

Our Lady of Good Counsel

EASTER SUNDAY • APRIL 4, 2021

Jesus Christ is risen today,
ALLELUIA!



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April 4, 2021, Our Lady of Good Counsel



SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 2021 HOLY SATURDAY

No Morning Masses permitted

7:30 PM EASTER VIGIL MASS

The People of the Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021 EASTER SUNDAY

8:30 AM Carol Smith Hanson

r/o Nino & Angeline Como

10:30 AM Newly Initiated Members of the Church

MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021

7:30 AM Tess Papp

r/o Thomas & Theresa Keuper

TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021

7:30 AM Fekete & Walley Family Deceased

r/o Family

Thomas Aquinas McMyne r/o Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021

7:30 AM Carmine Armenti r/o Lillian M. Edolo

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2021

7:30 AM Andrew Kasoney

r/o Herbert & Kathleen Radeer

FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2021

7:30 AM Erma & Edward Solinski

r/o Linda Solinski

SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2021 Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00 AM Special Intention

5:00 PM People of the Parish

Carol Smith Hanson

r/o Tony & Gina DiMascio

SUNDAY, APRIL 11 2021

8:30 AM Nina Casacchia r/o Fred & Mary Como

Daniel DeFrancesco r/o Rosemarie Ferri

10:30 AM Antonio & Laura DeLellis r/o Children



Readers

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

7:30 PM Trish Williams

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

8:30 AM Laura Shea

10:30 AM Mike Delehanty



Pray for our Sick:

Rosemarie Buker, Richard Cook, Sara Cooper, Al Gatto, Elizabeth Gervasoni, Theresa Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Marie Hegyi, Kevin McBride, Keith Mello, Lorraine Metzgar, Joan Moore, Marie Muscente, Kim Nash, Angelika Niranjan, Joan Pachuta, Carol Perrine, Lucy Saganowski, Kristy Shanahan, Linda Solinski, Paul Sollami, Lauren Williams 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.



Visit our parish website:

olgcc.net

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Both icons will link you to the Live Stream Broadcast. Daily Masses Monday-Friday 7:30 am, Saturday 8:00 am. Sunday Mass Streamed at 10:30 A.M. Stations of the Cross Fridays at 7:00 pm

ALLELUIA!



Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, And I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this

moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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Make the Faith come alive for your family
Faith At Home is a **one page resource** that is intended to accompany families during the week in preparation for attending Sunday Mass. Grab this great resource for your family.

Click on the Link: <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/holy-week-at-home>



<https://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org/>

Marriage Encounter

Now that Spring is here, why not shake off those winter blues and pump some new life into your marriage. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. Join us from the comfort of your home via Zoom for eight evening sessions, 7 – 9:30PM, presented on Sunday & Wednesday evenings from April 11 – May 4. Phone Tom & Ruth DeFalco

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SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP – ST. RAPHAEL – HAMILTON

The Fundamentals Summer Basketball Camp will be held at St. Raphael Gym in Hamilton. In its 21st season, the camp will run from 9 AM to 3 PM, Monday through Friday during the following weeks: June 21, June 28, July 5 and July 12. It is open to boys and girls from grades K-8. Staff includes high school and college players and coaches. For more information and a camp brochure please send an email to funhoops2000@hotmail.com or speak directly to Mr. Vince Peroni, Camp Director, at (609) 577-6265.



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If you need help, please contact us: 800-360-7711 or www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org



Welcome New parishioners! New parishioners are encouraged to register as soon as possible after moving into the parish. Registration is our only means of certifying anyone as a member of our parish. It is also important for testimonial letters regarding sponsorship for the sacraments, recommendations for positions, schools, character & references.



Retrouvaille: Rediscover the Love In Your Marriage! Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of April 16 - 18, 2021 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



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Catholic Charities News

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton has been tasked by the New Jersey Department of Health

to remove barriers and improve access to COVID-19 vaccines, tests, and education in underserved communities in Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean counties. Parish outreach is a key component of the initiative, which focuses on Latino and Black residents. Learn more here: <https://www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org/covid-19-community-outreach/>

Questions? Contact Catholic Charities Community Nurse Educator Lauren DeVries at (609) 819-6690 or ldevries@cctrenton.org.

FIVE THINGS to REMEMBER
about In-Church Masses ...

- 1 Dispensation from Sunday Mass obligation** remains in effect for all Catholics of the Diocese.
- 2 Diocesan Directives** posted to DioceseofTrenton.org/coronavirus remain in effect.
- 3 Masks** (properly worn) are required.
- 4 Social distancing** must be observed.
- 5 Occupancy limits** will be enforced.

