



Our Lady of Good Counsel



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • FEBRUARY 24, 2019
137 West Upper Ferry Road • West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

Rev. Michael Hall, Pastor
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Rev. Jason Parzynski, In Residence
Deacon Steven Szmuto
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

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Religious Education

Brenda O'Callaghan, CRE 609-883-9005

E-mail: religiouseducation.olgcc@comcast.net

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Rectory Office 609-882-3277

Adult Faith Formation

Deacon Steve 609-947-0587

Consolation Ministry

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Homebound Out Reach

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Mary Szmuto 609-847-0796

Knights of Columbus

Mike Narcowich, Grand Knight 609-558-2450

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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 609-947-0587

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Social Services

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Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

Mass for the Intentions *for the Week*

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| SATURDAY, 5:00 PM | FEBRUARY 23, 2019 William Doyle r/o Eileen Doyle & Daughter, Nan George Claffey r/o Stan & Joanne Sliwinski & Family |
| SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM | FEBRUARY 24, 2019 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME James Condrat r/o Stanley & Elizabeth Wilk Daniel DeFrancesco r/o Mary DeFrancesco Jerry Bouvier r/o Harry & Sherry Masterson |
| MONDAY, 7:30 AM | FEBRUARY 25, 2019 Rev. Leon Buni |
| TUESDAY, 7:30 AM | FEBRUARY 26, 2019 Rev. Leon Inverso |
| WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM | FEBRUARY 27, 2019 Bishop John Mortimer Smith |
| THURSDAY, 7:30 AM | FEBRUARY 28, 2019 Thomas Lawrence r/o Ellsworth Family |
| FRIDAY, 7:30 AM | MARCH 1, 2019 James M. Gambino, Sr. r/o Family |
| SATURDAY, 8:00 AM 5:00 PM | MARCH 2, 2019 Special Intention Mary DeFrancesco r/o Adria & Jeffrey Sgro & Family William F. Bolan, Jr. r/o Helen Marie Dolton |
| SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM | MARCH 3, 2019 EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Deceased Members Hajjar Family r/o Family Jessica "Jodi" Fitzpatrick r/o Cheryl Budzinski Shirley Marie Hess r/o Deacon Steve & Mary Szmuto Barbara Smythe r/o Veto Tassone & Emily Smythe |



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| Registered Parishioners | 786 families |
| Parishioners using envelopes | 222 |
| Envelope Contributions | \$4,761.50 |
| Average Contribution | \$21.45 |
| Loose Cash | \$615.00 |
| Contributions for February 10th | \$5,376.50 |

Thank you for your generosity.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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| SATURDAY, 5:00 PM | MARCH 2 Vickey Aneser, Butch Kramer, & Mary Szmuto |
| SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:00 AM 10:30 AM | MARCH 3 Claude & Mary Anne LeGall, Laura Shea Preferred Care Visits: Mary Pat Voorhees Joyce Christensen, Brenda O'Callaghan, and Linda Reasoner |
| MONDAY, | March 4 Reposition Thomas Voorhees |

READERS

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| SATURDAY, 5:00 PM | MARCH 2 Mary Lou Delahanty |
| SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM | MARCH 3 Sean Feddema Robert Arcadipane |

ALTAR SERVERS

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| SATURDAY, 5:00 PM | MARCH 2 Chris Corban |
| SUNDAY, 8:30 AM | MARCH 3 Mary Catherine Shea |
| FRIDAY, 7:00 PM | MARCH 8 – Stations of the Cross Michael Montagna, Nora & Mary Catherine Shea |

NEWS & Events

Saturday, February 23, 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
Monday, February 25, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place following the 7:30 a.m. Mass until 7:00 p.m.
Religious Education Classes for Grades 1-7 are Monday afternoon from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Villa Victoria Academy.
Tuesday, February 26, The Auxiliary Board of the Children's Home Society of New Jersey will meet in the Church Hall at 7:00 P.M.



