



Our Lady of Good Counsel

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March 12, 2023

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday — Friday 7:30 am

Saturday — 8:00 am

Monday's of Holiday Weekends ~ Daily

Mass time moves to **8:30 am**

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am

10:30 am

Confession: 4:00 to 4:30 pm

Saturdays ~ Mask are required.

Holy Days

7:30 AM, Noon & 7:00 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament First Friday of every month 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Registration: All parishioners should be registered. Please contact the Rectory Office.

Secretary:

Monday-Wednesday Debbie Smith

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

137 West Upper Ferry Road, West Trenton, N

Parish Ministries & Services

Parish Rectory & Office

609-882-3277

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Monday thru Friday

Religious Education—Brenda O'Callaghan, CRE

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Deacon Steve Szmuto 609-947-0587

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Infant Baptism Mary Szmuto 609-847-0796

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Tom DeFalco, Grand Knight 609-882-6480

George Steward, Church Director 609-883-9173

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Marys of Mary~Mary Arcadipane 609-883-7620

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Sr.'s Club Mary Pat Voorhees, Pres. 570-290-2373

Dolores Sebasto, Vice President 609-882-5085

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	MARCH 11, 2023 Renato & Matilda Carabelli r/o John & Jo Ann Jaremback Antonio Muscente r/o Donna & David Collins
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	MARCH 12, 2023 3rd Sunday of Lent Joseph & Janet Furey r/o Son, Steven Vito Marseglia r/o Sherry Masterson & Family Intentions of Dennis Martin
MONDAY, 7:30 AM	MARCH 13, 2023 Intentions of John R. O'Brien r/o Elaine Palatine
TUESDAY, 7:30 AM	MARCH 14, 2023 Intentions of Joanne Sebetic r/o Elaine Palatine
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM	MARCH 15, 2023 Barbara Rattigan r/o Theresa Andreoli
THURSDAY, 7:30 AM	MARCH 16, 2023 Hannnah Malki r/o Barbara Kelly Michael Wilk & Rose Macciocca r/o Family
FRIDAY, 7:30 AM 7:00 PM	MARCH 17, 2023 Intentions of Steven K. Szmuto r/o Family STATIONS of the CROSS
SATURDAY, 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	MARCH 18, 2023 Special Intention John & Anna Jaremback r/o John & Jo Ann Jaremback Daniel J. DeFrancesco r/o Donna & David Collins
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	MARCH 19, 2023 4th Sunday of Lent Joseph & Janet Furey r/o Son, Steven

CHURCH SUPPORT

Registered Parish Families	677
Parishioners using envelopes	129
Envelope Contributions	\$3,314.00
Average Contribution	\$25.69
Loose Cash	569.00
Total Contributions March 5th	\$3,883.00
Parish Giving for February	\$3,932.00

Thank you for your generosity.

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Readers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	MARCH 18 Catherine Ard
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	MARCH 19 Keri Wilkes Maeve Cannon

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	MARCH 18 Ginny Evans
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	MARCH 19 Laura Shea Tony Jones

Altar Servers

FRIDAY 7:00 PM	MARCH 17 Stations of the Cross Dylan Rutkowski, Brayden Spina, Daniel Wilkes
SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	MARCH 18 Nathan Stankus
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	MARCH 19 Brayden Spina & Daniel Wilkes Dylan Rutkowski

News & Events

Sunday, March 12 R.C.I.A. 10:30 Mass—First Scrutiny. Session follows in St. Mary Room 11:30-3:30.

Wednesday, March 15, OLGc will host the Lenten Pilgrim Mass-Mercer County Station Church. At 6:00 p.m. Please come and welcome our Mercer County Brothers and Sisters.

Thursday, March 16, Good News Sunday meeting in St. Joseph Room at 7:00 PM and on Friday morning at 10:00 AM.

Friday, March 10, Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday at 7 PM in Church.

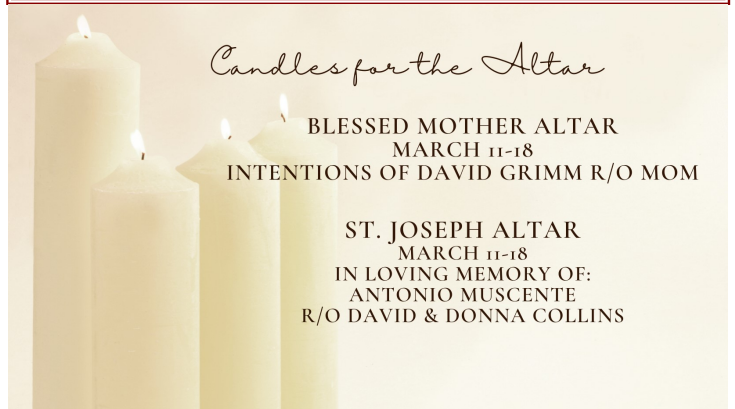
Saturday, March 18 Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass. Reconciliation 4:00-4:30 p.m. Mask required.

