



Our Lady of Good Counsel



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME • FEBRUARY 7, 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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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 6, 2021 For the Intentions of Donna Collins r/o Angela Androla
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	FEBRUARY 7, 2021 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time People of the Parish Mario DiFiore r/o The Hajjar Family Patrick Keenan r/o Father and Mother
MONDAY, 7:30 AM	FEBRUARY 8, 2021 Larry Donato r/o Michelle Delahanty
TUESDAY, 7:30 AM	FEBRUARY 9, 2021 Special Intention
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM	FEBRUARY 10, 2021 Deceased Members of Fekete & Walley Families r/o Family
THURSDAY, 7:30 AM	FEBRUARY 11, 2021 Special Intention
FRIDAY, 7:30 AM	FEBRUARY 12, 2021 Sam and Lisa Bowlen r/o Pat Bavosi
SATURDAY, 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	FEBRUARY 13, 2021 Special Intention 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



WEEKLY COLLECTION

Parishioners using envelopes	75
Envelope Contributions	\$1,824.00
Average Contribution	\$24.32
Loose Cash	\$294.00
Contributions for January 31 st	\$2,118.00

Thank you for your generosity during the pandemic.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Confessions are Thursday Evenings inside the front doors of the church from 6:30-8:00. Please be mindful of social distancing and please wear a mask.

Readers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	FEBRUARY 13 Trish Williams
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	FEBRUARY 14 Laura Shea Michael Delehanty

Parish Events

Thursday, February 11 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.

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



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, Germaine Ryan, 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.



Charitable Donations

Help is needed now more than ever!

Please leave your charitable donations on the tables inside the Rectory garage. Donations may include non-perishable food, gently used clothing and accessories, baby items, small household and personal care items. There is a freezer for frozen items. Follow the sidewalk between the Rectory and Garage and enter the garage side door. Door is Open during weekend Masses. Door is locked during the week but we can open it for you if you give us a call at the Rectory M-F, 9-3:00, 609-882-3277.

Note: food trays are available adjacent to the garage freezer.

Parishioners should know that in our weekly deliveries to these charities we regularly hear sincere expressions of appreciation for your continued generosity. Their thanks for all of our food and meal donations always get special mention.

Thanks for all you do for parish outreach to help those in need!

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Visit our parish website: olgcc.net and celebrate the liturgy with our parish community.

Click on the **Facebook Icon** Or **YouTube**

Icon. Both icons will link you to the Live Stream Broadcast. Daily Masses Monday through Saturday Live Streamed at the regular Mass times. Sunday Mass Streamed at 10:30 A.M.



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Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

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

Ways to Give:

✓ **Online:** You can give safely and securely through Parish Giving on our website. Visit: <https://www.olgcc.net>.

✓ **Drop Off:** Drop off your donation in the mail slot in the Rectory Office door. Go in the screened in porch facing church. At the Main



Office door open the screen and drop in the metal mail slot at the bottom part of the Office door.

✓ **Mail to:** 137 West Upper Ferry Road, West Trenton, 08628.

✓ **Drop in the Collection Basket:** located at each open entrance after Weekend Masses.

Thank you! This is a challenging time for all of us and we thank you for your continued support.



WORLD MARRIAGE DAY 2/14/2021 And National Marriage week 2/7-14, 2021

In celebration of National Marriage Week (February 7- 14) and World Marriage Day (Feb. 14), all married couples and their families are invited to a live recitation of the rosary and nightly reflection on marriage.

Join us for this special live-streamed event each evening from 7:00 to 8:00 pm.

CANA ROSARY FOR MARRIAGE, FEB. 7-13, 2021;
7:00 - 8:00 PM

Find the Facebook live event at <https://www.facebook.com/dotfamilylife>

Special announcement for Catholic Married Couples!

In observance of World Marriage Day (Sunday, February 14, 2021) and National Marriage Week (February 7-14), the Diocese of Trenton has launched an exciting new web resource for Catholic married couples to enhance their marriage in three important ways:

- 1) *Reconnect with Your Spouse*
- 2) *Make Your Marriage Even Better and*
- 3) *Serve Others in Your Marriage.*

Find all this and more at:

www.dioceseoftrneton.org/world-marriage-day-for-couples

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

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): https://youtu.be/xTp_XJ75q-c



