



Our Lady of Good Counsel



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER • MAY 9, 2021

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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: Thursdays 6:30 to 7:30 PM

**Inside front church doors mask must be worn,
social distancing observed**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament –First Friday of
every month 8:00 am to 3:00 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. Forms are available in the parish office and on the website. 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
Monday thru Friday **Website: olgcc.net**

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SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	MAY 8, 2021 Mother's Day Intentions
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	MAY 9, 2021 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY Sixth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day Intentions Mother's Day Intentions
MONDAY, 5:00 PM	MAY 10, 2021 Marie & William Dolton r/o Helen Marie Dolton
TUESDAY, 7:30 AM	MAY 11, 2021 Margaret Piechota r/o Norman Buttaci
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM	MAY 12, 2021 Kent Smith r/o Mary Arcadipane
THURSDAY, 7:30 AM	MAY 13, 2021 Arthur M Keefe, Jr. r/o OLGc Seniors Club Members Deacon Steve Szmutko (15 th Anniversary of Ordination) r/o Family
FRIDAY, 7:30 AM	MAY 14, 2021 James Kinard r/o Claude & Mary Anne LeGall
SATURDAY, 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	MAY 15, 2021 Special Intention Carol Smith Hanson r/o Darlene & John Giovannetti Daniel DeFrancesco r/o Donna & David Collins
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	MAY 16, 2021 Sixth Sunday of Easter- The Ascension of the Lord Jay Pisauro r/o Nino & Angela Como Fielding & Janusz Family r/o Judy Fielding Delores Megyesy r/o Rich & Pam Manners People of the Parish



Readers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	MAY 15 Mary Anne LeGall
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	MAY 16 Sean Feddema
10:30 AM	Maeve Cannon

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	MAY 15 James Gummel
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	MAY 16 Brayden Spina
10:30 AM	Dylan Rutkowski

Parish Events

Thursday, May 13 the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place at 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Church. Mask must be worn and please social distance.

Saturday, May 15 - Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude will follow Saturday morning Mass.



Confirmation Class Important Dates:

Practice for Candidates Only – Tuesday May 18th at 4:00 p.m. Confessions for candidates following practice.

Practice with Candidates & Sponsors – Wednesday, May 19th at 7:30 p.m.

Confirmation – Thursday, May 20th 6:00 p.m.

*Flowers for the Altar & Candle
at St. Joseph May 15th
are in loving memory of:
Daniel DeFrancesco
r/o Donna & David Collins*



*Confirmation
Thursday, May, 20, 2021
6:00 PM*



Registered Parishioners
788 families

Parishioners using envelopes	84
Envelope Contributions	\$2,629.00
Average Contribution	\$31.30
Loose Cash	\$ 198.00
Contributions for May 2 nd	\$1,936.00

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IMPORTANT NOTE: ASCENSION THURSDAY - MAY 13TH

The Holy Day is referred to the weekend of MAY 15-16

Due to the pandemic

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Our Lady of Good Counsel Eucharistic Adoration is the **First Friday of every month**. Adoration will begin following the 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass until close at 3:00 p.m.

Adorers are needed to keep the Blessed Sacrament company. Please sign up for a time you can come by calling: Denise Hayes 908-242-2183.

Blessed Pope John Paul II once said: The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic Adoration. Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of love. May our adoration never cease.

The greatest thing in the world that you can do is encourage others and yourself to participate in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: **IT IS THE REAL PRESENCE OF JESUS ON EARTH**. Come and rest in the Lord. He is waiting to see you.



Pray for our Sick: Rosemarie Buker, Richard Cook, Sara Cooper, Al Gatto, Elizabeth Gervasoni, Theresa Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Marie Hegyi, Kevin McBride, Keith Mello, Lorraine Metzgar, Joan Moore, Marie Muscente, Kim Nash, Angelika Niranjana, Joan Pachuta, Carol Perrine, Lucy Saganowski, Kristy Shanahan, Steve Schmierer, Linda Solinski, Paul Sollami, Lauren Williams 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.

Visit our parish website: olgcc.net



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Masses Monday-Friday 7:30 am, Saturday 8:00 am. Sunday Mass Streamed at 10:30 A.M. Stations of the Cross Fridays at 7:00 pm



Say the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world.

May is the month dedicated to Our Blessed Mother

A PRAYER TO OUR LADY

O Virgin of courage, may your spiritual strength and trust in God inspire us so that we may know how to overcome all the obstacles that we encounter. O Virgin Mother, guide and sustain us so that we may always live as true sons and daughters of the Church. O clement, O pious, O sweet Virgin Mary!



