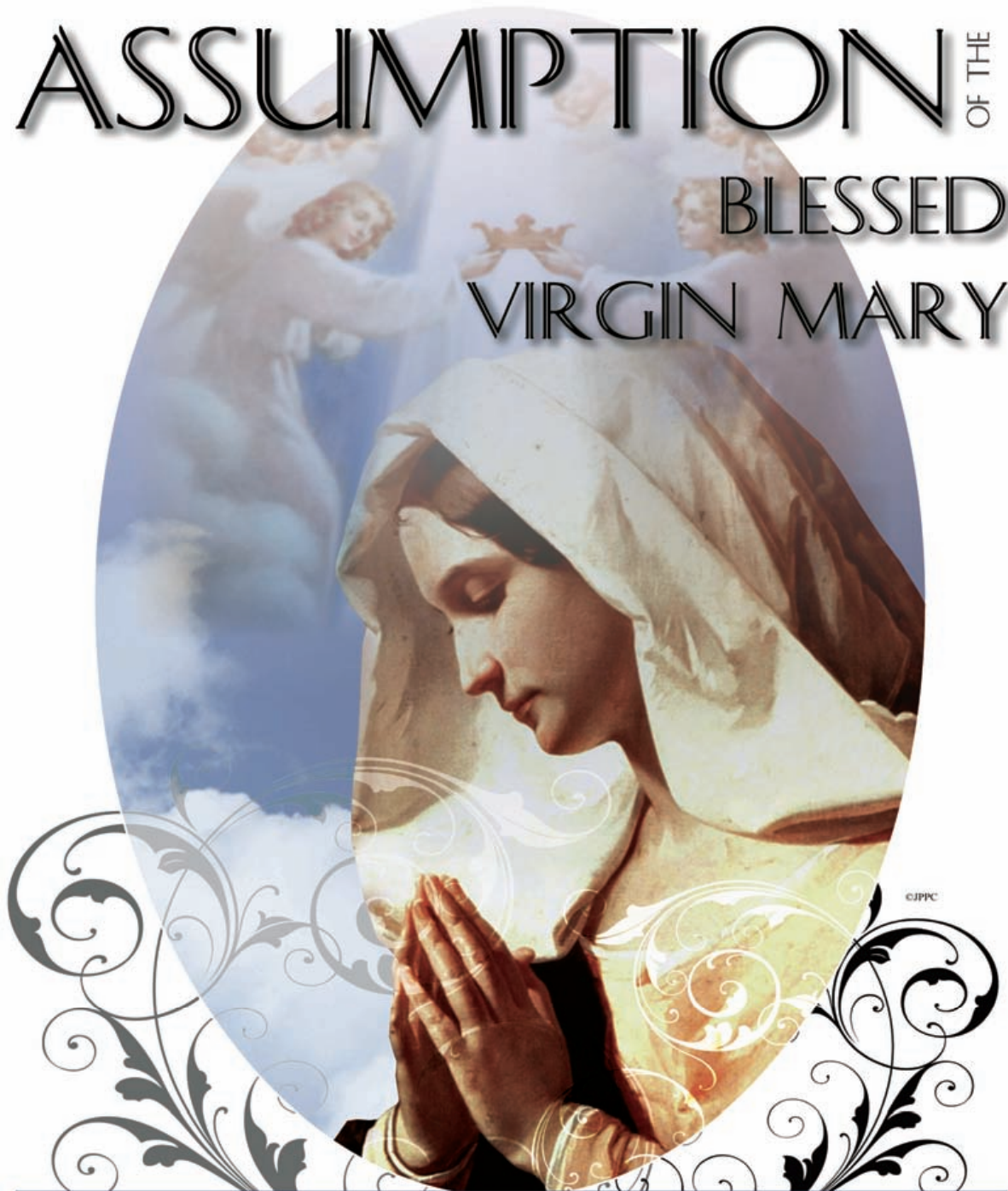


Our Lady of Good Counsel

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • AUGUST 11, 2019

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



August 15 Holy Day of Obligation

Masses: 7:30 AM, 12 Noon & 7:00 PM

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Our Lady of Good Counsel Church



SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	AUGUST 10, 2019 Papszycki Deceased Members r/o Lorraine Papszycki
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	AUGUST 11, 2019 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Drew Bernard r/o Shea Family Maria LaRozza-Muscente r/o Philomena Muscente
MONDAY, 7:30 AM	AUGUST 12, 2019 Fekete & Walley Families r/o Family
TUESDAY, 7:30 AM	AUGUST 13, 2019 Special Intention
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM	AUGUST 14, 2019 Marie & William Dolton r/o Helen Marie Dolton
THURSDAY, 7:30 AM 12:00 Noon 7:00 PM	AUGUST 15, 2019 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation Gloria Buttaci r/o Norman Buttaci People of the Parish Special Intention
FRIDAY, 7:30 AM	AUGUST 16, 2019 Gloria Buttaci r/o Norman Buttaci
SATURDAY, 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	AUGUST 17, 2019 Special Intention 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



Eucharistic Ministers

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15	Assumption of Mary
7:30 AM	Mary Anne LeGall
12:00 Noon	Dennis Hice
7:00 PM	Butch Kramer
SATURDAY, AUGUST 17	
5:00 PM	Claude LeGall, Elaine Palatine, Fran Zenchak
SUNDAY, AUGUST 18	
8:30 AM	Mike Lake, Butch Kramer, Tom McGuire
10:00 AM	Preferred Care Visits: Butch Kramer
10:30 AM	Tony Jones, Linda Reasoner, Brenda O'Callahan
MONDAY, AUGUST 19	Reposition Tom Voorhees



Readers

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15	Assumption of Mary
7:30 AM	Bob Paci
12:00 Noon	Jackie Crane
7:00 PM	Maeve Cannon
SATURDAY, AUGUST 17	
5:00 PM	Mary Anne LeGall
SUNDAY, AUGUST 18	
8:30 AM	Carol Lake
10:30 AM	Darlene Wilson

Altar Servers

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15	Assumption of Mary
7:30 AM	Jacob Pasquito
12:00 Noon	Brayden Spina
7:00 PM	Dillon Rutkowski
SATURDAY, AUGUST 17	
5:00 PM	James Gummel
SUNDAY, AUGUST 18	
8:30 AM	Brayden Spina
10:30 AM	Connor Greig

NEWS & Events

Saturday, August 10, 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 12, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place following the 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass until 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 15, is the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are at: **7:30 a.m., 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m.**

CHURCH SUPPORT

Registered Parishioners	735 families
Parishioners using envelopes	211
Envelope Contributions	\$4,936.25
Average Contribution	\$23.39
Loose Cash	\$749.00
Contributions for August 4 th	\$5,685.25

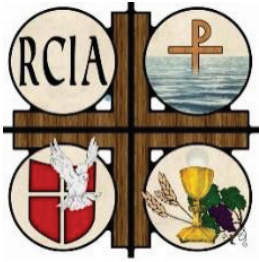
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2019-2020 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION RE Teachers and Aides Needed:

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.



Nineteenth 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!



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 Niranjana, Vincent O'Dell, Jeff Papp, 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.

Trenton Catholic & Cathedral High Schools' Class of 1959 celebrating 60th Reunion!! Sunday, September 29, 2019, from 1-5, at Mercer Oaks Golf Course Restaurant, 725 Village Road West in West Windsor Township, with a luncheon/dinner. For further information and reservations, please contact Bill Kocis at (609) 443-0931 or wkocis@msn.com

SAHS Class of 1974 celebrating 45th Reunion!! Saturday, September 14, 2019 at Mercer Oaks Country Club, 725 Village Rd West, West Windsor Township, NJ from 6:00pm - 10:00pm. Cost is \$60 pp. For more information visit our website: <http://www.sahshamiltonnj.com/index.cfm> or contact Liz Walker Flynn at ewf6@aol.com or Nancy Hurley Rhodes at rhodes_n@msn.com

You're Invited

Our Lady of Sorrows-St Anthony's 25th Annual Golf Classic will be held at Mercer Oaks West Golf Course on Wednesday, September 18. Registration begins at 10 am and the shotgun start is at noon. The entry fee of \$135 per golfer covers 18 holes of golf, lunch, cocktails, dinner and prizes. To register, please send your name, address, and phone number with a \$135 check payable to OLS-SA to: OLS-SA Golf Classic, 3816 E State St Ext, Hamilton, NJ 08619 by August 31. For more information, please call Fred Brodzinski at 609-306-3096.

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2019 Bishop's Anniversary Blessing
October 20th 3:00 p.m.
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For couples celebrating their
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 Gather with family and friends to share the Eucharist, renew your vows, and receive Bishop O'Connell's Episcopal Blessing. Pre-Registered Anniversary Couples may attend the Mass and Blessing. Couples must register through their Parish Office by September 10, 2019, 609-882-3277.