Pray for our Sick: Bob Arcadipane, Michael Babick, Leon Beauvais, Rosemarie Buker, Gregory DeFillippo, Nick Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Debra Kern, Carol Lake, Rebecca Lynn, Thomas McGuire, Dolores Megyesy, Keith Mello, Marie Muscente, Angelika Niranjana, Vincent O'Dell, Jeff Papp, Lucy Saganowski, Kristy Shanahan, Elayne Smith, 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.

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



This weekend is Pledge Sunday for the Annual Catholic Appeal throughout the Diocese of Trenton.

I ask you to prayerfully consider sharing your faith by making a gift to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal which will ensure 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 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal. By making a gift, you have a part in all we do in Christ's name as the Diocese of Trenton.



SAVE THE DATE SUNDAY, MARCH 3rd 4:30 P.M.

We will be having an early Mardi Gras party here at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Hall. This social event will be open to members of OLGCC and our Cohort Parish, Incarnation-St. James.

Food and beverage (Dinner and Dessert) will be included in the evening. Entertainment for the whole

family from the young to the young at heart will be provided as well! We will be asking for some help in the logistical planning of the event as it gets closer, but if you would like more info please email Fr. Mike at FrMike@olgcc.net



OLGC ADULT FAITH FORMATION: LENTEN STUDY

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and

her members. The Eucharist is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation. **This four-week program will be held on the 2nd through 5th Sundays of Lent (March 17 – April 7) from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the Church Hall.**

This study is perfect as we journey in Lent toward the glory of the Easter Resurrection. *Donation to attend is \$10 (cost of materials). Registration forms may be found at all the entrances to the Church, or email Deacon Steve at deaconstevenszmuto@gmail.com to have a form sent to you. Registration Deadline is Monday, March 4, 2019*

SPRITUAL PRAYER PRACTICES FOR LENT

An Adult Faith Enrichment Session to Prepare for Lent

The Church of Saint Ann, Lawrenceville, NJ
Wednesday, February 27 at 1:00 p.m.
Repeated on Thursday, February 28 at 7pm.



How do you [prepare for Lent](#)? How have you prepared in the past? What are your ideas about what *should* happen during Lent? While Lent provides us with a rich time for personal spiritual renewal and growth, many people find themselves already in the season without any preparation, or focus, and then move on with business as usual. Lent is meant to give us so much more. Join us for a one-hour adult enrichment session as we explore some Spiritual Prayer Practices to help us prepare for Lent, live it with greater desire and focus, and enhance our Christian journey of faith. Lent can be a wonderful season of grace for us if we give ourselves to it! Two sessions are offered to accommodate your schedules. The sessions are led by Gary Maccaroni, Pastoral Associate at the Church of Saint Ann, 1253 Lawrenceville Road, Lawrenceville, N.J. (RT. 206 - 1.5 mi South of I-95). The event is free and open to the public. All are welcome! For more information, contact Gary Maccaroni at 609-882-6491, ext. 116 or at gmacc@churchofsaintann.net.



SAVE THE DATE OLGCC Feast Day Dinner SUNDAY, APRIL 28th 12:30 P.M.

We are collecting any unused/unwanted items/gifts for a silent auction during the Feast Day Dinner. Please place these items on the designated table downstairs. Thank you. Any questions, ideas or to volunteer please contact: Mary Pat Voorhees, 570-290-2373 or sistermaripat@hotmail.com.



St. James Seniors Bus Trips

Join us on February 26 for a day at the Tropicana, Atlantic City. The cost is \$21 pp with \$30 back to play. The bus leaves 9:30 a.m. from Incarnation parking lot, and departs casino at 5 p.m.

Enjoy 3 days at Mohegan Sun, Connecticut on April 1, 2, 3, 2019. Cost is \$370.00 pp, includes bus, all breakfasts and dinners and \$30 back to play.

Bus leaves from Incarnation Church parking lot.

For more information or questions on any of the trips contact Connie Fanelli at 609-585-0575.



