

Our Lady of Good Counsel

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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 Webmaster/Bulletin 609-882-3277 Email: Dsmith@olgcc.net

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

137 West Upper Ferry Road, West Trenton, N

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

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

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Deacon Steve Szmutko 609-947-0587 Altar Society Mary Pat Voorhees 570-290-2373

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Our Lady of Good Counsel

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023

5:00 PM Deceased Members Fekete & Walley Family

r/o Family

Gertrude Arcadipane r/o Mary Arcadipane

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023 5th Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Antonio Muscente

r/o Donna & David Collins

10:30 AM Vito Marseglia r/o Margo Giordano

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023 7:30 AM Addolorato Cifelli

r/o Carmela Giovanni Cifelli

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023 7:30 AM Alberto Petrecca

r/o Gilda Cifelli Picerno

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023

7:30 AM Irven & Hazel Brown r/o Grandson & Wife

Nancy Newell Yeomans r/o Sister, Debbie

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023

7:30 AM Intentions of Tom Chiola

r/o Elaine Palatine

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023

7:30 AM John & Margaret Chadwick
7:00 PM STATIONS of the CROSS

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023

8:00 AM Special Intention
5:00 PM Marie & William Dolton
r/o Helen Marie Dolton
Sister of Villa Victoria

r/o Donna & David Collins

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023 Palm Sunday

10:30 AM Intentions of Michael & Eileen Giglio on

their 50th Wedding Anniversary r/o Family A. Joseph Dempster r/o Deacon Steve & Mary Rosalie Gambino Brenna r/o Deacons Steve & Mary

CHURCH SUPPORT

Registered Parish Families 677
Parishioners using envelopes 114
Envelope Contributions \$2,171.00
Average Contribution \$19.04
Loose Cash 463.00
Total Contributions March 19th \$2,634.00

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Readers

SATURDAY. APRIL 1

5:00 PM Mary Anne LeGall

SUNDAY, APRIL 2 10:30 AM Jennifer Martin

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM Claude LeGall SUNDAY, 10:30 AM Tony Jones

Altar Servers

FRIDAY7:00 PM

MARCH 31 Stations of the Cross
Nathan Stankus, Brayden Spina

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

5:00 PM Nathan Stankus

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

10:30 AM Brayden Spina, Dylan Rutkowski & Daniel Wilkes

News & Events

Sunday, March 26 R.C.I.A. 10:30 Mass—Third Scrutiny. Session follows in St. Mary Room 11:30-3:30.

Tuesday, March 28, Children's Home Society Aux. Board will will meet in the Parish Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 29, The Parish Council will meet in St. Mary's Room at 7 PM.

Thursday, March 30, Good News Sunday meeting in St. Joseph Room at 7:00 PM and on Friday morning at 10:00 AM. **Friday, March 31, Stations of the Cross** will be prayed every Friday at 7 PM in Church.

Saturday, **April 1**, Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass. Reconciliation 4:00-4:30 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 Wetzel, Stanley Wrobel, and all parishioners who are sick or homebound.

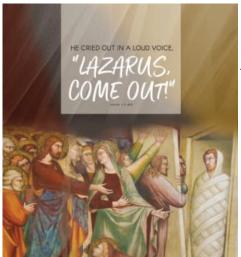
Please call the parish office at 609-882-3277 to add a name to the prayer list and to inform us when all is well so we may take a name off the list.

Candles for the Altar

BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR
MARCH 25-APRIL 1
INTENTIONS OF DAVID GRIMM R/O MOM

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR
MARCH 25-APRIL 1
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
ANTONIO MUSCENTE
R/O DAVID & DONNA COLLINS

March 26th ~ The Fifth Sunday of Lent



5th Sunday of LentEze 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the Lord. (Eze 37:14a)

This Easter, God willing, two women will be brought into the fullness of the Catholic Church. One of them will be washed in the waters of Baptism, rising to a new life in Christ. Both will be confirmed in the Catholic faith and will — for the first time — be nourished with the Precious Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. As we approach Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and the Sacred Triduum — the celebration of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, and the glory of the Resurrection on Easter — let us pray for our Catechumen, Thomas Bayley, Danny Morales, Izaiyah Morales, Christina Vasquez, Lucas Jones and Jennifer Policarpio that they continue to receive God's grace and blessings during this time.

