

# Our Lady of Good Counsel

137 West Upper Ferry Road West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 15, 2018

**Rev. Michael Hall, Pastor**  
**Rev. Jason Parzynski, in Residence**  
**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  
Monday thru Friday Website: [olgc.net](http://olgc.net)  
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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  
E-mail: [religiouseducation.olgc@comcast.net](mailto:religiouseducation.olgc@comcast.net)

**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 Steward, 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

**YOUTH MINISTRY**  
Darlene Wilson 882 2996

**WEBMASTER**  
Maryanne Garcia 908 371 1150

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

# Schedule for the Week

## MASSES & SERVICES

8:00 AM Special Intention  
Dorothy Blicharz r/o Gerry & Jay

5:00 PM Phyllis Falzini-Conturso r/o Mary DeFrancesco  
Catherine Evans r/o Ed & Ginny Evans

**Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter*

8:30 AM Assad Y. Hajjar r/o Family  
Charles Ruch r/o the deSouza & Tantum Families

10:30 AM Special Intention  
Marie Melchiondo r/o Cheryl Cvetan

**Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 AM Karen Bernstein r/o Sarah Kovacs and Christina & Wes Reiser  
For the Intentions of Suzanne McMyne r/o and Family

**Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 AM G. Ellen Everett r/o Family  
For the Intentions of Suzanne McMyne r/o Family

**Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 AM For the Intentions of Suzanne McMyne and Juan Sibley r/o Family

**Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 AM For the Intentions of Suzanne McMyne and Juan Sibley r/o Family

**Friday April 20<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 AM For the Intentions of Suzanne McMyne and Juan Sibley r/o Family

**Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>**

8:00 AM Special Intention  
Gabriel Lola r/o Josephine Fasusi

5:00 PM Elenor & Paul Gofus r/o Gail Ann Palatine  
Living and Deceased Members of the DeFrancesco Family r/o Mary DeFrancesco

**Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

8:30 AM Robert and Donna Cook r/o Family  
Assad Y. Hajjar r/o Family

10:30 AM Page Fielding r/o Judith Fielding  
Juan and Suzanne Sibley r/o Family

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5:00 PM **Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Ginny Evans, Butch Kramer, & Darlene Wilson

8:30 AM **Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Fran Golinski, Michael Laker, & Thomas Voorhees

10:00 AM *Preferred Care Visits:* Anna Adomaitis

10:30 AM Ellen Everett, Timothy Everett, & Laura Shea

**Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Reposition.**  
Thomas Voorhees

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Registered Parishioners	794 families
Parishioners using envelopes	355
Envelope Contributions	\$19,276.00
Average Contribution	\$54.21
Loose Cash	\$1,510.00
Contributions for April 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$20,756.00

## READERS

5:00 PM **Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Mary Lou Delahanty

8:30 AM **Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Carol Lake

10:30 AM Linda Schmerier

## ALTAR SERVERS

5:00 PM **Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Ken Foreman

8:30 AM **Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Alex Medwick

10:30 AM Nora Shea

## PARISH EVENTS

**April 14<sup>th</sup>:** 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 15<sup>th</sup>:** *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter*  
Religious ED Confirmation Classes for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students 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.

**April 16<sup>th</sup>:** *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* follows morning Mass in the Church until 7:00 PM.  
Religious ED classes will take place at Villa Victoria Academy from 4:30 to 6:00 PM for Grades 1 thru 7.

**April 17<sup>th</sup>:** The Knights of Columbus Council 3756 will hold a members only meeting in the Church Hall at 7:30 PM.

**April 19<sup>th</sup>:** Confirmation Candidate interviews by appointment are scheduled beginning at 5:00 PM in the Church Hall.

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## *WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK*

*Bob Arcaidipane, Mason Brown, Rosemarie Buker, Anthony Carabelli, Gregory DeFilippo, Mary DeFrancesco, John Ginter, Nick Gregorio, Joe Maloney, Dolores Megyesy, Marie Muscente, Angelika Niranjan, Patricia Stahl, Stephen Thoma, Brenden Trevors, Gary Vanderbilt, & Laura Varone; and, all parishioners who are either sick or homebound.*

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

# Announcements

## PARISH NEWS

**Blue Devils Bag Bingo** The Ewing High School Class of 2019 Project Graduation will host a Blue Devils Bag Bingo on Saturday evening, April 28<sup>th</sup> in the Church Hall at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$30 which includes two cards for each of the ten games and light refreshments. Contact Tracy Kueny at 635 6288 to purchase tickets. Bonus game tickets, Basket Raffle, Bingo Daubers, 50/50 tickets, and hot food will be available for purchase. Please support our local high school students.

**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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 or in the Church Vestibule after Mass. This event will take place on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 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 63<sup>rd</sup> Fashion Show and luncheon on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## *KNOW HIM*

Being a liar is bad enough. But, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading says that if you don't keep the Lord's commandments, you don't know the Lord. That is the worst, isn't it? Especially because the test for whether or not you know the Lord is not whether you have fervent prayer or sweet religious experience. No, the test is just whether you keep the Lord's commandments. That is why you lie if you don't keep the Lord's commandments but still try to tell yourself and others that you know the Lord.

