

Our Lady of Good Counsel

137 West Upper Ferry Road West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 27, 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
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
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

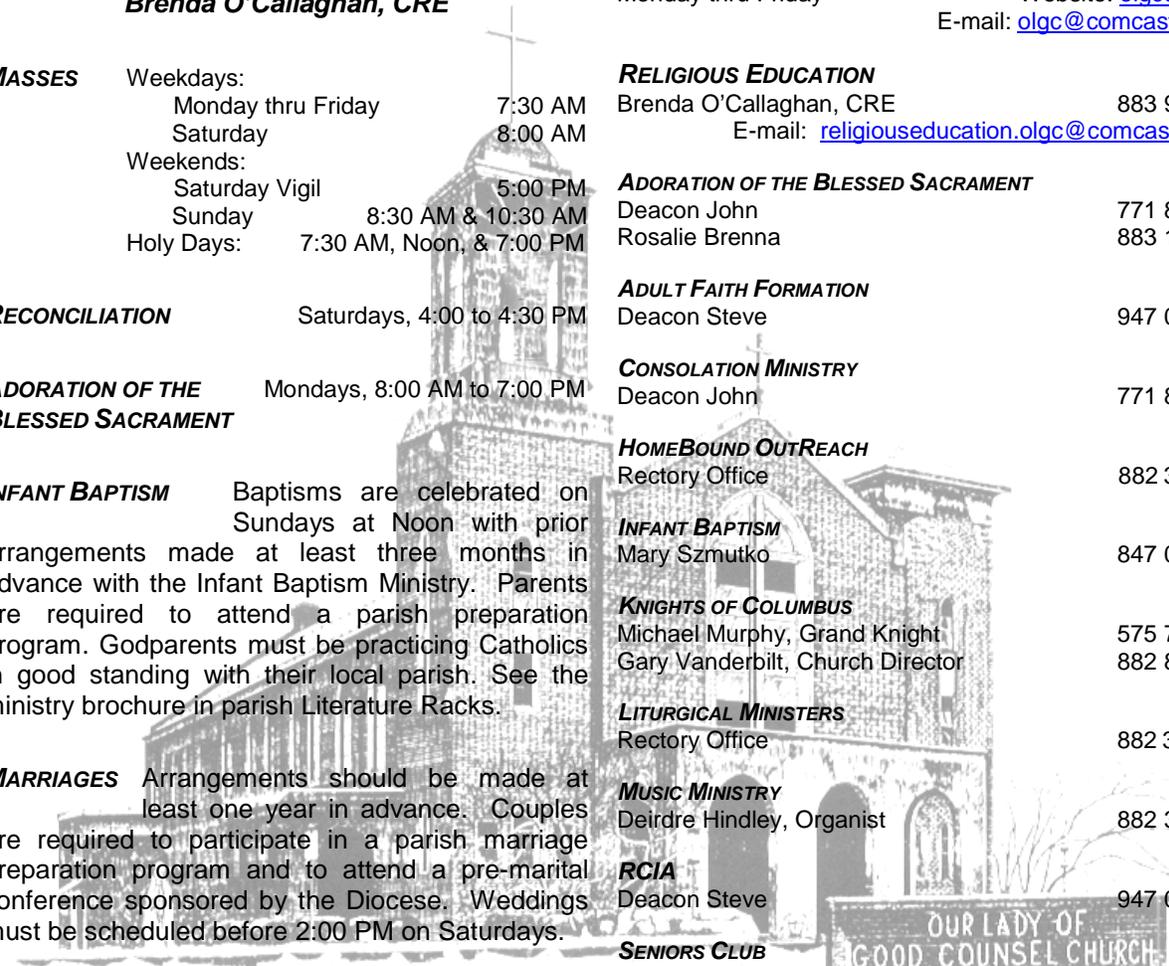
SENIORS CLUB
Mary Pat Voorhees, President 882 2327
Dolores Sebasto, Vice President 882 5085

SOCIAL SERVICES
James Gambino 818 1708
Dan Morocco 882 0906

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 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
Monday, August 28th
 7:30 AM Erma Solinski r/o Linda Solinski
Tuesday, August 29th
 7:30 AM Fr. Edward Dougherty r/o the Walley Family
Wednesday, August 30th
 7:30 AM Theresa Estok r/o Margaret Babecki
 Dawn Stelle r/o Rosalie Comisky
Thursday, August 31st
 7:30 AM Ann Lynn Woods r/o Mary Lou Delahanty
Friday, September 1st
 7:30 AM Michael & Anthony Thoma r/o Susan Kane
 Lorraine Ryba-Tysiak r/o Sister & Brother-in-law
Saturday, September 2nd
 8:00 AM Special Intention
 5:00 PM John Belli, Sr. r/o Elaine Palatine
 Eugenia Campbell r/o Steve & Mary Szmuto
Sunday, September 3rd
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 AM William Kelly r/o Fame DiLeo
 Michael Kozar r/o Theresa Kozar
 10:30 AM People of the Parish
 Diane McGrath r/o Carol Przechacki

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, September 2nd
 5:00 PM Anna Adomaitis, Elaine Palatine, & Mary Szmuto
Sunday, September 3rd
 8:30 AM Vickey Aneser, Brenda O'Callaghan, & Thomas Voorhees
 10:00 AM *Preferred Care Visits:* Claude LeGall
 10:30 AM Tony Jones, Linda Reasoner, & Darlene Wilson
Monday, September 4th.
Adoration is cancelled.

