

# Our Lady of Good Counsel



**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT • MARCH 15, 2020**

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**Deacon Steven Szmuto**  
**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  
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# Our Lady of Good Counsel Church



<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>MARCH 14, 2020</b> Sophie Roman r/o The Gaisers Rev. James Russell r/o Michael & Eileen Giglio
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM	<b>MARCH 15, 2020 Third Sunday of Lent</b> James Newell III r/o Deacon Steve and Mary Szmuto Jack Lally r/o The Lally Family Dolores Brienza r/o Margaret Babecki Mark Conte r/o Katherine Frankenfield
10:30 AM	
<b>MONDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>MARCH 16, 2020</b> For Intention of Mary Pat Voorhees
<b>TUESDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>MARCH 17, 2020</b> For the Intention of Deacon Steve r/o Wife, Mary Szmuto
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>MARCH 18, 2020</b> Dolores Brienza r/o Ron & Edie Kolodziej
<b>THURSDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>MARCH 19, 2020</b> Special Intention <b>Confessions 6:30 – 7:30 PM during Lent</b>
<b>FRIDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>MARCH 20, 2020</b> Andrew Giancarli r/o Diane & Alex Hercey <b>Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM during Lent</b>
<b>SATURDAY,</b> 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	<b>MARCH 21, 2020</b> Special Intention Emery Ungrady & Joan Ungrady r/o Dr. Tom Ungrady
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM	<b>MARCH 22, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> For the Intentions of Mary Szmuto r/o Deacon Steve Szmuto Deceased Members of Muscente Family r/o Philomena Muscente Dolores Brienza r/o Margaret Babecki Megan Hellebuyck r/o Harry & Sherry Masterson
10:30 AM	



Registered Parishioners	710 families
Parishioners using envelopes	180
Envelope Contributions	\$3,691.00
Average Contribution	\$20.51
Loose Cash	\$690.00
Contributions for March 8 <sup>th</sup>	\$4,381.00
<b>Parish Giving Month of February</b>	<b>\$2,550.00</b>
Thank you for your generosity	

## Eucharistic Ministers

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>MARCH 21</b> Ginny Evans
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM	<b>MARCH 22</b> Mary Szmuto
10:00 AM	<b>Preferred Care Visits:</b> Butch Kramer
10:30 AM	Linda Reasoner

## Readers

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>MARCH 21</b> Jackie Crane
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM	<b>MARCH 22</b> Fran Golinski
10:30 AM	Linda Reasoner

## Altar Servers

<b>Friday,</b> Connor Grieg, Jacob Pasquito, Brayden Spina	<b>March 20</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>MARCH 21</b> Michael Montagna	
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM	<b>MARCH 22</b> Brayden Spina	
10:30 AM	James Gummel	

## NEWS & Events

**Saturday, March 14,** 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 19, Confessions** every Thursday in Lent 6:30-7:30 PM.  
**Friday, March 20, Stations of the Cross** every Friday in Lent, 7:00 PM



Grade 8 Classes are Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 9:15-10:25 in the Rectory.

**Confessions** - Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> for all Religious Education Students. We will meet 4:30 PM, Our Lady of Good Counsel Church for Lenten Confessions. Please bring in non-perishable food items to be donated to the community food pantries when we meet at OLGc for Confessions.

### Confirmation Retreat Days – Incarnation Church

Friday, March 27, 4:30pm-9:00pm

Saturday, March 28, 9:30am-6:30pm

### Confirmation Sponsor Certificates are due March 29<sup>th</sup>.

Please keep our First Communion and Confirmation students and their families in your prayers as they continue their sacramental preparation.

### 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.



**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.



**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. Tickets are on sale now for \$16.00 adults, \$14.00 students, children and seniors. Purchase online at [www.ndnj.org](http://www.ndnj.org)

**INSTRUCTIONS RE: CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) AND LITURGICAL PRACTICES**

In light of the escalating concern about the spread of the coronavirus (COVID\_19) Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., has issued the following instructions on liturgical practices to be observed in ALL parishes, institutions and organizations within the Diocese of Trenton, effective immediately until otherwise notified:

1. People who have flu-like symptoms or who are otherwise feeling sick should not go to Mass or other Church gatherings;
2. Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion should practice good hygiene, washing hands with soap and water or anti-bacterial hand sanitizer, before and after distributing Holy Communion;
3. People are encouraged not to receive communion on the tongue; worthy, reverent reception by hand is preferred until otherwise notified;
4. The practice of distributing the Precious Blood from the Chalice is suspended;
5. The practice of exchanging the sign of peace by any physical contact (handshake, embrace, kissing) is suspended.

