



Our Lady of Good Counsel



THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • MARCH 3, 2019
137 West Upper Ferry Road • West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

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Deacon Steven Szmuto
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 before 2:00 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
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Brenda O'Callaghan, CRE 609-883-9005
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Rectory Office 609-882-3277

Adult Faith Formation
Deacon Steve 609-947-0587

Consolation Ministry
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Homebound Out Reach
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Mary Szmuto 609-847-0796

Knights of Columbus
Mike Narcowich, Grand Knight 609-558-2450
George Steward, Church Director 609-883-9173

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Rectory Office 609-882-3277

Music Ministry
Deirdre Hindley, Organist 609-882-3215

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Deacon Steve 609-947-0587

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Mary Pat Voorhees, President 570-290-2373
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Social Services
James Gambino 609-818-1708

Youth Ministry
Darlene Wilson 609-882-2996

Web Master
Maryanne Garcia 908-371-1150

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church



SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019
 5:00 PM Mary DeFrancesco
 r/o Adria & Jeffrey Sgro & Family
 William F. Bolan, Jr.
 r/o Helen Marie Dolton

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019
EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 8:30 AM Deceased Members Hajjar Family
 r/o Family
 Jessica "Jodi" Fitzpatrick r/o Cheryl Budzinski
 10:30 AM Shirley Marie Hess
 r/o Deacon Steve & Mary Szmuto
 Barbara Smythe
 r/o Veto Tassone & Emily Smythe

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019
 7:30 AM Franco Saraceni r/o Mary & Fred Como
 For the Intention of James A. McMyne
 r/o Patricia Voorhees

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019
 7:30 AM Mark Conte r/o William Bill
 For the Intention of James A. McMyne
 r/o Patricia Voorhees



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019 ASH WEDNESDAY
 7:30 AM MASS Jackie McCormack r/o Barbara Kent
 For the Intention of James A. McMyne
 r/o Patricia Voorhees
 12 Noon SERVICE Prayer Service with Ash Distribution
 7:00 PM MASS People of the Parish
7:00 PM Reader: Maeve Cannon
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Szmuto
Server: Brayden Spina

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2019
 7:30 AM John E. Kane III
 r/o Susan T. Kane

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2019
 7:30 AM Barbara Britton
 r/o Russell & Debbie Vizzini

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019
 8:00 AM Special Intention
 5:00 PM Mary DeFrancesco r/o Dolores Sebasto
 Joseph Cebulski r/o Dolores Brienza

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019 First Sunday of Lent
 8:30 AM Tricia Elizabeth Cook Parziale
 r/o Brothers
 Nicola Maltese r/o Maria Giordano,
 Nino Maniaci & Family
 Domenico Bernardi
 r/o Rocco & Dina Zangrilli
 Jean Trainor r/o Husband, Jack & Family

10:30 AM

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 9
 5:00 PM Ginny Evans, Butch Kramer, Elaine Palatine

SUNDAY, MARCH 10
 8:30 AM Nicky Aneser, Tom McGuire, Tom Voorhees
 10:00 AM **Preferred Care Visits:** Anna Adomaitis
 10:30 AM Joyce Christensen, Brenda O'Callaghan,
 Tony Jones

MONDAY, March 11 Reposition Thomas Voorhees

READERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 9
 5:00 PM Helen Marie Dolton

SUNDAY, MARCH 10
 8:30 AM Patricia Williams
 10:30 AM Darlene Wilson

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 9
 5:00 PM Michael Montagna

SUNDAY, MARCH 10
 8:30 AM Jacob Pasquito
 10:30 Connor Greig

FRIDAY, MARCH 15 – Stations of the Cross
 7:00 PM James Gummel, Michael Montagna, Jacob Pasquito

NEWS & Events

Saturday, March 2, 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

Monday, March 4, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place following the 7:30 AM Mass until 7:00 PM

Religious Education Classes for Grades 1-7 are Monday afternoon from 4:30-6:30 PM at Villa Victoria Academy.

The West Trenton Garden Club will meet in the Church Hall at 7:00 PM.

