



# Our Lady of Good Counsel



**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME • JANUARY 31, 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  
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# Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

## Mass Intentions

<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>JANUARY 30, 2021</b>
8:00 AM	Special Intention
5:00 PM	People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b>JANUARY 31, 2021</b>
	<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:30 AM	Mario DiFiore r/o Ann Smith
10:30 AM	Mario DiFiore r/o Afaf & Family Barbara Smythe r/o Family
<i>General Blessing of Throats in honor of the Feast of St. Blaise at the end of all weekend Masses.</i>	
<b>MONDAY,</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 1, 2021</b>
7:30 AM	Maria Achacoso Gadioma r/o Gabriel & Evelyn Calingo
<b>TUESDAY,</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 2, 2021</b>
	<b>Candlemas Day</b> <b>Bring your candles to Mass for blessing</b>
n7:30 AM	James Babashak r/o Elaine Palatine
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 3, 2021</b>
	<b>Feast of St. Blaise</b> <b>Day of Adoration 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.</b>
7:30 AM	Sophie Crianza r/o Lisowski Family Joan Ungrady r/o Dr. Tom Ungrady
<b>THURSDAY,</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 4, 2021</b>
7:30 AM	Special Intention
<b>FRIDAY,</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 5, 2021</b>
7:30 AM	Special Intention
<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 6, 2021</b>
8:00 AM	Special Intention
5:00 PM	For Intentions of Donna Collins r/o Angela Androla
<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 7, 2021</b>
	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:30 AM	People of the Parish
10:30 AM	Mario DiFiore r/o The Hajjar Family



### WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parishioners using envelopes	76
Envelope Contributions	\$2,179.00
Loose Cash	\$319.00
Contributions for January 18 <sup>th</sup>	\$2,498.00

Thank you for your generosity during the pandemic.

This weekend is the annual 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 were mailed Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup> to all parishioners contributing who use the parish envelope system.

#### READERS

<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 6</b>
5:00 PM	Mary Anne LeGall
<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 7</b>
8:30 AM	Sean Feddema
10:30 AM	Maeve Cannon

#### PARISH EVENTS

**Saturday, January 30 and Sunday, January 31 – A** General Blessing of Throats will be offered at the end of Mass in honor of the Feast of St. Blaise.  
**Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> Candlemas Day** is another name for the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Forty days after His birth, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple for the rites of purification and dedication as prescribed by the Torah. This Feast is when the church has traditionally blessed candles, a sign of the light of Christ present in our world. If you would like your candles to be blessed you can bring them to Mass with you on February 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:30 a.m.  
**Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> – A Day of Adoration** on the Feast of St. Blaise. Please see page 4 for more information.  
**Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>** 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, 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, Vincent O'Dell, Joan Pachuta, Michael Palumbo, Theresa Papp, 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](http://dioceseoftrenton.org/faith-at-home.org)

# 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!**



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the regular Mass times.



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at 10:30 A.M.



## SAINT BLAISE

Who was St. Blaise and why are throats blessed on his feast day? St. Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste, Armenia, in the early fourth century. He was imprisoned and later martyred for the faith. Tradition passes on to us that St. Blaise was known for his ability to heal both people and animals. Two incidents are particularly significant, as they are reflected in the blessing we receive on his feast. Tradition says that a mother brought her son, who was choking to death on a fishbone, to the bishop. The boy was healed. When St. Blaise was being taken to prison, he encountered a poor woman whose pig had been taken by a wolf. At St. Blaise's command, the wolf brought back the pig unharmed. The woman is said to have brought St. Blaise food and candles while he was in prison. The blessing of throats is related to the saint's healing of the boy who was choking. The use of two candles in the blessing is said to be in memory of candles brought to St. Blaise by the woman whose pig he had rescued. His feast day is February 3. We will have a Day of Adoration 8-4 on the feast day and a **General Blessing** will be offered January 30-31.