And now we have a real puzzle, don't we? To avoid the sin of lying, you have to confess that you do sinful things. But then you are confessing that you aren't keeping the Lord's commandments, aren't you? And in that case, you are a liar, and you don't know the Lord. Well, then, what are we supposed to do?

The answer is in what Jesus told the people when they asked him that very question. Jesus said, *Believe in the one whom God has sent*. We can tell the truth: we are sinful. But it doesn't follow that we don't keep God's commandments if we believe that Jesus is the Savior, sent by God to save us from our sins, then, sinful as we are, we are in fact keeping the commandment the Lord gave the people when they asked him what they were supposed to do.

So this is what we are supposed to do: know him.

## *CHRIST WOULD SUFFER*

Christ rose from the tomb with his wounds healed, though their scars remained. He knew it would be good for his disciples if he retained the scars, for those scars would heal the wound in their hearts. What wound do I mean? The wound of disbelief; for even when he appeared before their eyes and showed them his true body, they still took him for a disembodied spirit. So he showed himself to his disciples. When we say "himself," what precisely do we mean? We mean Christ as head of his Church. He foresaw the Church extending throughout the world, a vision his disciples could not yet share. However, in showing them the head, he was promising them the body too. What, in fact, were his next words to them?

*All these things I told you while I was still among you,* meaning: I still had to face death when I was among you as a mortal among mortals. But now I no longer live among you as before; never again shall I have to die as mortals do. What I was telling you, then, was that everything that had been written about me had to be fulfilled. Then he opened their minds to understand the meaning of it all, explaining to them that, *it had been decreed that Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead*. But all this they had themselves seen: with their own eyes they had seen him suffer, seen him hanging on the cross, and now, after his resurrection, they could see him standing before them alive. What, then can it have been that they were still incapable of seeing? It was his body, the Church.

Him they could see well enough, but the Church not at all. The bridegroom they could see, but the bride was still hidden from them. Nevertheless, he promised her to them. *Thus it is written: Christ must suffer and on the third day rise from the dead*. So much for the bridegroom, but what of the bride? In his name repentance must be preached to every nation on earth for the forgiveness of sins, beginning at Jerusalem.

This is what the disciples had not yet seen: they had no vision yet of the Church spreading from Jerusalem over the whole world. But they could see the head before them, and when he spoke to them of the body, they believed him. Now we too find ourselves in a situation not unlike theirs: we can see something which was not visible to them, while they could see something not visible to us. We can see the Church extending throughout the world today, something that was withheld from them, but Christ, who in his human body was perceptible to them, cannot be seen by us.

And just as they, seeing his human flesh, were enabled to believe in his mystical body, so now we, seeing his mystical body, should be able to believe in the head. Just as the sight of the risen Christ helped the disciples to believe in the Church that was to follow, so the spectacle of that same Church helps to confirm our faith in the resurrection of Christ. The faith of the disciples was made complete, and so is ours: theirs by the sight of the head, ours by the sight of the body. But to them and to us alike the whole Christ is revealed, though neither to them nor to us has it yet been granted to see him in his entirety.

For while they could see the head alone with their physical eyes and the body only with the eyes of faith, we can see only the body and have to take the head on trust. Nevertheless, Christ is absent from no one; he is wholly present in all of us, even though he still waits for his body to be completed.

*Augustine, 430*

# Reflection

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Today's reading from the Gospel of Luke begins with the disciples, who had seen the Risen Lord on the road to Emmaus, recounting their experience before the apostles following their immediate return to Jerusalem. This mysterious occurrence had followed earlier events, beginning with the discovery of the empty tomb by Mary Magdalene and the other women. As the two disciples were sharing their story, Jesus appeared to all in the Upper Room and said, *Peace be with you*. At first, they thought he was a ghost, but Jesus told them, *Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have*. This was no apparition or hallucination; before them was the Lord in physical (albeit resurrected) form. To underscore his physical presence, Jesus asked them, *Have you anything here to eat?* They gave him a piece of fish and he ate it while they watched. Jesus reminded the apostles and those with them all that he had said while they walked together before his paschal sacrifice: Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And, he said to them, *Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things*.

Our Lord, who would soon ascend to the Father, was once again commissioning his disciples to bear witness to the Gospel to all men and women. The mission was not just for a chosen few. As we heard in the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> Letter of John, *Christ is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world . . . But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him*. Salvation was for all men and women who put their faith and trust in the Lord.

Each of us have encountered Christ in the glory of his resurrection: at Baptism; in our partaking of his Precious Body and Blood in the Eucharist; as celebrated on Easter Sunday two weeks ago, and anytime we hear the Word of God, embrace him in our hearts, and live according to his life and teachings. We are called to be disciples of the Lord, just as plainly as the first disciples were called some two thousand years ago. In our repentance of our sins and our dedication of our lives to the Lord, we are saved. In the words of Saint Peter, who boldly preached before the crowds following the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost: *Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away*.



*Tabgha, Church of Heptapegon, Byzantine Mosaic*

**They gave him a piece of baked fish;  
he took it and ate it in front of them.**

He said to them,  
*These are my words that I spoke to you  
while I was still with you,  
that everything written about me in the law of Moses  
and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled.*  
Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

And he said to them,  
*Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer  
and rise from the dead on the third day  
and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins,  
would be preached in his name  
to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.  
You are witnesses of these things.*

Lk 24

*Deacon Steven Szmuto*