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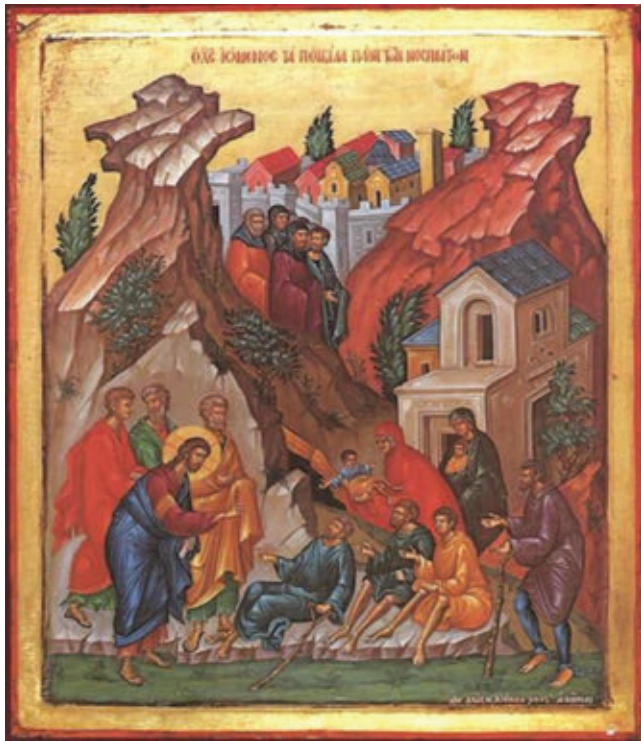
Reflection on the Sunday Readings 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

[Reading I: Job 7:1-4, 6-7](#)

[Responsorial Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6](#)

[Reading II: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23](#)

[Gospel: Mark 1:29-39](#)



The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons. (Gospel)

**Greek Orthodox Icon, 14th Century,
Christ Healing Many Diseases**

Serving the Lord Well

In the [Gospel](#) Reading, when Jesus comes to Peter's house, he finds that Peter's mother-in-law is sick, and he heals her.

And then look what happens. The whole town hears of her healing and they rush all their sick to Peter's house. The house is surrounded, and so is Jesus. Now, all of a sudden, Jesus seems to have become a one-man hospital.

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is prayer first.**

He is so besieged that he can't even pray in the house. He has to head out secretly into the countryside in the dark of early morning.

When his absence is detected, his disciples go looking for him. "Hey," they say when they find him, "Everybody is looking for you"! They seem to think that his urgent-care clinic

should be open at all hours.

Now, of course, it is a good work to heal the sick. And, of course, those who love the sick are right to want them healed.

And yet how absurd it is to suppose that prayer should take second-place to work, no matter what the work is! And how sadly and understandably absurd it is to suppose that the mission of Jesus is to be a Doctor Without Borders.

So maybe it isn't hard to figure out what Jesus was praying about in the early morning in the countryside.

Each healing Jesus does is a good thing. But good things can actually get in the way of serving God well. To serve God well, a person has to do not just any good things that others want him to do. He has to do those good things that God has called him to do. It may take prayer to figure out which good things to turn down.

Jesus' disciples feel that Jesus needs to hurry back to Peter's village to keep practicing medicine. What Jesus tells them, after his prayer, is that he is leaving Peter's village to continue his ministry—not of medicine but of preaching—in other towns. Preaching is the purpose for which he came.

What is needed to serve God well, then, is not endless good things that other people want from you. What is needed for the Lord's service is prayer first. And after that comes fidelity to just those few good things that fulfill that particular purpose to which the Lord has called you.

Eleonore Stump

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Next weekend is Pledge Sunday for the Annual Catholic Appeal throughout the Diocese of Trenton. Each year the Bishop seeks the support of all the members of the diocese to further the work of our ministries. Each of us has vital part in all we do in Christ's name, and each of us can share in all we do with a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Our single Act of Faith propels the works of love that build up our Church. You make that happen with a generous gift to the ACA.

Last year our goal was \$33,000.00. 161 parishioners pledged: \$20,989.20. The total received: \$20,773.20

This year Our Lady of Good Counsel's share of the goal is \$28,000.00.

As the people of the Diocese of Trenton, you have an opportunity to help others see Christ working in our midst. I ask you to take a moment and truly reflect on any help you can give. We truly need everyone to participate. This year we again are striving to reach our goal of \$6.5 million.

I am always grateful and moved by the level of support you give to our parish. I thank you for this support, and may God continue to bless you and your family.

Fr. Ariel



"REMEMBER, MAN, YOU ARE DUST AND TO DUST YOU WILL RETURN."

This year, the penitential season of Lent begins on February 17.

Do you have a plan in place?

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.

THE MONITOR ~ OUR DIOCESAN MAGAZINE

February is Catholic Press Month. For those who would like to subscribe or renew their subscription to our Diocesan Magazine, THE MONITOR, an envelope is provided in your packet this month. The subscription is \$25.00 a year. Simply put the special envelope in with your regular collection envelope. Thank you.

Parish Outreach for Q4 2020

Thanks to your continued generosity, our Social Services Committee volunteers delivered the following items to Catholic Charities of Trenton and Mount Carmel Guild during October, November, and December: 146 frozen food tray meals, 13 turkeys, 7 other frozen items, 124 bags/boxes of non-perishable food (includes Thanksgiving food), 26 bags/boxes of clothes, 3 bags of personal care items, 8 bags/boxes of baby items, 18 bags/boxes of household items and 45 bags/boxes of miscellaneous items (includes Christmas Gifts).

Note: food trays and instructions are available in the Rectory Garage.

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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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