



Our Lady of Good Counsel

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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 Saturday: 4:00 to 4:30 pm

Mask are still required for Confession.

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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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

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Our Lady of Good Counsel ~ 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	AUGUST 21, 2021 Leon Rabatie r/o Mary Arcadipane
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	AUGUST 22, 2021 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Marie Therese Abou-Daoud r/o Mary Como For the People of the Parish
10:30 AM	Mary Ellen Voorhees r/o Father For the Intentions of Nonna LeGall r/o Claude & Mary Anne Le Gall
MONDAY, 7:30 AM	AUGUST 23, 2021 Rosemary Hilary Ann McMyne r/o Mother
TUESDAY, 7:30 AM	AUGUST 24, 2021 Jessica Masterson r/o Mon and Dad
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM	AUGUST 25, 2021 Harry Masterson, Jr. r/o Don & Mary Smith
THURSDAY, 7:30 AM	AUGUST 26, 2021 For the Intention of Elianna Bree Diaz r/o Grandmother, Wand Cortez
FRIDAY, 7:30 AM	AUGUST 27, 2021 For the Intentions of Deacon Steve and Mary Szmuto on their 44 th Wedding Anniversary r/o Children
SATURDAY, 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	AUGUST 28, 2021 Special Intention Erma Solinski r/o Daughter Linda Solinski
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	AUGUST 29, 2021 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Fr. Edward Dougherty r/o Walley Family For the Intentions of Living Members of Muscente Family r/o Carol
10:30 AM	Kenneth Phelan r/o Mom and Dad For the People of the Parish



Daily Masses Monday through Saturday Live Stream at the regular Mass times. **Sunday Mass** Live Stream at 10:30 A.M

Go to our Face Book Page for Live Streaming at:

<https://www.facebook.com/OlgcWestTrenton>

Go to our YouTube Channel for Live Streaming at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2O2YAQ0JaxQFe-biSrb5Zg>

Readers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	AUGUST 28 Mary Anne LeGall
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	AUGUST 29 Laura Shea
10:30 AM	Mike Delehanty

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	AUGUST 28 Joyce Christensen
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	AUGUST 29 Tom Maguire
10:30 AM	Tony Jones

Altar Servers

SATURDAY 5:00 PM	AUGUST 28 James Gummel
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	AUGUST 29 Brayden Spina
10:30 AM	Dylan Rutkowski

News & Events

Saturday, August 28 Novenas follow morning Mass. *Reconciliation* will take place at **4:00-4:30 PM**. Mask required.



Pray for our Sick: Sharon Birch, Rosemarie Buker, Richard Cook, Katie Dao, Al Gatto, Elizabeth Gervasoni, Theresa Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Marie Hegyi, Carol Lake, Kevin McBride, Keith Mello, Joan Moore, Janet Morris, Marie Muscente, Philomena Muscente, Kim Nash, Angelika Niranjana, Carol Perrine, Lucy Saganowski, Gregory Schafer, Kristy Shanahan, Steve Schmierer, Linda Solinski, 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.



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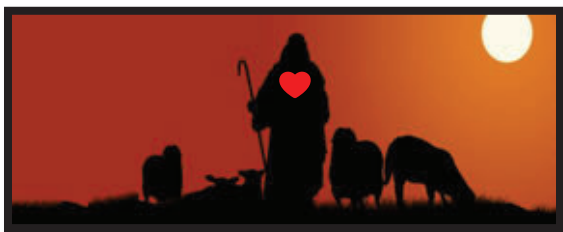
CHURCH SUPPORT

Registered Parishioners	788 families
Parishioners using envelopes	115
Envelope Contributions	\$3,057.00
Average Contribution	\$26.58
Loose Cash	\$499.00
Contributions for August 15 th	\$3,556.00

Thank you for your generosity.



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FROM THE SHEPHERD'S HEART

THE MARYS OF MARY. When I first came to OLG, one of the first things I noticed was there's a lot of Marys in the parish. There's a Mary in every corner of the church. I told them that their name is their mission. These Marys have formed themselves into a group called **THE MARYS OF MARY.** On the Solemnity of the Assumption, they were formally commissioned and were given the authority to lead the parish during our

Marian devotions and celebrations. They will function in collaboration with the pastor. Congratulations to the **Marys of Mary.** **MARY'S NATIVITY.** After doing an amazing job for the celebration of the Solemnity of the Assumption on August 15, the **MARYS OF MARY** will spearhead another Marian event: **ROSARY & COFFEE WITH MARY** in celebration of the **NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** on September 8, 2021. It will take place right in front of the Fatima statue after the 7:30AM Mass on September 8. We shall first pray the Rosary, offer a birthday cake to Mary, and enjoy a cup of hot freshly brewed coffee and a slice of the Blessed Mother's cake. All are invited.