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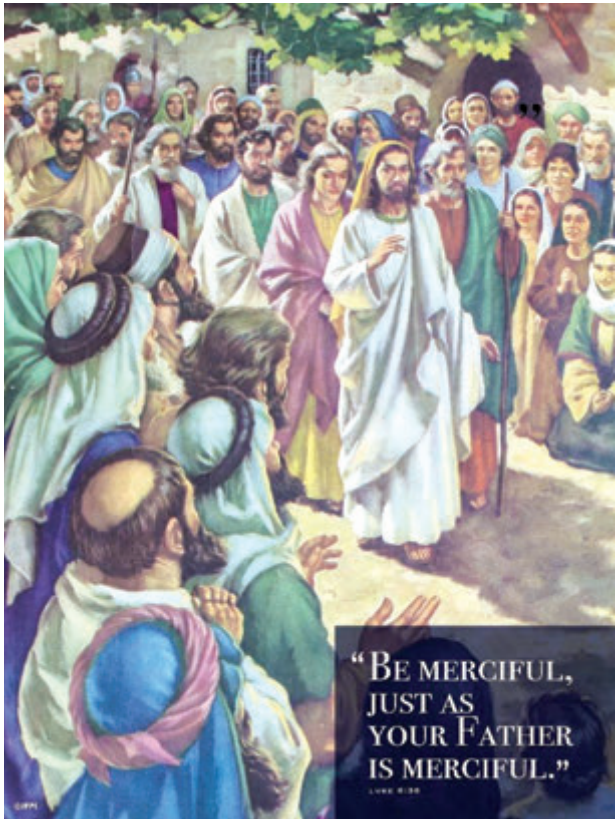
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February 24, 2019



Spirituality of the Readings

February 24, 2019

John Foley, SJ

[Reading I: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23](#)

[Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49](#)

[Gospel: Luke 6:27-38](#)

How to Love

I don't know if you have ever read Richard Carlson's 1997 book, [Don't Sweat the Small Stuff \(and it's all small stuff\)](#). It offers advice and examples as to how we can live a loving and a (more) peaceful life.

One of my favorite chapters gives a way to use patience rather than upset when someone else does an annoying thing. For instance, when a car swerves in front of you, instead of asking, "why in the heck did he or she do that????!!!!?????" maybe we could ask the question, "what are they trying to teach me?" This becomes like a game in which everyone else is wise and you or I want to learn from them.

Such an insight changed my own perspective.

God's love does not demand reward. It overflows to us no matter what we do.

When a car goes through a very narrow opening behind a truck and careens into my lane with only several inches to spare, then, instead of leaning on the horn and unpacking some road-rage, I ask what the

swerver could be teaching me. Could it be that I too am sometimes in a great big hurry and don't consider the other person? Honestly, this softens my attitude and lets me have some compassion.

I am not trying to sell copies of Carlson's books, though I do like this one. I am just pointing out how his generous writing soothed me.

Jesus, in Sunday's [Gospel](#), suggests an even bigger change of attitude. His prose is a bit more jagged and maybe less consoling than Carlson's, but ultimately deeper.

Jesus says that you and I try to bargain in everything. If someone loves us, only then do we agree to love them in return. If they run their car over our flowerbed or nearly knock us out of the crosswalk, we become angry and we substitute bad feelings for loving ones. After all, who would be nice to an evil doer who is in the act of doing evil to you?

Jesus says:

Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

How can we love without any return? "Lend money and expect nothing back," Jesus says. If you get a reward for each thing you do you are just like the pagans.

But is it even possible to just love—and never to get our own empty tank filled back up? Isn't that a way to burn-out?

Jesus' answer is found in a wonderful clue toward the bottom half of Sunday's [Gospel](#). There he says, if we can give without guile, we will be like "children of the Most High," who is always kind to the ungrateful and the wicked!

Alright, is God "always kind"? Yes. All his "needs" are already filled. God's love does not demand reward. It overflows to us no matter what we do.

If we do not reject this, if we experience it—in the sacraments, say, or in prayer, or in another person—and if we let it in, then maybe our tanks will be pre-filled. God's love will flow out to others through us.

Fill up!

John Foley, SJ

DON'T FORGET NEXT WEEKEND MARCH 2ND AND 3RD IS COINS FOR CHARITY.

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