



Our Lady of Good Counsel



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • January 19, 2020

137 West Upper Ferry Road • West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

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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

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 Szmuto 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
Frank Ferdetta, Grand Knight 609-883-1559
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 Szmuto 609-947-0587

Senior's Club
Mary Pat Voorhees, President 570-290-2373
Dolores Sebasto, Vice President 609-882-5085

Social Services
James Gambino 609-818-1708

Youth Ministry
Darlene Wilson 609-882-2996

Web Master
Debbie Smith 609-882-3277

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	JANUARY 18, 2020 People of the Parish M/M Richard Russell r/o Michael & Eileen Giglio
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	JANUARY 19, 2020 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Doris Wandishin r/o Bob & Debbie Smith Andrew Giancarli r/o Mrs. Nancy Milano
MONDAY, 7:30 AM	JANUARY 20, 2020 Margaret Flynn r/o Scaccetti Family
TUESDAY, 7:30 AM	JANUARY 21, 2020 Special Intention
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM	JANUARY 22, 2020 Gaetano Martorano r/o Robin & Karen
THURSDAY, 7:30 AM	JANUARY 23, 2020 Special Intention
FRIDAY, 7:30 AM	JANUARY 24, 2020 Laura Varone r/o Dad
SATURDAY, 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	JANUARY 25, 2020 Special Intention Dolores Brienza r/o Elaine Palatine
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	JANUARY 26, 2020 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time For the Intentions of Rich and Elayne Smith r/o Bob & Debbie Smith Ryan Weiss r/o Harry & Sherry Masterson



Registered Parishioners	742 families
Parishioners using envelopes	197
Envelope Contributions	\$3,934.00
Average Contribution	\$19.97
Loose Cash	\$648.00
Contributions for January 12th	\$4,582.00



Extraordinary Ministers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	JANUARY 25 Jackie Crane, Ginny Evans, Fran Zenchak
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:00 AM 10:30 AM	JANUARY 26 Carol & Mike Lake, Mary Szmuto Preferred Care Visits: Claude LeGall Tony Jones, Linda Reasoner, Joyce Christensen

Readers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	JANUARY 25 Maeve Cannon
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	JANUARY 26 Fran Golinski Darlene Wilson

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	JANUARY 25 Connor Grieg
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	JANUARY 26 Brayden Spina James Gummel

Parish Events

Saturday, January 18 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



Religious Education Classes Sunday, January 19 for Grade 8 will take place in the Rectory from 9:15 to 10:25 AM

Monday, January 20 for Grades 1-7 Classes are CLOSED for the Martin Luther King Holiday.



Pray for our Sick:

Ben Agtuca, Michael Babick, Rosemarie Buker, Richard Cook, Sara Cooper, Daniel DeFrancesco, Gregory DeFillippo, Elizabeth Gervasoni, Nick Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Kevin McBride, Dolores Megesy, Keith Mello, Joan Moore, Marie Muscente, Kim Nash, Angelika Niranjan, Rita Obed, Vincent O'Dell, Joan Pachuta, Jeff Papp, Pat Robinson, Lucy Saganowski, Kristy Shanahan, Joan Shaw, Elayne Smith, 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.

*Life is Precious
From Conception
To Natural Death*

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Parish Facility Improvement Project

All registered parishioners have already received or will receive a letter and a donation/pledge card within the next few days asking for your support of our ongoing Parish Hall renovation and HVAC replacement. Please take the time to read the letter and prayerfully consider supporting this necessary project here at Our Lady of Good Counsel. For those who do not receive the letter and card in the mail, copies will also be placed at all the entrances of the Church, along with instructions of how you can support us.

Thank you for all you do and please pray for a successful completion of this project.

F.A. Mike

Parish Outreach for Q4 2019

Thank you for your continued generosity. For the 4th Quarter our Social Services Committee volunteers delivered to Catholic Charities and Mount Carmel Guild:

214 frozen food tray meals, 12 turkeys, 2 other frozen items, 162 bags/boxes of non-perishable food (includes Thanksgiving food), 63 bags/boxes of clothes, 2 bags of personal care items, 14 bags/boxes of household items and 57 bags/boxes of miscellaneous items (includes Christmas gifts).

Note: food trays and instructions may be found in all church vestibules.

Parishioners should know that in our weekly deliveries to these charities we regularly hear sincere expressions of appreciation for your continued generosity. Their thanks for all of our food and meal donations always get special mention. Thanks for all you do for parish outreach to help those in need!

New Jersey Right to Life

Will hold its annual Rally for Life at the State House Annex in Trenton on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Evening of Prayer – January 22, 2020

In observance of the 47th anniversary of Roe v Wade, the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion, St. Raphael-Holy Angels Parish's Respect Life Committee invite you to an evening of prayer on Wednesday, January 22 beginning with the 6:30 p.m. Mass in St. Raphael Church, 3500 South Broad Street, Hamilton. The Catholic Bishops of the U.S. have designated January 22 as a day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." Evening of prayer includes exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the rosary, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. Since 1973, More than 60 million babies' lives have been lost to abortion in the US Join us in praying for an end to abortion.

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Class of 2024: Where will ND lead you?

Come to understand the "Notre Dame Effect." Topics include a Portrait of a Freshman, the Parent Experience, and Affording Notre Dame. Join us for an event specifically for prospective freshmen and their families on one of the following dates:

Monday January 20: 6pm-7pm

Saturday February 1: 8:30am-10am

Irish for a Day - March 11, 2020

We have several opportunities for students in grades 8 through 11 to come and spend the day at Notre Dame with a Student Ambassador. To register, please contact the admissions office at 609-882-7900.