Wednesday, March 6, The Seniors Club will meet in the Church Hall at 11:00 AM. Twenty-six members attended the February meeting. Dues for 2019 were collected. Members have until the end of March to pay their \$7 dues for 2019. We are planning programs of interest throughout the year. Refreshments for the March 6th meeting will be provided by Mary Pat Voorhees, Fran Zenchak and Marge Babecki. All Seniors wishing to join our club are welcome to visit and see what we are all about. Please remember to bring a nonperishable item for the pantry.

Confessions Every Wednesday evening 6:30-7:30 PM during Lent.

Friday, March 8, Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM

This weekend is **COINS FOR CHARITY** weekend. Please place your donation in the containers located at each Church door. Thanks for your generosity!

The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Pray for our Sick: Bob Arcadipane, Michael Babick, Leon Beauvais, Rosemarie Buker, Gregory DeFillippo, Nick Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Debra Kern, Carol Lake, Rebecca Lynn, Thomas McGuire, Dolores Megyesy, Keith Mello, Marie Muscente, Angelika Niranjan, Vincent O'Dell, Jeff Papp, Lucy Saganowski, Kristy Shanahan, Elayne Smith, 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.



THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL – IN ACTION!

Catholic Education Administration Catholic schools in Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean counties welcome over 16,000 Catholic and non-Catholic students from many different cultural backgrounds. Parents, as the primary educators of their children, work in partnership with teachers to develop their children's potential in becoming life-long learners. Donations to the ACA help to ensure that curriculum and performance standards and development of educators continue at high levels within our 31 Catholic elementary schools and 7 high schools. Last year your gift helped with reaching out to more than 78,000 alumni who have been given the opportunity to give back so that other students can succeed in our schools. Pledge Cards are available in Church.

SAVE THE DATE OLGFC FEAST DAY DINNER SUNDAY, APRIL 28th 12:30 P.M.

We are collecting any unused/unwanted items/gifts for a silent auction during the Feast Day Dinner. Please place these items on the designated table downstairs. Thank you. Any questions, ideas or to volunteer please contact: Mary Pat Voorhees, 570-290-2373 or sistermaripat@hotmail.com.



Registered Parishioners	786 families
Parishioners using envelopes	216
Envelope Contributions	\$4,258.00
Average Contribution	\$19.71
Loose Cash	\$671.00
Contributions for February 24th	\$4,929.00

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OLGC ADULT FAITH FORMATION: LENTEN STUDY

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and

her members. The Eucharist is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation. **This four-week program will be held on the 2nd through 5th Sundays of Lent (March 17 – April 7) from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the Church Hall.**

This study is perfect as we journey in Lent toward the glory of the Easter Resurrection. *Donation to attend is \$10 (cost of materials). Registration forms may be found at all the entrances to the Church, or email Deacon Steve at deaconstevenszmutko@gmail.com to have a form sent to you. Registration Deadline is Monday, March 4, 2019*



St. James Seniors Bus Trips

Join us on February 26 for a day at the Tropicana, Atlantic City. The cost is \$21 pp with \$30 back to play. The bus leaves 9:30 a.m. from Incarnation parking lot, and departs casino at 5 p.m.

Enjoy 3 days at Mohegan Sun, Connecticut on April 1, 2, 3, 2019. Cost is \$370.00 pp, includes bus, all breakfasts and dinners and \$30 back to play.

Bus leaves from Incarnation Church parking lot.

For more information or questions on any of the trips contact Connie Fanelli at 609-585-0575.



You are invited on a Faith Pilgrimage to the Stations Churches of Mercer County for Lenten evening Mass.

- Tuesday, March 12 St. James Church 7:30 PM Pennington
- Monday, March 18 Our Lady of Good Counsel 7:00 PM**
- Tuesday, March 19 St. Paul, Princeton 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, March 20 Sacred Heart Church 7:00 PM
- Tuesday, March 26 St. Alphonsus Church 7:30 PM
- Tuesday, April 2 St. George Church 7:30 PM
- Monday, April 8 St. David the King Princeton Jct 7:00 PM
- Monday, April 15 7:30 PM Co-Cathedral St. Robert Bellarmine – Chrism Mass - Freehold

Plan now to visit as many Churches as possible and celebrate the Eucharist during Lent 2019. The purpose of the Stations Churches is to provide an opportunity to visit some of the beautiful Churches of Mercer County and to worship with other Catholic of our county. Mass will begin with a brief history of the parish. Following Mass, there will be an optional tour of the Church.

