

# Our Lady of Good Counsel



**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT • MARCH 10, 2020**

**137 West Upper Ferry Road • West Trenton, New Jersey 08628**

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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.

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**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  
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# Our Lady of Good Counsel Church



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2020**  
 5:00 PM William A. Doyle r/o Eileen Doyle & Nan Edward Darrah r/o Dolores DeBlasio

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020 First Sunday of Lent**  
 8:30 AM Nancy Lipski r/o Lynn Lally  
 10:30 AM Elayne Smith r/o Family  
 Filippo Monti  
 r/o German & Gladys Martinez

**MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020**  
 7:30 AM James M. Gambino, Sr. r/o Family

**TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020**  
 7:30 AM For the Intention of Suzanne Sibley  
 r/o Pat Langan

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2020**  
 7:30 AM For Intention of Paul & Bernardine Medwick  
 r/o Paul A. Medwick

**THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2020**  
 7:30 AM Special Intention  
**Confessions 6:30 – 7:30 PM during Lent**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020**  
 7:30 AM Special Intention  
**Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM during Lent**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020**  
 8:00 AM Special Intention  
 5:00 PM John E. Kane, III r/o Susan T. Kane  
 People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020 Second Sunday of Lent**  
 8:30 AM Tricia Elizabeth Cook Parziale r/o Mother  
 Joseph Cebulski r/o Karen & Bob Dorio  
 10:30 AM Jean Trainor r/o Husband, Jack & Family



Registered Parishioners	710 families
Parishioners using envelopes	203
Envelope Contributions	\$4,563.70
Average Contribution	\$22.48
Loose Cash	\$689.00
Contributions for February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	\$5,252.70

Thank you for your generosity

**Coins for Charity** Containers will be placed at all entrances to the Church, March 7/8 for your donations. Also, please continue to place your Marrazzo's receipts in the baskets at the three entrances to the church. Your generosity is appreciated!



## Eucharistic Ministers

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7**  
 5:00 PM Anna Adomaitis, Jackie Crane, Mary Szmuto, Fran Zenchak

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8**  
 8:30 AM Vicky Aneser, Claude & Mary Anne LeGall  
 10:00 AM **Preferred Care Visits:** Mary Anne LeGall  
 10:30 AM Tony Jones, Butch Kramer, Linda Reasoner

## Readers

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7**  
 5:00 PM Mary Lou Delahanty

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8**  
 8:30 AM Laura Shea  
 10:30 AM Darlene Wilson

## Altar Servers

**Friday, March 6 Stations of the Cross**  
 Connor Grieg, Jacob Pasquito, Brayden Spina

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7**  
 5:00 PM Michael Montagna

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8**  
 8:30 AM Nora Shea  
 10:30 AM Dylan Rutkowski



**Saturday, February 29**, Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM

**Wednesday, March 4**, Seniors Club Meeting at 11 a.m. 21 members were present at the last meeting. Dues for 2020 are due before April 30. Annual Dues are \$7.00. We will have a speaker from Incarnation Church at our March meeting. Refreshments for the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting will be provided by Deidre Hindley, Terry Kozar and Inge McCormack. We are still meeting at the Ewing Senior Center until further notice.

**Thursday, March 5, Confessions** every Thursday in Lent 6:30-7:30 PM.

**Friday, March 6, Stations of the Cross** every Friday in Lent, 7:00 PM



Grade 8 Classes are Sunday, 9:15-10:25 in the Rectory.  
 Grades 1-7 Classes are Monday afternoon from 4:30-6:00 PM at Villa Victoria Academy.

## 40 Cans for Lent



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. The idea is to donate one canned food item for each day of Lent, or 40 cans. 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. Please leave your donated cans of fruit, soup, or vegetables in the designated area in the Rectory Garage, which we will deliver to Mount Carmel Guild and Catholic Charities of Trenton. You may donate as often as you would like; one-can-per-day, once a week, or whenever you visit the Church.

