

Our Lady of Good Counsel

137 West Upper Ferry Road West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT APRIL 2, 2017

Fr. Michael Hall, Pastor
Msgr. James G. Innocenzi, Weekend Assistant
Deacon John Bonner
Deacon Steven Szmuto
Brenda O'Callaghan, CRE

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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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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Brenda O'Callaghan, CRE 883 9005
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RECONCILIATION Saturdays, 4:00 to 4:30 PM
During Lent on Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:00 PM

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Deacon John 771 8288
Rosalie Brenna 883 1792

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Mondays, 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM

ADULT FAITH FORMATION
Deacon Steve 947 0587

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.

CONSOLATION MINISTRY
Deacon John 771 8288

HOMEBOUND OUTREACH
Rectory Office 882 3277

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.

INFANT BAPTISM
Mary Szmuto 847 0796

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Michael Murphy, Grand Knight 575 7699
Gary Vanderbilt, Church Director 882 8474

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS
Rectory Office 882 3277

MUSIC MINISTRY
Deirdre Hindley, Organist 882 3215

RCIA
Deacon Steve 947 0587

SENIORS CLUB
Mary Pat Voorhees, President 882 2327
Dolores Sebasto, Vice President 882 5085

SOCIAL SERVICES
James Gambino 818 1708
Dan Morocco 882 0906

REGISTRATION All parishioners should be registered. Please contact the Rectory Office when entering or leaving the parish.

YOUTH MINISTRY
Darlene Wilson 882 2996
Deacon John 771 8288

WEBMASTER
Maryanne Garcia 908 371 1150

Schedule for the Week

Announcements

MASSES & SERVICES

8:00 AM Special Intention
 5:00 PM Joseph Gambino, Jr. r/o Melissa & Chris Haley
Sunday, April 2nd
5th Sunday of Lent
 8:30 AM John Ola Fasusi r/o Josephine Fasusi
 John Lally r/o Carol & Mike Lake
 10:30 AM People of the Parish
 Angela Jarembak Mignone r/o David & Amanda Freytak
 4:00 PM *Lenten Penance Service*
Monday, April 3rd
 7:30 AM Joseph Gambino, Jr. r/o Sandra Gambino & Family
Tuesday, April 4th
 7:30 AM Mary Claffey r/o Mary Komjathy
Wednesday, April 5th
 7:30 AM Mary Claffey r/o Russell & Debbie Vizzini
 Marian Zanet r/o Elaine Palatine
 6:30 PM *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
Thursday, April 6th
 7:30 AM Fekete & Walley Families r/o Family
Friday, April 7th
 7:30 AM Rasario de Souza r/o de Souza Family
 John Kane r/o Susan Kane
 7:00 PM *Stations of the Cross*
Saturday, April 8th
 8:00 AM Special Intention
 5:00 PM Marie & William Dolton r/o Helen Marie Dolton
 Living & Deceased Members, Muscente Family
Sunday, April 9th
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 8:30 AM Anna & Andrew Charnick r/o the Cook Family
 John Lally r/o Carol & Michael Lake
 10:30 AM People of the Parish
 Sheila Sindora r/o Dolores DeBlasio

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Friday, April 7th, Home visits arranged.
Saturday, April 8th
 5:00 PM Joyce Christensen, Mike Manion, & Elaine Palatine
Sunday, April 9th
 8:30 AM Claude & Mary Anne LeGall & Thomas Voorhees
 10:00 AM *PreferredCare Visits*: Fran Golinski
 10:30 AM Ellen & Timothy Everett & Darlene Wilson
Monday, April 10th, Adoration is cancelled.

SENIORS' CLUB NEWS

Thirty-Two members were present at the last meeting including one guest. The Club is in the process of updating its membership list: should a member need to update their membership information, contact Linda Solinski at 883 0350.

Sandy Jones and Judy Totten are planning an *Ice Cream Social* for the June meeting as well as our *Annual Picnic* in August. Refreshments for the next meeting on April 5th will be provided by Joan Keefe, Joan Paterra, and George Steward. Please remember to bring a non-perishable food item for our Food Pantry.

