Our Lady of Good Counsel

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time • July 19, 2020

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Brenda O'Callaghan, CRE

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: Saturdays 4:00 to 4:30 PM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Mondays 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM

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 before2:00 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. 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
Brenda O'Callaghan, CRE 609-883-9005
E-mail: olgc.re.wt@gmail.com

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Mary Szmutko 609-847-0796

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

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Rectory Office 609-882-3277

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Deirdre Hindley, Organist 609-882-3215

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Deacon Steve Szmutko 609-947-0587

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James Gambino 609-818-1708

Youth Ministry
Darlene Wilson 609-882-2996
Web Master
Debbie Smith 609-882-3277

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2020
5:00 PM Rita Catherine Schrenk
r/o Anita & Barry Schrenk
Jeff Papp
r/o Elaine Palatine

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2020
16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 AM Gregory Medwick r/o Ron & Edie Kolodziej
10:30 AM Gary Vanderbilt r/o OLGC Choir and Dee
Brothers, Angelo and Richard Peluso
r/o Sisters

MONDAY, JULY 20, 2020
7:30 AM Special Intention
r/o Gatto Family

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2020
7:30 AM McMyne & Voorhees Family
r/o Mary Pat Voorhees

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2020
7:30 AM Deceased Classmates RBC '58
r/o Joann Plumaker

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2020
7:30 AM McMyne & Voorhees Family
r/o Mary Pat Voorhees

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2020
7:30 AM Special Intention

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2020
8:00 AM Special Intention
5:00 PM Michael Golinski
r/o Fran, Sherri & Steve Hanlon
Patricia Ratico Cebulski
r/o Karen & Bob Dorio

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2020
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM Mary & Daniel DeFrancesco
r/o Donna & Mary Ann
10:30 AM Frederick Scott Schrenk
r/o Anita & Barry Schrenk
James R. Coyle r/o Wife & Family

Flowers for the Altar the weekend of July 25-26 are:
In Loving Memory of – Michael Golinski
r/o Frances, Sherri and Steve
Candles at St. Joseph are for:
Michael Golinski r/o Fran Golinski
Michael Golinski r/o Sherri & Steve

These Our Gifts of Love

Registered Parishioners	705 families
Parishioners using envelopes	56
Envelope Contributions	$1,709.00
Average Contribution	$30.52
Loose Cash	$135.00
Contributions for July 12th	$1,844.00

Parish Events

Go to our Face Book Page for Live Streaming at:
https://www.facebook.com/OlgcWestTrenton
Daily Masses Monday through Saturday Live Streamed at the regular Mass times. Sunday Mass Streamed **10:30 A.M**.

Readers

SATURDAY, JULY 18
5:00 PM Mary Anne LeGall
SUNDAY, JULY 19
8:30 AM Mary Szmutko
10:30 AM Mike Delahanty
SATURDAY, JULY 25
5:00 PM Maeve Cannon
SUNDAY, JULY 26
8:30 AM Fran Golinski
10:30 AM Laura Shea

Pray for our Sick:
Margaret Babecki, Michael Babick, Rosemarie Buker, Dianne Claire, Richard Cook, Sara Cooper, Elizabeth Gervasoni, Nick Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Marie Hegyi, Kevin McBride, Dolores Megesy, Keith Mello, Lorraine Metzgar, Joan Moore, Marie Muscente, Kim Nash, Angelika Niranjan, Rita Obed, Vincent O'Dell, Joan Pachuta, Michael Palumbo, Germaine Ryan, Lucy Saganowski, Kristy Shanahan, Suzanne Sibley, Paul Sollami, Frances Zenchak, 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.

