

Our Lady of Good Counsel

137 West Upper Ferry Road West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 13, 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
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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

8:00 AM Special Intention
 5:00 PM Fekete & Walley Families r/o Family
 Maria Carozza Muscente r/o Philomena Muscente
Sunday, August 13th
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 AM Michael Kozar
 10:30 AM People of the Parish
 Joseph Gambino, Jr. r/o Rob & Beth Ricciani
Monday, August 14th
 7:30 AM Msgr. William F. Fitzgerald r/o Sr. Marian William
Tuesday, August 15th
The Assumption of Mary
 7:30 AM Marie & William Dolton r/o Helen Marie Dolton
 Godfrey Schruth r/o Elaine Palatine
 Noon People of the Parish
 7:00 PM Martha Clossen r/o The Kolodziej Family
Wednesday, August 16th
 7:30 AM Gloria Bottaci r/o Norman Bottaci
Thursday, August 17th
 7:30 AM Robert McGuire r/o Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Tobias, Sr.
Friday, August 18th
 7:30 AM William Kelly r/o Esther Kelly
Saturday, August 19th
 8:00 AM Special Intention
 5:00 PM People of the Parish
 Juozas Pecilikonis r/o Ed & Ginny Evans
Sunday, August 20th
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 AM Gilda Cortina r/o Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Gambino
 10:30 AM John Canulli r/o Dolores DeBlasio
 Jean Sgro-Melana r/o Judy Fielding

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Tuesday, August 15th
 7:30 AM Fran Zenchak
 7:00 PM Mary Szmuto
Saturday, August 19th
 5:00 PM Fran Golinski, Mary Serafine, & Fran Zenchak
Sunday, August 20th
 8:30 AM Vickey Aneser, Brenda O'Callaghan, & Thomas Voorhees
 10:00 AM *PreferredCare Visits:* Anna Adomaitis
 10:30 AM Joyce Christensen, Tony Jones, & Linda Reasoner
Monday, August 21st. Reposition.
 Mary Szmuto

*I will hear what the LORD proclaims;
 for he proclaims peace.
 Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,
 his glory dwelling in our land.
 Kindness and truth shall meet;
 justice and peace shall kiss.
 Truth shall spring out of the earth,
 and justice shall look down from heaven.*

READERS

Tuesday, August 15th
 7:30 AM Helen Marie Dolton
 Noon Theresa Gregorio
 7:00 PM Mary Anne LeGall
Saturday, August 19th
 5:00 PM Theresa Gregorio
Sunday, August 20th
 8:30 AM James Barker
 10:30 AM Linda Schmierer

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, August 19th
 5:00 PM Marshall Barrett
Sunday, August 20th
 8:30 AM Chris Corban
 10:30 AM Marcus Christensen

PARISH EVENTS

August 12th: 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 13th: *19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

August 14th: *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.

August 15th: *The Assumption of Mary . . .* a holyday of obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 7:30 AM, Noon, and 7:00 PM.

The Knights of Columbus Council 3756 will hold a members only meeting at 7:30 PM in the Church Hall.

August 19th: Morning Mass takes place at 8:00 AM. Novenas follow morning Mass.

Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM.

August 20th: *20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

CONTRIBUTIONS

Registered Parishioners	780 families
Parishioners using envelopes	234
Envelope Contributions	\$5,462.00
Average Contribution	\$23.34
Loose Cash	\$813.00
Contributions for August 6 th	\$6,275.00

*Look to your covenant, O Lord,
 and forget not the life of your poor ones.
 Arise and defend their cause,
 and forget not the cries of those who seek you.*

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 Committee and local Knights of Columbus members thank you for your help with this effort.

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

OLOS Pre-School Our Lady of Sorrows School now includes a Pre-School! We are holding an Open House on Tuesday August 15th from 4:30 – 7:00 PM. We invite everyone to visit our newly updated 3 and 4 year old classrooms and learn how we can meet the educational, emotional, physical, and spiritual needs of your child in a loving and nurturing atmosphere. Call 587 4140 for more information.



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 & Ed Megyesy, Joseph McMyne, Marie Muscente, Angelika Niranjana, 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 1st in the Church Hall and will continue on Sunday evenings from 6:00 to 8:30 PM through January 21st, 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 deaconstevenszmutko@gmail.com. The registration deadline is September 18th.

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 9th 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 or Rose Gallagher at elaangel@verizon.net.

*Blessed are they
who hear the Word of God
and observe it.*

Reflection

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Francois Boucher, Peter Walking on the Water, 1766.

Jesus said: Come . . . and Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water towards Jesus.

During the fourth watch of the night,
he came toward them walking on the sea.
When the disciples saw him walking on the sea
they were terrified.
It is a ghost, they said, and they cried out in fear.
At once Jesus spoke to them,
Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.
Peter said to him in reply,
Lord, if it is you,
command me to come to you on the water.
He said, *Come.*
Peter got out of the boat and began
to walk on the water toward Jesus.
But when he saw how strong the wind was
he became frightened;
and, beginning to sink, he cried out, *Lord, save me!*
Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter,
and said to him,
O you of little faith, why did you doubt?

Mt 14

We encounter God in different ways and at different times of our lives. Often, He appears when things are at their most bleak. And yet, while we hope and pray for the Lord to rescue us from our troubles, as human beings, we are plagued with doubt and must consciously strive to trust in his loving protection and aid.

In today's Gospel, Jesus (following his miraculous feeding of the five thousand) had the disciples precede him by boat to the other side of the sea, while he went up alone into the mountain to pray. As the disciples were in the boat several miles from shore, the waters began to churn and wind was against them.

During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. Terrified, they cried aloud, *It is a ghost!* To calm their fears, Jesus immediately said, *Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.* Peter, ever impetuous, answered Jesus: *Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.* When Jesus commanded him, Peter got out of the boat and, with eyes fixed upon the Lord, walked toward him on the water. However, when he was buffeted by the wind, Peter took his eyes off of Christ, immediately became anxious and began to sink. Jesus caught Peter, saying: *O you of little faith, why did you doubt.* The wind ceased and those in the boat said of Jesus: *Truly you are the Son of God.*

What always strikes me about this Gospel reading is that Peter and the disciples, having previously witnessed the miraculous feeding of the five thousand and, here, observing Christ's miraculous walk on the water, still have doubts. Such things are part of our fallen human nature. In fact, later in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus chastised his disciples: *Amen, I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.* It would be something that would challenge the disciples and all Christians throughout the history of the Church.

How do we strengthen our faith? How do we keep our eyes on the Lord? It is not easy! If the apostles, who ate, walked with, and stood by Jesus during his time on earth, suffered from doubt and fear, it is not surprising that we too would suffer from worry and anxiety as well. We may overcome this, albeit imperfectly as we journey through life with our human limitations, through prayer, through discipline, through acts of kindness and generosity, striving to imitate the example of Jesus as we keep our eyes upon him as Lord and Savior. Each day may bring new challenges, but with our eyes firmly fixed upon Christ and our hands outstretched to his own, we too may walk upon the waters until we arrive safely to the shore.

Deacon Steve Szmutko

Reflection