

Our Lady of Good Counsel

137 West Upper Ferry Road West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 22, 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
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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

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 **Saturday April 21st**
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 22nd
4th 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

Monday, April 23rd

7:30 AM Eva Ungrady r/o Jean O'Donnell

Tuesday, April 24th

7:30 AM Special Intention r/o Dolores DeBlasio
Jeffery A. Gambino r/o Joan Gambino

Wednesday, April 25th

7:30 AM Timothy Gavin r/o Elaine Palatine

Thursday, April 26th

7:30 AM Raymond Dietrich r/o Jean O'Donnell

Friday April 27th

7:30 AM Anne Rita Newell r/o Family

Saturday April 28th

8:00 AM Special Intention
Michael Kelly r/o Wife Barbara & Family

5:00 PM Special Intention
Michael Kelly r/o Wife Barbara & Family

Sunday, April 29th
5th Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM Assad Y. Hajjar r/o Family
Ned O'Connor r/o Wife Antinette & Son Sean

10:30 AM Anthony Canulli r/o Edith Guadagno
Alan Puleio r/o Harry & Sherry Masterson

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday April 28th

5:00 PM Vickey Aneser, Mary Szmuto, & Fran Zenchak

Sunday, April 29th

8:30 AM Claude LeGall, Butch Kramer, & Thomas Voorhees

10:00 AM *Preferred Care Visits:* Fran Golinski

10:30 AM Ellen Everett, Timothy Everett, & Tony Jones

Monday, April 30th. Reposition.
Fran Golinski

CONTRIBUTIONS

Registered Parishioners	792 families
Parishioners using envelopes	218
Envelope Contributions	\$4,520.00
Average Contribution	\$20.73
Loose Cash	\$782.00
Contributions for April 15 th	\$5,302.00

*The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep.*

READERS

Saturday, April 28th
Theresa Gregorio

Sunday, April 29th

8:30 AM Mary Anne LeGall

10:30 AM Laura Shea

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, April 28th

5:00 PM Marshall Barrett

Sunday, April 29th

8:30 AM James Gummel

10:30 AM Mary Catherine Shea

PARISH EVENTS

April 21st: Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass.

April 22nd: *4th Sunday of Easter*

Religious ED Confirmation Classes for 7th and 8th 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 23rd: *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 24th: The Auxiliary Board of the Children's Home Society of New Jersey will meet in the Church Hall at 7:15 PM.

April 26th: Confirmation Candidate interviews by appointment are scheduled beginning at 5:00 PM in the Church Hall.

April 28th: Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass.

The Ewing High School Class of 2019 Project Graduation will host a *Blue Devils Bag Bingo* on Saturday evening, April 28th in the Church Hall at 7:00 PM. See *PARISH NEWS* for details.

April 29th: *5th Sunday of Easter*

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



WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Bob Arcaidipane, Mason Brown, Peg Boylan, 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 28th 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.

40 Cans for Lent Update Thanks to your overwhelming support and generosity during Lent, our Social Services Committee collected and delivered 119 bags and 12 boxes of donated canned goods to Mount Carmel Guild and Catholic Charities of Trenton. That's 1224 cans over the past seven weeks . . . Wow! We should all be very proud of this tremendous effort to help those most in need in the Trenton community.

Although the emphasis during Lent was on canned food donations, non-perishable food donations and your homemade meals are always welcome throughout the year. Whatever you can give is greatly appreciated.

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 or in the Church Vestibule after Mass. 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.

Bilingual Mass Our Lady of the Angels Parish in Trenton will celebrate a Spanish and English Mass on Friday, May 4th at 7:00 PM. The Central New Jersey Catholic Chorale will lead the signing in English, Spanish, and Latin.

THE ULTIMATE DOCTOR

The international aid organization Doctors Without Borders has 27,000 medical personnel in 60 countries, and they bring essential medicines and medical care to very many people who otherwise would go without.

The medical science they use comes from the Western industrialized countries. But no one supposes that there is something exclusivist or arrogant or intolerant about Doctors Without Borders for bringing this medical care from the West to the poor and sick in developing countries. On the contrary, in 1999 Doctors Without Borders won the Nobel Peace Prize for its work with the world's needy.

There is an objective truth about what will heal people, and the fact that modern medicine comes from the industrialized West doesn't alter this truth. Western medicine is prized around the world because it has a power to heal that nothing else does.

