



Our Lady of Good Counsel



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME • JANUARY 24, 2021
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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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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
Rectory Office 609-882-3277

Infant Baptism
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

Music Ministry
Deirdre Hindley, Organist 609-882-3215

RCIA
Deacon Steve Szmuto 609-947-0587

Senior's Club
Mary Pat Voorhees, President 570-290-2373
Dolores Sebasto, Vice President 609-882-5085

Social Services
James Gambino 609-818-1708

Youth Ministry

Web Master/Bulletin
Debbie Smith 609-882-3277

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	JANUARY 23, 2021 Special Intention Theresa E. Goeke r/o Gail Ann Palatine
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	JANUARY 24, 2021 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Mario DiFiore r/o Chuck Barbara Heenan Mario Lancia r/o Jenn & Brian Milano People of the Parish
MONDAY, 7:30 AM	JANUARY 25, 2021 Greg Sherman r/o Gordy Fish
TUESDAY, 7:30 AM	JANUARY 26, 2021 Sallie Girard r/o Elaine Palatine
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM	JANUARY 27, 2021 Mark Conte r/o Wife, Lorraine Fekete & Walley Families r/o Family
THURSDAY, 7:30 AM	JANUARY 28, 2021 Sophie Crianza r/o Lisowski Family
FRIDAY, 7:30 AM	JANUARY 29, 2021 For the Intentions of June Smith r/o Elaine Palatine
SATURDAY, 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	JANUARY 30, 2021 Special Intention People of the Parish
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	JANUARY 31, 2021 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mario DiFiore r/o Ann Smith Mario DiFiore r/o Afaf & Family

CHURCH SUPPORT

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parishioners using envelopes	41
Envelope Contributions	\$1,019.00
Loose Cash	\$138.00
Contributions for January 18 th	\$1,157.00

Thank you for your generosity during the pandemic.

This weekend is the collection for the **Church in Latin America**, Please be generous.

2020 Parish Giving – End Year Statements

Parish Giving will email year end statements to all parishioners who have made a contribution to the parish. This is just a record of your **“online”** contributions made through Parish Giving. This statement does not account for contributions made by check or envelope directly to the Parish. Email will be sent by end of January, 2021.

2020 Parish Collection Envelopes – End Year Statement

Statements will be mailed to all parishioners contributing \$250.00 or more who use the parish envelope system by the end of January.

READERS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	JANUARY 30 Susan Barnada
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	JANUARY 31 Laura Shea Mike Delehenty

PARISH EVENTS

Thursday, January 28th 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.



Pray for our Sick: Rosemarie Buker, Richard Cook, Sara Cooper, Xavier Crane, 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, Vincent O'Dell, 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.



Share God's word with your family. Make the faith come alive for your family on Sundays by preparing all week. Enjoy activities for the whole family.

The Diocese of Trenton is here to support you and your family during the pandemic. Resources for families can be found on our webpage:

dioceseoftrenton.org/faith-at-home.org



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

Nurses know! A nurse parishioner has shared that a mask correctly worn properly covers your nose and mouth and forms a seal around the cheeks and chin.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church



Important Notice – 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.

Thank you for your cooperation & continued generosity!

Cana Rosary for Marriage

Sunday, February 7 through Saturday, February 13, 2021



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

What every couple needs to make their marriage extraordinary!

(Part of the Building-StrongMarriages.org initiative of the Diocese of Trenton)



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

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.



RETRouvaille: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of February 12 - 14, 2021 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.

For more information, or to register, visit:
www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or
800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

**Catholic Marriage is unique among
other marital relationships because it
is a sacrament that makes Christ
present in our world.**

**The relationship
between husband
and wife**

**MIRRORS the relationship of
Jesus Christ for his people.**



The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

[Reading I: Jonah 3:1-5, 10](#)

[Responsorial Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9](#)

[Reading II: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31](#)

[Gospel: Mark 1:14-20](#)

The Destruction of Ninevah

The [First Reading](#) poses a puzzle that has bedeviled philosophers and theologians.

God tells Jonah to tell the people of Nineveh this line from the Lord: *Forty days more and Ninevah shall be destroyed.*

“Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you.”

“Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed “

God is announcing his own intention here, and God does not lie. Furthermore, the people of Nineveh believe this line to be true. That is why they fast and repent. And God is pleased with them for doing so.

