



Our Lady of Good Counsel



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT • FEBRUARY 28, 2021
137 West Upper Ferry Road • West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

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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
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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
Rectory Office 609-882-3277

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Mary Szmuto 609-847-0796

Knights of Columbus
Frank Ferdetta, Grand Knight 609-883-1559
George Steward, Church Director 609-883-9173

Liturgical Ministers
Rectory Office 609-882-3277

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Deirdre Hindley, Organist 609-882-3215

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James Gambino 609-818-1708

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Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2021
 5:00 PM William A. Doyle r/o Wife Eileen Doyle & Daughter, Nan
 For the Intentions of Tom Voorhees
 r/o Patricia Voorhees

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021
 8:30 AM Daniel DeFrancesco
 r/o Children & Grandchildren
 People of the Parish
 10:30 AM Jean V. Ferdetta
 r/o Deborah & Nicholas Solimando

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021
 7:30 AM Rodney Fish
 r/o Gordy Fish

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021
 7:30 AM Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021
 7:30 AM For the Intention of Daniel DeFrancesco
 r/o Donna & MaryAnn
 **Candle for St. Joseph and the Blessed Mother**
For the Intention of Daniel DeFrancesco
 r/o Donna & Mary Ann 

THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021
 7:30 AM Special Intention

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2021
 7:30 AM Minnie Rabatie r/o Mary Arcadipane
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2021
 8:00 AM Special Intention
 5:00 PM Nina Casacchia r/o Nino & Angeline Como
 Virginia Hundley r/o Elaine Palatine

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021
Third Sunday of Lent
 8:30 AM James M. Gambino, Sr. r/o Family
 Mario DiFiore r/o Tony & Gina DiMascio
 10:30 AM John E. Kane, III r/o Susan T. Kane
 People of the Parish

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Parishioners using envelopes	70
Envelope Contributions	\$2,014.00
Average Contribution	\$ 28.77
Loose Cash	\$ 256.00
Contributions for February 21 st	\$ 2,270.00

The total amount for the annual collection for the church in Latin America amounted to \$328.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Readers

SATURDAY, MARCH 6
 5:00 PM Mary Anne LeGall
SUNDAY, MARCH 7
 8:30 AM Sean Feddema
 10:30 AM Maeve Cannon

Parish Events

Thursday, March 4 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, March 5 Stations of the Cross are every Friday during Lent in the Church at 7:00 PM. OLGC Stations will also be available on Livestream. Please see the website: www.olgcc.net



Pray for our Sick:

Rosemarie Buker, Richard Cook, Sara Cooper, Al Gatto, 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 Niranjan, 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.



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.

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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.



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Third prize: 20%=\$8,000

Drawing is Saturday, March 13, 2021 at 8 pm.

The luck of the Irish be with you!

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



Make the Faith come alive for your family this Lent.

Faith At Home for Lent is a **one page resource** that is intended to accompany families during Lent in preparation for attending Sunday Mass from Sunday, February 21st through Sunday, March 28th.

Click on the Link:
<https://dioceseoftrenton.org/documents/2021/2/Faith-At-Home-Lent.pdf>

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2021

2021 Annual Catholic Appeal Goal is \$28,000.00

As members of our diocesan family, we are called upon to love and serve all of our brothers and sisters – both within our Catholic community and beyond. Your contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal allows our diocese to continue to serve as a resource to the parishes and other organizations in their efforts to provide service, evangelization, and outreach.

You may make your pledge or donation online at:

www.dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal or

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

A limited number of Pledge cards are also available at the Church Office. Please call us: 609-882-3277.

Thank you for your generosity. Fr. Ariel

REBATE FROM FAITH TO MOVE MOUNTAINS CAMPAIGN

This past week we received a rebate from the Faith to Move Mountains Campaign. Based on pledges and payments received by the Diocese of Trenton, the rebate for Our Lady of Good Counsel Amounted to \$756.00. Our parish has received \$117,143.00 in rebates to date! Thank you to the families who have completed their pledges and those that continue participating in the campaign.

Fr. Ariel



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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

LENTEN PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION

Loving Father, I invite you into my life today and make myself available to you. Help me to become the-best-version-of-myself by seeking your will and becoming a living example of your love in the world. Open my heart to the areas of my life that need to change in order for me to carry out the mission and experience the joy you have imagined for my life. Inspire me to live the Catholic faith in ways that are dynamic and engaging. Make our community hungry for best practices and continuous learning. Give me courage when I am afraid, hope when I am discouraged, and clarity in times of decision. Teach me to enjoy uncertainty and lead your Church to become all you imagined it would be for the people of our times. Amen.



A message from Bishop O'Connell for Lent 2021

The season of Lent has arrived, and with it the importance of prayer and penance become a special focus of our attention once again as we “journey to Jerusalem” with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Holy Father Pope Francis, in his [“2021 Lenten Message.”](#) asks us to spend these 40 penitential days of Lent “renewing our faith, hope and love.” Such Lenten renewal invites us to “fasting, prayer and almsgiving,” the traditional Lenten paths to

conversion. I recommend that all Catholics take a few moments to read and reflect upon the Holy Father’s beautiful Lenten Message this year.

As your Shepherd, I humbly offer you some simple thoughts for Lent.

On faith, hope and love.

To read the full message click [here](#).

