



Our Lady of Good Counsel



THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME • FEBRUARY 14, 2021
137 West Upper Ferry Road • West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

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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: Thursdays 6:30 to 8:00 PM

**Inside front church doors mask must be worn,
 social distancing observed**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament –Suspended

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. Forms are available in the parish office and on the website. 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**

E-mail: rectoryoffice@olgcc.net

Religious Education 609-883-9005
 Brenda O'Callaghan, CRE

E-mail: olgcc.re.wt@gmail.com

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 Rectory Office 609-882-3277

Adult Faith Formation
 Deacon Steve Szmuto 609-947-0587

Consolation Ministry
 Rectory Office 609-882-3277

Homebound Out Reach
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 Mary Szmuto 609-847-0796

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 Frank Ferdetta, Grand Knight 609-883-1559
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 Rectory Office 609-882-3277

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 Deirdre Hindley, Organist 609-882-3215

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 Deacon Steve Szmuto 609-947-0587

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 Mary Pat Voorhees, President 570-290-2373
 Dolores Sebasto, Vice President 609-882-5085

Social Services
 James Gambino 609-818-1708

Youth Ministry

Web Master/Bulletin
 Debbie Smith 609-882-3277

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Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	FEBRUARY 13, 2021 Living & Deceased Members of Gofus & Palatine Families r/o Gail A. Palatine
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	FEBRUARY 14, 2021 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Elayne Smith (Anniv) r/o M/M Robert Smith & Family Robert Arcadipane r/o Wife, Mary People of the Parish Edith Guadagno r/o Robert & Janet Perilli
MONDAY, 7:30 AM	FEBRUARY 15, 2021 Marie and William Dolton r/o Helen Marie Dolton
TUESDAY, 7:30 AM	FEBRUARY 16, 2021 Intentions of Father Mike Hall & Msgr. Sam Sirianni r/o Deacon Steve and Mary Szmuto
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM 12 Noon 7:00 PM	FEBRUARY 17, 2021 ASH WEDNESDAY Sophie Crianza r/o Lisowski Family Service with Ashes People of the Parish
THURSDAY, 7:30 AM	FEBRUARY 18, 2021 Mark Conte r/o Wife, Lorraine
FRIDAY, 7:30 AM 7:00 PM	FEBRUARY 19, 2021 Michael Golinski r/o Fran Golinski Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY, 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	FEBRUARY 20, 2021 Special Intention People of the Parish
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	FEBRUARY 21, 2021 First Sunday of Lent Mario DiFiore r/o Nino & Angeline Como John Hutchinson r/o Barbara & Chuck Heenan



WEEKLY COLLECTION

Parishioners using envelopes	53
Envelope Contributions	\$1,982.00
Average Contribution	\$37.40
Loose Cash	\$131.00
Contributions for February 7 th	\$2,113.00
Total Parish Giving for January 2021	\$5,295.00

Thank you for your generosity during the pandemic.

Readers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	FEBRUARY 20 Jackie Crane
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	FEBRUARY 21 Sean Feddema Maeve Cannon



Parish Events

Sunday, February 14 There will be a Parent/Student meeting for the Confirmation Class at 6:00 p.m. in the Church. Weather permitting.

Monday, February 15 The Church Office is **Closed** in observance of President's Day.

Wednesday, February 17 is **Ash Wednesday**
Schedule: 7:30 a.m. Mass, 12 Noon Service with Ashes and 7:00 p.m. Mass.

Thursday, February 18 the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place at 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the vestibule of the Church. Mask must be worn and please social distance.

Friday, February 19 **Stations of the Cross** will be every Friday during Lent in the Church at 7:00 PM. Stations will also be available on our Livestream. Please see the website: www.olgcc.net



Pray for our Sick:

Rosemarie Buker, Richard Cook, Sara Cooper, Elizabeth Gervasoni, Nick Gregorio, Theresa Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Marie Hegyi, Kevin McBride, Dolores Megesy, Keith Mello, Lorraine Metzgar, Joan Moore, Marie Muscente, Kim Nash, Angelika Niranjana, Joan Pachuta, Michael Palumbo, Lucy Saganowski, Kristy Shanahan, Linda Solinski, Paul Sollami 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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Visit our parish website:
olgcc.net

Click on the Facebook
Icon Or YouTube Icon.

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.



Our Social Services Committee invites everyone to participate in this outreach program throughout the Lenten season. Instead of giving up something for Lent, consider giving out something. As Jesus fasted for 40 days and nights, we will be collecting and delivering canned goods to our local charities to help with the nutritional needs of needy families in the Trenton area. The idea is to donate one canned food item for each day of Lent, or 40 cans.