Today's Gospel reading is John's account of Lazarus, brother of Mary and Martha, and close friend of Jesus. This is the only place in Scriptures that Lazarus appears, yet his story is central to John's Gospel. Jesus' raising of Lazarus set in motion those final events leading to Jesus' journey to crucifixion on Calvary.

Lazarus has no noted place in secular history. He is not a recorded figure in the scriptural accounts of the early Church. Thus it can be reasonable to assume that, by earthly standards, he was not a figure of significance. Still, Jesus counted him as a friend and used

him to show his love for all of us. He raised Lazarus not because of the man's achievements, but because he loved him. Lazarus was restored not because of past or future deeds, but to show God's abiding love for those who seek Him.

Jesus raised Lazarus to new life out of love so that all might believe. He raises us to new life in Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and sustains us in all the Sacraments of the Church. We are called to a life of love in the Spirit and to live that life as disciples to serve all men and women. As we go forth as servants of the Lord, let us resolve to be witnesses to him so that all might come to a share in the eternal kingdom of Our Heavenly Father.

I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. (Jn 11:25-26a)

Deacon Steven K. Szmutko

RCIA Sunday, March 19th at the 10:30 Mass we will witness the Third Scrutiny

The Third Scrutiny emphasizes Jesus as "the Resurrection and the Life" as we hear the Gospel of the raising to life of Lazarus. Jesus in his obedience to his Father has the authority to give life to whom he will. The raising of Lazarus is an anticipation of what is to take place on the last day. It means that the believer has eternal life; and has passed from death to life. It is also – again – an anticipation of what is celebrated at Easter and in Baptism, resurrection and eternal life.

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The meaning for John is: Jesus in his obedience to and dependence upon the Father has the authority to give life to whom he will. The incident is a dramatic demonstration of the truth already declared in John 5.21 ("For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will.") which is itself the best commentary on the incident. The raising of Lazarus is not a piece of magic, nor even the supreme achievement of a Saint; it is an anticipation of what is to take place on the last day (an expression of what theologians call

Jesus prays, emphasizing his dependence upon the Father. Jesus can do nothing of himself but does what he sees the Father doing. The last enemy - death - is overthrown.

Note that the name Lazarus means "God helps". The presence of Jesus effects to anticipate 'eschatological' events (i.e. to do with the end of the world), especially to judge and to give life. Also, the movement from death to life is the pattern experienced by all Christians, who have died already to sin and risen again in Christ, but all to be fulfilled on the last day.

With Lazarus, the 'last day' is being anticipated for the purpose of the sign, which demonstrates who Jesus really is, "the resurrection and the life".

This Scrutiny celebrated on this day is primarily for the benefit of the Elect, but it reminds all the baptized of the promises God has made through Jesus of eternal life.

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





Religious Education Classes

Sunday, March 26 Gr. 8, at 7 PM in Parish Hall. **Monday, March 27** Grades 1-7 at 6PM in 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: **mar-**

cadipane@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 im-



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LENTEN 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.

This week's Churches:

Monday, March 27, St. Raphael (7:00 PM) ~ 3500 South Broad Street Hamilton NJ

Tuesday, March 28, St. Paul (7:00 PM) ~ 216 Nassau Street, Princeton. NJ

Wednesday, March 29, St Mary Cathedral (7:00 PM) ~ 151 North Warren Street, Trenton, NJ

Thursday, March 30, Sacred Heart (7:00 PM) ~ 343 South Broad Street, 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. We hope you can come and make the Station Church Mass a part of your 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.



Gift cards also welcome. Please drop in the collection basket marked "40 cans" or drop off at the Church Office.

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.

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.





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?



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!

FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT!

TRENTON THUNDER vs. WILLIAMSPORT CROSSCUTTERS SATURDAY, JULY 29TH AT 6:30 P.M.

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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 rep-

resentatives 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 unthe tables marked der "Diaper **Drive.**" Diapers, wipes, and new baby items, Bibs, Blankets, bottles, pacifiers, shampoo, brushes and combs are also re-Gifts do not need to be auested. 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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