

Our Lady of Good Counsel

137 West Upper Ferry Road West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

APRIL 1, 2018

Rev. Michael Hall, Pastor
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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

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

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.

HOMEBOUND OUTREACH
Rectory Office 882 3277

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.

INFANT BAPTISM
Mary Szmuto 847 0796

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Mike Narcowich, Grand Knight 558 2450
George Stewart, Church Director 883 9173

LITURGICAL MINISTERS
Rectory Office 882 3277

MUSIC MINISTRY
Deirdre Hindley, Organist 882 3215

RCIA
Deacon Steve 947 0587

SENIOR'S CLUB
Mary Pat Voorhees, President 570 290 2373
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 March 31st <i>Holy Saturday</i>
8:00 AM	No Morning Mass
7:30 PM	<i>Easter Vigil Mass</i> People of the Parish
	Sunday, April 1st <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>
8:30 AM	Antonio & Laura DeLillis r/o Children
10:30 AM	John Canulli r/o Edith Guadagno Lorraine Schofield r/o Patricia Stahl
	Monday, April 2nd
7:30 AM	Ralph Barone r/o Barbara Kent Charlotte Cetkowski r/o Sarah Kovacs
	Tuesday, April 3rd
7:30 AM	Joseph Giordano r/o Harry & Sherry Masterson Susan Weidl r/o Harry & Sherry Masterson
	Wednesday, April 4th
7:30 AM	Leonard Golazeski r/o Frank & Kathleen Golazeski
	Thursday, April 5th
7:30 AM	Ralph Barone r/o Dolores DeBlasio
	Friday April 6th
7:30 AM	Fekete & Walley Families r/o Family
	Saturday April 7th
8:00 AM	Special Intention
5:00 PM	Living & Deceased Members of the Muscente Family r/o Philomena Muscente Albert Anthony Ramoli r/o Elaine Palatine
	Sunday, April 8th <i>2nd Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday</i>
8:30 AM	Ann & Andy Charnick r/o the Cook Family Rosario deSouza r/o the deSouza Family
10:30 AM	Robert Carmignani r/o Judith Fielding Thomas Dow r/o Carol Golden Przechacki

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

	Saturday April 7th
5:00 PM	Joyce Christensen, Ginny Evans, & Mary Szmutko
	Sunday, April 8th
8:30 AM	Vickey Aneser, Butch Krmaer, & Michael Lake
10:00 AM	<i>Preferred Care Visits:</i> Claude LeGall
10:30 AM	Ellen Everett, Timothy Everett, & Laura Shea
	Monday, April 9th. Reposition. Fran Golinski

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his mercy endures forever.

Let the house of Israel say,
His mercy endures forever.

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."

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes.

READERS

	Saturday, April 7th
5:00 PM	Tricia Williams
	Sunday, April 8th
8:30 AM	Mary Anne LeGall
10:30 AM	Darlene Wilson

ALTAR SERVERS

	Saturday, April 7th
5:00 PM	Marcus Christensen
	Sunday, April 8th
8:30 AM	Connor Greig
10:30 AM	Mary Catherine Shes

PARISH EVENTS

March 31st: *Holy Saturday*

There is no morning Mass or afternoon Reconciliation.
The *Easter Vigil Mass* will be celebrated at 7:30 PM.

April 1st: *Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*

The regularly scheduled morning Sunday Masses will be
celebrated at 8:30 and 10:30 AM.

April 2nd: *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* and Religious
ED classes are cancelled.

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

April 3rd: 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 4th: The Senior's Club will meet in the Church Hall at
11:00 AM.

April 7th: 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.

April 8th: *2nd Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday*

The regularly scheduled morning Sunday Masses will be cele-
brated at 8:30 and 10:30 AM.

Religious ED Confirmation Classes for 7th and 8th Grade Stu-
dents will take place at 9:15 AM in the Opendaker Room.

Lent / Easter Adult Faith Formation sessions will take place in
the Church Hall at 6:00 PM.



WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Bob Arcaidipane, Mason Brown, Rosemarie Buker, Glenda Cain, Anthony Carabelli, Mary DeFrancesco, Nick Gregorio, James & Eileen Keenan, Joe Maloney, Dolores Megyesy, Marie Muscente, Angelika Niranjan, Jeff Papp, Patricia Stahl, Stephen Thoma, Roy Toler, Brenden Trevors, Gary Vanderbilt, & Laura Varone; and, all parish-ioners who are either sick or homebound.

To pray for a family member or friend,
just contact the Rectory Office.

Announcements

PARISH NEWS

40 Cans for Lent Our Social Services Committee invites everyone to participate in this year's outreach program throughout the Lenten season. Instead of giving up something for Lent, consider giving out something. The idea is to donate one canned food item for each day of Lent, or 40 cans. As Jesus fasted for 40 days and nights, we will be collecting and delivering canned goods to our local charities to help with the nutritional needs of needy families in the Trenton area.

Please leave your donated cans of fruit, soup, or vegetables in the designated area in our Church Hall, which we will deliver each week to Mount Carmel Guild and Catholic Charities of Trenton.