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Interested students are highly encouraged to spend a Shadow Day with a current TCA Student Ambassador. They will attend classes together, interact with teachers and other students, and gain exposure to other facets of daily life at TCA.

For Lower School students please Call 609-586-5888, x141 or Upper School please call 609-586-3705 x119 and make convenient arrangements.



SAINT ANN SCHOOL –

OPEN HOUSE -January 29, 2020

9 AM & 7 PM, 34 Rossa Ave. Lawrenceville, NJ. Let us know you

are coming register online today at

www.saintannschool.org or call 609-882-8077.

We are accepting registrations for pre-kindergarten to eighth grade. Personal tours available – call Alessandra Fallon 609-882-8077x220 or afallon@st-ann-school.org



St. Paul School of Princeton –

Open House – January 26, 2020

11:00 am – 2:00 pm.

PreK through Grade 8

To register please contact Michele Cano Director of Admissions and Advancement (609) 921-7587 x149



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January 19, 2020

Reflection on the Sunday Readings - Eleonore Stump

[Reading I: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6](#)

[Responsorial Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10](#)

[Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3](#)

[Gospel: John 1:29-34](#)



Failure

The [First Reading](#) gives us something rare in Scripture: a dialogue between God the Father and the Messiah he sent. But if you look at the verse numbers of our First Reading, you will see that Verse 4 has been omitted.

The preceding [Verse 3](#) is God's line to the Messiah. My way of phrasing it would be, "you are my servant, and you will be a spectacular success; people will be able to see the glory of God by looking at you." This is a powerful expression of praise and affirmation, isn't it? But guess how the Messiah responds to God in the omitted [Verse 4](#)?

All that success came only after the death of the Messiah.

In the first of his two lines in [Verse 4](#), the Messiah says (in my way of phrasing it), "I have labored in vain. I have used all my strength, and it has all been for nothing." This line is a powerful expression of failure, isn't it?

You can see why someone might have thought Christ's mission was a failure. The people passing by Christ on the cross certainly didn't see the glory of God in him then! And by the time of his death, the work of Christ's life had come only to this: he had a handful of disciples and a few women as hangers-on. If the goal was to bring salvation to the world, you can see that this result would look like total failure.

But here is the gist of what God says in [Verses 5-6](#), in response to the Messiah's expression of failure in Verse 4: You are glorious in the sight of the Lord, and God is your strength. Just saving Israel is too small a success for you; you will bring salvation to all the ends of the earth.

The first communities of Christians and all the apostles were Jewish. By now there are Christian communities in every non-Jewish part of the earth, too. And so Christ's mission to bring salvation to the Jews and the Gentiles was a glorious success, as in the [First Reading](#) God predicted it would be.

But all that success came only after the death of the Messiah.

Our success, like our glory, needs to be through God's strength, in God's sight, and in God's time. And that is why, in the second of his two lines in the omitted Verse 4, the Messiah says, "my judgment is with the Lord, and my work is with my God."

Eleonore Stump

KNIGHTS KORNER NEWS



Knights of Columbus Ewing Council 3756

The Knights of Columbus will be participating in a nine day Novena for Life from January 21 to 29. We ask you to join us. Prayer cards will be handed out at each Mass on the weekend of January 18-19. You can add these to your daily prayers.



The Morris Hall sing-a-long group is in need of a volunteer piano accompanist on Tuesday afternoons from 2:30-3:30. We use a digital piano so transposing isn't a problem. If you have an hour a week and would like to enhance the lives of the elders, please contact Susan Pierce at susankellypierce@gmail.com or at 609 392-3904.

MARIAN SERVANTS® of the Holy Family from St. Gregory the Great Church in Hamilton Square are hosting a Healing Mass on Saturday, February 1st. from 10-12. Fr. Anthony Baetzold from the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will be leading the day with a Holy Hour and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, confession, and the rosary. We will then have a Healing Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and Veneration of a Relic of the True Cross.

Francis House of Prayer - VALENTINE'S EVENING FOR COUPLES Friday, February 14 6:00 – 8:30 PM

Liturgy, renewal of marriage vows and a full course dinner highlight this most enjoyable way to celebrate Valentine's Day. Celebrate the love between you all these years and look forward to the years ahead with gratitude and joy. Mass starts at 6 PM. Sign up early! Limited to 20 couples. Presider: Rev. Bill Lago. Donation: \$60/couple with pre-registration, 609-877-0509 or FHOP@verizon.net FHOP is located at 84 Walnford Road • Allentown, NJ 08501. Please check www.FHOP.org for directions and all program offerings.

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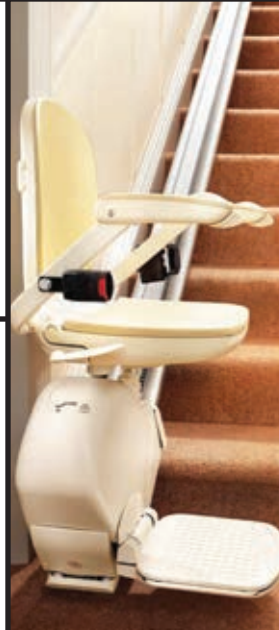
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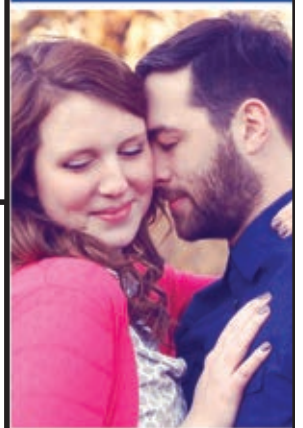


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