

# Our Lady of Good Counsel

137 West Upper Ferry Road West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

AUGUST 6, 2017

**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: [olgcc.net](http://olgcc.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  
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

**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

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

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

**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

**YOUTH MINISTRY**  
Darlene Wilson 882 2996  
Deacon John 771 8288

**WEBMASTER**  
Maryanne Garcia 908 371 1150

# Schedule for the Week

## MASSES & SERVICES

8:00 AM **Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Special Intention  
5:00 PM Diane Carter r/o Robert Carter  
Susan Cashel r/o Pasquale & Donna Guarraggi  
Family  
**Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**  
*The Transfiguration of the Lord*  
8:30 AM People of the Parish  
Kimberly O'Hagen r/o Lorraine Papszczycki  
10:30 AM John Canulli r/o Dolores DeBlasio  
Joseph Gambino, Jr. r/o Cynthia Ricciani-Bohn  
**Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**  
7:30 AM Edward Solinski r/o Linda Solinski  
**Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**  
7:30 AM Fekete & Walley Families r/o Family  
Virginia Williams r/o de Souza & Tantum Families  
**Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**  
7:30 AM James Gambino, Jr. r/o Claude & Mary Anne  
LeGall  
Nick Urbano r/o Margaret Babecki  
**Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**  
7:30 AM For the Intentions of Stephany Morris r/o Steve  
Szmuto  
**Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**  
7:30 AM Diano Chiulli r/o Family  
**Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**  
8:00 AM Special Intention  
5:00 PM Fekete & Walley Families r/o Family  
Maria Carozza Muscente r/o Philomena Muscente  
**Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**  
*19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
8:30 AM Michael Kozar  
10:30 AM People of the Parish  
Joseph Gambino, Jr. r/o Rob & Beth Ricciani

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5:00 PM **Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Joyce Christensen, Ginny Evans, & Elaine  
Palatine  
**Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30 AM Vickey Aneser, Michael Manion, & Thomas  
Voorhees  
10:00 AM *PreferredCare Visits:* Claude LeGall  
10:30 AM Ellen Everett, Timothy Everett, & Laura Shea  
**Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. Reposition.**  
Nancy Mahony

## *BECOMING CATHOLIC*

Interested in becoming Catholic or completing Sacraments . . . if you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or completing the Sacraments of Initiation (First Eucharist or Confirmation), please contact Deacon Steve either by phone at 947 0587 or by email at [deaconstevenszmuto@gmail.com](mailto:deaconstevenszmuto@gmail.com).

Deacon Steve will be available to meet on a confidential basis to discuss the process for entering the fullness of our faith.

## READERS

**Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**  
5:00 PM Tricia Williams  
**Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30 AM Mary Anne LeGall  
10:30 AM Darlene Williams

## ALTAR SERVERS

**Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**  
5:00 PM Marcus Christensen  
**Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30 AM Connor Grieg  
10:30 AM Mary Catherine Shea

## PARISH EVENTS

**August 5<sup>th</sup>:** Morning Mass takes place at 8:00 AM. Novenas follow morning Mass.

Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM.

**August 6<sup>th</sup>:** *The Transfiguration of the Lord*

**August 7<sup>th</sup>:** *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.

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

**August 9<sup>th</sup>:** The Delaware Valley Radio Association will meet in the Church Hall at 8:00 PM.

**August 12<sup>th</sup>:** St. Hedwig's Parish *Walking Pilgrimage to Czestochowa* in Doylestown, PA will rendezvous in our Church Parking Lot at 7:00 AM.

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

Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM.

**August 13<sup>th</sup>:** *The Transfiguration of the Lord*

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Registered Parishioners	780 families
Parishioners using envelopes	221
Envelope Contributions	\$4,783.00
Average Contribution	\$21.64
Loose Cash	\$694.00
Contributions for July 30 <sup>th</sup>	\$5,487.00

*The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice.  
Clouds and darkness are round about him,  
justice and judgment are the foundation of his throne.  
The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,  
before the LORD of all the earth.  
The heavens proclaim his justice,  
and all peoples see his glory.  
O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth,  
exalted far above all gods.*

# Announcements

## PARISH NEWS

**OLGC Summer Outreach** During the summer months, many school-aged children will no longer be receiving the breakfast or lunch they typically receive throughout the year while attending school.

To help fill that void, our local charities have asked if we could donate additional kid-friendly food items during July and August. Shelf-stable items such as cereal, pancake mix, fruit cups, raisins, juices, jello, pudding, peanut butter & jelly, macaroni & cheese, can pasta, soup, tuna fish, etc. would be most helpful. You may leave your donated food items on tables in our Church Hall which we will deliver each week to Mount Carmel Guild and Catholic Charities of Trenton.

Please pass the word around to your friends and neighbors as well. The OLGC Social Services Com-mittee and local Knights of Columbus members thank you for your help with this effort.

**Volunteers for Morris Hall** The Gift Shop at Morris Hall needs part-time volunteers,

Located on Route 206 in the heart of Lawrenceville, Morris Hall is home to nearly 200 residents residing in St. Mary's Assisted Living and St. Joseph's Skilled Nursing Center. The Gift shop, staffed by volunteers is open from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and is an integral part of these facilities. All proceeds from the shop benefit the residents of Morris Hall. Shifts generally last two hours . . . but, hours are flexible. Some volunteers work weekly, some monthly, and others fill-in when regular volunteers are unavailable. Training will be provided. For more information, contact Margie Geiger, Gift Shop Manager at 201 213 6736.