Pray for our Sick: Rosemarie Buker, Richard Cook, Katie Dao, Helen Marie Dolton, John Finn, Al Gatto, Leo Genovesi, Brian Gershon, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Theresa Gregorio, Leslie Hall, Sherri Hanlon, James A. Keenan, IV, Carol Lake, Laura Lynch, Kevin McBride, Keith Mello, Joan Moore, Marie Muscente, Kim Nash, Angelika Niranjan, Carol Perrine, Lucy Saganowski, Vincent Schnell, G. Welly Samuels, Debbie Sattler, Gregory Schafer, Dolores Sebasto, Kristy Shanahan, Steve Schmierer, Linda Solinski, Erin Cahill Wetzel, Stanley Wrobel, 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

Candles for the Altar

BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR
MARCH 11-18
INTENTIONS OF DAVID GRIMM R/O MOM

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR
MARCH 11-18
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
ANTONIO MUSCENTE
R/O DAVID & DONNA COLLINS



MARCH 12TH ~ THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

3rd Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2,6-9; Rom 5:1-2,5-8; Jn 4:5-42

Wearied by his journey, Jesus sat down beside a well. It was about the sixth hour. Already divine mysteries begin. Not for nothing is Jesus wearied. Not for nothing does the Power of God suffer fatigue. Not for nothing does he who refreshes the weary endure weariness. Not for nothing is he wearied, whose absence makes us weary, whose presence gives us strength.

Jesus is tired, tired out by his journey. He sits down. On the edge of a well he seats himself. It is midday, and he sits there exhausted. All these details have meaning. They are meant to signify something. They capture our attention, persuading us to knock and investigate further. We have Christ's own exhortation to do so, for he said: *Knock and it will be opened to you.* May he, then, open up the meaning of this text to us as well as to you.

It was for your sake that Jesus was wearied by his journey. In Jesus we encounter divine power together with weakness. He is strong and weak at one and the same time. Strong, because in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God, present with God from the beginning. Would you know how strong the Son of God is? All things were made through him, and apart from him nothing came into being. The whole universe was made without effort. Could any greater power exist than the power of one who was able effortlessly to construct the entire universe?

And would you know him in his weakness? The Word was made flesh, and lived among us. The power of Christ created you: the weakness of Christ recreated you. Christ's power caused what did not exist to come into being. Christ's weakness saved existing things from destruction. In his might he fashioned us. In his weakness he came in search of us.

Jesus, then, is weak, tired out after his journey. Now that journey of his, undertaken for our sake, was his incarnation. How could he otherwise journey when he is present everywhere, and absent from nowhere? To what place or from what place could he travel? In only one way could he come to us, and that was by assuming our visible human flesh. Since, then, he condescended to come to us in that way, and to appear in the condition of a servant by taking to himself a human nature, that assumption of our nature was his journey.

The fatigue caused by his journey, therefore, was the weariness Jesus experienced in our human nature. In his human body he was weak, but you must not be weak. You must be strong in his weakness, for there is more power in divine weakness than in human strength.

Augustine (354-430)



CLASSES: Sunday, March 12 Gr. 8, at 7 PM Parish Hall. **Monday, March 13** Grades 1-7, 6 PM Hall.
First Communion Retreat: March 25, 10 am -12 pm Parish Hall.

Parents please note: *Pictures* are needed of all students receiving their First Communion and Confirmation this year. Please email a .jpeg photo to Dsmith@olgcc.net or drop off to the Parish Office. Photo's will be featured in the parish bulletin and on our website. Thanks for your help.

RCIA



This weekend begins the Scrutiny's which take place on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent.

Sunday, March 12th at the 10:30 Mass we will witness the **First Scrutiny and Presentation of the Creed.**

What is the Rite of First Scrutiny? The Elect have hands laid upon them and are prayed over and pray that they may reject everything in their lives that is contrary to Christ.

Please keep our catechumen in your prayers as they continue to full communion at the Easter Vigil.

Blessings To You



On Your First Reconciliation

Our prayerful **Congratulations** to the young people of the parish who received their Sacrament of First Penance March 11th

Elizabeth Baron-Andrejco
Alana Collazo
Mia Grell
Spencer Herbert
Arianna Ramierz

Antonio Cifelli
Autumn Erney
Miles Hartmann
Lilia Policarpio
Gabriella Ramierz

SUPPORT CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Next week our parish will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection.** Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.org/catholic-relief.

