



Our Lady of Good

Counsel



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER • MAY 26, 2019

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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.olgc@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
Mike Narcowich, Grand Knight 609-558-2450
George Steward, Church Director 609-883-9173

Liturgical Ministers
Rectory Office 609-882-3277

Music Ministry
Deirdre Hindley, Organist 609-882-3215

RCIA
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

Web Master
Maryanne Garcia 908-371-1150

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church



SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2019
5:00 PM Margaret Roberts r/o Elaine Palatine

SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2019
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
8:30 AM Margaret Dombrowski r/o Bob, Debbie & Cynthia Smith
10:30 AM For the Intention of Marie Muscente r/o Philomena Muscente
For the Intention of James & Eileen Keenan In Celebration of their 67th Wedding Anniv.

MONDAY, MAY 27, 2019
8:30 AM Nicholas Marino r/o Toni & Bob Marino

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019
7:30 AM Joseph Salamandra r/o Harry & Sherry Masterson

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2019
7:30 AM Francis Scott r/o Deacon Steve & Mary Szmuto



THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2019
Ascension Thursday-Holy Day of Obligation
7:30 AM People of the Parish
12:00 PM Theresa Sodomini r/o OLGC Seniors Club
7:00 PM Hector Iriquez r/o Deacon Steve & Mary Szmuto

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2019
7:30 AM People of the Parish

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019
8:00 AM Special Intention
5:00 PM Deceased Members of Ferry Family r/o Helen Marie Dolton
Francis H. Chester r/o Helen Marie Dolton

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019
Seventh Sunday of Easter
8:30 AM Colleen McPhale r/o Lorraine Papszycki
10:30 AM Barbara Smythe r/o Brian Sr., Nicole, Brian Jr. & Kaitlyn Tulli
Rita Topley Prince r/o Edward & Andrea Bowden



Registered Parishioners	788 families
Parishioners using envelopes	203
Envelope Contributions	\$4,180.00
Average Contribution	\$20.59
Loose Cash	\$632.00
Contributions for May 19th	\$4,812.00

Thank you for your generosity

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, JUNE 1
5:00 PM Joyce Christensen, Ginny Evans, Mary Szmuto

SUNDAY, JUNE 2
8:30 AM Vickey Aneser, Butch Kramer, Michael Lake
10:00 AM **Preferred Care Visits:** Anna Adomaitis
10:30 AM Brenda O'Callaghan, Laura Shea, Darlene Wilson

MONDAY, JUNE 3 *Reposition* Mary Pat Voorhees

Readers

SATURDAY, JUNE 1
5:00 PM Jacqueline Crane

SUNDAY, JUNE 2
8:30 AM Carol Lake
10:30 AM Mike Delehenty

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, JUNE 1
5:00 PM Michael Montagna

SUNDAY, JUNE 2
8:30 AM Connor Greig
10:30 AM Alex Medwick



Saturday, May 25, 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, May 27, Adoration is closed for Memorial Day. **The Office** is closed for Memorial Day Holiday.



ANNUAL ROSES FOR LIFE DRIVE- June 1-2

The Ewing Knights will have their Annual **Roses for Life** drive before and after all the masses at Our Lady of Good Counsel the weekend of June 1 and 2. All proceeds will be donated to local organizations who work with pregnant women in difficult situations and encourage them to choose life. Thank you for your support.





Pray for our Sick: Bob Arcadipane, Michael Babick, Leon Beauvais, Rosemarie Buker, Gregory DeFillippo, Colleen Goeke-McPhail, Nick Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Ken Kleine, Carol Lake, Rebecca Lynn, Thomas McGuire, James McMyne, Dolores Megyesy, Keith Mello, Marie Muscente, Angelika Niranjan, Vincent O'Dell, Jeff Papp, Lucy Saganowski, Kristy Shanahan, Elayne Smith, Joey Suggs, Oscar Tanyag, Stephen Thoma, Gary Vanderbilt, Laura Varone & Leo Voorhees 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.



Sixth Sunday of Easter

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The Ascension of The Lord



The Ascension of the Lord

Thursday, May 30
 Holy Day of Obligation
 Mass Schedule
 7:30 AM
 12 Noon
 7:00 PM



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 deaconstevenszmuto@gmail.com to set up an informal and confidential conversation and start the process.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2019

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL – IN ACTION!

Catholic Education Administration Catholic schools in Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean counties welcome over 16,000 Catholic and non-Catholic students from many different cultural backgrounds. Parents, as the primary educators of their children, work in partnership with teachers to develop their children's potential in becoming life-long learners. Donations to the ACA help to ensure that curriculum and performance standards and development of educators continue at high levels within our 31 Catholic elementary schools and 7 high schools. Last year your gift helped with reaching out to more than 78,000 alumni who have been given the opportunity to give back so that other students can succeed in our schools. Pledge Cards are at each entrance.