We continue to encourage the faithful to stay informed through our diocesan communications online at :

<https://dioceseoftrenton.org/coronavirus>  
[www.TrentonMonitor.com/coronavirus](http://www.TrentonMonitor.com/coronavirus)

as well as through the Centers for Disease Control and prevention at: [www.cdc.gov/COVID19](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)



Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday April 4 at 10:00 a.m. on the Rectory grounds. All children ages 5th grade and under are invited to attend. In the event of inclement weather, the rain date is Sunday, Palm Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. If you have any questions or would like to help please contact Joyce Christensen at 609-651-0466



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>

**EWING KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PREGNANCY CENTER SUPPORT**

**Event: Baby Shower**

**Location: Incarnation Church**

**Date: March 29**

**Time: 12:00 pm Auditorium**

**Please bring unwrapped baby items, diapers, clothing, formula etc.. For more information please call the ISJ Office - (609) 882-2860.**

**Refreshments will be served. See you there!**

# March 15, 2020

## Deacon Steve Szmuto's Reflection on the – 3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17: 3-7 Psalm 95: 1-2, 6-9

Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8 John 4: 5-42



For the next several weeks, the Gospel readings are not taken from the Gospel of Matthew, but rather from the Gospel of John. On the fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent, the readings will focus on the miraculous healing of the man born blind and raising of Lazarus from the dead. And while today's reading from the Gospel of John is one of the most powerful revelatory moments, there are no mighty deeds of healings, no miracles, no thunderous signs of nature; rather we learn of a seemingly simple encounter with the woman at the well reveals Jesus as the Messiah merely by the force of his divine word. For all its subtlety, it is one of the most dramatic passages in the Gospel of John, offering a moment of revelation of Jesus as the Christ to all peoples.

The story begins with a brief stopover in Jesus' journey at Sychar, a town in Samaria. There, a Samaritan woman was drawing water from the well around noon. Jesus commanded the woman to give him a drink. "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" –for Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans." This simple gesture, in opposition to the prevailing culture, portended the universality of Jesus' mission. As the conversation continued, Jesus drew the woman into a relationship of faith by the power of his words. In this man from Galilee, there was someone more profound than anything she had ever encountered – one who promised more than the water brought up from the earth. Jesus told her: "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

As Jesus shared a complete understanding of who and what she was, he continued to teach the woman and she grew in her comprehension of him. "The woman said to him, 'I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes he will tell us everything.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking with you.'"

The reality of our relationship with Christ is that, whether we came to the Church as infants or in later stages of our lives, there is a defining moment when we recognize that Christ is the Messiah, the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and that he invites us individually into a loving relationship with him: Before we believe as a faith community, I must believe; conversely, I believe because of Christ, and change our lives because we have chosen to follow him. We are individuals in our discipleship, yet we together make up the Body of Christ that is his Church. There are times when we do not live up to our commission either as individuals or as Church, but that is the nature of our humanity and why we must renew each day our commitment to follow the Lord.

We do not have to become perfect to be his disciples; rather we seek to be disciples so that we might grow in faith, hope and love. In his Letter to the Romans, Saint Paul reminds us: "God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us." Through our faith, we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ, we boast in the hope of the glory of God, and through this hope, the love of God is poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

As we continue our journey through Lent, let us recognize that in God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – we may come to the fullness of faith brought through the commemoration of Christ's passion, death and resurrection for our sake. And, like the woman at the well, let us not be afraid to proclaim our faith to those around us. The Lord meets us where we are; we have but to accept him into our hearts.

**Deacon Steven Szmuto.**



### *Incarnation St. James Rosary Altar Society Palm Cross Sale - Price \$10 each*



The Rosary Altar Society is again selling Palm Crosses in time for Easter. Please place this form and a check made **payable to ISJ Rosary Altar Society** in the collection basket or drop off at the Rectory office by

**Sunday, March 22, 2020. Mark the envelope RAS Palm Cross Sale.**

Palm Crosses will be available for pickup after the Masses the weekend of **Saturday, March 28 and Sunday, March 29.**

Please call Joyce Raymond 609-695-9204 if you have questions. Thank you for your support.

#### **Order Form 2020**

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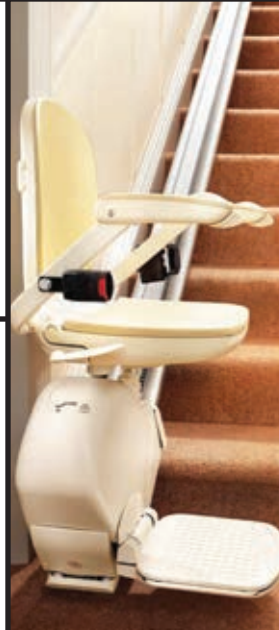
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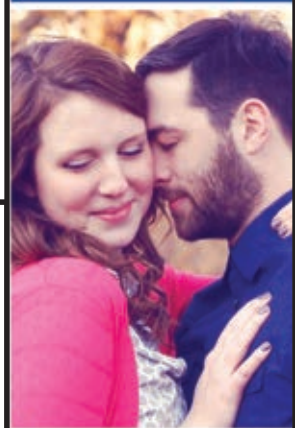


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