READERS

Saturday, April 8th
 5:00 PM Mary Lou Delahanty
Sunday, April 9th
 8:30 AM James King
 10:30 AM Laura Shea

ALTAR SERVERS

Friday, April 7th, Stations of the Cross
 7:00 PM Lauren Christensen, Chris Corban, & Ken Foreman
Saturday, April 8th
 5:00 PM Marcus Christensen
Sunday, April 9th
 8:30 AM Marshall Barrett, Ken Foreman, & Alex Medwick
 10:30 AM Nora Shea

PARISH EVENTS

April 1st: Morning Mass takes place at 8:00 AM. Novenas follow morning Mass.

Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM.

April 2nd: *5th Sunday of Lent*

Sunday Religious ED Classes will take place in the Church Hall, 9:15 to 10:45 AM, for Grade 8 Students.

A *Lenten Penance Service* will take place at 4:00 PM. Several priests will be available.

April 3rd: *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* will take place from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM. The Rectory-side door of the Church will be open.

Religious ED Classes will take place at Villa Victoria Academy from 4:30 to 6:00 PM, Grades 1 to 7.

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

April 4th The Knights of Columbus Council 3756 will sponsor a social night at the Incarnation / St. James Church Center at 7:30 PM. Everyone is welcome.

April 5th: The *Senior's Club* will meet in the Church Hall at 11:00 AM.

During Lent, *Reconciliation* will take place at 6:30 PM.

April 7th: *Stations of the Cross* take place at 7:00 PM.

April 8th: Morning Mass takes place at 8:00 AM. Novenas that usually follow morning Mass are cancelled.

Reconciliation will take place at 8:30 AM. There are no afternoon Confessions.

April 2nd: *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.*

Sunday Religious ED Classes are cancelled

CONTRIBUTIONS

Registered Parishioners	773 families
Parishioners using envelopes	221
Envelope Contributions	\$4,383.00
Average Contribution	\$19.83
Loose Cash	\$800.00
Contributions for March 26 th	\$5,184.00

Reflection

PARISH NEWS

Easter Egg Hunt Our annual Parish Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 8th at 10:00 AM on the Rectory grounds. All children ages 5th grade and under are invited to attend.

Help is needed to make the hunt a success. Confirmation students in need of service hours are encouraged to help. Please contact Joyce Christensen at 651 0466 if you have any questions or if you can donate your time. In the event of inclement weather, the hunt will take place in the Church Hall.

Children's Home Society Bingo The Children's Home Society of New Jersey will hold a Designer Handbag Bingo on Friday, May 5th at 7:00 PM in the Church Hall to benefit the foster care program of the Society. Tickets purchased in advance are \$30 per person or \$35 at the door. For information and ticket sales contact Maureen Killeen at 732 616 5312.

Iron Mikes Gala The Trenton Catholic Academy School community invites everyone to attend the *Iron Mikes Gala* on April 22nd at 6:00 PM at Cedar Gardens in Hamilton. Here we will honor Most Reverend Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., Judith Persichilli, alumni Marty Flynn, Rick Dell, and former teacher Mr. Jack Lally who will be honored posthumously. Ticket and sponsorship details at <https://trentoncatholic.org> is available or by contacting Tracey Destribats at 586 3705, X 135.

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

LORD, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication.

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities,

LORD, who can stand?

But with you is forgiveness,
that you may be revered.

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

I trust in the LORD;

my soul trusts in his word.

More than sentinels wait for the dawn,
let Israel wait for the LORD.

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

For with the LORD is kindness
and with him is plenteous redemption;
and he will redeem Israel
from all their iniquities.

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

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FAITH IN OUR FUTURE UPDATE

The next phase of the *Faith In Our Future* initiative commenced on March 9th with a Cohort Training session for Mercer County Cohorts teams at Trenton Catholic Academy.

As you know from prior updates, Our Lady of Good Counsel will be collaborating on resources and ministries with Incarnation / St. James Church. Each parish has a five-member implementation team: for Incarnation / St. James the team will be Fr. Tom Morris, Pete Brennan (Chairperson), Dan and Nina Gowaty (Secretary), and Joe Bogdan; for Our Lady of Good Counsel the team will be Fr. Mike Hall, Patricia Williams, Mary Lincoln, Darlene Wilson (Co-Secretary), and George Steward. Organized by the Diocesan Implementation Commission and run by the Reid Group, we were introduced to the process of developing Collaborative ministries along the lines of the Bishop's directives.

