



# 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: 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.

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## 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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### 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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## Mass Intentions

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>FEBRUARY 11, 2023</b> Living & Deceased Palatine & Gofus Family r/o Gail Palatine
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	<b>FEBRUARY 12, 2023</b> <b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Harriett Waranis r/o Ron & Edie Kolodziej For the People of the Parish Ron Cefalone r/o John & JoAnn Jaremback Maria Hegyi r/o Daughter, Terri Hegyi
<b>MONDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>FEBRUARY 13, 2023</b> Mary Lou McCabe r/o Eileen Bellantine
<b>TUESDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>FEBRUARY 14, 2023</b> Intentions of Joseph Paul Dempster r/o Grandpop & Grandmom
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>FEBRUARY 15, 2023</b> Marie & William Dolton r/o Helen Marie Dolton
<b>THURSDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>FEBRUARY 16, 2023</b> Joseph & Janet Furey r/o Son, Steven
<b>FRIDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>FEBRUARY 17, 2023</b> Mark Conte r/o Wife
<b>SATURDAY,</b> 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	<b>FEBRUARY 18, 2023</b> Special Intention Carol Smith Hanson r/o Family Nicole Lenyo r/o John & JoAnn Jaremback
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	<b>FEBRUARY 19, 2023</b> <b>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Joseph & Janey Furey r/o Son, Steve Michael Golinski r/o Wife, Fran and Family Terry Delahanty r/o John & JoAnn Jaremback Virginia Hughes r/o Aunt Eileen Keenan

## CHURCH SUPPORT

Registered Parish Families	681
Parishioners using envelopes	112
Envelope Contributions	\$2,801.00
Average Contribution	\$25.01
Loose Cash	508.00
Total Contributions February 5th	\$3,309.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Giving for the month of January amounted to \$4,195.00. Thank you for your generosity.



## Readers

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>FEBRUARY 18</b> Catherine Ard
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	<b>FEBRUARY 19</b> Keri Wilkes Natalie Sidone

## Eucharistic Ministers

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>FEBRUARY 18</b> Jackie Crane
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	<b>FEBRUARY 19</b> Mary Anne LeGall Tony Jones

## Altar Servers

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>FEBRUARY 18</b> Nathan Stankus
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	<b>FEBRUARY 19</b> Brayden Spina & Daniel Wilkes Dylan Rutkowski

## News & Events

**Sunday, February 12 R.C.I.A.** will meet in St. Mary Room 1-2 at 11:30 a.m.

**Thursday, February 16/17** Good News Sunday meeting will be on Thursday at 7 PM and Friday at 10 AM in St. Joseph Room 1-2. Come be part of the conversation.

**Saturday, February 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.



## CLASSES:

**Sunday, February 12** Grade 8 No classes.

**Monday, February 13** Grades 1-7 at 6 PM Parish Hall.

Parents please note: Pictures are needed for all students receiving their First Communion and Confirmation this year. Please send a jpeg photo to [Dsmith@olgcc.net](mailto:Dsmith@olgcc.net) or drop off to the Parish Office. Thanks for helping us plan ahead!



**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 the list.



## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

The greatest blessing of humanity is free will; it is what sets us apart from the animals. Yet, to some it is also humanity's greatest curse. How often, when we see evil in the world, do we cry out, *Why Lord! How can you allow this or that to happen?* Free will enables us to hate, to disobey, to do wrong, but it also enables us to love, to serve, to dedicate ourselves for the good of the other and to accept or reject God. In other words, to be free is to be human and to be human is to be free. Yet our freedom is not without limits. God has communicated his law to us and we define ourselves by whether we follow or ignore his commandments: *Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him.*

In the first reading from the Book of Sirach, the author reminds us that we are given a choice. We can keep the commandments and they will save us; we can trust in God and live. Or, we can turn away from God and be estranged from Him. Yet, in the end, we must always choose! No one can remain indifferent in his or her relationship with God. Sirach also writes that, *No one does [God] command unjustly, to none does he give license to sin.* If we act contrary to God's command, it is our choice and ours alone. Created by God, we are called (yet not compelled) to follow His Will. The Psalmist offers this advice: *Blessed are they who observe his decrees, who seek him with all their heart.* While we have free will to accept or reject God, if we are to remain in Him, then we must follow His commands.

In today's reading from the Gospel of Saint Matthew, we once again hear Jesus' teachings from the Sermon on the Mount. He reminds his disciples and the crowds that he is the fulfillment of prophecy. Yet, there may have been some, who conclude that his coming would abolish the law. To them, Jesus said, *Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish, but to fulfill.* He added, *Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things take place.*

Jesus words called us to fidelity and obedience beyond the limits of the law as expressed in scripture. The law said that one should not kill, commit adultery, divorce his wife, or swear a false oath; Jesus taught that even those who are angry, lustful or prideful have committed sin. Sin is found in the heart! The heart is where "choice" resides.

