday ~ April 1st ~ Liturgy of the Lord's Supper ~ 7:30 PM In-person & Live Streamed
Following the Mass, we will keep vigil with Christ until 10 PM.

Good Friday ~ April 2nd ~ 3:00 PM ~ Liturgy of the Lord's Passion ~ In-person & Live Streamed
Solemn Liturgical Service and Holy Communion

(Pandemic directives include that physical contact during the Veneration of the Cross is prohibited.)

7:00 PM Solemn Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday ~ April 3rd ~ Easter Vigil Liturgy 7:30 PM ~ In-person & Live Stream

(Pandemic directives for the Vigil include the omission of the preparation and lighting of the Easter Fire and distribution of candles to the congregation. We will still give praise to the light of the world and exult the Paschal Candle)

Easter Sunday ~ April 4th ~ 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM



AREA PARISHES HOLY THURSDAY ADORATION TIMES

Our Lady of Good Counsel 7:30 Mass Keeping Watch with Christ until 10:00 PM

St. George Titusville 7:30 Mass, Keeping Watch with Christ until 10:00 PM

Following 7:00 PM Mass at Sacred Heart Eucharist will be moved to repository at Holy Cross. Keeping Watch with Christ until 10:00 p.m.

St. Anthony Trenton 7:00 Mass, Keeping watch with Christ until Night Prayer at 10:00 PM

St. Gregory the Great 7:30 Mass, Keeping watch with Christ til Night Prayer at 11:00 PM

Stay with me. Remain here with me. Watch and Pray.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE



Despite Good Friday's central nature in the heart of Christianity, attendance at services remains low. Putting their faith into action, the Knights of Columbus in Ewing are encouraging participation through a promotional campaign that reminds parishioners of the vital importance of Good Friday. The liturgy of the Lord's passion and death reminds families of the suffering Jesus endured through his passion and resurrection, thereby opening the gates of heaven for each of us. Setting an example for their community,

representatives of the Knights of Columbus, Ewing Council will be attending the Good Friday Service at Our Lady of Good Counsel site on Good Friday, April 2 at 3:00 PM. We encourage you to join us.

If you are not comfortable attending in person at this time, the service will also be live streamed.

Login to our Facebook Page Stations - <https://www.facebook.com/OlgcWestTrenton/videos/1781056968730668/>



2021 Annual Catholic Appeal Parish Goal is \$28,000.00

OLGC Pledged to Date: \$15,313.00 ~ Percentage of Goal: 54.69%

We're half way there, please make your pledge today! Help us reach our Parish Goal.

You may make your pledge or donation online at: www.dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal

Or please call the appeal office at: 609-403-7197. Also a limited number of Pledge cards are available at the Church Office. Please call us: 609-882-3277. Thank you for your generosity.

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DIOCESAN ADVISORY

Guidelines for public, in-church Masses, as directed by the Diocese of Trenton:

1. COVID-19 is still extremely contagious, especially indoors or in closed settings;
2. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday/Holy Day Masses remains in effect so that all Catholic faithful, in good conscience, are not required to be physically present in church; live-streamed Masses will continue in most parishes;
3. Anyone who is sick or at risk should not come to church; that is not punitive but, rather, common sense and an act of charity toward your neighbors;
4. All parishes are expected to abide by occupancy and other regulations of the Diocese with care;
5. Masks must be worn (no exceptions), physical contact of any kind must be avoided, social distancing must be practiced, proper sanitation must be observed at all public, in church Masses;
6. Before attending public, in church Masses, the Catholic faithful are asked to consider any possible health and safety risks involved.

Weekend Masses-Directives & Guidelines

The Diocese has limited attendance at weekend Masses to 1/3 of attendance capacity. For Our Lady of Good Counsel this places us at approximately 220 people per Mass. However, in our pews with proper social distancing we are closer to 200. As our normal weekend Mass attendance, in normal circumstances is approximately 200 per mass, we will not place any restrictions on attendance at this time, but will revisit this if it is needed.

- The Bishop continues to keep in place a dispensation from Sunday and Holy Day Obligations so that those who need to may "stay home in good conscience."
Those in high risk categories should **strongly consider** staying home. Those with the symptoms of any respiratory illnesses **must** stay home.
- All who attend must either enter through the **Main front doors or through the elevator entrance**. The other doors will be locked. You may exit through any door.
- Seating will only be allowed in un-taped pews. Any non-cohabiting families must maintain social distancing of **at least 6 feet** even in the pews that are open. PLEASE RECOGNIZE THAT YOUR FAVORITE SEAT MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE.
- Facial masks or coverings must be worn by those who attend the Mass. The Priest and Lector will remove face coverings for the celebration but will wear them at all other times.
- For this initial phase, Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass, not at the usual time. This will happen in both the front and rear of the Church. Please maintain distancing while in line and while exiting the Church. Remove your mask to receive communion and then replace your mask. **Communion in the Hand is strongly preferred at this time**. If you must receive on the tongue please try to wait until the end of the communion line.
- The Restroom in the Choir stairway is available for emergency use only.
- Hand hygiene should be maintained and while Sanitizer will be available at the doors of the Church, parishioners are encouraged to bring their own wipes and sanitizer as well.
- No bulletins, books, or handouts are allowed at this time. Holy Water fonts will be empty.
- There will be no Offertory procession. Collection baskets will be placed near the exits of the Church.
- Due to the danger of the spread of respiratory droplets: congregational singing is discouraged and hymns will not be announced.
- The continuation of public Masses will be contingent on volunteers willing to help sanitize the Church following the Masses.
- The Cry Room and the Sacristy are currently off limits to the public.
- The 10:30AM Mass will be live-streamed and recorded for the time being for those who stay home.

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#WHATSMYNAME

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