Please place both envelopes in the one collection basket.

Thank you for your generosity.



Newly Formed Eucharistic Ministry to Nursing Home

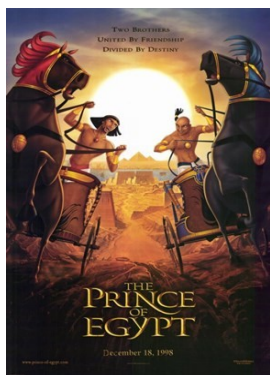
OLGC has a new ministry to bring the Eucharist to Catholic residents at Greenwood House in Ewing on a weekly basis. Some have not received Communion in over three years. We are asking for anyone interested in volunteering for this worthwhile project to call **Mary Arcadipane at 609-532-1595** or email: **marcadipane@hotmail.com**. Training will be provided if you're not a Eucharistic Minister and the volunteers must meet the following Covid criteria: 2 Covid Vaccines and one booster, Show vaccination card 1 time for their records, Wear a mask while in facility, Take a Covid Test (they provide on site) before entering the facility. Depending on the number of volunteers we get the schedule would be once every 4-6 weeks. An activities person will walk you around & gather residents for a small prayer service. Total time at GWH is one hour. We prayerfully ask you to consider this important ministry.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

On behalf of Bishop O'Connell, thank you to all who have already made a gift to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal. Early indications are very encouraging and we hope this positive momentum continues. Our generous parishioners have pledged \$11,185.00 (which is 46% of our goal) towards our parish goal of \$24,500.00. If you have not yet made a gift, please consider supporting our diocese by choosing a ministry to support. To donate, please use the card/envelope mailed to you or pick up one in the vestibule of the church or go online:

dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

**SATURDAY,
MARCH 18TH**

**PARISH HALL
6 PM**

THE PRINCE OF EGYPT

Please join us for Family Movie Night in the Parish Hall following Saturday 5:00 PM Vigil Mass. We will provide pizza dinner, popcorn and snacks. Feel free to bring blankets and pillows for kids to watch from the floor.



LENTEN STATION CHURCHES

A Lenten pilgrimage takes us to Holy Ground, the Station Churches, are located here in our County. Join fellow pilgrims by visiting the designated Churches for a Lenten evening Mass. For the complete schedule please go to our webpage www.OLGCC.net and

click on **Lent Resources** on the top menu bar. Come to all or as many as you are able to attend.

Our Lady of Good Counsel will be the Station Church host Wednesday, March 15 at 6:00 P.M.

This week's Churches:

Monday, March 13, St. John the Baptist (7:00 PM) ~

1282 Yardville-Allentown Rd, Allentown, NJ

Tuesday, March 14, St. Ann (7:00 PM) ~

1253 Lawrence Road (Rt 206 South), Lawrenceville

Wednesday, March 15, OLGCC (6:00 PM)

137 W. Upper Ferry Road, West Trenton

Thursday, March 16, St. Joachim (7:00 PM) ~

19 Bayard Street, Trenton, NJ

Friday, March 17, St. Alphonsus (12 Noon) ~

54 East Prospect St., Hopewell, NJ

The purpose of the Station Churches is to provide an opportunity to visit some of the beautiful Churches in our area and to worship with other Catholics of Mercer County. Make this part of your Lenten Journey.



HELP IS NEEDED! FRIDAY, MARCH 24TH

Friday evening following Stations of the Cross

we will meet in the Parish Hall to stuff the Easter Eggs for our Parish Easter Egg Hunt. This is the perfect opportunity for Confirmation Students to earn their necessary service hours. Adults welcome too. For more information please contact Joyce Christensen at 609-651-0466.

Villa Victoria Academy Presents:

You're a Good Man Charlie Brown. March 10-12, 2023



Friday and Saturday Night at 7 pm, Sunday at 2 pm. in the Villa theatre., 376 W. Upper Ferry Road.

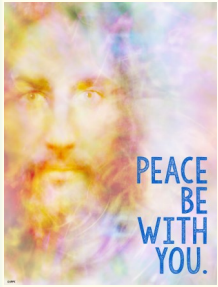
Tickets are \$16 and available at the door or online:

<https://www.showtix4u.comevent->



The Community of Parishes
Lenten Penance Service
Saturday, March 18
10:00 AM
Sacred Heart Church
 343 SOUTH BROAD STREET,
 TRENTON, NEW JERSEY
 08608

Priest from all three parishes will be available for Confessions.