# LENT

1st Sunday

## PROGRESS REPORT



### As of Ash Wednesday

Feb. 26, 2020 we have received pledges of **\$70,019** and have collected **\$50,889** of the pledge amounts. This is approximately 35% of our goal.

Thanks and God Bless, Fr. Mike

**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, Joan Moore, Marie Muscente, Kim Nash, Angelika Niranjan, Rita Obed, Vincent O'Dell, Joan Pachuta, Jeff Papp, Lucy Saganowski, Kristy Shanahan, Joan Shaw, Suzanne Sibley, Paul Sollami, Stephen Thoma, & Gary Vanderbilt 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.

## VILLA VICTORIA PRESENTS ...

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# Once Upon A Mattress

March 13-15,

2020

Friday, March 13

7:00 pm

Saturday, March 14

7:00 pm

Sunday, March 15

3:00 pm



Tickets are on sale now for \$16 each online at [www.villavictoria.org](http://www.villavictoria.org) or by calling 609-882-1700, ext. 401. Seating is assigned on a first come, first served basis. Villa Victoria Academy is located at 376 West Upper Ferry Road in Ewing, New Jersey. Parking is free.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME IS MARCH 8TH  
TIME TO SPRING AHEAD!**  
Set your clocks one hour ahead Sat. March 7<sup>th</sup> before bed.



Below is the list of students who have achieved academic excellence with **Honor Roll of Distinction** (no grade lower than 93%) for this past marking period of the 2019-2020 Notre Dame High School year.

Benziger, Annalisa	Honor Roll Distinction
Staniec, Ian	Honor Roll Distinction

Congratulations Students. Keep up the good work!

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2020

This year if you wish, you may designate your gift as follows:

- √ **The Ministry where it is needed most**
- Donations allocated to ministries most in need
- √ **Priests, Deacons & Religious**
- Finding & Forming Priests (Vocations recruitment & Seminary Preparation)
- Retired Priests Care
- Preparation of Deacons
- Support of Religious Women & Men
- √ **Community Outreach**
- Families, Youth & Young Adult Ministries
- Catholic Social Services (The Guild)
- Pastoral Care (Prison, Respect Life, Grief)
- Special Events and Programs
- Outreach to the Poor and Vulnerable
- √ **Teaching the Faith**
- Evangelization and Communications Outreach
- Religious Education, Rite of Election of Adults and Children
- Catholic School Programs (ie: Catholic Athletes for Christ)
- Tuition Assistance
- Professional Development for Educator

### SAVE THE DATE

#### Cohort #9 - Lenten Retreat

Speaker: Fr. Daniel Houde, O.S.S.T.

Theme: **Forgiveness and Mercy:**

#### The Two Faces of God

A reflection on the Lucan Parables of the Prodigal Son & the Good Samaritan.

#### Tuesday, March 3, 2019 at OLG Church

- ◀ 7:30 AM - Morning Mass with Homily
- ◀ 1:00 – 2:00 PM - Holy Hour: Recitation of the Holy Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Eucharistic Adoration, Quiet Time, Confessions.
- ◀ 7:00 PM: Lenten Talk – The Prodigal Son - Confessions to follow the presentation

#### Wednesday, March 4, 2019 at Incarnation Church

- ◀ 6:45 AM - Morning Mass with Homily
- ◀ 1:00 – 2:00 PM - Holy Hour: Recitation of the Holy Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Eucharistic Adoration, Quiet Time, Confessions
- ◀ 7:00 PM: Lenten Talk – The Good Samaritan, Confessions to follow the presentation.