When God intervenes dramatically in your life, he puts your whole life immediately at a major cross-road.

BUT here is the problem: the line seems to be false. At any rate, forty days after Jonah's announcement, the city is still standing.

And so here is the puzzle: could God say a lie and approve people for believing a line that is false?

Philosophers and theologians have had a lot to say about this puzzle. But here is a simple thought.

When God intervenes dramatically in your life, he puts your whole life immediately at a major cross-road. You can either ignore him and continue stubbornly with your old life, as if God didn't really matter, or didn't really care what you did, or maybe didn't really exist at all. Or you can open yourself to God. You can respond to him with trust and a willingness to obey. But if you do this, you will be leaving your old life aside, for a new life that might well have been unimaginable to you beforehand. You won't be who you were before. You will be a new person, in him and for him.

The people of Nineveh respond to God's call in this second way. When they hear God's voice through Jonah and repent, their whole lives change. Because they repent, they become very different people from the people they had been. And so the whole city becomes a very different city from the one it had been.

There are, then, two ways in which the Lord's line can be true. Ninevah can be destroyed either because God destroys the city or because the people cease to be the Ninevah that they were. Either way, the old Ninevah will no longer exist.

And so God's line is never false. The people of Ninevah make it true in the best way by believing it to be true. When they respond with repentance, with trust and obedience, they cease to be what they were. And then, in that best way, Ninevah is destroyed.

Eleonore Stump

SCHOLARSHIPS – The Polish Arts Club of Trenton announces the availability of \$1,500 scholarships to qualified high school seniors of Polish descent to assist in their pursuit of a college education. For details and an application, please visit our website www.trentonpolisharts.org. Applications must be submitted by February 20, 2021.

ROSARY FOR LIFE . . . The Diocese's faithful are asked to pray a Rosary for life throughout the month of January.

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Diocesan Covid-19 Committee made recommendations to Bishop O'Connell and he accepted them. The next day the Holy See made further modifications. The Rites of Lent and Holy Week will be modified due to Covid-19. A look towards Lent through the continuing pandemic...

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church has been diligently following all Covid-19 guidelines set forth from our Diocese. Our Church activities and gatherings continue to be suspended to protect the health of our parishioners. Bishop David has also extended the **dispensation from Sunday/Holy Day obligations until further notice**. As Lent approaches we will keep you up to date as to how Lent will be observed.

As always you are encouraged to stay home if you feel ill, have been with someone who is ill or are in a high risk category. Take advantage of our **live-streamed Masses** through our website, www.olgcc.net. On the website you can select YouTube or Facebook to view the live-stream Masses.

A great big thank you goes out to all who remain after Mass to help with the cleaning and sanitizing of our Church. Your help has made our environment safe for all. Thank you everyone for following all of the guidelines.

Two feasts that are coming before Lent begins (Ash Wednesday, February 17) they are the Feast of the Presentation and the Feast of St. Blaise.

Feast of the Presentation, February 2 – This is a popular feast when the church has traditionally blessed candles, a sign of the light of Christ **present in our world. The church will not bless and distribute candles, but if you would like your candles to be blessed you can bring them to Mass with you on that day, February 2nd 7:30 a.m.**

Feast of St. Blaise, February 3 – **The Blessing of the Throats** will be observed the weekend of January 30th and 31st, **individual blessing of throats with physical contact is not permitted. We can offer a general blessing to everyone using the traditional prayer, we will pray that the Lord grant protection to the gift of our throats, all its functions, and that all of us respect each day the great gift it is for us to have a healthy throat.** We will also remember in prayer that weekend, anyone that we know suffering an illness of the throat. . The use of candles, while quite beautiful and symbolic, is not necessary. The candles do not impart the blessing, God does.

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.

As we receive additional guidelines from the Diocese we will publish them.

Lent may look a little different in these days of Pandemic but our prayer, fasting and works of mercy will continue to help us walk with the Lord through his passion, death and resurrection.

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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 Daily Mass and Sunday 10:30AM Mass will be live-streamed and recorded for the time being for those who stay home.



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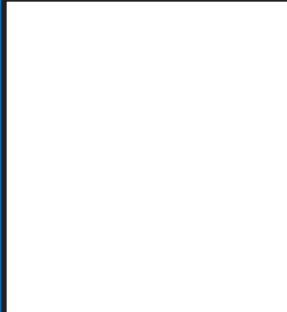
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