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL
Lenten Penance Service
Saturday, March 25
3:30—4:30 PM
Church
 Additional Priest will be available for Confessions.

WELCOME

MOST REVEREND DAVID M. O'CONNELL, C.M.

We are pleased to welcome our Bishop to our parish to celebrate our **Palm Sunday Mass** at 10:30 AM.

There will only be one mass at 10:30 AM, Palm Sunday, April 2nd

We encourage all parishioners to come and join in the Solemn Liturgy commemorating Our Lord's Passion and the Institution of the Eucharist with our Bishop.

Our Religious Education Students will play a special part in the Liturgy. Refreshments will follow in the Parish Hall.



DISPENSATION FROM ABSTINENCE SAINT PATRICK'S DAY 3/17/23



Our Bishop is granting a dispensation from the obligation to abstain from eating meat to Catholics of the Diocese of Trenton on Friday, March 17. Those Catholics taking advantage of the dispensation, however, are asked to transfer the Friday abstinence obligation to another day of their choosing in Lent or to perform a work of charity (for example, a donation to the poor) or some exercise of piety (for example, a visit to Church and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, a rosary, or some other prayer, etc.) to fulfill the spirit of the obligation.

FAMILY MASS & EASTER EGG HUNT

THE OLGC ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT WILL BEGIN WITH A SPECIAL BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN AT 10:30 MASS

DATE: MARCH 26, 2023

ALL FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN US AT MASS FOLLOWED BY THE EASTER EGG HUNT ON THE PARISH GROUNDS

Volunteers are needed Contact Joyce Christensen 609-651-0466

Inclement weather the hunt will be held in the Church Hall.



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!

THE TRENTON THUNDER is sponsoring

FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT!

TRENTON THUNDER vs. WILLIAMSPORT CROSSCUTTERS **SATURDAY, JULY 29TH AT 6:30 P.M.** Faith based music pregame, FIREWORKS and Fun!

Call the Rectory to reserve your \$8.00 tickets, 609-882-3277.

We will sit together as a group in section 203 on the First base side.

Don't miss the Fun!

Now Available on our Church Vestibule CD Rack... Eucharistic Revival Focused CD's

Eucharistic Vision CD

In a recent Pew survey, two-thirds of Catholics reported that they did not know or believe in the Church's teaching on the Eucharist. Diving into the writings of early doctors and fathers of the Church, and drawing upon his own experience as a scholar of history, practicing Catholic, and former Protestant, Dr. John Sehorn addresses the "mind-boggling" and difficult truth of Jesus' presence in the Blessed Sacrament. It is a truth that confronts us, challenges us, and is one of the greatest gifts that we will ever receive.

Spirituali-Tea... What better way to celebrate the Easter season and increase your spiritual growth than to attend the Spirituali-Tea sponsored by the ISJ Rosary Altar Society. The date is Saturday, March 25, 2023, 1:00-3:00 in the Incarnation Church Auditorium. Please plan to participate in this spiritual and enriching program.



This year Father Christopher Colavito, is our guest speaker. He has been a Priest for seven years, Chaplin at the College of NJ and Holy Cross High School and an Adjunct Professor at Seton Hall University.

This is a time when we can share in each other's special delights. Your delectable finger cakes, cookies and sandwiches are welcome. We will provide an assortment of teas. To RSVP please call Mary Frances Mendola

at 609/883-1865 or Joyce Raymond at 609/306-0663 to register before March 19. We look forward to seeing you at the Spirituali-Tea program.



Happy almost First Day of Spring!

Remember with Spring comes the Spirituali-Tea Saturday, March 25!

A quick phone call will reserve your place for Spiritual fun. Come join us!



Good Friday Liturgy

Despite Good Friday's central role in the heart of Christianity, attendance at services remains low. In an effort to change this Ewing Council 3756 is asking as many parishioners as possible join representatives of the Council in attending Good Friday services with their families.

Liturgy of the Lords Passion

Solemn Liturgical Service and Holy Communion
3:00 PM.

Solemn Stations of the Cross with Veneration
7:00 PM

Brothers will also have Prayer Cards for Christian Refugee Relief available.



The **Ewing Knights of Columbus** are sponsoring a **Diaper Drive to benefit Choice One the weekends of March 18/19 and 25/26.** You can bring your gifts to any mass those two weekends. **Please leave them in the Parish Hall on or under the tables marked "Diaper Drive."** Diapers, wipes, and new baby items, Bibs, Blankets, bottles, pacifiers, shampoo, brushes and combs are also requested. Gifts do not need to be wrapped. Gift Cards may be place in the weekly collection basket in an envelope marked Diaper Drive or you may drop them off to the Rectory.

Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.