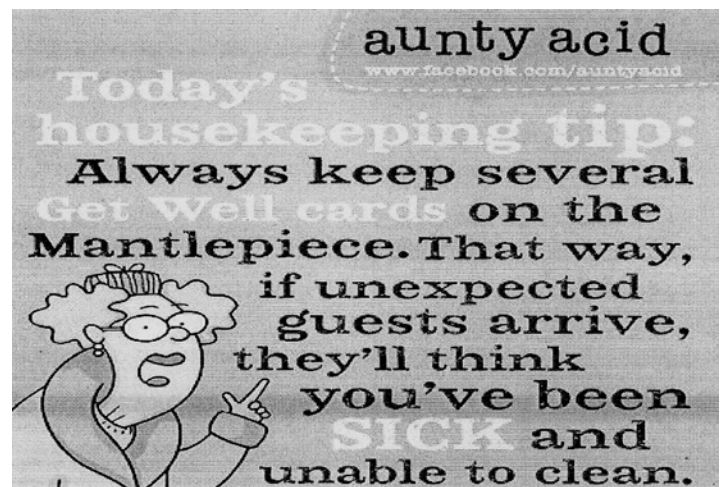
What Peter says about Christ in the 1st Reading is a little like this. There is a sickness of the spirit as well as of the body, and it can lead to death too, a death of the spirit rather than the body. There is healing for this spiritual sickness. But, Peter says, it comes only from Christ. Christ has a power to heal that nothing else does. That is a lesson that the 1st Reading teaches. To some people, this lesson is worrisome, or worth rejecting. They think it is disrespectful to other cultures and religions.

But notice what Christ adds to this lesson in the Gospel. He has more than one fold of sheep, he says. In their varying countries, cultures, and ethnicities, all those who hear his voice and are glad of it form the different folds of sheep for whom Christ is the good Shepherd. All these differing folds together make up the one truly world-wide flock of the Lord.

And so there is one objective truth about what heals, whether the healing is medical or spiritual; and there is only one source for this healing. But, unlike modern medicine, the healing of Christ is not another monopoly of the Western industrialized nations. Whatever his social or ethnic group, whatever the way in which Christ's voice comes to him and moves him, each person whose heart is stirred by the voice of the Lord is included in Christ's one flock.

The ultimate doctor without borders is Christ.

Eleonore Stump, Professor of Philosophy, SLU



Reflection

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Christ the Good Shepherd, stained glass, St. Tanwg's Church, Wales

Jesus said: *I am the good shepherd.*
A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
A hired man, who is not a shepherd
and whose sheep are not his own,
sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away,
and the wolf catches and scatters them.
I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me,
just as the Father knows me and I know the Father.
I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold.
These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice,
and there will be one flock, one shepherd.

I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep. For the sake of his flock the shepherd was sacrificed as though he were a sheep. He did not refuse death; he did not destroy his executioners as he had the power to do, for his passion was not forced upon him. He laid down his life for his sheep of his own free will. *I have the power to lay it down, he said, and I have the power to take it up again.*

By his passion he made atonement for our evil passions, by his death he cured our death, by his tomb he robbed the tomb, by the nails that pierced his flesh he destroyed the foundations of hell. Death held sway until Christ died. The grave was bitter, our prison was indestructible, until the shepherd went down and brought to his sheep, confined there, the good news of their release. His appearance among them gave them a pledge of their resurrection and called them to a new life beyond the grave: *The Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep and so seeks to win their love.*

Now to love Christ means to obey his commands. The shepherd knows how to separate goats from sheep. The Gospel says that all nations will be assembled before him; and, he will separate people from one another, as the Good Shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand, and the goats on his left, and he will say to those on his right hand, *Come, blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.*

What had they done to earn this invitation . . . *I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink I was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me.* What you give to those who are mine, you will receive back from me. Because they are naked, strangers, homeless, and poor, so am I, and in supplying their needs you show kindness to me. It is I who am afflicted when they cry out.

Win the judge over by gifts before you come to trial. Provide him with grounds for showing clemency, give him some reason to acquit you. *Otherwise, you will be among those on his left hand who hear the terrible sentence: Depart from me with your curse upon you to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.* What are the sins for which we would be condemned with the devil? I was hungry and you gave me no food; I was thirsty and you gave me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not welcome me; naked and you did not clothe me. Who could turn away from his own shepherd when he was hungry, or fail to notice when his future judge lacked necessary clothing? Who could condemn the judge of the whole world to suffer thirst?

Christ will accept even the gift of the poor and for a small gift grant remission of long punishment. Let us put out the fire with mercy and avert the sentence that hangs over us by showing love for one another. Let us be compassionate toward one another and forgiving, as God has forgiven us in Christ. To him be glory and power forever.

Basil of Seleucia, 459