Our two parish teams will have our first planning meeting this week under the guidance of Pat Stokley from the Diocesan team and he will lead us through the initial planning steps. Thereafter, we will identify areas where we can collaborate as a Cohort beginning on July 1st. We must turn in our 2017 plan to the Diocese by May 31st along with a 5-year plan detailing additional progression of sharing resources as well as connecting the plans to greater Evangelization.

We will strive to keep parishioners updated as we begin this new era of parish cooperation and sharing through Cohort development.



CAPITAL SINGERS OF TRENTON

The Capital Singers of Trenton (CST) honors American composers from William Billings to Billy Joel in its *America Sings!* concerts featuring solos, small ensemble pieces, and full choral masterpieces spanning the 1700's to today. CST invites its audience to experience the nation's rich musical history in two of the region's architectural and acoustic treasures: Princeton Abbey, formerly St. Joseph's Seminary, at 4:00 PM on Saturday, April 29th and Sacred Heart Church, listed on both the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places, at 4:00 PM on Sunday, April 30th.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.capitalsingers.org or call 609-434-2781.

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UPCOMING HOLY DAYS

I want to bring your attention to some diocesan events in Holy Week that, if you could attend them even though they are a distance away, would significantly enhance your experience of Easter.

The first is the diocesan **Chrism Mass which will take place at 7:30 PM Monday, April 10th at St. Robert Co-Cathedral in Freehold.** On that evening, the priests of the diocese will renew their commitment to priestly service, and the Holy Oils that we will use throughout the year will be blessed by Bishop O'Connell.

Also, on **Wednesday April 12th at 7:30PM at the beautiful St. Catherine's Church in Spring Lake, a Tenebrae Service with the Bishop** will be celebrated. This traditional and moving service of light and darkness, which will feature sung Latin Psalmody and English lessons with a Schola from Westminster Choir College, is a symbolic funeral for Christ and sets a profound tone for the Holy Days to come. Finally, here in our parish, I invite you to experience not just Easter, but the entire Triduum, which is a continuous ritual that lasts over the three days.

- **The Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper (7:00 PM, April 13th)** which commemorates that night, with the washing of the feet of the Apostles and the Institution of the Eucharist. It concludes with a period of extended adoration of the reposed Blessed Sacrament for those who wish to stay.
- **Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord (3:00 PM, April 14th)** is an ancient service with prayers for the Church and the World together with a veneration of the Cross, which commemorates the death of Christ on the one day of the year where the Mass cannot be celebrated.
- **The Easter Vigil (7:00 PM, April 15th)** is the celebration is the triumphant mother Liturgy of the Church year. The Mass which begins with a celebration of the Light of Christ, and a recounting of salvation history, then celebrates new life in Christ through Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist.

Of course we will have our regular Masses on Easter Sunday at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM, but if you can attend any or all of the Triduum celebrations, I am sure that you will be left struck by their beauty and spiritual richness. Please join us if you can.



The Raising of Lazarus, Sebastiano del Piombo, 1517

*The dead man came out tied hand and foot with burial bands.
So, Jesus said to them: Untie him and let him go.*

When Lazarus died, Mary of Bethany must have been heartbroken.

You can see why she would have been. She loved her brother Lazarus, and she trusted and loved Jesus. Like everybody else in her community she knew that Jesus could heal sick people. So when her brother got sick and she knew that Jesus was nearby, she turned to him for help. Then she waited three desperate and increasingly miserable days. During those days Jesus didn't come and Lazarus died. And so she was devastated. Her beloved brother was dead, and her beloved Jesus seemed to have disregarded her entirely in her time of need. She must have felt sure that she had lost the desires of her heart and lost them irretrievably.

But she was mistaken about what the fulfillment of those desires would be. When Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead, Mary has her brother and is loved by Jesus in a way more deeply fulfilling to her and more glorious than the mere healing of her brother in his sickness would have been. And so, this story helps us see that the Lord can be trusted even with the deepest distress of the hearts of those who are his own.

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