2021 Annual Catholic Appeal OLGC Goal is \$28,000.00

Pledged Amt: \$19,262.94 ~ Percentage of Goal: 68.80%
Help us reach our Goal! Please make your pledge today!

I want to thank those who have generously given to the Appeal already, and ask those who have not to prayerfully consider supporting the Appeal. This Appeal supports many things throughout our diocese that would be impossible without our generosity: education of future Priests through seminary tuition, support for retired priests and religious, religious education and school support both on the parish and regional level, support for outreach organizations, as well as helping the diocese function day to day.



You may make your pledge or donation online at:

www.dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal or call the appeal office at: 609-403-7197. Pledge cards are also available at the Church Office. Please call us: 609-882-3277. Thank you for your generosity. Fr. Ariel

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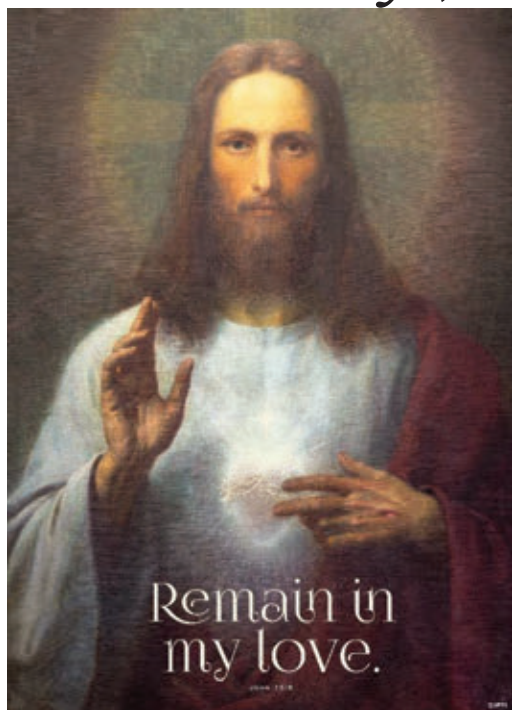
6th Sunday of Easter ~ May 9, 2021

Reading I: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Responsorial Psalm: 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

Reading II: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17



Gone for Good?

Imagine the emotional turmoil inside the disciples.

First he was here. Then he was gone. Then he was here again. And then he was gone for good. Jesus.

Let's look.

- "First he was here. Then he was gone." They had lived with Jesus in his public life and they loved it. They thought it would last forever. Not so. Abruptly he was gone. They were not at all prepared for the enormity of his torture and killing, the destruction of their lives, of their friend and their Lord. Gone, gone, gone, gone.

- "Then he was here again." We know how difficult his resurrection was for the apostles. They doubted it and rejected it, even as the women welcomed it with full hearts. He appeared many times and kindly helped his followers to accept the fact that he was alive again.

Jesus is with us by means of the presence of his Spirit in us.

- "And then he was gone for good." When they had gotten used to his new presence, guess what. The Ascension took place. This presented the obvious question. Does the story really end with Jesus being "gone, gone, gone," ascended to heaven? The point of God's taking flesh had been to show how completely present he is to us always, living in our material world. So has he now absented himself forever? Are we back to where we started?

You and I must look for the answer, because it contains the entire Christian reality. We can do it using the readings for this Sunday.

Look upon the [First Reading](#) as a continuation of Jesus' frequent talks about how he will send the Holy Spirit to us (Paraclete, Teacher, Comforter), after he has ascended to the Father. All who believe and who open their hearts will receive the Spirit. Stay with this line of reasoning. What is the Spirit? Is it simply a dose of "grace" that we earn or receive in order to be holy? Or that Jesus and the Father sent to give us a break? Or a "help"? Or some kind of power coming from God?

Listen well: the Holy Spirit is all of these and none of these. The Spirit is:

GOD.

Not just a representative of God, not just a descending dove, not even just a point of fire over our heads. It is the complete, true reality of God. And it is marked forever by Jesus' entire life, death and resurrection.

This Spirit quietly makes us able to say yes to faith. Not by brutalizing us or overriding us. The [Second Reading](#) and the [Gospel](#) are all about what I call "respectful love." I define respectful love as that love which never over-powers us but always respects our choice(s). Rather than a dictator, the Spirit wants to be a companion in our lives, esteeming our being, not contradicting it, bringing out what is most truly our own self.

So Jesus is with us by means of the presence of his Spirit in us.

He hopes we will accept his offer of this Spirit. If we do, our souls mingle with God's own reality and we become new flesh for the incarnate God.

This is called the mystical body of Christ on earth.

Your reply? Well great, but why am I so weak in belief, so far from Christ, so prone to sin? This Holy Spirit must be pretty anemic.

No, and again, here is the reason.