Information published by the Diocese of Trenton

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – APRIL 11, 2021



Jesus I Trust in You



We must never doubt God's mercy. It is the greatest attribute of God. He told St. Faustina, "Tell aching mankind to snuggle close to My merciful Heart, and I will fill it with peace." (Diary of St. Faustina 1074). "Jesus, I Trust in You" are the words that the Lord asked to be inscribed at the bottom of the Image of Divine Mercy. Our Lord said, "The more a soul trusts, the more graces it will receive" (Diary of St. Faustina 1578). Everyone is encouraged to go to Confession during Lent or the week preceding Divine Mercy Sunday. "On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. The soul that will go to Confession [beforehand] and receive Holy Communion [on that day] shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" (Diary of St. Faustina 699). To learn more about The Divine Mercy, visit: www.thedivinemercy.org/celebrate/greatgrace



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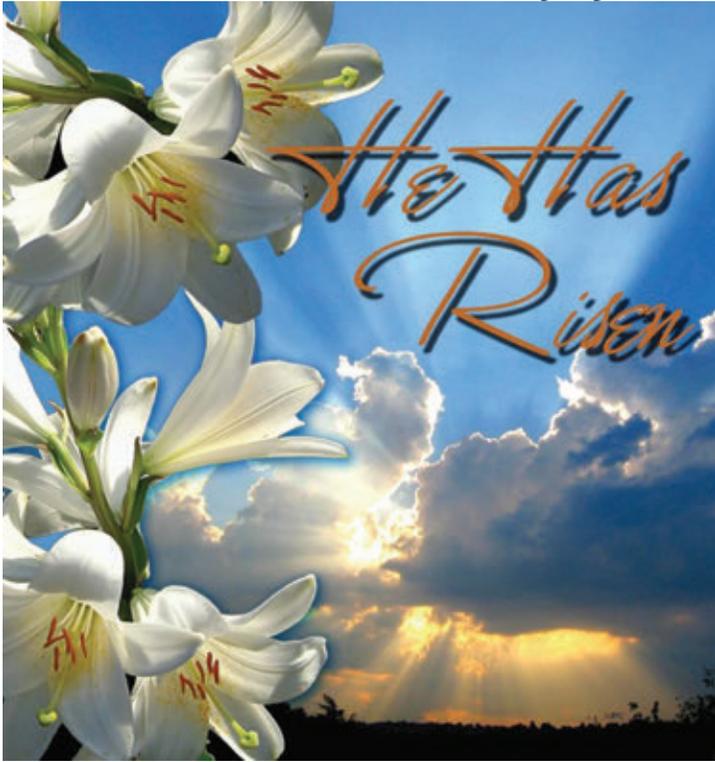
Can you spare a few morning hours to make a difference in the life of a homebound resident of Mercer County? **MOW of Mercer County** delivers meals Mon-Fri to homebound residents. Volunteers meet between 10:00 and 10:15 a.m. at Rider University to pick up the meals and driving directions. Volunteers can go by themselves or in pairs. Most routes are completed within one to two hours. All COVID safety guidelines are followed. Please consider joining us in providing nourishment for the body and the soul! Call 609-695-3483 for more information

or

e-mail llivne@mealsonwheelsmercer.org

ALLELUIA!

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



Reflection Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Reading I Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Responsorial Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Reading II Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8
Gospel Jn 20:1-9

The Gospel readings from the Easter Vigil (Mark) and Easter Sunday (John) differ in composition and style, but one thing is certain: on that first day of the week, everything changed! In the Gospel of John, heard on Sunday morning, we learn that before the rising of the sun, Mary Magdala came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed. Mary ran and told Simon Peter and the other disciple whom Jesus loved. *"They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him."* When the two disciples went into the tomb, they found they found the burial cloths neatly put aside. They

believed, but they did not yet understand.

In the Gospel reading from the Vigil Mass, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome came to the tomb to anoint the body. They discovered that the tomb had been rolled back. They encountered an angel who told them: *"Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here."* The Gospels of both Matthew and Luke also differ in certain areas. Yet on one thing, there is complete agreement. The tomb was empty. Jesus Christ, suffered, died *and* rose from the dead! His mission was accomplished; mankind was reconciled with the Father. We were saved from our sins.

The joy of the Resurrection has been celebrated for thousands of years, not only at Easter, but every time that we participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. And, it truly is a celebration, one that calls us to deeper relationship with God. As sent Paul wrote in his First Letter to the Corinthians:

"For our paschal lamb, Christ has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the feast, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."

