



# Our Lady of Good Counsel



**THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • January 26, 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](http://olgcc.net)  
E-mail: [rectoryoffice@olgcc.net](mailto:rectoryoffice@olgcc.net)

**Religious Education**  
Brenda O'Callaghan, CRE 609-883-9005  
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# Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

## Mass Intentions

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	<b>JANUARY 25, 2020</b> Special Intention Dolores Brienza r/o Elaine Palatine
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	<b>JANUARY 26, 2020</b> <b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> For the Intentions of Rich and Elayne Smith r/o Bob & Debbie Smith Ryan Weiss r/o Harry & Sherry Masterson
<b>MONDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>JANUARY 27, 2020</b> John Gusz r/o Barbara Gusz Fekete & Walley Families r/o Family Mark Conte r/o Wife
<b>TUESDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>JANUARY 28, 2020</b> For the Intentions of Suzanne Sibley r/o Mother
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>JANUARY 29, 2020</b> Special Intention
<b>THURSDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>JANUARY 30, 2020</b> For the Intentions of Suzanne Sibley r/o Mother
<b>FRIDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>JANUARY 31, 2020</b> Frank Szmuto r/o Szmuto Family
<b>SATURDAY,</b> 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	<b>FEBRUARY 1, 2020</b> Special Intention Dorothy S. Peeney r/o Elaine Palatine
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	<b>FEBRUARY 2, 2020</b> <b>Presentation of the Lord</b> People of the Parish Andrew Giancarli r/o Bernardino Zangrilli



Registered Parishioners	742 families
Parishioners using envelopes	168
Envelope Contributions	\$3,644.00
Average Contribution	\$21.69
Loose Cash	\$651.00
Contributions for January 19th	\$4,295.00



**Coins for Charity** Containers will be available all entrances to the Church next weekend, February 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!

## Extraordinary Ministers

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>FEBRUARY 1</b> Vicky Aneser, Ginny Evans, Mary Szmuto
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM 10:00 AM 10:30 AM	<b>FEBRUARY 2</b> Dennis Hice, Butch Kramer, Tom Maguire <b>Preferred Care Visits:</b> Anna Adamaitis Tony Jones, Claude LeGall

## Readers

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>FEBRUARY 1</b> Mary Lou Delahanty
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	<b>FEBRUARY 2</b> Sean Feddema Mary Anne LeGall

## Altar Servers

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>FEBRUARY 1</b> Marcus Christensen
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	<b>FEBRUARY 2</b> Jacob Pasquito Dylan Rutkowski

## Parish Events

**2019 Envelope Contribution Statements** The Internal Revenue Service requires written documentation for donations to charitable organizations in the amount of **\$250.00 or more. Statements for 2019 were mailed to those contributing \$250.00 or more.** Please call the Rectory Office if you did not receive a statement, 609-882-3277. Thank you.

**Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>** 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, February 2nd** for Grade 8 will take place in the Rectory from 9:15 to 10:25 AM  
**Monday, February 3rd** Classes Grades 1-7, 4-6:30 at Villa.



## Pray for our Sick:

Ben Agtuca, Michael Babick, Rosemarie Buker, Dianne Claire, Richard Cook, Sara Cooper, Daniel DeFrancesco, Gregory DeFillippo, Elizabeth Gervasoni, Nick Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Marie Hegyi, Kevin McBride, Dolores Megesy, Keith Mello, Joan Moore, Marie Muscente, Kim Nash, Angelika Niranjana, 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.

**Pope Francis established the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time -- Sunday January 26, 2020** ---as "Sunday of the Word of God" to highlight the centrality of sacred scripture in our Christian Life. The day will be devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the Word of God".

# Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Parish Facility Improvement Project

Although we only mailed out the Renovation Campaign letters in the middle of last week, by this past weekend we had already begun receiving some generous responses from parishioners. Thank you so much for supporting this needed work. Remember that you can fill out your pledge card and mail it back, place it in the collection basket, or drop it off at the Rectory Office. You can also enroll in Parish Giving through our website [www.olgcc.net](http://www.olgcc.net) and make your pledge online using automated bank transfers or through a credit card. Again, if you have any questions please let me know, and I will do my best to answer. As the campaign moves along, there will be updates about how we are progressing towards reaching our goal of \$200,000.



I am aware that some who would like to use the online option of Parish Giving for their donations are uncomfortable having the collection basket pass by while sitting in the pews during the Offertory.

If that is the case, when you login to your Parish Giving account, under the Documents tab, there is a printable coupon that can be placed in your envelope or in the collection basket that reads "I participate in the Electronic Giving Program." Just another option to make it easier for you. Again, thank you so much for your support. Fortunately, there is light at the end of the tunnel for the Heating and Air Conditioning portion of the project, and we will see real progress on the rest of the building upgrades in the next few weeks.