KNIGHTS KORNER NEWS

As Catholic men, we are called to do more. The ***Ewing Knights of Columbus Council 3756*** can help you answer that call. Your membership connects you with opportunities to make an impact in your community and gives you access to resources to help you grow deeper in faith and stay informed about the issues Catholics care about. You'll also have exclusive access to insurance and financial planning products to help you protect your family. If you would like more information visit the Knights of Columbus internet site http://www.kofc.org/un/joinus/en/index.html. Or contact Past Grand Knight Eugene Blicharz @ 609-462-2689 or Grand Knight Frank Ferdetta @ 609-883-1559.

CONFESSION/SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Fr. Ariel is continuing with **Thursday evening confessions** inside the front doors of the church **from 6:30-8:00**. Please be mindful of social distancing. The same format is being used as before with Fr. Mike.

Are you able to help?

Food donations are needed now, more than ever. All our charities are low on food. Please leave donations in the Rectory Garage on the tables provided. Please continue to observe social distancing and mask must be worn.
Please Note: Due to some uninvited guests entering the garage for purposes other than donating items to Social Concerns, we have had to place a lock on the door at times. If you find the door locked please leave the items by the garage door and call Fr. Ariel 609-882-3277 x. 4 or the office x.3.
We will make sure they are brought into the garage, ASAP. Thank you and God Bless!

PARISH OFFICE

The office is open with regular hours Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. However, at this time, it would be good if any business that can be done over the phone and over email be taken care of that way instead of in person, just for everyone's safety. Unless it is absolutely necessary, we will not be letting visitors into the office.

-For Mass Cards, if you call ahead or email. We can have them ready for you when you come to pick them up.

-The same can be done for any other paperwork or Certificates of Eligibility you may need.

We are slowly adding other Sacraments back in the Church
- Baptisms are allowed at this time again, however there are some restrictions surrounding how they will happen. If you would like to schedule one, please reach out to Mary Szmutko mszmutko@olgcc.net
- Funeral Masses are also allowed in Church right now, but must follow the regular Mass directives and guidelines. We will work with funeral directors on how to best take care of your family at this time.

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REGISTER NOW!

Religious Education Classes - Registration is open for the 2020-2021 School Year. Please see the website for Fees & Registration information. Registrations & re-registrations forms are due each year by August 1, 2020. PLEASE NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR BRENDA O'CALLAHAN, CRE : olgc.re.wt@gmail.com

Prayer to Our Lady
Health of the Sick

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

OLGC Back-to-School Drive

Help a child in need
kick off the new school year
in a positive way!

During July and August we will be collecting donated school supplies and backpacks for children in grades K-12 for the upcoming school year. Donated items may include: backpacks, 2-pocket folders, subject & composition notebooks, 3-ring binders, loose leaf paper, erasers, pens/pencils, pencil boxes, crayons, markers, glue sticks, rulers, protractors, scissors, sharpeners, calculators, dictionaries, or gift certificates.

Please save and clip this ad to your donations bag which you may leave on the donations table in the Rectory Garage. We will deliver all supplies collected to Catholic Charities of Trenton and Mount Carmel Guild at the end of August. The OLGC Social Services Committee members thank you in advance for your help with this effort!

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Unknown, The Tares among the Wheat

While everyone was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat and then went off.
When the crop grew and bore fruit,
the weeds appeared as well.

Deacon Steve's Reflection on the Sunday Readings
July 19, 2020 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19 Psalm 86: 5-6, 9-10, 15-16
Romans 8: 26-27 Matthew 13: 24-43

Last week, we heard the Parable of the Sower and the Seed, the first of many *"The Kingdom of Heaven"* parables told by Jesus to the crowds by the sea. In today's reading from the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus preaches several parables, the most prominent of which is that of "The Weeds and the Wheat." Most of us are quite familiar with this story: A man sowed good seed in his wheat field. Later, an enemy came in the night and sowed weed throughout the field. When the wheat sprouted, so too did the weeds. When his servants asked if they should pull up the weeds, the master of the house said that to do so would likely pull up the wheat as well. He told them:

"Let [the weeds and the wheat] grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn." *(Matthew 13: 30)*

Jesus explained the parable in terms of the battle between God and the evil one, Satan, the wheat being the children of God and the weeds being the children of the evil one. Both would grow together until harvest time – the end of the world – when the groups would be separated. The faithful ones will be gathered into the kingdom, while the evildoers will be gathered together and thrown into the fiery furnace.

