

Our Lady of Good Counsel

**Pray
for
all those
affected
by the
Coronavirus**

Peace
I leave with you;
my peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives do I
give it to you. Do not let your
hearts be troubled or afraid.

– John 14:27

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT • MARCH 29, 2020

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Our Lady of Good Counsel Church



All public Masses have been temporarily suspended per our Bishop, David O'Connell. Masses listed below will still be offered privately and intentions will be said.

Go to our Face Book Page for Live Streaming of the Sunday and Daily Masses with Father Mike.

- SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2020**
Special Intention
Gary Ottaunick r/o Judy & Fred Totten
Antonia (Toni) Gruerio
r/o Elaine Palatine
- SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2020**
Fifth Sunday of Lent
People of the Parish
Mildred Senior
r/o German & Gladys Martinez
Dolores Brienza r/o Margaret Babecki
- MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2020**
Frank & Mildred Ryba
r/o Daughter and Sister in Law
- TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2020**
Special Intention
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2020**
Hilda Smutzko
r/o Smutzko Family
- THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2020**
Special Intention
Confessions 6:30 – 7:30 PM during Lent
- FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2020**
Special Intention
- SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2020**
Special Intention
Marie & William Dolton
r/o Helen Marie Dolton
Dr. Alice Jean Longman
r/o Elaine Palatine
- SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020**
PALM SUNDAY
Thomas McMyne r/o Sister, Mary Pat
Daniel DeFrancesco
r/o Donna & Mary Ann
Sophie Roman r/o The Gaisers
Antonio Muscente
r/o Philomena Muscente



PARISH NEWS

Church doors are open from 6:30AM until 8PM all week for private prayer during this time of temporary suspension. The Blessed Sacrament is still present in the Tabernacle.

Saturday, March 28, The Sacrament of Reconciliation will still take place at 4:00 PM.

Thursday, April 2, Confessions every Thursday in Lent 6:30-7:30 PM. In the Cry Room of Church.



Religious Education Classes are CLOSED.

Confirmation Retreat Day – [Incarnation Church](#) Rescheduled for Saturday, May 16, 9:30am-6:30pm
Confirmation **Sponsor Certificates** are due March 29th.

Remember to keep our children and their families in your prayers as they continue preparation to receive the sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation.

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.



*Heart of Jesus,
I put my trust in thee.*



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 Niranjana, Rita Obed, Vincent O'Dell, Joan Pachuta, Jeff Papp, Germaine Ryan, 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.

Weekly Collection Total

March 22, 2020 No Donations received yet.

ENVELOPE GIVERS:

Please mail your weekly contributions to the Rectory Office during the temporary closure if possible or go to our website and click on Parish Giving to sign up for online contributions. Thank you for your generosity.

Cohort 9 (ISJ and OLGC)

Movie "Jesus" is cancelled for April 7@AMC24. For additional information please contact Dan Gowaty- 609-658-1196 or Nina Gowaty - 609-658-7615.

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt is cancelled for now. We will let you know if it can be rescheduled.

Ewing Knights of Columbus March 29th Baby Shower at Incarnation Church is postponed. We will let you know when we reschedule.



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And The People Stayed Home

"And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still.

And listened more deeply.

Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently.

And the people healed.

And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live

and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed."

~Kitty O'Meara

March 29, 2020

Deacon Steve Szmuto's Reflection on the Sunday Readings

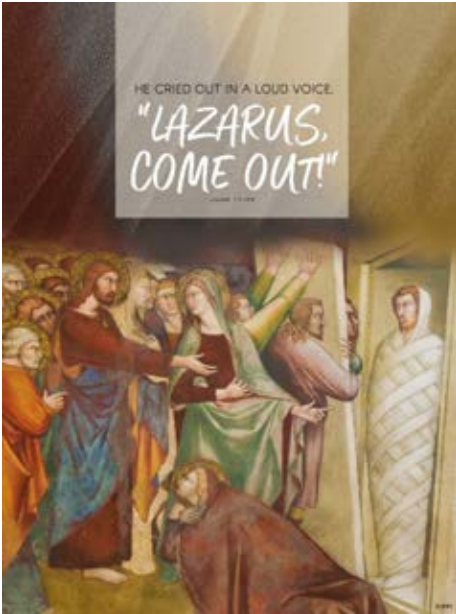
March 29, 2020 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37: 12-14

Psalms 130: 1-8

Romans 8: 8-11

John 11: 1-45



This year, our journey in the Season of Lent is, to say the least, somewhat unique. As I write this, we remain under isolation mandated by the government in response to the Coronavirus Pandemic, which has disrupted life locally, nationally and even internationally. Things we take for granted have been put on hold, with many people working remotely, businesses being shut down, restrictions on gathering together, and the suspension of public activities, even Mass and other Church events.

The virus itself has been insidious, and with the nature of global society and international travel and commerce, has leapt from country to country. The times are challenging to say the least, and while this too shall pass, the repercussions will likely be felt for a long time. As we prepare for a *Virtual Easter Celebration*, let us keep our eyes on the Lord and participate, as best as we can (thank goodness for live streaming, social media, and the internet), in the liturgies, even remotely, where we can share time with each other in prayer and worship. It is far from ideal, but it is better than losing our sense of both the sacred and our communal worship.

"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."
(Ezekiel 37: 14a)

Today's Gospel reading is John's account of the death and Jesus' raising of Lazarus, brother of Mary and Martha, and close friend of the Lord. 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 the final events of 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 in his sorrow, demonstrated his love for all of us. He raised Lazarus from the dead, 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." (John 11: 25-26a)

As we adjust to the drastic changes in our society due to the pandemic, let us continue to keep our eyes on Christ, so that we might gain his grace, strength and peace of mind, body and spirit. See you in "Church" – visit the Our Lady of Good Counsel page on Facebook (@OlgcWestTrenton).

Deacon Steven Szmuto.

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,

Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.

We fly to you today as your beloved children.

We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your
holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.
For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of
healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are
vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to
trust. In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church
to love one another and to be patient and kind.

Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our
hearts. We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly
are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of
our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us
in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of
your Son, Jesus. Amen.



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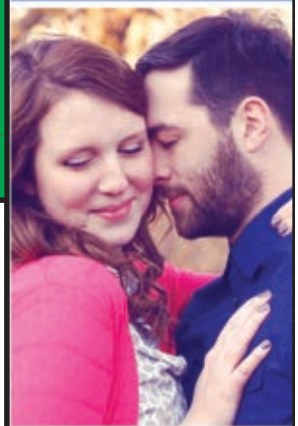


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