Please leave your donated cans of fruit, soup, or vegetables in the designated area of the Rectory Garage, which we will deliver to Mount Carmel Guild and Catholic Charities of Trenton.

You don't have to wait until the end of Lent to bring your donation to the Church. You may donate as often as you would like; one-can-per-day, once a week, or whenever you visit the Church. Whatever you can give is greatly appreciated. Call the Rectory during the week 9-3:00 so we may unlock the garage for you, 609-882-3277.



This weekend is Annual Catholic Appeal Weekend. Our 2021 Parish Goal is \$28,000.00

I ask you to prayerfully consider sharing your faith by making a gift to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal which will ensure that our diocesan ministries and more will continue to exist. For those of you who may have not contributed in the past, I invite you to share your faith with a gift to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal. By making a gift, you have a part in all we do in Christ's name as the Diocese of Trenton.

You may make your pledge or donation online at:

www.dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal or

call the appeal office at: 609-403-7197.

Letters were also mailed to parishioners containing a pledge card you may return by mail.

Thank you for your generosity. Fr. Ariel



ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday, February 17–
The Holy Father and our Bishop have asked pastors to stress that ashes are a custom and not a requirement nor an obligation. There is no pressing need to receive ashes especially during a pandemic. If you choose to come to an in person service the imposition of Ashes will take place at the very end whether Mass or a Service. The Priest will speak the invocation once only; he will impose ashes that have been made into slurry with Holy Water using a Q-tip on the forehead, the Q-tip will only be used once, one per person. You must leave immediately and may not linger or gather in any size group. Again, you are not required to receive ashes and those who are sick or in a high risk category should not attempt to come to Church on Ash Wednesday. The imposition of Ashes is a custom, not a sacrament.

**Ash Wednesday Schedule: 7:30 a.m. Mass, 12 Noon
Service & Ashes only, 7:00 p.m. Mass.**

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEWS

Isolation caused by the Covid19 pandemic has resulted in a dramatic increase in drug addiction. Catholic Charities Behavior Health Services supports adults and children suffering from addiction. We have produced a short U Tube video that explains our programs. Click the link to learn more about this program: https://youtu.be/xTp_XJ75q-c



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For tickets: Contact Anita Toth at 609-882-1700 ext. 401
Monday to Friday



Reminder - Please remember that masks are required at all times while on the church premises. This is for the health and safety of everyone.

Nurses know! A nurse parishioner has shared that a mask worn properly must cover your nose and mouth and form a seal around the cheeks and chin.

Thanks for your cooperation!

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Reflection on the Sunday Readings 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

[Reading I: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46](#)

[Responsorial Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11](#)

[Reading II: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1](#)

[Gospel: Mark 1:40-45](#)



A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." (Gospel)

**Sketch by Rembrandt
Christ Healing a Leper (detail)**

Only Say the Word, and My Soul Shall Be Healed

In the [Gospel](#) Reading, Jesus reaches out to touch a leper; and, by touching him heals him.

Leprosy is a disease worth fearing. It disfigures and disables a person. The ancient world thought it could be transmitted by touch. For the sake of the health of the community, the law made lepers outcasts; but, even without the law, nobody wanted to touch a leper. The leper healed by

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Jesus must have lived without the touch of another human being for a long time.

How welcome the touch of Jesus must have been to that leper! And how overjoyed he must have been when he found himself healed!

Leprosy is not the only thing that severely disfigures and disables a person. Sin does so too. And the touch of Jesus that heals leprosy heals sin as well. That is why, at mass, we pray, "Only say the word, and my soul shall be healed." Forego touch, Lord! We would be so overjoyed if you just said the word! Your healing would be so welcome to us!

But we say those words at every mass, week after week, year after year. And still we struggle with our sins. Somewhere Nietzsche says, unkindly, about Christians, "They don't even look like the redeemed!" That is a painful accusation, isn't it? Why aren't we healed, by word or by touch, as the leper was? Why do we have to keep asking for the Lord's healing touch at every mass?

But think about it this way: how would Nietzsche know what the redeemed look like? For that matter, how would we? Why should we think that we are in a position to see the healing that the Lord does in our lives? Why would we think that we are in a position to judge how far we have come in conquering the sin in ourselves? The Lord tells us not to judge others ([Mt 7:1](#)). Why should we think we are able to judge ourselves?

So we do not have to see the effects of the healing touch of the Lord in order for it to do its work. The touch of the Word, for whose healing word we pray at every mass, does its healing deep within. Our job is to be open to that touch.

Eleonore Stump

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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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