Trenton Academy Open House Trenton Catholic Academy is hosting an Open House for prospective families on Wednesday, April 11th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Students will have the opportunity to tour our facilities, meet the teachers, and ask questions about our academic programs, curriculum, and extracurricular activities. All interested families are invited to attend. If you are unable to attend you may schedule a tour or visit at any time by contacting Ms. Rogers, Admissions at 586 3705, X 119. Come see why, *It's a Great Day to be an Iron Mike!*

The Trenton Catholic Academy School community also invites you to our *Celebrate Iron Mikes Gala* on April 21st at 6:00 PM at Nottingham Ballroom, Hamilton. Here we will honor Sr. Dorothy Payne, SSJ, Fr. Cesar Rubiano and Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Michael Maloney, and Kevin and MaryAnn Meara. Tickets are available by contacting Tracey Destribats at 586 3705, X135.

Annual Pro-Life Baby Shower The Knights of Columbus Centennial Chapter sponsors an Annual Pro-Life Baby Shower and Buffet Lunch. This year it will be hosted by: Knights of Columbus Hopewell Council 7103 at St. James Church on East Delaware Ave in Pennington on Sunday, April 29th from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. This year guest speakers are Choice One Pregnancy Care Center and First Way of Burlington.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Ewing Knights of Columbus would like your help, which is needed, with the purchases of some basic baby necessities for these two great services. Please leave any donations of baby diapers, formula contents and baby wipes on the community services basement tables. For information, contact John Flanagan through the Ewing Knights of Columbus at kofc3756olgc@gmail.com.

Self Defense Seminar A Self defense seminar that is open to all is being sponsored by the Ewing Knights of Columbus in cooperation with the Israeli Krav Maga Association. The cost of attendance is \$20 and tickets can be purchased at the door.

This event will take place on Thursday, April 26th at the Incarnation / St. James Church Hall from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. For more information, contact Gene Blicharz at 462 2689.

Dressbarn Fashion Show The Sanctuary Guild of Our Lady of the Angels Parish will celebrate its 63rd Fashion Show and luncheon on Sunday, April 15th at the Stone Terrace by John Henry. This year's fashions will be presented by Dressbarn.

The cost of tickets is \$50. For reservations, contact Josephine Tancreda at 584 2281.

TRUE JOY

The Psalm for Easter Sunday prays, *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 at 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, when 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, then Brother Leo, perfect joy is ours!*

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. 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 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.

Eleonore Stump

Peter proceeded to speak and said:
*You know what has happened all over Judea,
beginning in Galilee and the baptism that John preached,
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth
with the Holy Spirit and power.*

*He went about doing good
and healing all those oppressed by the devil,
for God was with him.*

*We are witnesses of all that he did.
They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.
This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be
visible, not to all the people, but to us,
the witnesses chosen by God in advance,
who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.*

Reflection

EASTER SUNDAY



The Resurrection, Matthias Grunewald, 1512.

***If then we have died with Christ,
we believe that we shall also live with him.***

On the first day of the week,
Mary of Magdala came to the tomb
early in the morning, while it was still dark,
and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

So she ran and went to Simon Peter
and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them,
*They have taken the Lord from the tomb,
and we don't know where they put him.*

So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb.
They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter
and arrived at the tomb first;

he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in.

When Simon Peter arrived after him,
he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there,
and the cloth that had covered his head,
not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.

Then the other disciple also went in,
the one who had arrived at the tomb first,
and he saw and believed.

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

Jn 20

For the disciples, all was lost. Just a few days ago, they had celebrated the Passover with Jesus, sharing in the traditional meal as well as the bread and wine, offered by Christ as his Precious Body and Blood. Then, in the darkness of night, their Lord and Master had been betrayed by one of their own, arrested, convicted, scourged and put to death on the cross. His body was laid in a tomb, sealed with a large stone against the entrance, an event witnessed by Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of Joses.

In the early hours of the morning after the sabbath was over, the two women and a third, Salome, came to anoint the body of Jesus. To their great surprise, they found the stone rolled back and a young man (an angel) sitting there who said to them: *Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him.* Can you imagine the astonishment of the women at the tomb? How would we reconcile the death and burial of a loved one, seen with our own eyes, to such a thing? Yet, these women, and later the apostles and others came to understand and believed, bearing witness to the risen Christ, who appeared to them and others repeatedly in the following days. His suffering, death and resurrection accomplished his great mission of redemption, by which all of us were reconciled to God and brought to new life in Christ.

This great act of redemption is realized for us, when we are baptized into the faith. As Saint Paul said in his Letter to the Romans: *We who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized in his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.*

Although some two thousand years separate us from the historical event of Easter, it is the central and defining event in the history of humanity — our history. Our Lord, the eternally begotten Son of God, took on human flesh so that by his passion and death, we would be redeemed and reconciled with Our Heavenly Father. It is this great sacrifice that is commemorated each time we celebrate the Sacred Liturgy, when we share in the Precious Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Christ remains the way to truth and salvation. As we heard at the blessing of the Easter Candle at the beginning of the Easter Vigil, Christ is at the core of our very being: *Christ yesterday and today; the Beginning and the End; the Alpha; and the Omega. All time belongs to him; and all the ages. To him be glory and power; through every age and forever. Amen.* May you have a Happy and Blessed Easter!

Deacon Steven Szmutko