Three Ways to Make Your Donation

- **ONLINE:** Access our secure website at www.dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal to easily make a pledge, payment or outright gift.
- **BY MAIL:** Send a check or money order to our processing center, made payable to Annual Catholic Appeal: Diocese of Trenton PO Box 70170 Newark, NJ 07101
- **BY PHONE:** Call our Department of Development at 609-403-7197 with your credit card information



DAD'S AND GRAD'S

We will soon be celebrating Father's Day and graduations. If you need a special gift, why not choose a gift membership in the Knights of Columbus for your father or the young man in your life who is graduating from High School or College. Membership in the Knights is open to gentlemen who are 18 years of age or older, and are practical, that is accept the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matter of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.

- By giving a membership in the Knights of Columbus you will be enriching the young man's spiritual life as well as giving him an opportunity to serve his church and his community.
- By applying our principals of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism we strive each day to make the world a better place.
- Membership materials and information about the Knights can be found on the table in back of the church.
- If you have questions or need more information please call the following:
 Michael Narcowich Grand Knight 609-558-8658
 Frank Ferdetta Deputy Grand Knight
 Gus Massa Membership Director 609-213-9097.

You can join by filling out and signing a short application form available in the back of the church, or by applying on line at www.kofc.org/joinus.

May 26, 2019



The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything. (Gospel)

Spirituality of the Readings
Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 26, 2019

John Foley, SJ

[Reading I: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29](#)

[Responsorial Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8](#)

[Reading II: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23](#)

[Gospel: John 14:23-29](#)

Closer Than Ever

In Sunday's liturgy, Jesus says, "If you loved me you would rejoice."

Imagine this: your best friend is leaving town, the one you had counted on for any trouble you just needed to share. There is no way to change his/her going, it is virtually certain. What do you do with your sorrow?

In the reading, Jesus was leaving. He told Mary Magdalene he must go to the Father. He had plunged into death and he swam to shore, but nevertheless could

not stay on in this world. We sorrow, big time.

We are to be closer to Jesus and to the Father even than the apostles were!

Sunday, this is the story of the [Gospel](#). The crucifixion had taken him away from us, and now his ascension will make his absence completely final. We, along with the apostles, do not want to lose him one more time! We are aghast that our friend is going away.

Think of the experience of a funeral. You may be truly glad that your beloved no longer has the pains and shortages of this life. But you do not get your own burden lifted, you get more added to it. He or she is gone.

Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, I am going away and I will come back to you." Going away but coming back? What kind of sense does this make?

(1) Start with the pre-Jesus world. God the Father had been with the people for all ages. The First Testament tells this over and over.

But God the Father stayed unknowable in very important ways. He told Moses that he, God, would pass by the mouth of a cave where Moses was, and ...

... when my glory passes I will set you in the cleft of the rock and will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will remove my hand, so that you may see my back; but my face may not be seen. ([Exodus 33: 22](#))

To see God directly would destroy a human being.

(2) To close this gap, God decided to tell us everything about himself in a way we could understand. He speaks out his very self using a Word that left nothing unsaid. Jesus was that Word, spoken in the large language called humanity. Now God can be known because we can know Jesus.

(3) Jesus dies, resurrects and ascends to the Father from whom he came. Are we abandoned?

No.

Just as the Father had done, Jesus actually spoke out his very self in a further Word that left nothing of himself unsaid. That Word is the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is the full reality of a human being called Jesus, who is already the very interior reality of God. We are to be closer to Jesus and to the Father even than the apostles were!*

If you and I say yes to this Spirit, we will know that Jesus is with us, just as sheep know the voice of their shepherd. In knowing Jesus, we will know the presence of the Father. We will find him in the Mass, in the Great Sacrament of Baptism, in prayer, in the people around us. We will be side by side with the closest possible presence of the God of love.

So we needn't sorrow. Nice as it might have seemed to experience Jesus in his physical company, we now have a much closer relation to him in the here and now.

*Also see [Romans 8:11](#).

John Foley, SJ

CAPITAL SINGERS OF TRENTON

The Capital Singers of Trenton will present "An Afternoon of Opera and Musical Theatre" on Sunday, June 2, 2019 at 4:00PM in Sacred Heart Church. The program will include "Make Our Garden Grow" from Candide; "The Promise of Living" from The Tender Land; "Make them Hear You" from Ragtime; "evening Prayer" from Hansel & Gretel and Hair: A Choral Medley and much more. For tickets please visit www.capitalsingers.org or call 609-434-CST1 or for parishioners only tickets can be purchased at the parish office for \$15.00.



Coins for Charity Containers will be placed at all entrances to the Church next weekend, June 1/2 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!



Catholic Communication Collection June 1-2

"God is not Solitude, but Communion; he is Love, and therefore communication, because love always communicates; indeed, it communicates itself in order to encounter the other."— Pope Francis, [Message for World Communications Day 2019](#). . . Please place both envelopes in the one collection. Thanks!

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