The Resurrection was an event that occurred many years ago, yet it remains at the center of our Catholic faith. However, it is more than a historic event, it is a call for each of us to embrace the living Christ into our hearts. And we are called to celebrate by casting aside anger and bitterness and live in peace, joy, sincerity and truth. As we gather in this community of faith, singing joyfully in praise and thanksgiving to the one who conquered sin and death for our sake, let us lift our voices in song and proclaim:

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."

Deacon Steve Szmuto(Easter 2015)

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Come to me and I will give you rest

*love faith,
love family,
love kindness,
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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

DIOCESAN ADVISORY

Guidelines for public, in-church Masses, as directed by the Diocese of Trenton:

- 1. COVID-19 is still extremely contagious, especially indoors or in closed settings;**
- 2. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday/Holy Day Masses remains in effect so that all Catholic faithful, in good conscience, are not required to be physically present in church; live-streamed Masses will continue in most parishes;**
- 3. Anyone who is sick or at risk should not come to church; that is not punitive but, rather, common sense and an act of charity toward your neighbors;**
- 4. All parishes are expected to abide by occupancy and other regulations of the Diocese with care;**
- 5. Masks must be worn (no exceptions), physical contact of any kind must be avoided, social distancing must be practiced, proper sanitation must be observed at all public, in church Masses;**
- 6. Before attending public, in church Masses, the Catholic faithful are asked to consider any possible health and safety risks involved.**

Weekend Masses-Directives & Guidelines

The Diocese has limited attendance at weekend Masses to 1/3 of attendance capacity. For Our Lady of Good Counsel this places us at approximately 220 people per Mass. However, in our pews with proper social distancing we are closer to 200. As our normal weekend Mass attendance, in normal circumstances is approximately 200 per mass, we will not place any restrictions on attendance at this time, but will revisit this if it is needed

- The Bishop continues to keep in place a dispensation from Sunday and Holy Day Obligations so that those who need to may "stay home in good conscience."
Those in high risk categories should **strongly consider** staying home. Those with the symptoms of any respiratory illnesses **must** stay home.
- All who attend must either enter through the **Main front doors or through the elevator entrance**. The other doors will be locked. You may exit through any door.
- Seating will only be allowed in un-taped pews. Any non-cohabiting families must maintain social distancing of **at least 6 feet** even in the pews that are open. PLEASE RECOGNIZE THAT YOUR FAVORITE SEAT MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE.
- Facial masks or coverings must be worn by those who attend the Mass. The Priest and Lector will remove face coverings for the celebration but will wear them at all other times.
- For this initial phase, Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass, not at the usual time. This will happen in both the front and rear of the Church. Please maintain distancing while in line and while exiting the Church. Remove your mask to receive communion and then replace your mask. **Communion in the Hand is strongly preferred at this time**. If you must receive on the tongue please try to wait until the end of the communion line.
- The Restroom in the Choir stairway is available for emergency use only.
- Hand hygiene should be maintained and while Sanitizer will be available at the doors of the Church, parishioners are encouraged to bring their own wipes and sanitizer as well.
- No bulletins, books, or handouts are allowed at this time. Holy Water fonts will be empty.
- There will be no Offertory procession. Collection baskets will be placed near the exits of the Church.
- Due to the danger of the spread of respiratory droplets: congregational singing is discouraged and hymns will not be announced.
- The continuation of public Masses will be contingent on volunteers willing to help sanitize the Church following the Masses.
- The Cry Room and the Sacristy are currently off limits to the public.
- The 10:30AM Mass will be live-streamed and recorded for the time being for those who stay home.

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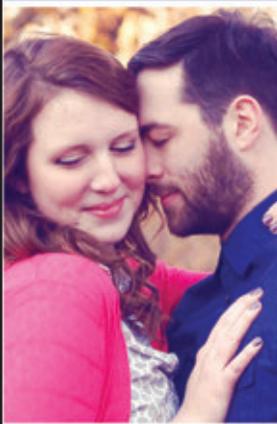
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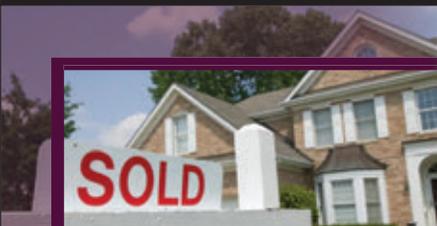
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