



Our Lady of Good Counsel

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March 19, 2023

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday — Friday 7:30 am

Saturday — 8:00 am

Monday's of Holiday Weekends ~ Daily

Mass time moves to **8:30 am**

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am

10:30 am

Confession: 4:00 to 4:30 pm

Saturdays ~ Mask are required.

Holy Days

7:30 AM, Noon & 7:00 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament First
Friday of every month 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Registration: All parishioners should be
registered. Please contact the Rectory Office.

Secretary:

Monday-Wednesday Debbie Smith

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

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Parish Ministries & Services

Parish Rectory & Office

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Monday thru Friday

Religious Education—Brenda O'Callaghan, CRE

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Adult Faith Formation/RCIA

Deacon Steve Szmuto 609-947-0587

Altar Society Mary Pat Voorhees 570-290-2373

Consolation Ministry Mary Szmuto 609-882-3277

Infant Baptism Mary Szmuto 609-847-0796

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Marys of Mary~Mary Arcadipane 609-883-7620

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Dolores Sebasto, Vice President 609-882-5085

Social Services James Gambino 609-818-1708

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	MARCH 18, 2023 John & Anna Jaremback r/o John & Jo Ann Jaremback Daniel J. DeFrancesco r/o Donna & David Collins
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	MARCH 19, 2023 4th Sunday of Lent Special Intention r/o Gatto Family Sharon Zuccarello r/o Armenti & Zuccarello Family
10:30 AM	Joseph & Janet Furey r/o Son, Steven Marie & Gordon Stewart r/o Dennis & Jennifer Martin
MONDAY, 7:30 AM	MARCH 20, 2023 Intentions of Kyle Long r/o Elaine Palatine Eva Ungrady r/o Ungrady Family
TUESDAY, 7:30 AM	MARCH 21, 2023 Emery Ungrady r/o Tom Ungrady Joan Ungrady r/o Tom Ungrady
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM	MARCH 22, 2023 Frank & Mildred Ryba r/o Daughter & Son-in-law
THURSDAY, 7:30 AM	MARCH 23, 2023 Joanne Sebetic r/o Elaine Palatine
FRIDAY, 7:30 AM 7:00 PM	MARCH 24, 2023 Special Intention STATIONS of the CROSS
SATURDAY, 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	MARCH 25, 2023 Special Intention Deceased Members Fekete & Walley Family r/o Family Gertrude Arcadipane r/o Mary Arcadipane
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	MARCH 26, 2023 5th Sunday of Lent Antonio Muscente r/o Donna & David Collins Vito Marseglia r/o Margo Giordano

CHURCH SUPPORT

Registered Parish Families	677
Parishioners using envelopes	107
Envelope Contributions	\$2,103.00
Average Contribution	\$19.65
Loose Cash	498.00
Total Contributions March 12th	\$2,601.00
This weekend is the Annual Catholic Relief Services Collection. Thank you for your generosity.	

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Readers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	MARCH 25 Jackie Crane
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	MARCH 26 Fran Golinski Maggie Masterson

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	MARCH 25 Joyce Christensen
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	MARCH 26 Laura Shea Tony Jones

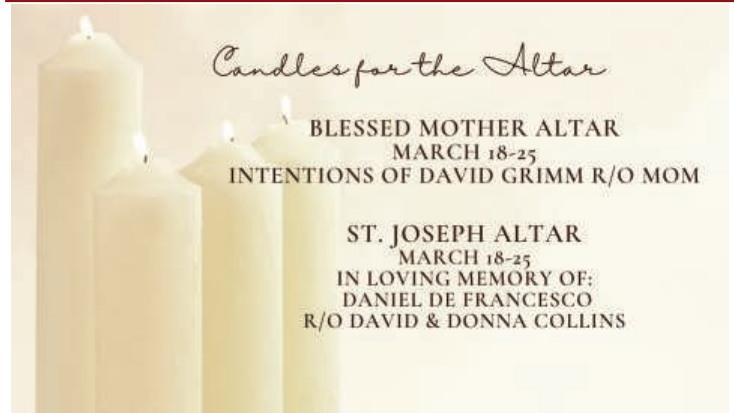
Altar Servers

FRIDAY 7:00 PM	MARCH 24 Stations of the Cross Dylan Rutkowski, Brayden Spina
SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	MARCH 25 James Gummel
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	MARCH 26 Brayden Spina & Daniel Wilkes Dylan Rutkowski

News & Events

Sunday, March 19 R.C.I.A. 10:30 Mass—Second Scrutiny. Session follows in St. Mary Room 11:30-3:30.
Tuesday, March 21, Ewing Knights of Columbus will meet in the Parish Hall at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 23, Good News Sunday meeting in St. Joseph Room at 7:00 PM and on Friday morning at 10:00 AM.
Friday, March 24, Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday at 7 PM in Church.
Saturday, March 25 Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass.
Parish Penance Service 3:30-4:30 p.m. Mask required.