## *WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK*

*Bob Arcaidipane, Mason Brown, Glenda Cain, Rita Capone, Mark Conte, Mary DeFrancesco, Raymond Dietrich, Joanne Fraytak, Susie Galloway, Frank Garcia, Donald Geoghan, Nick Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Maria Hegyi, Msgr. Innocenzi, Rose Jacobs, Joe Maloney, Karen McCarthy, Dolores Megyesy, Joseph McMyne, Marie Muscente, Angelika Niranjan, Cooper Paglione, Jeff Papp, Lorraine Papszycki, Kristi Moore-Peoples, Rita Prince, Linda Solinski, Jane Speckin, Stephen Thoma, Roy Toler, Laura Varone, Marion Vogler . . . and, all parishioners who are either sick or homebound.*

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

## PARISH NEWS

**Fall Adult Faith Formation** Our Parish Adult Faith Formation Program will begin on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> in the Church Hall and will continue on Sunday evenings from 6:00 to 8:30 PM through January 21<sup>st</sup>, with Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks. This 13 session course will feature Bishop Robert Barron's *Catholicism: The Pivotal Players, Volume I*, which explores the lives of people such as Saints Francis of Assisi, Thomas Aquinas, Catherine of Siena, Blessed John Henry Newman, G.K. Chesterton, and Michelangelo.

The cost is \$45 per person, which includes both an extensive Study Guide and Companion Book, *Praying with the Pivotal Players*, as well as snacks and refreshments. For those unable to afford the cost, confidential financial assistance will be provided.

Registration forms are available at the entrances to the Church. For more information, call Deacon Steve at 947 0587 or by e-mail at email [deaconstevenszmuto@gmail.com](mailto:deaconstevenszmuto@gmail.com). The registration deadline is September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Back-to-School-Drive** During July and August, our Parish Social Services Committee and the Knights of Columbus will be collecting donated school supplies and backpacks for children K-12 for the upcoming school year. *Pass the word . . .* donated items may include backpacks, 2-pocket folders, subject & composition notebooks, 3-ring binders, loose leaf paper, pens and pencils, pencil boxes, crayons, markers, glue sticks, rulers, protractors, scissors, sharpeners, calculators, dictionaries, or gift certificates.

*Please save and clip this ad to your donations bag which you may leave on the donations table in the Church Hall.* We will deliver all supplies collected to Catholic Charities of Trenton and Mount Carmel Guild at the end of August. The OLGC Social Services Committee and local Knights of Columbus members thank you in advance for your help with this effort!

**Trip to Ireland** The parishes of Saint George, Saint James, and Saint Alphonsus invite everyone to join Father Jarlath Quinn for a trip to the Emerald Isle in August of 2018. Travelers will be attending the *World Meeting of Families* with an opportunity to see Pope Francis before embarking on a tour of other beautiful sites.

There will be an Information Evening at St. James, in Pennington, on Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Religious Education Department with representatives from CIE Tours and AAA. For more information, contact Diane Burkhalter at [dianeburkhalter@gmail.com](mailto:dianeburkhalter@gmail.com) or Rose Gallagher at [elaangel@verizon.net](mailto:elaangel@verizon.net).

*When Christ appears,  
we shall be like him,  
for we shall see him as he is.*

# *Reflection*



# Announcements

## TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Saint Augustine once wrote: *The Old Testament is the New concealed, but the New Testament is the Old revealed.* Today's Readings for the Feast of the Transfiguration are a perfect example of how Our Lord was foreshadowed in the Old Testament and how the Messianic prophecies of the Old Testament were fulfilled in Christ in the New Testament.

*I saw one like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven; when he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him, the one like a Son of man received dominion, glory and kingship; all peoples, nations and languages serve him.*

In today's first reading from the Book of Daniel, the prophet recounted a vision that he had experienced in a dream. The vision in its entirety symbolized the entire prophetic march of history; today's reading itself focuses on *one like a son of man*, specifically the one who brings salvation to the world. It is a foreshadowing of Jesus in his glory, as glimpsed in the Baptism in the Jordan River and revealed even more fully (as we hear in today's Gospel), in the Transfiguration of Our Lord.

*Jesus took Peter, James and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.*

This moment of revelation, which occurred before the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord, provided Peter, James and John a momentary glimpse of the divine majesty of Jesus Christ. To place this splendid moment in context, one week earlier, Jesus had revealed the cost of discipleship, when he had rebuked Peter for denying that Jesus must fulfill his sacrificial mission, and later told his disciples, *If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.*

As the three apostles witnessed the gathering of Moses and Elijah with Christ at their center (just as the Lord is the center of revelation as foretold by the Law and the Prophets), they began their long journey to understanding, a journey that would require great faith and sacrifice. The whole of revelation was summed-up by the voice of the Father, coming from the bright cloud, which overshadowed them: *This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.*

Christ is the center of revelation, the center of time, and the center of history. He is past, present and future. As he once walked the earth, he is here today in his Word and in the Eucharist, and he will come again in glory at the end of time. Let us rejoice in the words of the psalmist: *The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice; let the many islands be glad . . . The heavens proclaim his justice, and all peoples see his glory.*

*Deacon Steve Szmuto*



*Titian, The Transfiguration, 1565.*

***And he was transfigured before; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them.***

And he was transfigured before them;  
his face shone like the sun  
and his clothes became white as light.

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply,  
Lord, it is good that we are here.

*If you wish, I will make three tents here,  
one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.*

While he was still speaking, behold,  
a bright cloud cast a shadow over them,  
then from the cloud came a voice that said,

*This is my beloved Son,  
with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.*

# *Reflection*