



Our Lady of Good Counsel



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • January 19, 2020

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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: Saturdays 4:00 to 4:30 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Mondays 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM

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. 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
Brenda O'Callaghan, CRE 609-883-9005
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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
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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Infant Baptism
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Knights of Columbus
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Rectory Office 609-882-3277

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Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	FEBRUARY 15, 2020 Marie & William Dolton r/o Helen Marie Dolton Dolores Brienza r/o Susan & Owen Seidenberg
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	FEBRUARY 16, 2020 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Marion Shropshire r/o Stanley & Elizabeth Wilk People of the Parish
MONDAY, 7:30 AM	FEBRUARY 17, 2020 For the Intention of Suzanne Sibley r/o Mother
TUESDAY, 7:30 AM	FEBRUARY 18, 2020 Mark Conte r/o Wife
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM	FEBRUARY 19, 2020 Willetta Paterson r/o Debbie & Family Michael Golinski r/o Fran, Sherri, Steve & Debbie
THURSDAY, 7:30 AM	FEBRUARY 20, 2020 For the Intention of Suzanne Sibley r/o Mother
FRIDAY, 7:30 AM	FEBRUARY 21, 2020 For the Intention of Suzanne Sibley r/o Mother
SATURDAY, 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	FEBRUARY 22, 2020 Special Intention Martin R. Siegel r/o Elaine L. Palatine Edward Darrah r/o Dolores DeBlasio
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	FEBRUARY 23, 2020 7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FIO Rich and Elayne Smith r/o Family Jessica Masterson r/o Harry & Sherry Masterson



Registered Parishioners	719 families
Parishioners using envelopes	202
Envelope Contributions	\$4,345.50
Average Contribution	\$26.96
Loose Cash	\$757.00
Contributions for February 9 th	\$5,102.50

Thank you for your generosity.

Extraordinary Ministers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	FEBRUARY 29 Vicky Aneser, Jackie Crane, Ginny Evans, Fran Zenchak
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	MARCH 1 Butch Kramer, Tom McGuire, Mary Szmuto
10:00 AM	Preferred Care Visits:
10:30 AM	Tony Jones, Linda Reasoner, Darlene Wilson

Readers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	FEBRUARY 29 Helen Marie Dolton
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	MARCH 1 Sean Feddema
10:30 AM	Mike Delahanty

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	FEBRUARY 29 Michael Montagna
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	MARCH 1 Dylan Rutkowski
10:30 AM	James Gummel

Parish Events

Saturday, February 15th Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM
Thursday, February 20th Cohort 9 meeting at Incarnation Rectory at 7:00 p.m.



Religious Education Classes for Grades 1-8 are closed this week for Presidents Day.

First Reconciliation Practices will be in the Church at 4:30-5:30 p.m. February 25 to February 28.

First Reconciliation – Saturday, February 29th at 9:30 a.m. Please keep our children and their families in your prayers.

Pray for our Sick: Margaret Babecki, Michael Babick, Rosemarie Buker, Dianne Claire, Richard Cook, Sara Cooper, Elizabeth Gervasoni, Nick Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Marie Hegyi, Kevin McBride, Dolores Megesy, Keith Mello, Joan Moore, Marie Muscente, Kim Nash, Angelika Niranjan, Rita Obed, Vincent O'Dell, Joan Pachuta, Jeff Papp, Pat Robinson, Lucy Saganowski, Kristy Shanahan, Joan Shaw, Suzanne Sibley, Elayne Smith, Paul Sollami, Stephen Thoma, & Gary Vanderbilt 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.



ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 26, 2020
MASS: 7:30 A.M. ASHES DISTRIBUTED
12:00 NOON: PRAYER SERVICE
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MASS: 7:00 P.M. ASHES DISTRIBUTED

The Season of Lent is a time to grow closer to Jesus.

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



40 Cans for Lent

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.