KEEPING THE CHURCH GROUNDS SAFE. Some parishioners have brought up their concerns about safety in the church compound. Cars have been cutting through our parking lot running at very high speed and endangering the lives of our parishioners. I initially considered closing the gates, but later realized that the decision may not be good for parishioners who regularly come to attend Mass or pray during the day. Majority of our parishioners are elderly who use the back roads to avoid the busy main roads. The alternative solution is to post speed limits in the church compound. After due consultation with the mayor of Ewing Township, we will be installing speed limit signs soon. God Bless,

Fr. Ariel

2021 Annual Catholic Appeal – Close to Goal but we are not there yet!

We are close to our Goal of 28,000.00 thanks to the generosity of our OLG parishioners; to date we have collected **\$21,487.94** for the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal. When we reach Goal we will be awarded a rebate of 15%. Rebated funds will help with our Church Basement Renovations. We need your help to reach Goal. Any size donation helps us get to our goal and is welcome! Please donate by making a check out to the **2021 ACA and drop it into the weekly collection basket**, OR Mail/take your donation to the Rectory Office OR online at:

<https://dioceseoftrenton.org/aca-donate-page> If we **go over** goal, we will earn a **50% rebate** for the amount over goal.

REBATE FROM FAITH TO MOVE MOUNTAINS CAMPAIGN

This past week we received a rebate from the Faith to Move Mountains Campaign. Based on pledges and payments received by the Diocese of Trenton, the rebate for Our Lady of Good Counsel Amounted to **\$2,359.50**. Our parish has received \$119,502.00 in rebates to date! Thank you to the families who have completed their pledges and those that continue participating in the campaign. Fr. Ariel



Marriage Encounter

With summer winding down, why not treat yourself to a Marriage Encounter Experience?

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 Monday & Thursday evenings from September 27 – October 21. Phone Tom & Ruth DeFalco

1-732-904-9636 for application and information. Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.



Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Fr. Michael Hall ~ January 9-19, 2022 ~

Join the parish of St. Gregory the Great, Hamilton for a once in a lifetime journey in the footsteps of Our Lord. We will travel to Nazareth, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Mt. Tabor, the Dead Sea, Jerusalem and many other cities of importance. \$3,830/pp double occupancy. Optional Jordan extension to visit Petra and Mt. Nebo. +\$840 for extra 3 days. For more information, please contact CarolynNorbut@Disciples.com or call 732-216-8073.

To register or see the full itinerary, visit: www.The-Catholic-Journey.com/SGHL2022



Catholic Charities Guardian Angel Benefit of Hope - September 9th from 6-7:30 PM. Due to Covid19, the Gala will again be virtual, and all parishioners are invited to attend at no cost. On September 9th, click on www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org/Gaboh2021 to hear a former client's inspiring success story, enjoy entertainment, join the silent action, and honor Catholic Charities' friends from each county in the diocese. Catholic Charities assists with food, housing, drug addiction, domestic violence, and immigration services.

If you know of a parishioner needing help, please contact us at www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org or call 800-360-7711.

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Deacon Steve's Reflection on the Sunday Mass Readings

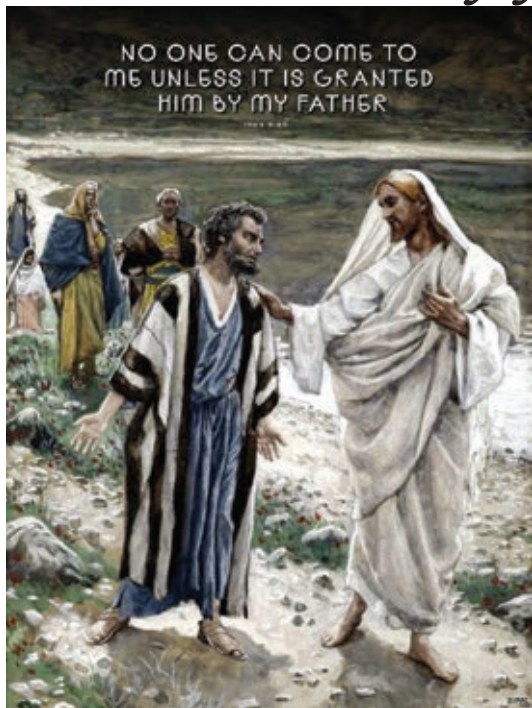
August 22, 2021 – The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