We can also think of the field as our individual souls. Imperfectly human as we are, we possess a mixture of virtues and vices – good habits and bad habits. In order to journey closer to God at harvest time, we must carefully cultivate our garden, to practice the discipline of prayer, worship, and right action in order to eliminate the weeds from our soul. It is easy to succumb to temptation, but with the courage to place our trust in the Master, Our Lord Jesus Christ, we will be able to overcome the challenges of our weeds until the harvest, when we are invited into the kingdom of heaven.

Deacon Steven K. Szmutko

RETROUVAILLE: Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage August 14-16 Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). 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 August 14-16 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.

2020 BISHOP'S ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

2020 Bishop's Anniversary Blessing events scheduled for Oct. 4 (Monmouth and Ocean County Parishes) and **October 25** (Mercer and Burlington Counties) have been canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Upon confirmation of the dates for 2021, the Diocese is planning a wonderful celebration for our 2021 Bishops Anniversary Blessing events and will invite all couples who are celebrating either their 1st or 2nd anniversary, either their 25th or 26th anniversary and all who are celebrating 50 years of marriage or more. More information will follow.

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal - PARISH GOAL - $33,000.00

OLGCC total pledged to date: $19,269.20 Total Collected: $18,674.20

There are Three Ways to Donate

Your donation is important in building up our Church. Gifts of cash, check, money order, credit card or electronic transfers from your bank account are gratefully accepted. Gifts of stock, bequests and charitable annuities can be coordinated by contacting the Department of Development at 609-403-7197. Check or money order made payable to Annual Catholic Appeal:

Diocese of Trenton
Department of Development
PO BOx 70170
Newark, NJ 07101

When we work together through the Annual Catholic Appeal, we are able to educate young children about Jesus Christ and the Gospel; provide spiritual guidance and support to teens and young adults trying to find their way; assist families and individuals across the generations who are dealing with a myriad of life's challenges, and help those with such fundamental needs as food, clothing and shelter. Please prayerfully consider making a donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

RCIA – A Journey of faith

Do you know a someone who would like to know more about RCIA?
RCIA is for - Unbaptized adults, those baptized in another Christian faith, baptized Catholics who need to complete the initiation process with the sacraments of Communion and/or Confirmation.
Please prayerfully consider who might be interested in entering more fully into the Catholic faith and invite them to join us.
Please contact Deacon Steve at 609-947-0587 or
E-Mail: deaconstevenszmutko@gmail.com to set up an informal and confidential conversation to begin the process.

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DIOCESAN ADVISORY

Media reports have indicated significant spikes in coronavirus cases in 21 states that have re-opened or relaxed restrictions. As we approach the first weekend of public, in-church Masses, we are reminded of the Diocese of Trenton directions, lest there be any confusion:

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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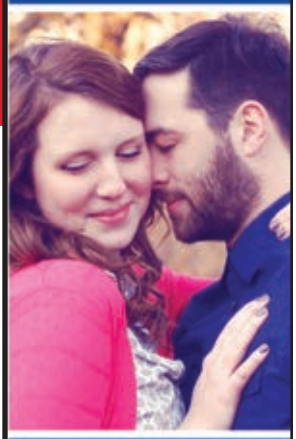
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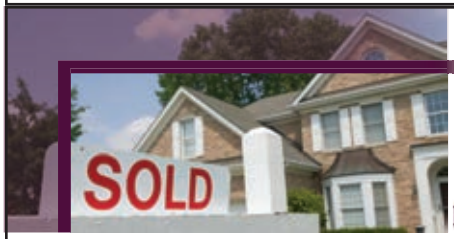

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