Let us reflect upon our choices, on how we use our free will. Do we exercise free will to follow Christ, or do we choose to evade discipleship? Do we use free will to excuse our sins, or do we follow Christ's teachings in fulfillment of the law, expressing fidelity in discipleship? We have a choice! Let us follow the teachings of Christ and re-affirm our discipleship by our thoughts, words and actions — choosing freely to live not according to our will, but to God's will.

*Deacon Steve Szmutko (2014)*



Lenten Open House  
**Good News Sunday**  
 invites you to a  
**Lenten Open House**

George Steward 'Good News Sunday' Program Facilitator will be available to discuss program details, provide session handouts and answer all your questions, February 18/19th after all the weekend Masses in the Parish Hall.

Regular weekly session will continue to be held on Thursday evening at 7:00 pm and Friday mornings at 10:00am in the St. Joseph Room.

Do something special this Lent!



### Attention Men!

Join other Catholic men from across the Diocese of Trenton at the 26th Annual Men's Conference on Saturday, February 25, at Saint Gregory the Great Parish in Hamilton Square, NJ.

The theme of this year's conference is "Living Joy." The day runs from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm and will feature Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop David O'Connell; Gerry Cooney, the former world-class heavyweight who became the #1 contender and fought Larry Holmes for the WBC Heavyweight Championship of the world; author, TV host, and evangelist Chris Stefanick, the founder of Real Life Catholic and recipient of the Papal Benemerenti Medal; and Mark Houck, founder of The King's Men, an author and internationally known motivational speaker. There will also be music, Catholic vendors, and the opportunity to fellowship with other men who are looking to grow in their walk with Jesus and dynamically live out their Catholic faith. Cost is \$45 per person in advance (\$50 at the door); \$25 for students. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information or to register online go to [www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org](http://www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org). To register by mail, send the name(s) of each person registering, your check, and a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Catholic Men for Jesus Christ PO Box 816 Morrisville, PA 19067

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February 1, 2023



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead --- from **Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023, until Holy Thursday morning, April 6, 2023** --- the Catholic Church throughout the world commemorates the penitential season of Lent ending with the Sacred Triduum of Holy Week. The model Jesus gave us for "these forty days" was his own experience in the desert and the temptations that followed him there where he encountered Satan face to face. And yet, Jesus, there in the desert --- alone, fasting and in intense prayer --- beat back the devil and triumphed over temptation, as strong and as unrelenting as it was throughout those forty days.

We enter the desert of Lent like Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, to face our devils, our temptations head on. But we are not alone. The Lord Jesus Christ is with us. And so, too, is the Church, the entire community of faith observing Lent. Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States requires of us as baptized Catholics:

1. **The days of FAST (only one full meal) and ABSTINENCE (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No dispensations are granted on these solemn days except for reason of sickness or those provided in canon law below. ALL OTHER FRIDAYS OF LENT are days of ABSTINENCE.**

**The pastor of a parish has the faculty to give a dispensation to individual parishioners in his parish and the Diocesan Bishop alone has the authority to dispense groups of Catholics but only for a serious reason.**

2. **Those who are automatically dispensed from fast and abstinence regulations outside the age limits noted below include: the physically or mentally ill, especially individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also included in the dispensation are women who are pregnant or nursing. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to FAST (only one full meal) as above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to ABSTAIN (no meat): this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat).

The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the intentional failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of penitential days, that must be considered a serious matter.

The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year --- often called "Easter duty" --- for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 25-26, 2023, to Trinity Sunday, June 3-4, 2023**. However, the Church's law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

I want to encourage all Catholics, especially those who are conscious of serious sin, to go to confession and to make use of the sacrifices and traditions that have always been part of our Lenten practices in the Church.

We do, indeed, fast and pray with the Lord Jesus and with our fellow Catholics. May this Lent be a time of penance leading to grace and joy for us all at Easter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M. Bishop of Trenton

<b>OLGCC ~ ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE</b>	
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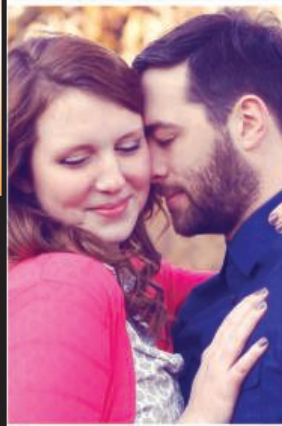


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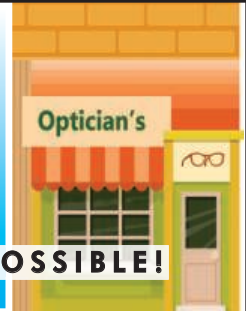


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