[Reading I: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b](#)

[Responsorial Psalm: 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21](#)

[Reading II: Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32](#)

[Gospel: John 6:60-69](#)



There comes a time in each of our lives, when we must choose what is most essential in our life, a choice which has life-changing consequences, and which determines all other choices. That choice is whether we will follow Christ, or follow other false gods, those of our own making, and which are so much a part of our secular world. A comparable example of this is when we ask for our future spouse's hand in marriage. Such a radical commitment determines who we are and what we shall do for the rest of our lives. And while we think we know that other person intimately, there is usually a leap of faith, following a certain measure of the unknown, as we embark on a journey that should last a lifetime. Love, when freely given, continues to grow and evolve as the relationship between husband and wife deepens.

Our relationship with Christ, our discipleship with him, may also begin without perfect understanding, yet it is just as valid a beginning to our journey of faith as if we approached with perfect submission to his will. For some, faith is instantaneous; for others, it is an evolving awareness where hearts open little by little until grace fills every corner of their being. In all cases, however,

it is the totality of the relationship in the end that determines discipleship.

As we conclude the fifth and final Sunday of Gospel readings taken from the sixth chapter of John, we find Jesus watching many erstwhile disciples departing from him following his bold proclamations of his divinity and identity as the bread of life. Jesus' teachings were radical in both style and substance, causing great consternation among even his most devout disciples. Many struggled to accept his teaching. Yet not all were successful; they cried out: *"This saying is hard; who can accept it?"*

While many did embrace Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, not all did. *"As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him."* How sad must Jesus have felt to watch those whom he loved turn away from him! Although the Scriptures do not tell us definitively if some returned to the Lord at a later time, perhaps some did. Many, however, were unable to open their hearts and trust in the Lord.

However, Christ's teachings did not fall entirely on deaf ears; when he asked his apostles if they wished to leave, Peter, speaking on behalf of the twelve, said: *"Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."* As his mission unfolded on the road to Calvary and the Resurrection, others would accept Christ into their hearts. Although Peter and the others had moments of doubt, they would repeatedly return to their discipleship.

Discipleship is not easy! It is hard and it is of great cost, for it calls upon us to eschew our former way of life and follow Jesus, the Christ, the Holy One of God. In a world where individuality, power, affluence, and personal achievement are highly valued, it is difficult to find virtue in submitting to anyone or anything. Yet our Lord teaches that *he* is the way to the Father, that *he* is the Bread of Life by which we will gain eternal life. Will we have the faith to accept that teaching? Will we embrace the Bread of Life, taking his Word into our hearts and allowing ourselves to be nourished and strengthened by the Precious Body and Blood of Christ? We must continue to choose Christ, to allow ourselves to be guided by him and partake of him for the sake of our salvation. Our devotion to the Eucharist is an outward sign of that faith and devotion to Christ.

We are free to choose, whether or not we will follow Christ. The Lord forces no one to follow him. The choice is similar to one faced by Joshua, successor to Moses as the leader of the Israelites. The simplicity of his words sums up perfectly the question that is upon us and the decision that we must make: *"If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve . . . As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."* Whom will you serve?

Deacon Steven K. Szmuto



OLGC Back-to-School Drive

Help a child in need kick off the new school year in a positive way!



During August, we will be collecting donated school supplies and backpacks for children in grades K-12 for the upcoming school year. Donated items may include: backpacks, 2-pocket folders, subject & composition notebooks, 3-ring binders, loose leaf paper, erasers, pens/pencils, pencil boxes, crayons, markers, glue sticks, rulers, protractors, scissors, sharpeners, calculators, dictionaries, or gift certificates. Please save and clip this ad to your donations bag, which you may leave on the donations table in the Rectory Garage. Thank you in advance for your help with this effort!



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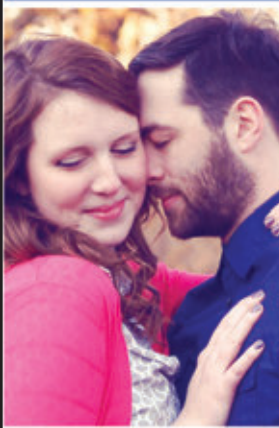
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