Happy Feast Day

Our Lady of Good Counsel

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May 22, 2022

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Our Lady of Good Counsel church
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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 still 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

Thursday-Friday Mary Szmutko
Email: Mszmutko@olgcc.net

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**
Adoration Denise Hayes	908-242-2183
Adult Faith Formation/RCIA	
Deacon Steve Szmutko	609-947-0587
Altar Society Mary Pat Voorhees	570-290-2373
Consolation Ministry Mary Szmutko	609-882-3277
Infant Baptism Mary Szmutko	609-847-0796
Knights of Columbus—	
Tom DeFalco, Grand Knight	609-882-6480
George Steward, Church Director	609-883-9173
Liturgical Ministers Mary Szmutko	609-882-3277
Marys of Mary~Mary Arcadipane	609-883-7620
Music Ministry Deirdre Hindley	609-882-3215
Sr.'s Club Mary Pat Voorhees, Pres.	570-290-2373
Dolores Sebasto, Vice President	609-882-5085
Social Services James Gambino	609-818-1708

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY,	**MAY 21, 2022**
5:00 PM	Fekete & Walley Families r/o Family
	Robert Serafine r/o Karl Wagner
SUNDAY,	**MAY 22, 2022**
	Sixth Sunday of Easter
8:30 AM	John Bambrick r/o Debbie & Bob Smith
10:30 AM	John & Anna Jaremback
	r/o John & JoAnn Jaremback
	Emily Medwick r/o Uncle Paul
MONDAY,	**MAY 23, 2022**
7:30 AM	For Intentions of Carol Hulick &
	Larry Szmutko
	r/o Family
TUESDAY,	**MAY 24, 2022**
7:30 AM	Special Intention r/o Gatto Family
WEDNESDAY,	**MAY 25, 2022**
7:30 AM	For Intentions of Rosemary McMyne r/o Mom
THURSDAY,	**MAY 26, 2022**
7:30 AM	James & Joseph McMyne r/o Sister
FRIDAY,	**MAY 27, 2022**
7:30 AM	Tom Boyle r/o Gordon Fish & Family
	For Intentions of Eli Ferbrache r/o Parents
SATURDAY,	**MAY 28, 2022**
8:00 AM	Special Intention
5:00 PM	Robert Serafine r/o Helen Marie Dolton
	For Intentions of Gail Ann Palatine
	r/o Elaine Palatine
SUNDAY,	**MAY 29, 2022**
	Ascension of the Lord
8:30 AM	For Intentions of Rosemary McMyne r/o Mom
10:30 AM	Richard Prunetti r/o Jessica Jaremback
	Fielding & Janusz Family r/o Judy Fielding

LAST WEEK Collection ©JPPC

Registered Parish Families	693
Parishioners using envelopes	107
Envelope Contributions	$2,342.00
Average Contribution	$21.89
Loose Cash	$545.00
Contributions for May 15th:	$2,887.00

The Collection for Catholic Home Missions amounted to $540.00 and Good Friday Holy Land was $1,288.37.

Next weekend is the annual collection for Catholic Communications. Please place both envelopes in the one collection.

Thank you for your generosity.

Readers

SATURDAY,	**MAY 28**
5:00 PM	Mary Anne LeGall
SUNDAY,	**MAY 29**
8:30 AM	Keri Wilkes
10:30 AM	Maeve Cannon

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY,	**MAY 28**
5:00 PM	Ginny Evans
SUNDAY,	**MAY 29**
8:30 AM	Laura Shea
10:30 AM	Tony Jones

Altar Servers

SATURDAY,	**MAY 28**
5:00 PM	James Gummel
SUNDAY,	**MAY 29**
8:30 AM	Brayden Spina, Daniel Wilkes
10:30 AM	Dylan Rutkowski

News & Events

Tuesday, May 24 The Ewing Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Financial Planning and Insurance Information Night on Tuesday, May 24 at 7:00 in the Our Lady of Good Counsel Auditorium. All members of both Incarnation-St. James and Our Lady of Good Counsel parishes are encouraged to attend. Come and learn of the many strategies and products available to improve the financial security of you and your family. Refreshments served.

Tuesday, May 24 The Children's Home Society Auxiliary Board will meet in St. Mary's Room 1&2 at 6 P.M. in the Church basement.

Thursday, May, 26 The Church Office is closed.