Pray for our Sick: Rosemarie Buker, Richard Cook, Katie Dao, Helen Marie Dolton, John Finn, Al Gatto, Leo Genovesi, Brian Gershon, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Theresa Gregorio, Leslie Hall, Sherri Hanlon, James A. Keenan, IV, Carol Lake, Laura Lynch, Kevin McBride, Keith Mello, Joan Moore, Marie Muscente, Kim Nash, Angelika Niranjan, Carol Perrine, Lucy Saganowski, Vincent Schnell, G. Welly Samuels, Debbie Sattler, Gregory Schafer, Dolores Sebasto, Kristy Shanahan, Steve Schmierer, Linda Solinski, Erin Cahill Wetzels, Stanley Wrobel, 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.



MARCH 19TH ~ THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

4th Sunday of Lent

1 Sam 16:1b,6-7,10-13; Ps 23:1,3-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see. (Jn 9: 25b)

I wonder if we would recognize Christ if he appeared before us today. Would we embrace him and follow him in discipleship, or would we — tangled up in our web of interests, desires, and self-centered agendas — turn a blind eye to the living Word? Would we, like the Pharisees and others in Jesus' time, refuse to see the Lord in our midst?

The Pharisees were educated and regarded as leaders of Israel, with an intimate and confident knowledge of the Scriptures and the Law. They studied the words of Moses and the prophets, set themselves as arbiters of the law, and many delighted in standing before the masses as members of the elite and righteous interpreters of the word of God. Given their expertise and "wisdom," you would expect that they would have recognized the blind's man cure for what it was — still another confirmation of the nature and identity of Jesus.

Instead, like the self-righteous "experts" of our own day, the Pharisees, whether out of fear, insecurity, or malice, sought to discredit the healing of the blind man. Because the reality of Jesus posed a threat to the established order, the Pharisees (figuratively and literally) sought to demonize both the cured man and Jesus himself. Jesus, they asserted, was not from God. How could he be? His essence did not align with their beliefs and perceptions. The man, whose sight was restored in the waters of the Siloam replied in the wondrous simplicity of faith: Yet he opened my eyes!

Not only were the man's eyes opened in the waters of the pool, so too were his heart, mind and soul. The Lord's healing touch restored the man to fullness; the once-blind man opened his entire being to Jesus, enabling him to walk in the bright light of faith. The Pharisees, witnesses to the same reality, chose the blindness of denial and remained in darkness.

We have been washed in the waters of Baptism and have emerged with new eyes in the light of the risen Savior. Will we embrace the reality, or will we turn away from the light in fear? Let us follow the simple faith of the man born blind and recognize the glorious reality of Jesus Christ. It is our call to ongoing conversion: I do believe, Lord!

You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. (Eph 5: 8)

Deacon Steven K. Szmuto(2008)



RCIA

Sunday, March 19th at the 10:30 Mass we will witness the **Second Scrutiny**.

From the first moment of Creation, when God spoke the word "Light" into the dark void, the Divine illumination has infused ultimate meaning into the visible universe. The account in St. John's Gospel of the gradual healing of the man born blind is proclaimed to the Elect, as they learn to accept the Light of divine meaning (Logos) into their lives.

Each of the sacraments has a visible sign that imparts invisible grace. What is seen with the natural eye is a mere shadow of the wonders of grace—made visible only to an eye enlightened by faith. Jesus takes the man who has been in natural darkness his whole life and places a mixture of saliva and clay onto those unseeing organs of sight. With the command "Go and wash" the Lord uses these outward signs and words to effect a miracle as the man experiences natural light for the first time.

The more significant miracle, however, is the gradual transformation of the man's spiritual sight. His faith is tested by the unbelieving religious authorities, who interrogate him, ridicule him, and eventually end up throwing the man out of their assembly. The Lord approaches him. At the moment of healing, this man saw Jesus physically, but now, after bearing the cross of social pressures, he sees Jesus's identity more clearly. "I do believe, Lord" and he worshipped him" (John 9:38). Calling him "Lord" (Kyrios in Greek), the man proclaims faith in the Son of God, the Word of Light who gives ultimate meaning to life.

We are invited to pray for our beloved Elect in a special way through this Scrutiny. Conscious of the constant struggle between Light and darkness, Mother Church teaches her Elect that the first stirrings of faith they experience will not be without a share already in the Cross; embracing faith means encountering misunderstanding, ridicule, and even being rejected. We pray for a renewal of that vision imparted to the man born blind, to be able to see the Divine meaning and purpose implanted in this visible universe and to reject the pull of the powers of Darkness into error, doubt, and unbelief.