Note: Lent begins Wednesday, February 26, 2020 (Ash Wednesday)

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As Catholic men, we are called to do more. The *Ewing Knights of Columbus Council 3756* can help you answer that call. Your membership connects you with opportunities to make an impact in your community and gives you access to resources to help you grow deeper in faith and stay informed about the issues Catholics care about. You'll also have exclusive access to insurance and financial planning products to help you protect your family. If you would like more information visit the Knights of Columbus internet site <http://www.kofc.org/un/joinus/en/index.html>. Or contact Past Grand Knight Eugene Blicharz @ 609-462-2689 or Grand Knight Frank Ferdetta @ 609-883-1559

Visit our parish website to sign up for online giving with Parish Giving™.



SAVE THE DATE

Cohort #9 - Lenten Retreat

Speaker: Fr. Daniel Houde, O.S.S.T.

Theme: **Forgiveness and Mercy: The Two Faces of God**



A reflection on the Lucan Parables of the Prodigal Son & the Good Samaritan.

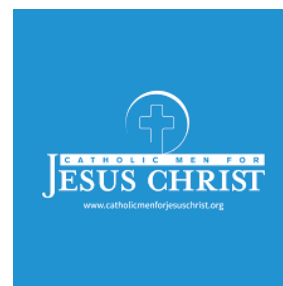
Tuesday, March 3, 2019 at OLG Church

- ◀ 7:30 AM - Morning Mass with Homily
- ◀ 1:00 – 2:00 PM - Holy Hour: Recitation of the Holy Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Eucharistic Adoration, Quiet Time, Confessions.
- ◀ 7:00 PM: Lenten Talk – The Prodigal Son - Confessions to follow the presentation

Wednesday, March 4, 2019 at Incarnation Church

- ◀ 6:45 AM - Morning Mass with Homily
- ◀ 1:00 – 2:00 PM - Holy Hour: Recitation of the Holy Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Eucharistic Adoration, Quiet Time, Confessions.
- ◀ 7:00 PM: Lenten Talk – The Good Samaritan, Confessions to follow the presentation.

CATHOLIC MEN for JESUS CHRIST



Join other Catholic men from across the Diocese of Trenton at the 23rd Annual Men's Conference on Saturday, February 29, at Saint Mary, Mother of God Parish in Middleton, NJ. The theme of this year's conference is "Discipleship: The Greatest Adventure." The day

runs from 8:00am-3:00pm and will feature Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop David O'Connell; Mark Teixeira, former Yankee first baseman and MLB All Star, and current ESPN analyst; Marcellino D'Ambrosio AKA Dr. Italy, an author, evangelist and the funniest theology professor you will ever meet; and Stephen Auth, the CIO for Federated Global Equities and author of *The Missionary of Wall Street*. 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. A youth breakout session will also be offered for young men from 8th grade to college age. Cost is \$30 per person in advance (\$35 at the door); \$15 for students. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information /to register online go to www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org.

The February issue of *The Monitor Magazine* dedicates its special **IN FOCUS** section on Lent 2020 – including all that you need to know for a fruitful Lent.

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February 16, 2020

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

[Reading I: Sirach 15:15-20](#)

[Responsorial Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34](#)

[Reading II: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10](#)

[Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37](#)

[or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37](#)



What Are Rules For?

It takes a while to grow up.

When I was a boy, I and my brother, who was older by four years, heard a reading at Mass that included the Hebrew word raqa. The reading told us that one must not say raqa to his brother, since it meant "Thou fool," and would be, will be answerable to the Sanhedrin. Obviously the moment we left church we began to say, with impunity and humor, raqa, raqa, raqa to each other, since we were brothers in the strict sense of the word.

This unusual word raqa is used in today's [Gospel](#) (or at least in the "long version"). Jesus does not say it lightly, as the years have helped me see.

Jesus took the various laws, in all their externality, and drew out their inner roots.

Obviously, human beings do grow up and a progression takes place. A progression I mean from the uncomplicated, grinning approach to the commandments, to a place from which we can truly have understanding, and—if we can hang on into true maturity—to an experience of the insides of the commandments.