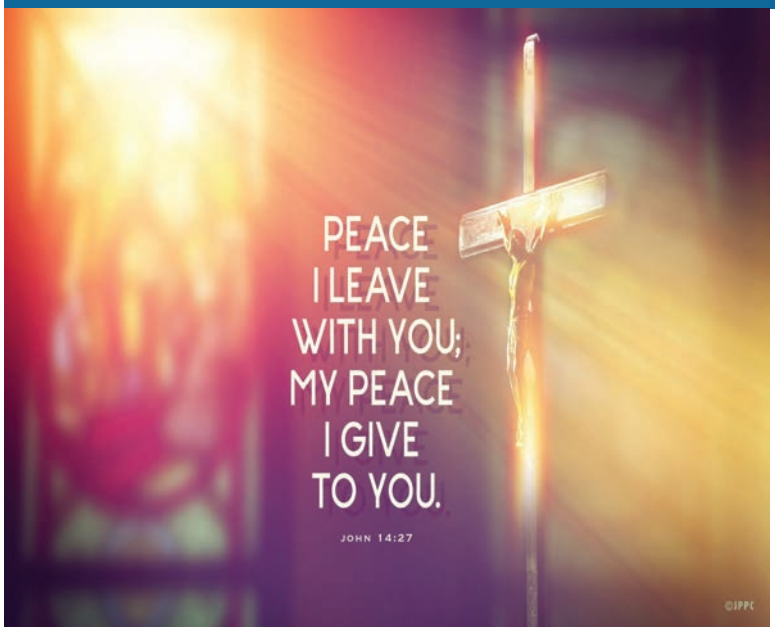
Saturday, May 28, Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass.

Reconciliation 4:00-4:30 PM Mask required.

Rosemarie Buker, Arline Canulli, Richard Cook, Katie Dao, Helen Marie Dolton, Al Gatto, Elizabeth Gervasoni, Theresa Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Marie Hegyi, James A. Keenan, III, Carol Lake, Laura Lynch, Kevin McBride, Keith Mello, Joan Moore, Marie Muscente, Kim Nash, Angelika Niranjan, Carol Perrine, Lucy Saganowski, Debbie Sattler, Gregory Schafer, Donna Schujko, Kristy Shanahan, Steve Schmierer, Linda Solinski, Paul Sollami, 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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ May 22, 2022



Deacon Steve Reflection
Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ May 22, 2022

Reading I: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
Responsorial Psalm: 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Reading II: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
Gospel: John 14:23-29

"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." (Jn 14:25)

Today's readings from the Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel of John focus on the Holy Spirit as teacher and guide within the Church. In the first reading from Acts, a dispute arose as to whether or not male circumcision was required as a condition of acceptance into the early Christian Church. In the earliest days, when Christianity began in the Jewish communities, the issue was not a significant one. However, as the Gospel was proclaimed throughout the nations to the Gentiles, the requirement loomed as a major obstacle for conversion. At the same time, traditionalist members of the Jewish Christian communities feared (perhaps rightly) that the elimination of circumcision would result in a Christian community dominated by those outside the Jewish tradition.

Paul and Barnabas gathered with the apostles and elders in Jerusalem to discuss the matter. At what is regarded as the first council of the Church, it was determined male circumcision was not a requirement of becoming Christian. In conveying the message, the Church expressed its reliance on the Holy Spirit in order to rightly discern the answer.

The Gospel reading from John conveys Jesus' promise of the Advocate, or Holy Spirit, to teach and remind us of the words of Jesus. Mindful of the Gospel, the Church has continually turned to the Holy Spirit for wisdom and guidance. There have been numerous Councils of the Church, deliberative bodies that have confronted and resolved disputes regarding beliefs and doctrines. Some Councils have convened during times of crisis; others were held to ensure the fidelity of the Church and its members to the Gospel. All have relied on the Holy Spirit as the font of grace so that the Word of God may continue to be a light to all men and women.

We are all the Church. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit continues to fill us with grace and wisdom, guiding us to a deep and abiding faith in the eternal salvation through Our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." (Jn 14:23)

Deacon Steve Szmutko (5/2007)

We ask you to participate in the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal ~ OLGCC Goal $28,000.00
Pledged: $20,189.96 (72% of Goal) Paid: $16,254.19
Total Donors: 87 Total Gifts: 92 Average Gift: $219.46

Your contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal allows our Diocese to continue to serve as a resource to parishes and organizations in their efforts to provide service, outreach and evangelization. Please prayerfully consider making a Donation by placing an envelope in the Weekly collection basket marked Annual Catholic Appeal or Pledge online at: www.dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal or call the appeal office at: 609-403-7197.

Thank you for helping us reach our Parish Goal!

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Offerings at Francis House of Prayer
Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center and Retreat House
84 Walnford Road • Allentown, NJ 08501
609-877-0509 or FHOP@verizon.net
Please check www.FHOP.org for registration, directions and for our other offerings!
All programs will be offered online and in-person unless otherwise indicated.

IN-PERSON ONLY ~ PERSONAL RETREAT DAY

Wednesday, June 1 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Come to Francis House for silence, personal prayer and optional spiritual direction. The day begins and ends with a brief prayer together. Donation: $10; $40 with spiritual direction. Please bring your lunch.

ISJ Rosary Altar Society Luncheon ~
June 26th ~12:30 ~ Acacia Restaurant Lawrenceville.
Menu: Organic Chicken Breast, Eggplant Parmigiana, Roasted Scottish Salmon with veggies, Salad, Penne Vodka & Dessert. Soft drinks, Coffee, Tea.
$40.00 pp. & BYOB
RSVP by 6/19/22 to:
Joyce Raymond 609-306-0663,
Mary Mendola 609-883-1865.
Note: Our next RAS Monthly Meeting is on June 12 at St. James after the 9:30 mass in the Church Hall.

