



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.

Secretary:
Monday-Wednesday Debbie Smith
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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
137 West Upper Ferry Road, West Trenton, N

Parish Ministries & Services

Parish Rectory & Office 609-882-3277
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Monday thru Friday

Religious Education—Brenda O'Callaghan, CRE
E-mail: olgc.re.wt@gmail.com 609-883-9005

Adoration Denise Hayes 908-242-2183

Adult Faith Formation/RCIA

Deacon Steve Szmuto 609-947-0587

Altar Society Mary Pat Voorhees 570-290-2373

Consolation Ministry Mary Szmuto 609-882-3277

Infant Baptism Mary Szmuto 609-847-0796

Knights of Columbus—

Tom DeFalco, Grand Knight 609-882-6480

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Liturgical Ministers Mary Szmuto 609-882-3277

Marys of Mary~Mary Arcadipane 609-883-7620

Music Ministry Deirdre Hindley 609-882-3215

Sr.'s Club Mary Pat Voorhees, Pres. 570-290-2373

Dolores Sebasto, Vice President 609-882-5085

Social Services James Gambino 609-818-1708

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	FEBRUARY 25, 2023 Clara Castiello r/o Family
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	FEBRUARY 26, 2023 1st Sunday of Lent Dorothy & Charles Martin r/o Dennis & Jennifer Martin Janet & Joseph Furey r/o Son Steven MaryLou McCabe r/o Seton Hall Girls Intentions of James A. Keenan, IV r/o Parents
10:30 AM	
MONDAY, 7:30 AM	FEBRUARY 27, 2023 Special Intention
TUESDAY, 7:30 AM	FEBRUARY 28, 2023 John & Margaret Chadwick
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM	MARCH 1, 2023 Mary Lou McCabe r/o Claude & Mary Anne LeGall
THURSDAY, 7:30 AM	MARCH 2, 2023 Healing Intentions of Joanne Wuest r/o Elaine Palatine
FRIDAY, 7:30 AM	MARCH 3, 2023 FIRST FRIDAY Healing Intentions of Frances O'Brien r/o Elaine Palatine
7:00 PM	STATIONS of the CROSS
SATURDAY, 8:00 AM	MARCH 4, 2023 Special Intention
5:00 PM	Special Intention r/o Gatto Family
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	MARCH 5, 2023 2nd Sunday of Lent Minnie Rabatie r/o Mary Arcadipane Carmen Armenti r/o Armenti & Zuccarell Family Paul Medwick r/o Family Intentions of Patrick Keenan r/o Parents
10:30 AM	

CHURCH SUPPORT

Registered Parish Families	677
Parishioners using envelopes	113
Envelope Contributions	\$2,548.00
Average Contribution	\$22.55
Loose Cash	536.00
Total Contributions February 19th	\$3,084.00

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Readers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	MARCH 4 Jackie Crane
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	MARCH 5 Catharine Ard
10:30 AM	Carol Lake

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	MARCH 4 Ginny Evans, Joyce Christensen
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	MARCH 5 Laura Shea, Mary Anne LeGall
10:30 AM	Tony Jones, Mike Lake

Altar Servers

FRIDAY 7:00 PM	MARCH 3 Stations of the Cross Brayden Spina
SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	MARCH 4 Nathan Stankus
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	MARCH 5 Brayden Spina & Daniel Wilkes
10:30 AM	Dylan Rutkowski

News & Events

Sunday, February 26 R.C.I.A. Rite of Sending at OLGC. **Rite of Election** at Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine, Freehold at 3:00 PM.

Tuesday, February 28, Aux. Board of Children's Home Society will meet in St. Mary's Room at 7:00 PM.

Wednesday, March 1, Seniors Club will meet in the Parish Hall at 11:00 AM. All seniors welcome! Come join in the fun!

Wednesday, March 1, Parish Council will meet in St. Mary's Room at 7:00 PM.

Thursday, March 2 Lenten Pilgrim Mass-Mercer County at Incarnation Church at 7:00 PM.

First Communion Parent Meeting Parish Hall at 7:30 PM.

Thursday, March 2 Good News Sunday meeting in St. Joseph Room at 7:00 PM and on Friday morning at 10:00 AM.

Friday, March 3 First Friday of the Month Adoration at 8 am to 3 pm. **Stations of the Cross** at 7 PM in Church during the season of Lent.

Saturday, March 4 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.



Coins for Charity Weekend, March 4/5, containers will be placed at all entrances for your donations. Also, please continue to place your Marrazzo's receipts in the baskets at the three entrances to the church. Your generosity is appreciated!

