

Our Lady of Good Counsel

137 West Upper Ferry Road West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD APRIL 16, 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
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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

MASSES & SERVICES

	Saturday, April 15th <i>Holy Saturday</i> No Morning Mass
7:30 PM	<i>Vigil Mass of Easter Sunday</i> People of the Parish
	Sunday, April 16th <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i> John Lally r/o Kathy Siskin
8:30 AM	Josephine Suozzi r/o Vicki Tice
10:30 AM	Antonio & Laura De Lellis r/o Children Marie & William Dolton r/o Helen Marie Dolton
	Monday, April 17th Dorothy Blicharz r/o Gerry & Jay Barbara Lynn Karas r/o Robert Smythe
7:30 AM	Tuesday, April 18th Josephine Gloria Morello r/o Mr. & Mrs. Gatto Catherine Steward r/o Fr. Michael Hall
	Wednesday, April 19th Diane Carter r/o Judy Fielding Angela Pointek r/p Anne Marie Martini
7:30 AM	Thursday, April 20th Diana Laarz r/o Don, Cindy, and Darlene Laarz Donna & Dave Winkler
7:30 AM and	Friday, April 21st Jason Rand r/o Peter Coiante
7:30 AM	Saturday, April 22nd Special Intention
8:00 AM	Living & Deceased Members of the DeFrancesco Family r/o Mary DeFrancesco
5:00 PM	Joseph Gambino, Jr. r/o Susan & Joe Mule
	Sunday, April 23rd <i>2nd Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday</i> People of the Parish
8:30 AM	Jane Schwab r/o Mary Szmuto
10:30 AM	John Lally r/o John & JoAnn Jaremback Angela Jaremback Mignone r/o John & JoAnn Jaremback

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

	Saturday, April 22nd Anna Adomaitis, Ginny Evans, & Elaine Palatine
5:00 PM	Sunday, April 23rd Carol Lake, Michael Lake, & Fran Golinski
8:30 AM	<i>PreferredCare Visits:</i> Claude LeGall
10:00 AM	Joyce Christensen, Tony Jones, & Linda Reasoner
10:30 AM	Monday, April 24th, Reposition. Fran Golinski

*Upright is the word of the LORD,
and all his works are trustworthy.
He loves justice and right;
of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.
LORD Our soul waits for the LORD,
who is our help and our shield.
May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us
who have put our hope in you.*

READERS

	Saturday, April 22nd Theresa Gregorio
5:00 PM	Sunday, April 23rd Laura Shea
8:30 AM	James Barker
10:30 AM	

ALTAR SERVERS

	Saturday, April 22nd Alex Medwick
5:00 PM	Sunday, April 23rd Mary Catherine Shea
8:30 AM	Marcus Christensen
10:30 AM	

PARISH EVENTS

April 15th: *Holy Saturday.* There is no morning Mass or afternoon Confessions. The *Vigil Mass of Easter Sunday* will be celebrated at 7:30 PM.

April 16th: *Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord.* Masses will be celebrated at 8:30 and 10:30 AM. There are no Religious ED classes.

April 17th: *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* is cancelled. There are no Religious ED classes.

April 18th: The Knights of Columbus Council 3756 will hold a members only meeting at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Hall at 7:30 PM.

April 19th: *Catholic Preschool* will meet in the Church Hall from 9:00 AM to Noon.

April 22nd: Morning Mass takes place at 8:00 AM. Novenas follow morning Mass. The Sacrament of Reconciliation takes place at 4:00 PM.

April 23rd: *2nd Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday*
Sunday Religious ED classes will take place in the Church Hall from 9:15 to 10:45 AM for Grade 8 Students.

*O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!
You are clothed with majesty and glory,
robed in light as with a cloak.
You fixed the earth upon its foundation,
not to be moved forever;
with the ocean, as with a garment, you covered it;
above the mountains the waters stood.
You send forth springs into the watercourses
that wind among the mountains.
Beside them the birds of heaven dwell;
from among the branches they send forth their song.
How manifold are your works, O LORD!
In wisdom you have wrought them all
the earth is full of your creatures.
Bless the LORD, O my soul!*

Announcements

PARISH NEWS

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.