The Spirit always waits, waits, waits for us to open to Jesus' life. Jesus is not gone, he is inside us, knocking at our inner door. We can say no. But we can also say yes with our lives.

Through respectful love.

John Foley, SJ

The Sixth Sunday of Easter



HOW TO PRAY THE ROSARY

1. Make the Sign of the Cross and say the "Apostles' Creed." 2. Say the "Our Father." 3. Say three "Hail Mary's." 4. Say the "Glory Be." 5. Announce the First Mystery; then say the "Our Father." 6. Say ten "Hail Mary's," while meditating on the Mystery. 7. Say the "Glory Be," 8. Announce the Second Mystery; then say the "Our Father." Repeat 6 and 7 and continue with Third, Fourth and Fifth Mysteries in the same manner. 9. Say the "Hail Holy Queen."

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Our Father Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Hail Holy Queen Hail Holy Queen, Mother of mercy! Hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears! Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us; and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! V. Pray for us, Holy Mother of God. R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Let us pray. O God, whose only begotten Son, by his Life, Death and Resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech you, that we who meditate on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the blessed Virgin Mary, may both imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

MYSTERIES

JOYFUL MYSTERIES (Monday and Saturday) Annunciation; Visitation; Nativity; Presentation; Finding in the Temple

LUMINOUS MYSTERIES (Thursday) Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan; Manifestation of Jesus at the Wedding at Cana; Proclamation of the Kingdom of God; Transfiguration of Jesus; Institution of the Eucharist

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES (Tuesday and Friday) Agony in the Garden; Scourging at the Pillar; Crowning with Thorns; Carrying of the Cross; Crucifixion

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES (Wednesday and Sunday) Resurrection; Ascension; Descent of Holy Spirit; Assumption; Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mother's Day



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DIOCESAN ADVISORY

Guidelines for public, in-church Masses, as directed by the Diocese of Trenton:

1. COVID-19 is still extremely contagious, especially indoors or in closed settings;
2. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday/Holy Day Masses remains in effect so that all Catholic faithful, in good conscience, are not required to be physically present in church; live-streamed Masses will continue in most parishes;
3. Anyone who is sick or at risk should not come to church; that is not punitive but, rather, common sense and an act of charity toward your neighbors;
4. All parishes are expected to abide by occupancy and other regulations of the Diocese with care;
5. Masks must be worn (no exceptions), physical contact of any kind must be avoided, social distancing must be practiced, proper sanitation must be observed at all public, in church Masses;
6. Before attending public, in church Masses, the Catholic faithful are asked to consider any possible health and safety risks involved.

Weekend Masses-Directives & Guidelines

The Diocese has limited attendance at weekend Masses to 1/3 of attendance capacity. For Our Lady of Good Counsel this places us at approximately 220 people per Mass. However, in our pews with proper social distancing we are closer to 200. As our normal weekend Mass attendance, in normal circumstances is approximately 200 per mass, we will not place any restrictions on attendance at this time, but will revisit this if it is needed

- The Bishop continues to keep in place a dispensation from Sunday and Holy Day Obligations so that those who need to may "stay home in good conscience." Those in high risk categories should **strongly consider** staying home. Those with the symptoms of any respiratory illnesses **must** stay home.
- All who attend must either enter through the **Main front doors or through the elevator entrance.** The other doors will be locked. You may exit through any door.
- Seating will only be allowed in un-taped pews. Any non-cohabiting families must maintain social distancing of **at least 6 feet** even in the pews that

are open. PLEASE RECOGNIZE THAT YOUR FAVORITE SEAT MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE.

- Facial masks or coverings must be worn by those who attend the Mass. The Priest and Lector will remove face coverings for the celebration but will wear them at all other times.
- For this initial phase, Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass, not at the usual time. This will happen in both the front and rear of the Church. Please maintain distancing while in line and while exiting the Church. Remove your mask to receive communion and then replace your mask. **Communion in the Hand is strongly preferred at this time.** If you must receive on the tongue please try to wait until the end of the communion line.
- The Restroom in the Choir stairway is available for emergency use only.
- Hand hygiene should be maintained and while Sanitizer will be available at the doors of the Church, parishioners are encouraged to bring their own wipes and sanitizer as well.
- No bulletins, books, or handouts are allowed at this time. Holy Water fonts will be empty.
- There will be no Offertory procession. Collection baskets will be placed near the exits of the Church.
- Due to the danger of the spread of respiratory droplets: congregational singing is discouraged and hymns will not be announced.
- The continuation of public Masses will be contingent on volunteers willing to help sanitize the Church following the Masses.
- The Cry Room and the Sacristy are currently off limits to the public.
- The 10:30AM Mass will be live-streamed and recorded for the time being for those who stay home.



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