*God Bless you. Fr. Mike*

## ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Applications for the Annual Rev. Msgr. Crean Scholarship are now available on our parish home page, [www.olgcc.net](http://www.olgcc.net) or by calling the parish office at 609-882-3227. The scholarship is sponsored by the Mercer County Federation of Holy Name Societies in memory of Msgr. Crean. Msgr. Crean died on March 14, 1956, in a fire that devastated the St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral rectory, Trenton. He ran through the rectory building in the early hours of that fateful morning alerting and awaking the others who were sleeping. He died trying to save the lives of two of the rectory housekeepers, who also tragically perished in the fire.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

The Polish Arts Club of Trenton announces the availability of \$1,500 scholarships to qualified high school seniors of Polish descent to assist in their pursuit of a college education. For details and an application, please visit our website [www.trentonpolisharts.org](http://www.trentonpolisharts.org).

Applications must be submitted by February 20, 2020.



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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.saintannschoool.org](http://www.saintannschoool.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](mailto:afallon@st-ann-school.org)

## 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:

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.

# January 26, 2020

## Saint Blaise Blessing of Throats

February 1st and 2nd at all weekend Masses.



**How do we know about St. Blaise?** The first we ever hear of St. Blaise is in the notes of a doctor—Aëtius Amidenus—writing nearly a hundred years after Blaise’s death; he mentions the saint with regard to help with objects stuck in the throat. What we know about Blaise’s actual life comes from tradition and a book called *The Acts of St. Blaise*—written a few hundred years after Dr. Amidenus mentioned him in passing. While what we know is largely the stuff of legend, the Church doesn’t dismiss it entirely, given the long liturgical roots of devotion to St. Blaise.

Where did the whole throat thing start? Blaise is said to have lived in Armenia, where he became bishop of Sebastea, which became quite the destination spot. This was due largely to Blaise’s sanctity, Christian example and the many miraculous cures of body and spirit reportedly happening around him. Okay, maybe it was mostly the miraculous cures.

Like many a martyr, Blaise was rounded up in a persecution—this one ordered by Emperor Licinius of Rome. On his way to jail, a woman whose son was choking on a fishbone placed the boy at Blaise’s feet, and...you guessed it! The boy was miraculously cured. And the cures didn’t stop there. They mustn’t have. It’s not likely that people would stay so devoted to a saint who wasn’t holding up his end of the deal. Even in today’s oh-so-practical world, people line up every St. Blaise Day to have a priest hold two crisscrossed candles above their heads or around their throats, asking protection from illness.

Why candles?

### Saint Blaise and the miracle of the candles

Apparently, St. Blaise’s trip to jail was a busy one. As the story goes, in addition to the woman whose son he helped, Blaise met another woman whose pig had been taken by a wolf. Blaise, known for having a way with animals, commanded the wolf to let the pig go, which it did. Maybe the wolf owed him a favor; tradition says that animals, as well as people, would come to Blaise for healing.

Whatever the reason, the woman, thankful for a successful hostage negotiation, brought Blaise two candles so he could have light in his jail cell. To this day, St. Blaise is often depicted holding two candles—and that woman’s gift, a gesture of appreciation, has become a gesture of supplication as our priests hold candles over us in prayer on the Feast of St. Blaise.

### What else do we know about Saint Blaise?

Sources say that, in addition to being jailed, St. Blaise was also brutally tortured and later beheaded. The instruments of torture are said to have been steel combs resembling the combs used on wool; that connection led to St. Blaise being looked to as patron of those involved in the wool trade. One of the most popular saints during the Middle Ages, St. Blaise was also numbered among the Fourteen Holy Helpers—saints renowned for protecting people from dangers, especially various illness.

February 1-2 at all Masses the Feast of St. Blaise will be observed with the blessing of throats by our Priest and Deacon praying - “Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

**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](mailto: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](mailto:FHOP@verizon.net) FHOP is located at 84 Walnford Road • Allentown, NJ 08501. Please check [www.FHOP.org](http://www.FHOP.org) for directions and all program offerings.



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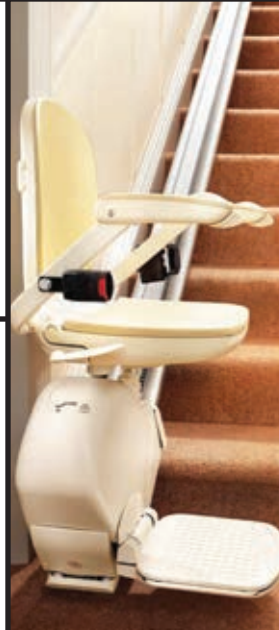
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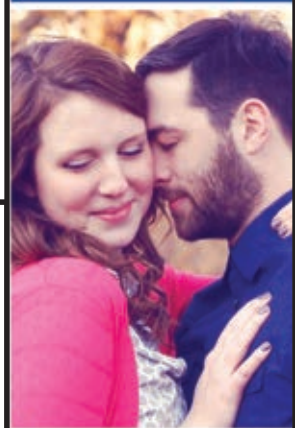


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