To listen to Bishop O'Connell's message click [here](#).



Nourishment for the Journey of Lent

The Diocese of Trenton is pleased to share weekly reflections, in English and in Spanish, to help people grow closer to the Lord as they more deeply enter into the experience of Lent. Please click on the Link: <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/lenten-video-series>



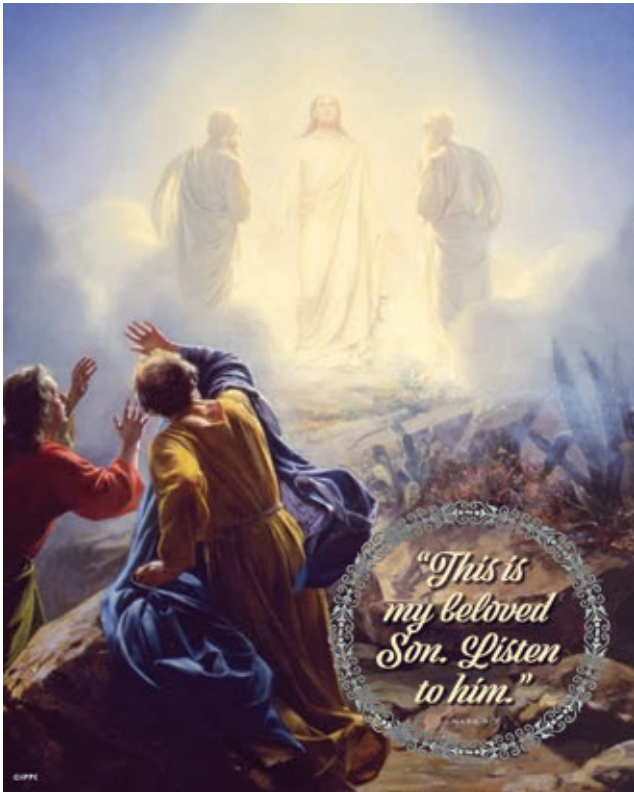
Celebrating Lent

The Catholic Church observes Lent in a number of special ways. We skip the Gloria and stop singing any Alleluias. (It’s something that we give up for Lent.) Our vestments and other decorations (which are minimal) are purple, and there are no flowers around the Altar. And in our prayer and our song, we reflect on the meaning of this particular Lent. For example, we will use the sung prayer of the Gathering Hymn to help us establish a tone for the whole of Lent, as we pray in community and individually. Save your people, O Lord. Show us the way to come home, We have been wandering far from you love. Save your people, O Lord. The Church has three sets of Scriptures for Lent that we “cycle” through over a three-year period. This year we will hear the Cycle B readings. A recurring theme in this set of readings is the Covenant between God and His people, going back to God’s promise to Noah and continuing through the days when Christ came to establish a New Covenant. Our Penitential Rite during this season reflects on God’s Covenant with us. Lord, you gave your people the rainbow as a sign of your covenant. Lord, have mercy. Lord, you gave your people the commandments as a sign of your love. Christ, have mercy. Lord, you gave us your Son to be our Redeemer. Lord, have mercy. Webster’s Dictionary defines covenant as a formal, solemn and binding agreement. God gave Noah the rainbow as a sign of His Covenant. He gives us baptism as a sign of the New Covenant in Christ. Listen throughout this season and you will hear plenty of subtle and not-so-subtle descriptions of that special Covenant between God and us.

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Reflection 2nd Sunday of Lent Deacon Steve Szmuto

[Reading I: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18](#)
[Responsorial Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19](#)
[Reading II: Romans 8:31b-34](#)
[Gospel: Mark 9:2-10](#)



“Jesus took Peter, James and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller could bleach them.”
(Mark 9: 2-3)

Mark’s account of the transfiguration of Jesus, with its triumphant images, seems almost out of place so early in the Lenten Season. The revelation of Jesus as the Son of God evokes images of fulfillment, not that of the suffering Servant on the way to Calvary. Yet, its place in today’s liturgy is a welcome glimpse of Divine Glory, the promise of Easter joy. Yet the transfiguration

itself is not clear, at least by our own human understanding. The three apostles were terrified at the vision before them. There was Jesus, with Moses and Elijah, and then, as if that were not enough, a voice from the clouds called out:

“This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.”
(Mark 9: 7b)

Imagine how the apostles felt when, after this revelation, they made their way down from the mountain with Jesus. He offered no explanation, just called upon them not to reveal what they had seen until he had risen from the dead. This last comment raised even more confusion. Peter, James and John were people very much like us. Confronted with incomprehensible events, they tried to make sense of it all. Yet in the end, when reason failed, they continued their journey with the Lord, a faith that led them ultimately to his passion, death and resurrection.

What do we believe? Do we accept only what we can fully understand, what we can see, hear, touch, taste and smell? Or do we recognize a greater truth, one that lies beyond our senses and human limitations? That is faith! And faith is a choice, one that can lead us to either salvation or destruction depending upon the “gods” we worship. However, when our faith is in the saving power of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, it is rooted in eternal and unchanging truth. This is our faith! It is the faith that we choose to affirm each day as we journey – with all of our imperfections – to a deeper relationship with a loving and generous Father. As Saint Paul tells us:

“If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?” (Romans 8: 31b-32)

Deacon Steven K. Szmuto

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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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