Please keep our catechumen in your prayers as they continue to full communion at the Easter Vigil.



2023 Annual Catholic Appeal Parish Goal is \$24,500.00

OLGC Pledged to Date: \$15,770.00

Percentage of Goal: 64% with 69 total Gifts

Please make your pledge today!

You may make your pledge or donation online at:

www.dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal

Or please call the appeal office at: 609-403-7197. Pledge cards are available at the Church doors. Your gift helps you to live and spread the Gospel.

Thank you for your generosity.



CLASSES: Sunday, March 19 Gr. 8, at 7 PM in Hall.
Monday, March 20 All Grades Lent Confessions will take place in Church at 6 PM.

First Communion Retreat: March 25, 10:00 AM - 12 PM Parish Hall.

Parents please note: *Pictures* are needed of all students receiving their First Communion and Confirmation this year. Please email a .jpeg photo to Dsmith@olgcc.net or drop off to the Parish Office. Photo's will be featured in the parish bulletin and on our website. Thanks for your help.



Newly Formed Eucharistic Ministry to Nursing Home

OLGC has a new ministry to bring the Eucharist to Catholic residents at Greenwood House in Ewing on a weekly basis. Some have not received Communion in over three years. We are asking for anyone interested in volunteering for this worthwhile project to call **Mary Arcadipane at 609-532-1595** or email: **marcadipane@hotmail.com**. Training will be provided if you're not a Eucharistic Minister and the volunteers must meet the following Covid criteria: 2 Covid Vaccines and one booster, Show vaccination card 1 time for their records, Wear a mask while in facility, Take a Covid Test (they provide on site) before entering the facility. Depending on the number of volunteers we get the schedule would be once every 4-6 weeks. An activities person will walk you around & gather residents for a small prayer service. Total time at GWH is one hour. We prayerfully ask you to consider this important ministry.



**HELP IS NEEDED!
FRIDAY,
MARCH 24TH**

Friday evening following Stations of the Cross

we will meet in the Parish Hall to stuff the Easter Eggs for our Parish Easter Egg Hunt. This is the perfect opportunity for Confirmation Students to earn their necessary service hours. Adults welcome too. For more information please contact Joyce Christensen at 609-651-0466.



LENTEEN STATION CHURCHES

A Lenten pilgrimage takes us to Holy Ground, the Station Churches, are located here in our County. Join fellow pilgrims by visiting the designated Churches for a Lenten evening Mass. For the complete schedule please go to our

webpage www.OLGCC.net and

click on **Lent Resources** on the top menu bar. Come to all or as many as you are able to attend.

This week's Churches:

Monday, March 20, St. James (7:00 PM) ~ 11 E Paul Ave, Trenton, NJ

Wednesday, March 22, St. Anthony of Padua (7:00 PM) ~ 251 Franklin Street, Hightstown, NJ

Thursday, March 23, Our Lady of Sorrows (7:00 PM) ~ 3816 East State Street Ext., Hamilton, NJ

Friday, March 24, St Joseph (7:00 PM) ~ 540 North Olden Avenue, Trenton, NJ

The purpose of the Station Churches is to provide an opportunity to visit some of the beautiful Churches in our area and to worship with other Catholics of Mercer County. Join in this Lenten Journey.

40 Cans for Lent

Our Social Services Committee invites everyone to participate. Please leave your donated cans of fruit, low-salt soup, or vegetables in the designated area in our Church Hall.



Thank you for your generosity.



**Parish Feast Day Dinner
Sunday, April 23, 12:30 P.M.**

OLGCC Feast Day Dinner - Tickets are now on sale for \$15 per person and \$5 for children 5 to 18, 4 and under are free. Tickets will be sold in the Church Vestibule after all the Masses. Tickets may also be purchased at the Rectory. Tickets will be on sale until April 15/16. There will be Raffle, Prizes & a Tricky Tray.

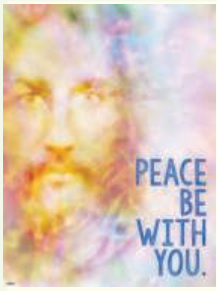
We need your help with donations for our tricky tray sale (please no clothes). A table is marked for your donations in the Parish Hall.

Our event will be catered by Sal DeFortes. Our menu is: Garden Salad, Rigatoni Vodka, Meatballs, Chicken Marsala, Crab Crusted Tilapia, Roasted Potatoes & Green Beans.

Please bring along a dessert to share.

Sponsored by the Parish Council Fellowship Committee and the Mary's of Mary group.

We need volunteers please call Mary Pat Voorhees at 570-290-2373 .



