

Our Lady of Good Counsel

137 West Upper Ferry Road West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 20, 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
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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
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

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
 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
Monday, August 21st
 7:30 AM William Kelly r/o Gladys Carlisi
Tuesday, August 22nd
 7:30 AM Special Intention
Wednesday, August 23rd
 7:30 AM William Kelly r/o Maureen & Joe Wilson
Thursday, August 24th
 7:30 AM William Kelly r/o Karen Kelly & Bob Geller
Friday, August 25th
 7:30 AM Mary Marino r/o Margaret Babecki
Saturday, August 26th
 8:00 AM Special Intention
 5:00 PM Harry & Mary Dennis r/o Gail Ann Palatine
 Mary Harbison r/o Elaine Palatine
Sunday, August 27th
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 AM People of the Parish
 For the Intentions of the Szmuto Family r/o
 Family
 10:30 AM Nora Czelusniak r/o the Czelusniak Family
 Antonio Martello r/o Daughter, Carol Golden

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, August 26th
 5:00 PM Vickey Aneser, Michael Manion, & Elaine Palatine
Sunday, August 27th
 8:30 AM Fran Golinski, Brenda O'Callaghan, & Thomas
 Voorhees
 10:00 AM *PreferredCare Visits:* Fran Golinski
 10:30 AM Ellen Everett, Timothy Everett, & Laura Shea
Monday, August 28th. Reposition.
 Thomas Voorhees

*Observe what is right, do what is just;
 for my salvation is about to come,
 my justice, about to be revealed.
 The foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
 ministering to him, loving the name of the LORD,
 and becoming his servants . . .
 all who keep the sabbath free from profanation
 and hold to my covenant,
 them I will bring to my holy mountain
 and make joyful in my house of prayer;
 their burnt offerings and sacrifices
 will be acceptable on my altar,
 for my house shall be called
 a house of prayer for all peoples.*

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READERS

Saturday, August 26th
 5:00 PM Mary Lou Delahanty
Sunday, August 27th
 8:30 AM James Barker
 10:30 AM Darlene Wilson

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, August 26th
 5:00 PM Ken Foreman
Sunday, August 27th
 8:30 AM Alex Medwick
 10:30 AM Nora Shea

PARISH EVENTS

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*

August 21st: *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 22nd: The Auxiliary Board for the Children's Home Society of New Jersey will meet in the Church Hall at 7:15 PM.

August 26th: Morning Mass takes place at 8:00 AM. Novenas follow morning Mass.

Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM.

August 27th: *20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

CONTRIBUTIONS

Registered Parishioners	780 families
Parishioners using envelopes	193
Envelope Contributions	\$3,704.00
Average Contribution	\$19.19
Loose Cash	\$674.00
Contributions for August 13 th	\$4,378.00

Nothing could hold the brave
 woman from Canaan back . . .
 not religious boundaries, not gender rules,
 nothing . . . when she told him the
 needs of her precious child.

Dear Lord, give us faith like this single-minded woman.

Make us stubborn, fearless,
 bold, creative, whatever it takes.
 Let us hear, *O, great is your faith.*
Let it be done for you as you wish.

Announcements

PARISH NEWS

Right to Life Raffle Our parish will again host a *Right to Life Raffle* ticket sale at all church doors on the weekend of September 30th and October 1st. For information, call Marge Stanford at 882 6555.

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.



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 Niranjan, Cooper Paglione, Jeff Papp, Lorraine Papszycki, Kristi Moore-Peoples, Rita Prince, Dolores Saliola, Linda Solinski, Jane Speckin, Stephen Thoma, Roy Toler, Laura Varone, Gary Vanderbilt, 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

Walk of Hope The Catholic Charities Walk of Hope Committee is organizing a team from Ewing to bring together members of Our Lady of Good Counsel and Incarnation-St. James to put on their walking shoes to reduce poverty and to strengthen families. The cost to participate is \$25 for adults: all others are free. Join Catholic Charities on Saturday, September 30th at Mercer Park.

For more information about the *Walk of Hope*, contact Tom DeFalco at 882 6480.

Guardian Angel Dance Catholic Charities will once more sponsor a *Guardian Angel Dinner Dance* with a 50 /50 raffle ticket sale at Church doors on September 9th and 10th. For more information, call Nancy Tompkins, the Director of Development at Catholic Charities, at 394 5181, X1161.

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 1*, 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!

Reflection

Announcements

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Annibale Carracci, *Christ and the Woman of Canaan*, 1609.

Please Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their Masters.

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, *Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon.* But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her.

Jesus' disciples came and asked him, *Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us.* He said in reply, *I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.*

But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, *Lord, help me.* He said in reply, *It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs.* She said, *Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.*

Then Jesus said to her in reply, *O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.* And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.

At first hearing, today's Gospel is very disconcerting. Jesus does not seem to be particularly *Christ-like*, if one can forgive the phrase and, in fact, seems to lack the compassion seen in the Scriptures as a whole. To place the reading in context, Jesus had recently withdrawn to Tyre and Sidon, a region of Canaanites and other Gentiles, following various events and debates with scribes and the Pharisees.

Imagine if you were the woman who approached Jesus, recognizing him from his reputation and renown as a great teacher and healer and calling out to him, *Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David!* (meaning "Messiah"), only to be rejected by him. Despite this, the woman, for love of her daughter, persisted in her prayer to Jesus, doing him homage and crying out, *Lord help me.* How would we have reacted if we had heard from the Lord: *I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel and It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs?* Would we have turned away in disappointment and anger, muttering under our breath and forswearing our belief in Jesus as the Son of God? Still, the woman persisted in her prayer in abject humility, until at last Jesus, commending her for her faith, healed her daughter: *O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.*

Jesus used his encounter with the Canaanite woman as a lesson in the power of faith, humility, patience, and persistence. Such total trust is the overwhelming theme in today's reading. The woman recognized Jesus as the Messiah and approached him with the knowledge and understanding that he can grant her what she asked. When seemingly rejected by Jesus, rather than turn away and reject Jesus in anger she persisted on behalf of her daughter. Even in what seemed to be outright denial and even degradation, she didn't try to assert her request as a demand or a right; instead, she appealed to Our Lord in humility, seeking favor with him not out of a sense of entitlement, but out of an understanding that Jesus, in his loving mercy, would not abandon her.

Faith, humility, patience and persistence — these are the essential elements of effective prayer. By our own merits, we are not entitled to anything. It is through our discipleship in Christ, the way to the Father, that we can be confident that our prayers will be answered. The challenge is to also understand that our prayers may not always be answered in the way that we might like. God's timeline is not our timeline. We may not be healed of our physical or other afflictions inherent in our human nature. We may not be granted the material things that we deem desirable. Yet in the end, we will receive the grace and mercy of God, that which we need to attain eternal salvation.

As we gather together to share in the Eucharist, let us strive to be persistent in prayer, to approach the Lord with patience and humility, and to remain faithful that Our Lord, who gave his very life on Calvary for our sake, will never abandon us, even in our darkest hour.