That progression is one way of looking at the readings for this Sunday.

In the [First Reading](#), the writer speaks in very plain terms, as a father might speak to a son or daughter.

If you choose,
you can keep the commandments;
they will save you.
If you trust in God,
you too shall live.

These ancient words echo one of the first books of the Jewish testament:

I have set before you life and death,
blessing and curse.
Choose life,
that you and your descendants may live,
by loving the LORD, your God,
heeding his voice,
and holding fast to him. ([Deut 30: 19-20](#))

Though my brother and I were boys, we would have understood. We would have recognized "life and death, good and evil." God was showing us how uncomplicated it is, how un-mysterious and remote for anyone to understand.

Eons later, Jesus came along. The people had already taken the commandments seriously, but now Jesus gave nuance and fullness to them. They became "a wisdom to those who are mature, God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages. ... " ([Second Reading](#))

So, one by one, Jesus took the various laws, in all their externality, and drew out their inner roots. Like this:

- One external injunction had been against killing. The inside of that law is, do not even act out of anger for your brother or sister. Not even the word raqa should be spoken.
- You shall not commit adultery. The inside of that law is: be pure enough to not even glance lustfully at a woman.
- Divorce. The interior law is, stay faithful and loving within your marriage relationship, not just do not separate.
- Finally, oaths. We could talk of these for pages, but here just realize that today people do use oaths, such as, " ... in the name of God, ... " or "OMG," (which stands for O, MY GOD!), or e.g., "By God, I will never let you. ... " You hear such slang everywhere, movies, television, high schools, grade schools. Jesus diagnoses these usages simply: you are trying to make up for your weakness by putting almighty power behind your words. He tells them he has a better way. Just say yes or no, and mean it. Or, to say it another way, be real. Jesus did speak to children, but here it is to us adults. He is offering us the Spirit, and, as St. Paul tells us, the Spirit "scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God"!

Watch Jesus as you progress through life. The inside of the law is written in his heart. As you and I grow up, let it be written in ours too.

John Foley, SJ



<u>COLLECTION TOTALS</u> <u>UPDATE</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>Kasana-</u> <u>Luweero</u>	<u>Month of</u> <u>January</u>
	01/05/2020	01/12/2020	01/19/2020	1/26/2020	1/26/2020	PARISH GIVING
Registered Parishioners	742 Families	742 Families	742 Families	742 Families	742 Families	18 Families
Parishioners using envelopes	197	197	168	210	62	
Envelope Contributions	\$ 5,518.00	\$3,934.00	\$ 3,644.00	\$ 4,200.50	922.00	
Average Contribution	\$ 28.01	19.97	21.69	\$ 20.00	14.87	
Loose Cash	\$ 697.00	\$648.00	\$ 651.00	\$ 625.00	365.00	
Total Contributions	\$ 6,215.00	\$4,582.00	\$ 4,295.00	\$ 4,825.50	\$ 922.00	\$2,736.00

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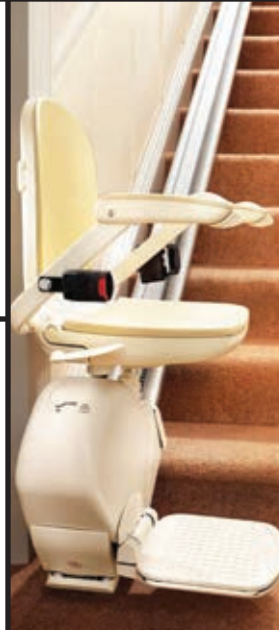
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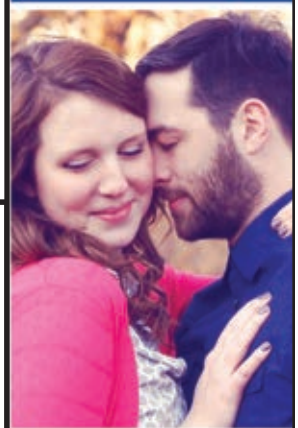


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