March 3, 2019

Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Reading I: Sirach 27:4-7 • Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 • Gospel: Luke 6:39-45



Seeing

I once followed the Jesuit Larry Gillick, a blind person, in the literal dark. Neither of us fell into a pit. So, was Jesus wrong?

Larry lost his sight before his tenth birthday, but as an adult joined the Society of Jesus and became a marvelous spiritual director. On a retreat he and I were helping to direct, we went on a walk. It was after dark, quite so, and I was as good as blind when we got far enough from the retreat house, with no neighborhood around us? So, the blind following the blind.

As we went, he said to me, do you want to go on a trust walk?

Blindly (pun intended) I said, why, of course.

None of us will have perfect “vision,” but we should seek continually to clarify what we do see. First, he had me do the famous “fall backwards” that some of my readers have done. I was to release control and tumble back into the arms of another person, in this case Larry. The only problem was that he could not see, and it was also too dark for me to make anything out.

I willed to fall back, he caught me, and we were happy. I marveled at Larry’s conquering of his malady. All was good. Except

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... Except that there was a “next step.” Quietly he announced that he, a person supposedly unable to find his way, would lead the way. With my hand on his shoulder and a scarf around my eyes—to make certain that I would not cheat—we went forth. Could we avoid a pit?

I avoided it and so did he. It was indeed a walk of trust. Even though I suspected that anything whatsoever could happen, it did not. I was relieved. Larry was so used to guiding people spiritually that was possibly not an act of trust on his part. For him, it did not mean walking blindly into the unknown, it meant going ahead with increasing confidence that we are accompanied by God, no matter what might come around the next dark bend in the road.

What was I myself supposed to learn? To trust recklessly with only sightless guidance? Larry Gillick has been my friend over the years and does not require any beatifying. But I do.

Well, maybe the point was that sightlessness is the only way to really see.

Jesus says in our [Gospel](#) that we have “wooden beams” in our eyes when we relate to others. Maybe we must close our eyes for a while in order to see around these. We should stop projecting on others our own blockages, and work on the much larger wooden beams in our own psyche instead. This seems to me a quite sound psychological insight.

Notice, this understanding does not imply that we should entirely give up helping with the faults of another person. Jesus is just saying that we need to clarify our own vision in order to help someone else. None of us will have perfect “vision,” but we should seek continually to clarify what we do see.

That night I did not have anything like perfect vision. But the steady, blind guidance that Larry Gillick gave me was an act of seeing unlike most others I have known. As you and I begin Lent this coming week, I guess my advice is that we all close our eyes for a while and be guided.

John Foley, SJ

LENTEN REGULATIONS

These forty days of Lent, O Lord, with you we fast and pray . . . this line from a popular hymn we sing in our parishes during the season of Lent contains a very important truth. During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead, from **Ash Wednesday, March 6th until Holy Thursday, April 18th**: *It is with YOU, Lord, with YOU we fast and pray.* The model Jesus gave us for “these forty days” was his own experience of the desert and the temptations that followed him there where he encountered Satan face to face. And yet, Jesus, there in the desert — alone, fasting and in intense prayer — beat back the devil and triumphed over temptation, as strong and as unrelenting as it was throughout those forty days.

We enter the desert of Lent like Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, to face our devils, our temptations head on. But we are not alone. *With YOU we fast and pray* is our song. The Lord Jesus Christ is with us. And so, too, is the Church, the entire community of faith observing Lent. *With YOU, too, we fast and pray.* Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States asks of us as baptized Catholics:

- The days of **fast (only one full meal) and abstinence (no meat)** are **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**.
- All other **Fridays of Lent** are **days of abstinence (no meat)**.

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast (only one full meal) as above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to abstain (no meat: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat). The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of days, which must be considered serious.

The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year — often called *Easter duty* — for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from the **1st Sunday of Lent, March 10th to Trinity Sunday, June 16th**. However, the Church’s law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

I want to encourage Catholics to get to confession and to make use of the sacrifices and traditions that have always been part of our Lenten practices in the Church. We do, indeed, fast and pray with the Lord Jesus and with our fellow Catholics. May this Lent be a time of penance, grace and joy for us all.

Sincerely yours in Christ, *Most Reverend David M. O’Connell, C.M. Bishop of Trenton*

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