# March 1, 2020

## Deacon Steve Szmuto's Reflection on the Sunday Readings

March 1, 2020 – First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2: 7-9; 3 1-7 Psalm 51: 3-6, 12-13, 17

Romans 5: 12-19 Matthew 4: 1-11



*"One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." (Matthew 4: 4b)*

On Ash Wednesday, just a few days ago, we entered the most solemn season of the liturgical year. Lent is a time of repentance and preparation, a time to pray and reflect upon Our Lord's journey to Jerusalem and to his passion and death on the cross. It is also a time for us to open our minds and hearts and souls to the saving power of Jesus Christ, who although fully and eternally divine, entered into the fullness of humanity and suffered and died for our sins. He is the spotless lamb, the innocent victim, and the perfect sacrifice to reconcile all men and women so that they might attain eternal salvation in the Kingdom of Heaven. Through his death and resurrection on Easter morning, Christ conquered sin and death, opening the gates of heaven.

Today's readings essentially summarize the whole of salvation history: creation, de-creation and re-creation. In the first reading from the Book of Genesis, the story of the temptation of Adam and Eve is recounted. While both the man and the woman resided in perfection, obedience, and an intimate relationship with the LORD, the serpent (Satan) tempted them and convinced them that they should disobey God's one command to not eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. The serpent told Eve: "No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is evil." Both succumbed to *pride*, perhaps the deadliest of all the sins, for it leads to the rationalization of all other sins, by elevating the person (in their own minds) above all, including God.

In the reading from the Gospel of Matthew, we learn of Jesus' temptation in the desert following his baptism by John in the Jordan River. Weakened from hunger after forty days and forty nights of prayer and fasting, he was set upon three times by the devil, who sought to corrupt Jesus and turn him away from the Father. Unlike Adam and Eve in the garden, Jesus spurned the entreaties of Satan, commanding him to be gone.

In his Letter to the Romans, Saint Paul tells his readers: "Through one man, sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned." This man, of course, was Adam. Paul contrasted the condemnation of all men through Adam with the gift of grace and redemption attained through Jesus. "Just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all." We are justified through our faith in Christ, who came to save all men and women; we manifest that faith in our thoughts, words and deeds. In accepting the mantle of discipleship, we share in Christ's redemptive mission by witnessing his Gospel message, drawing others to the Lord. Throughout the Season of Lent, let us offer prayer and sacrifice to the Lord, allowing his grace, hope, peace and love into our hearts, and strive to be a beacon of Christ's mission so that we might be ready to share in his Easter Glory.

**Deacon Steven Szmuto**

### **EWING KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PREGNANCY CENTER SUPPORT**

**Event: Baby Shower**  
**Location: Incarnation Church**  
**Date: March 29**  
**Time: 12:00 pm Auditorium**  
Please bring unwrapped baby items.  
For more information ISJ Office -  
(609) 882-2860 Refreshments will be served. See you there!



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**Cohort 9 (ISJ and OLGC)** has purchased a number of tickets for the Showing of **Jesus** at the **AMC 24 Movie Theater on Sloan Avenue, in Hamilton, NJ .**

**Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, Time: 6:30 P.M., Cost: \$15.00 per ticket – Adult, Senior, Child.** If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please contact Dan Gowaty – 609-658-1196 or Nina Gowaty – 609-658-7615. The tickets are available on a first come, first serve basis.

*"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." John 15:12:*

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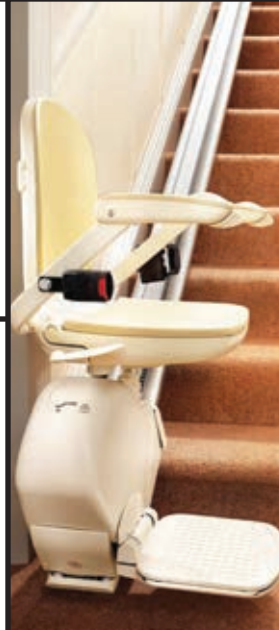
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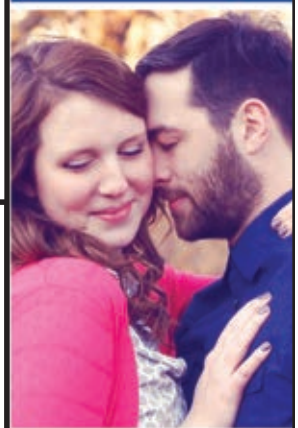
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