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 Niranjana, Carol Perrine, Lucy Saganowski, Vincent Schnell, G. Welly Samuels, Debbie Sattler, Gregory Schafer, Dolores Sebasto, Kristy Shanahan, Steve Schmierer, Linda Solinski, Erin Cahill Wetzell, 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.

FEBRUARY 26TH ~ THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



The Temptation of Christ by the Devil, c. 1633-35, Christoffel Jegher, after Peter Paul Rubens.

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. (Gospel)

1st Sunday of Lent

Gen 2:7-9;3:1-7; Ps 51:4-6,12-13,17; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11

The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.

Our readings today focus on temptation and two disparate responses found in the Scriptures. In the first reading from Genesis, Satan — in the guise of a serpent — tempted Adam and Eve to disobey God's command. Despite the Lord's blessings, the first man and woman sought to become like God, estranging themselves from the Creator and the state of paradise in which they had been placed. Adam and Eve turned from a state of abundance and succumbed to the evil that characterizes so much of human endeavor. However, as revealed throughout Sacred Scripture, God continued to reach out, establishing a loving Covenant and promising the Messiah, despite the ongoing failure of His people to remain faithful. At last, in the fullness of time, he sent His only begotten son — fully divine, fully human yet without sin — to enter into the world in order to offer himself in expiation for our sins.

In the reading from the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus was led into the desert to be tempted by the devil. Knowing the true nature of Jesus, Satan sought to dissuade him from his mission. Three times, he appealed to the baser instincts of man; yet each time, Jesus spurned Satan, remaining faithful to the will of the Father. Christ's fidelity to his redemptive mission would endure throughout his ministry, culminating with his ultimate sacrifice

— Jesus' suffering and death on the Cross. It was this paschal sacrifice by which sin and death were vanquished and humanity was restored to a place in the Kingdom.

Evil thrives in separation and isolation. Satan preys upon our fears, eager to exploit any weakness, and ready to divide us from each other and from God, just as he did with Adam and Eve. He works in darkness and despair, tempting us to eschew our intimate relationship with the loving Creator. Satan's work has been made manifest throughout the centuries, even to the present day, when humanity turns from the face of God, elevating golden idols in His stead. It is only by faith and trust in Jesus Christ, that we can withstand evil. Only by accepting him into our hearts can we banish Satan back to the darkness from which he came.

As we enter these forty days of Lent, let us renew our faith and trust in the Lord. Through prayer, devotion, and sacrifice, let us prepare our hearts, minds and spirits so that, as we journey with Jesus to Calvary, we might come to know the bliss of Easter Joy — the celebration of his resurrection.

Deacon Steve Szmuto (2011)



CLASSES: Sunday, February 26 Grade 8 at 7 PM Parish Hall. **Monday, February 27** Grades 1-7 6 PM Parish Hall.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

Thursday, March 2 at 7:30 PM in St. Mary Room 1-2. All First Communion parents/guardians must attend.

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 or drop off to the Parish Office. Thanks for helping us plan ahead!



First Friday Adoration is March 3rd, from 8 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sign up sheets are in the Church Vestibule to designate a time when you can attend. You may also sign up on line at olgcc.net. Locate Adoration on top menu bar, Click on the flyer and you will be in the sign up area. Simply pick a time and you will be prompted to fill in your information. Don't like doing things on line then please call our Chairperson, Denise Hayes at 908-242-2183 she will gladly help you sign up.

Come aside and rest a while with the Lord. He is truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Now Available on our Church Vestibule CD Rack... Eucharistic Revival Focused CD's

Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist: Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper by Brant Pitre

Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist shines fresh light on the Last Supper by looking at it through Jewish eyes. Using his in-depth knowledge of the Bible and ancient Judaism, Dr. Brant Pitre answers questions such as: What was the Passover like at the time of Jesus? What were the Jewish hopes for the Messiah? What was Jesus' purpose in instituting the Eucharist during the feast of Passover? And, most important of all, what did Jesus mean when he said, "This is my body... This is my blood"?

To answer these questions, Pitre explores ancient Jewish beliefs about the Passover of the Messiah, the miraculous Manna from heaven, and the mysterious Bread of the Presence. As he shows, these three keys—the Passover, the Manna, and the Bread of the Presence—have the power to unlock the original meaning of the Eucharistic words of Jesus. Along the way, Pitre also explains how Jesus united the Last Supper to his death on Good Friday and his Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Inspiring and informative, "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist" is a groundbreaking work that is sure to illuminate one of the greatest mysteries of the Christian faith: the mystery of Jesus' presence in "the breaking of the bread."