"Come and See" Discernment BBQ
Thursday, June 16th
Beginning with Mass at 5:30 PM
Discussion & BBQ Dinner to follow

Men between the ages of 15-40 that are interested in the Diocesan Priesthood are invited to a discernment BBQ with Bishop O'Connell, CM at **St. John's Church in Allentown, New Jersey**.

The evening will begin with 5:30 mass with Bishop, followed by outdoor games & activities, BBQ dinner and discussion. Please RSVP to Fr. Jason Parzynski, Vocations Director, jparzynski@DioceseofTrenton.org or (609) 406-7448.This is a great opportunity to learn about discerning the priesthood, meeting others open to a priestly vocation, all while enjoying some great food, games and activities!

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS FOR MAKING OUR PARISH FEAST DAY GREAT!

1. Aaron's Barber Shop, West Trenton – ($20 gift certificate)
2. Burrito's on Main Street, Yardley – (2 Certificates=$15+$20)
3. Chico's @ Market Fair Princeton – ($25 gift card)
4. Continental Tavern on Main Street, Yardley – ($25 gift card)
5. Cramer's Bakery – Luncheon Dessert (sheet cake serves 50)
6. Danny's Tomato Pie, Ewing – ($75 gift certificate)
7. Fred Astaire Dance Studio, Lambertville – (dance lessons valued at $550 = Intro 30 min session + Beginner Program)
8. Full Moon Café, Lambertville – ($25 gift certificate)
9. Giggleberry Fair @ Peddlers Village, Lahaska – (4 activity passes)
10. Lindt Chocolatier @Palmer Square, Princeton – (chocolate gift basket valued at $44.99)
11. Ma Belle Nails on Main Street, Yardley–(2 Gcards $15 + $15)
12. Metro Grill, Ewing – ($50 gift card)
13. PF CHANG'S @MarketFair Princeton –(2 Gcards = $10 +$25)
14. Purple Cow Ice Creamery, Lawrencevl – ($15 gift certificate)
15. Salon Millan on Main Street, Yardley – ($60 gift card)
16. Trattoria Rosa Bianca Main Street, Yardley – ($50 gift card)
17. Vidalia Cucina, Lawrenceville – ($35 gift card)
18. Yardley Icehouse off Main Street, Yardley – ($20 gift card)
19. Blooming Grove Inn - ($50 gift certificate)
20. The Knights of Columbus Ewing Council #3756 ($200) Donation to the Feast Day Celebration expenses.

We thank the businesses listed and the Ewing Knights of Columbus for their kind donations of gift certificates, gift cards and In-kind donations.

Special thanks to Loretta Ennis for soliciting the above donations for our OLGCC Feast Day Celebration.

The Congregation of the faith has urged Pastors to ensure proper treatment of the bodies of the deceased. Below for our reference is the letter from the Congregation of the Faith regarding Regulations for Proper Christian Burial

December 22, 2021
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith
Prot. N. 99/1918 86794

Your Excellency,
In accordance with civil laws, new techniques for treating the bodies of the deceased as alternative practices to cremation, presented as preferable because they are more ecological, are spreading more and more often in Western countries.
These techniques aim to dispose of the bodies of the deceased in a way that is presumed to be rapid and hygienically safe, as well as respectful of the environment, since the residues of the treatment would be released into nature, with the intent of fertilizing the soil. However, this practice implies an approach which, in fact, tends to eliminate any trace of a sense of the sacred and of effective pity for the mortal remains of the deceased.

In this sense, I would like to point out the following:
1. The Church insistently recommends the burial of the bodies of the dead, as noted in n. 3 of the instruction Ad resurgendum cum Christo, published on 25 October 2016.
2. Cremation, chosen for reasons not contrary to Christian doctrine, is not forbidden, but the ashes of the dead must "be kept in a sacred place", for the reasons referred to in the aforementioned Instruction (cf. nn. 4 and 5).
3. "To avoid any kind of pantheist, naturalist or nihilist misunderstanding, the dispersion of the ashes in the air, on earth or in water or in any other way is not permitted" (n. 7).
4. In the cases of new techniques for treating corpses, the same criteria mentioned above are to be applied: what remains after the treatment of corpses must be "kept in a sacred place" intended for burial and not simply in a place blessed by the clergy.
5. Furthermore, if, in the implementation of a new technique for treating corpses there was nothing left [of the body], such a practice would not be acceptable from the point of view of Catholic doctrine.
To face the spread of such unacceptable practices, the Pastors of the Church of this Bishops' Conference are called to explain to the faithful the incompatibility of these practices with the teaching of the Catholic Church. At the same time, it is good that they reaffirm this teaching with special reference to the immortality of the soul, the resurrection of the soul, the respect due to the bodies of the faithful departed and the communion between the living and the dead, rejecting any materialistic, naturalistic approach, pantheistic and nihilistic that often underlies these techniques of treating corpses.
Finally, I turn to you with the kind request to make the contents of this letter public.
Most devotedly yours in the Lord,
Luis F. Cardinal Ladaria, SJ
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