**In the Spirit
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 our Father**

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OLGC Back-to-School Drive

*Help a child in need
 kick off the new school year
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During July and August we will be collecting donated school supplies and backpacks for children in grades K-12 for the upcoming school year. Donated items may include: backpacks, 2-pocket folders, subject & composition notebooks, 3-ring binders, loose leaf paper, erasers, pens/pencils, pencil boxes, crayons, markers, glue sticks, rulers, protractors, scissors, sharpeners, calculators, dictionaries, or gift certificates.

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 with this effort!



August 11, 2019

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

[Reading I: Wisdom 18:6-9](#)

[Reading II: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 or 1-2, 8-12](#)

[Gospel: Luke 12:32-48 or 35-40](#)

You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come (Lk 12:40)

Life's Key Question

Several years ago, at retreat, an elderly monk shared with me about the ups and downs of 50 years of monastic life. At the end of this he said to me: "Give me some hints on how I should prepare to die! What should I do to make myself more ready for death?"

The heaviness of such a question is enough to intimidate a person with a spirituality deeper than my own, and when it's asked by someone twice your age whose heart seems already deeply charitable, faith-filled, and wonderfully-mellowed through years of quiet prayer, then perhaps the best answer is silence. I wasn't so naive as to offer him much by way of an answer, his trust in me notwithstanding.

But it's a good question. How do we prepare to die? How do we live so that death does not catch us unaware? What do we do so that we don't leave this world with too much unfinished business?

The first thing that needs to be said is that anything we do to prepare for death should not be morbid or be something that distances or separates us from life and each other. We don't prepare for death by withdrawing from life. The opposite is true. What prepares us for death, anoints us for it, in Christ's phrase, is a deeper, more intimate, fuller entry into life. We get ready for death by beginning to live our lives as we should have been living them all along. How do we do that?

John Shea once suggested that the kingdom of heaven is open to all who are willing to sit down with all. That's a one-line caption for discipleship. In essence, the single condition for going to heaven is to have the kind of heart and the kind of openness that makes it possible for us to sit down with absolutely anyone and to share life and a table with him or her. If that is true, then the best way we can prepare to die is to begin to stretch our hearts to love ever wider and wider, to begin to love in a way that takes us beyond the natural narrowness and discrimination that exists within our hearts because of temperament, wound, timidity, ignorance, selfishness, race, gender, religion, circumstance, and our place in history.

We prepare to die by pushing ourselves to love less narrowly. In that sense, readying ourselves for death is really an ever-widening entry into life.

John Powell, in his book, [Unconditional Love](#), tells the story of a young student who was dying of cancer. In the final stages of his illness, he came to see Powell and said something to this effect:

Father, you once told us something in class that has made it easier for me to die young. You said: "There are only two potential tragedies in life, and dying young isn't one of them. These are the two tragedies: If you go through life and don't love and if you go through life and you don't tell those whom you love that you love them."

When the doctors told me that my cancer was terminal, I realized how much I've been loved. I've been able to tell my family and others how much they mean to me. I've expressed love. People ask me: "What's it like being 24 years old and dying?" I tell them: "It's not so bad. It beats being 50 years old and having no values!"

We prepare ourselves for death by loving deeply and by expressing love, appreciation, and gratitude to each other. Jesus says as much. When the woman at Bethany poured an entire bottle of expensive ointment on his feet and dried his feet with her hair, he commented on her lavish expression of affection and gratitude by saying: "She has anointed me for my impending death." What he meant should not be piously misinterpreted. He wasn't saying: "Since I'm soon to die, let her waste this ointment!" He was saying rather: "When I come to die, it's going to be easier because, at this moment, I am truly tasting life. It's easier to die when one has been, even for a moment, fully alive."

What makes it difficult for us to die, beyond all the congenital instincts inside of us that want us to live, is not so much fear of the afterlife or even fear that their might not be an afterlife. What makes it hard to die is that we have so much life yet to finish and we finish it by loving more deeply and expressing our love more freely.

Had that old monk cornered Jesus and asked him the same question he asked me, I suspect, Jesus might have said: "Prepare for death by living more fully now. Work at loving more deeply, less discriminately, more affectionately, and more gratefully. Tell those close to you that you love them and death will never catch you like a thief in the night."

Ron Rolheiser

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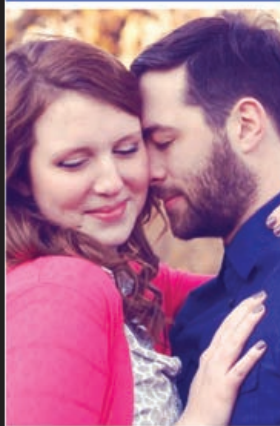
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