YOUNG ADULT RETREAT IS BACK!

All young adults (18-39) of the Diocese of Trenton (and beyond) are invited to the annual Young Adult Retreat, at St. Raphael's Church in Hamilton NJ on March 4, 2023. The day will include inspiring talks, fellowship, breakouts, prayer and more." Please go to www.dioceseoftrenton.org/yaretreat for more information.



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, but whatever you can give is greatly appreciated.

Please leave your donated cans of fruit, or low-sodium soup, vegetables and meat (chicken, salmon, tuna), in the designated area of the Church Hall, 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. Gift cards and monetary donations are also accepted. Please place in an envelope in the collection marked "40 cans for Lent" or take to the Rectory during the week 9-3:00.

SAVE THE DATE ~ SIGHT AND SOUND

A bus trip is planned for Thursday, March 16, 2023, to the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA to see "Moses". The bus will leave Sacred Heart Church parking lot at 8:00 am and return by 6:30 pm. The cost of \$165.00 per person includes transportation and gratuity, mid-afternoon lunch at Shady Maple Restaurant, and the 11:00 morning show ticket. Payment must be dropped off at the Sacred Heart Parish office at 343 South Broad St, Trenton, NJ 08608 by March 1st. Checks are made payable to Sacred Heart Parish. Parish office hours are 9am to 4pm Monday thru Friday.



VILLA VICTORIA
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All parishioners of OLGC are invited to a VIP dress rehearsal of Villa Victoria Academy's annual musical. This year, the students at VVA will be performing *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*. The

special free performance for OLGC parishioners and other invited guests will be held on Thursday, March 9 at 7 pm in the Villa theatre. Parking is also free. No need to RSVP. Contact Colleen White at cwhite@villavictoria.org or 609-882-1700 ext. 419 with questions.

200 Hearts for Jesus

During Lent, as we meditate on the cross of Christ, we come to see that Jesus does not thirst for water, but rather for our hearts! Jesus waits in the Tabernacle, yearning to receive our small but confident prayers of love. This Lent, our parish will seek to quench the thirst of Jesus. We invite each parishioner to stop by the church to offer a small prayer of loving trust to Jesus in the Tabernacle.



Our humble act of trust is a special gift for Jesus, allowing Him to pour out His Infinite Mercy on us and on our wounded world. After spending a moment of loving exchange with Jesus in the Tabernacle, please feel free to take a polished stone heart from the "200 Hearts" basket. We will carry these hearts with us as a reminder to offer our continual surrender to Jesus and His Divine Love. As a parish, we will hope to empty the basket before the end of Lent, with 200 little visits for Jesus!



THE STATION CHURCHES OF MERCER CO.

You are invited on a Faith Pilgrimage to the Churches of Mercer County for Lenten evening Mass. For the complete schedule please go to our webpage www.OLGCC.net and click on **Lent Resources** on the top menu bar. All Lenten programs are listed.

Our Lady of Good Counsel will be the Station Church host Wednesday, March 15 at 6:00 P.M. The purpose of the Station Churches is to provide an opportunity to visit some of the beautiful Churches in our area and to worship with other Catholics of Mercer County. Make this a part of your Lenten Journey.

R.C.I.A. Rite of Election ~ Bishop to preside Feb. 26th

The Rite of Election, an ancient ceremony of public acceptance for those women and men journeying toward full initiation in the Catholic Church, will be celebrated at 3 p.m. Feb. 26, in St. Robert Bellarmine-Cathedral, 61 Georgia Rd., Freehold, with Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., presiding. Please pray for our Catechumen as they continue their journey for reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT SATURDAY, MARCH 18TH ~ PARISH HALL ~ 6 PM THE PRINCE OF EGYPT

Please join us for Family Movie Night in the Parish Hall following the Saturday 5:00 PM Vigil Mass. We will provide the popcorn and snacks feel free to bring blankets and pillows for kids to watch from the floor. Chairs also available.



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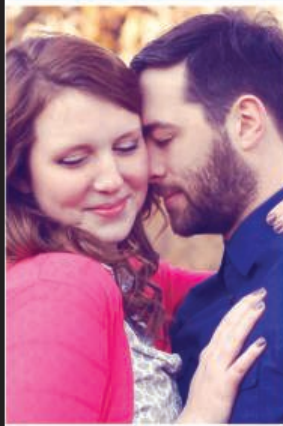


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