**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.**



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## *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.*

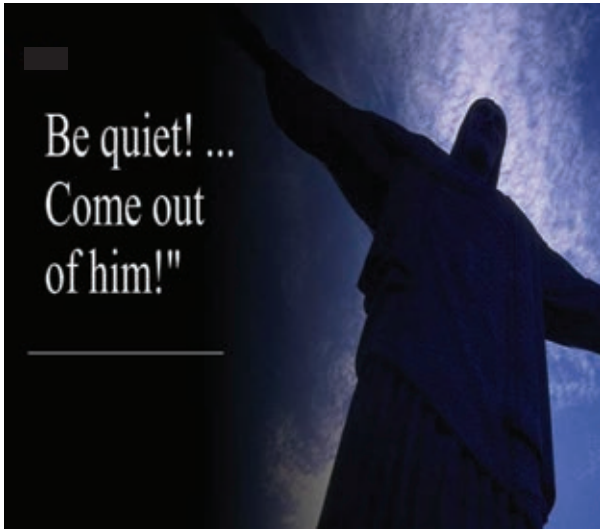
Find all this and more at

[www.dioceseoftrenton.org/world-marriage-day-for-couples](http://www.dioceseoftrenton.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)

# The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

[Reading I: Deuteronomy 18:15-20](#)

[Responsorial Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9](#)

[Reading II: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35](#)

[Gospel: Mark 1:21-28](#)

### Today's Reflection

Most people know that demons do exist in this world. All of us are afraid of these demons and it is very frightening to know that they are constantly preying on us wanting to destroy us.

The passage beside in quotes nonetheless shows us that Jesus is victorious over the demons. Therefore we should never be frightened of them at all as long as we are with Jesus everywhere we are. In fact, the demons should be frightened of us because we have invited Jesus to reside in us.

*"What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are the Holy One of God!"  
Jesus rebuked him and said, "Be quiet! Come out of him!" Then the demon threw the man down in front of them and came out of him without doing him any harm.  
They were all amazed and said to one another, "What is there about his word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out."*

So who are demons or what are demons? Back in time, in Heaven, there was an angel called Lucifer who acted contrary to the wishes of God in utter selfishness. Consequently, God cast him away from heaven to earth. As a result of this, there were other angels who fell by the wayside from the Grace of God and followed Lucifer. But God did not strip away their natural powers.

Using these natural powers, these Demons are capable of communicating with human beings and exercise influence over our lives here on earth. Because they fell from the Grace of God, they

cannot have anything good in them, only the bad and the evil. So they only have an evil influence over us.

To influence us, the demons will use material and worldly things to lead us into sin. In the case in the scripture above, it is like the poor man had given in to the all wishes of the devil and that is why the demons had taken full control over him.

In the world today there are many people who have been taken captive by the demons and that is why we witness so many weird actions amongst us. Such actions are like those of serial killers, serial rapists, pedophiles etc.

The good thing is that we now understand the antidote to this problem which is Jesus Christ. Whenever we feel like or know that we are having a craving of doing something evil, the only way out is asking for help from Jesus Christ. He will confront and overpower the demons with much ease.

Let us today be comforted by the fact that Jesus Christ has the power over all demons and evil. So, even though demons are real and powerful, they cannot harm us as long as we run to Jesus for help and invite Him to reside in our hearts forever.

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus Christ, I invite you to dwell in my heart all the days of my life. May you always protect me from the demons when they come trying to drive me away from your bosom and arms. May the Holy Guardian Angels appointed by the Divine Mercy to be my guardians, enlighten, protect and govern me all the day of my life here on earth. **Amen.**

**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](http://www.trentonpolisharts.org). Applications must be submitted by February 20, 2021.

## *The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

# A Day of Adoration

Saint Blaise is the patron saint invoked for healing of throat diseases. God has given him the mission and power to heal and protect people from illnesses of the throat. On the Feast of Saint Blaise on February 3rd, our parish will hold a Day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:00AM to 4:00PM, where we shall invoke his intercession that our throats and respiratory system may be delivered from Covid-19 infections and all other illnesses. All are invited to devote at least an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on that day.

February 3rd, 2021, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**+ PRAYER: O Dear Saint Blaise, you received from God the power to protect people from throat diseases and other maladies. Keep our throats and entire respiratory system healthy and free from Covid-19 infections, that we may proclaim God's glory and sing praises to Him. Amen.**



*Fr. Ariel*



## 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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