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.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We have received our first update from the Diocese on the Annual Catholic Appeal and at this time 49% of our parish goal of \$33,000 has been pledged.

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.

There are pledge cards in the Church at all of the doors along with informational brochures which can be sent in to the diocese or dropped in the collection baskets, or you can pledge online at www.dioceseoftrenton.org/catholic_appeal.

Fr. Michael Hall

PARISH NEWS

Anchor House Appeal Each year, the members of Anchor House ask our parishioners to support the mission of Anchor House which is an emergency shelter for young people ages 12 to 17 and which offers transitional living programs, street and school based counseling, teen and parent support groups and much more. This Appeal, called a *Ride for Runaways*, is an attempt to raise money to keep the doors of Anchor House open to sustain its many programs available to thousands of kids and their families and which has been continuing for the past 38 years.

Representatives of Anchor House will be available at church doors on the weekend of June 10th and 11th to discuss their programs and to receive your donations. Our own Steve Czelusniak, who will be making his 25th ride which begins in Trenton and ends in Fort McHenry in Maryland, will speak briefly at these weekend Masses as well as being also available to discuss the fine work of Anchor House.

*This is the day the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.*

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his mercy endures forever.
Let the house of Israel say,
"His mercy endures forever."

*This is the day the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.*

"The right hand of the LORD has struck with power;
the right hand of the LORD is exalted.

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD."

*This is the day the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.*

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes.

*This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.*

Reflection

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THE JOY OF EASTER

The Psalm for Easter Sunday says, *This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.* Above all days, Easter is a day of joy.

But what is joy? The answer St. Francis gave to this question is famous. St. Francis said to his Brother Leo: *When we come to our house, St. Mary of the Angels, soaked by the rain and frozen by the cold, all soiled with mud and suffering from hunger, and we ring at the gate of the place and the brother porter comes and says angrily . . . 'Who are you?' And we say: 'We are two of your brothers.' And, he does not open for us, but makes us stand outside in the snow and rain, cold and hungry, until night falls — then if we endure all those insults and cruel rebuffs patiently Brother Leo, perfect joy is there!*

Whatever we may think of St. Francis's explanation of perfect joy, Easter reminds us that Francis's kind of joy is not the end of the story. At Easter we celebrate the other kind of joy, the kind each of us longs for, when every tear is wiped away and there is no sorrow anymore — no more suffering from weather or hunger or hurtful human beings. As we sing at Easter, in the much-loved hymn by Fr. John Foley, SJ: *The cross and passion past, dark night is done, bright morning come at last!*

When we ourselves rise to meet our risen Lord, in that bright morning we will hear him say, *Come away, beloved. The winter is past; the rain is gone, and the flowers return to the earth.* In the loving union of that encounter, all the heartbrokenness of our lives will be redeemed. That will be perfect joy.

If all we had was the joy St. Francis describes, our courage might fail us in this life. Easter celebrates now the perfect joy waiting for us then, when we and all creation are reborn with our resurrected Lord into the everlasting love of God.

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Eleanore Stump, SLU



The Resurrection of Christ, Keith Reicher, 2009.

For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

Jesus entered the deeps of death, a plunge he need not have made had he not loved us in our sorry state. But he went to death with a “yes,” with the utter trust of Abraham, the constancy of Moses, the bright reliance of Isaiah. At Easter, we plunge with him: *Are you not aware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Being like him through likeness to his death, so shall we be through a like resurrection.*

The risen crucified one sounds again God's original “yes” to us now, even in our sin, even in the death which sin brought on us. Allowing us to be like and in him since he became so fully like unto us, he carries us, as one of his own, to safe land.

If we have died with Christ, we believe that we are also to live with him. His death was death to sin, once for all; his life is life for God.

Reflection