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL
Lenten Penance Service
Saturday, March 25
3:30—4:30 PM
Church
 Additional Priest will be available
 for Confessions.



**WHY DO WE VEIL
 THE CRUCIFIX
 AND STATUES DURING LENT?**

Veils over sacred images keep our minds on the promise of Easter.

First, The Church uses Veils to alert us of the special time that we are in. When we walk into church and notice everything is covered, we immediately know that something is different. These last two weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum and these veils are a forceful reminder to get ready.

Second, veils focus our attention on the words being said at Mass. When we listen to the Passion narrative, our senses are allowed to focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter into the scene.

Third, the Church uses veils to produce a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter Sunday. This is further actualized when you attend daily Mass and see the veils each day. You don't want them to be there because they are hiding some very beautiful images. And therein lies the whole point: the veils are not meant to be there forever. The images need to be unveiled; it is unnatural for them to be covered.

The unveiling before the Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own life on earth. We live in a "veiled" world, in exile from our true home. It is only through our own death that the veil is lifted and we are finally able to see the beauty of everything in our lives. This Lent Our Lady of Good Counsel will be veiling the Crucifix and Statues. On March 25th, the Fifth Sunday of Lent. How are you doing on your Lenten Journey?

WELCOME

MOST REVEREND DAVID M. O'CONNELL, C.M.

We are pleased to welcome our Bishop to our parish to celebrate our **Palm Sunday Mass** at 10:30 AM.

There will only be one mass at 10:30 AM, Palm Sunday, April 2nd

We encourage all parishioners to come and join in the celebration of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem with our Bishop.

Our Religious Education Students will *Wave Palms for Christ* and play a special part in the Liturgy.

Refreshments will follow in the Parish Hall.

**FAMILY MASS &
 EASTER EGG HUNT**

THE OLGC ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT WILL BEGIN WITH A SPECIAL BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN AT 10:30 MASS

DATE: MARCH 26, 2023

ALL FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN US AT MASS FOLLOWED BY THE EASTER EGG HUNT ON THE PARISH GROUNDS

Volunteers are needed
 Contact Joyce Christensen
 609-651-0466

Inclement weather the hunt will be held in the Church Hall.



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!

FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT!

TRENTON THUNDER
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Spirituali-Tea...



*What better way to celebrate the Easter season and increase your spiritual growth than to attend the Spirituali-Tea sponsored by the ISJ Rosary Altar Society. The date is Saturday, March 25, 2023, 1:00-3:00 in the Incarnation Church Auditorium. Please plan to participate in this spiritual and enriching program. This year Father Christopher Colavito, is our guest speaker. He has been a Priest for seven years, Chaplin at the College of NJ and Holy Cross High School and an Adjunct Professor at Seton Hall University. This is a time when we can share in each other's special delights. Your delectable finger cakes, cookies and sandwiches are welcome. We will provide an assortment of teas. To **RSVP** please call Mary Frances Mendola at 609/883-1865 or Joyce Raymond at 609/306-0663 to register before March 19. We look forward to seeing you at the Spirituali-Tea program.*

Happy almost First Day of Spring!

Remember with Spring comes the Spirituali-Tea Saturday, March 25!

A quick phone call will reserve your place for Spiritual fun. Come join us!



Good Friday Liturgy

Despite Good Friday's central role in the heart of Christianity, attendance at services remains low. In an effort to change this Ewing Council 3756 is asking as many parishioners as possible join representatives of the Council in attending Good Friday services with their families.

Liturgy of the Lords Passion

Solemn Liturgical Service and Holy Communion
3:00 PM.

Solemn Stations of the Cross with Veneration
7:00 PM

Brothers will also have Prayer Cards for Christian Refugee Relief available.



The **Ewing Knights of Columbus** are sponsoring a **Diaper Drive** to benefit **Choice One** the weekends of **March 18/19 and 25/26**. You can bring your gifts to any mass those two weekends. **Please leave them in the Parish Hall on or under the tables marked "Diaper Drive."** Diapers, wipes, and new baby items, Bibs, Blankets, bottles, pacifiers, shampoo, brushes and combs are also requested. Gifts do not need to be wrapped. Gift Cards may be place in the weekly collection basket in an envelope marked Diaper Drive or you may drop them off to the Rectory.

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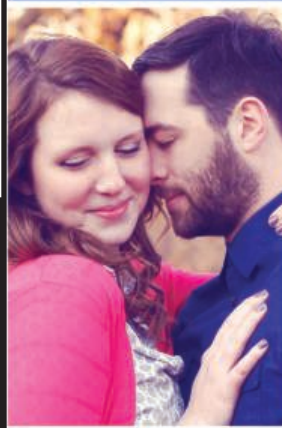
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