*I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,
 for you have heard the words of my mouth;
 in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;
 I will worship at your holy temple.
 I will give thanks to your name
 because of your kindness and your truth:
 When I called, you answered me;
 you built up strength within me.
 The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees,
 and the proud he knows from afar.
 Your kindness, O LORD, endures forever;
 forsake not the work of your hands.*

READERS

Saturday, September 2nd
 5:00 PM Jacqueline Crane
Sunday, September 3rd
 8:30 AM Mary Anne LeGall
 10:30 AM Laura Shea

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, September 2nd
 5:00 PM Marshall Barrett
Sunday, September 3rd
 8:30 AM Chris Corban
 10:30 AM Mary Catherine Shea

PARISH EVENTS

August 26th: Morning Mass takes place at 8:00 AM.
 Novenas follow morning Mass.
 Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM.
August 27th: *21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*
August 28th: *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.
September 2nd: Morning Mass takes place at 8:00 AM.
 Novenas follow morning Mass.
 Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM.
September 3rd: *22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

CONTRIBUTIONS

Registered Parishioners	780 families
Parishioners using envelopes	239
Envelope Contributions	\$5,140.00
Average Contribution	\$21.51
Loose Cash	\$705.00
Contributions for August 20 th	\$5,845.00

Christ tells Peter that he is the rock on which he will
 found his church . . . and, he promises that the gates of hell will
 not prevail against this rock or against the church built on it. Yet
 Peter, who was supposed to be the rock of the Church, betrayed
 the Lord he loved in his Lord's worst need. As far as betrayal
 goes, how does Peter differ from Judas? Judas betrayed Christ
 too. *So why not think that the gates of hell prevailed against
 Peter in his betrayal of Christ? What is left of Jesus' promise
 that the gates of Hell will not prevail against Peter or against his
 Church?*

But notice that there is a difference between Judas and
 Peter. You might think the difference is that Peter repented and
 Judas didn't. But Judas repented also. So, here is the real
 difference between them. When Judas saw the sin of his
 betrayal for what it was, he killed himself. He threw himself
 away as hopeless, as irredeemable. But Peter came back to
 Christ. He cleaved to the Lord he loved even in the face of his
 own betrayal of him. The Church is not a collection of the
 sinless, and it was not meant to be. *The Church was founded
 on Peter, who loved, and sinned, and held on to the Lord
 anyway. The gates of Hell cannot prevail against this kind of
 love.*

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.

Volunteers are needed to sell tickets at Church doors. To volunteer or for more 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.

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 deaconstevensmutko@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, Rosemarie Buker, 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 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 deaconstevensmutko@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.

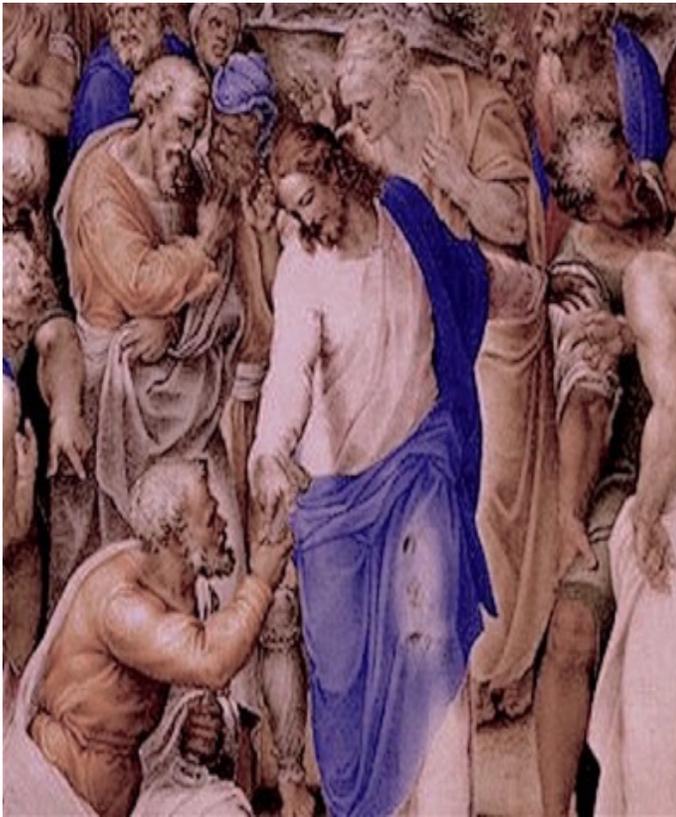
Please save and clip this ad to your donations bag which you may leave on the donations table in the Church Hall. We will deliver all supplies collected to Catholic Charities of Trenton and Mount Carmel Guild at the end of August.

The OLGC Social Services Committee and local Knights of Columbus members thank you in advance for your help with this effort!

Reflection

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Giovanni Battista Castello, *Peter receiving the keys to heaven*,
1598

And so I say, you are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples,

Who do people say that the Son of Man is?

They replied, *Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.*

He said to them, *But who do you say that I am?*

Simon Peter said in reply,

You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Jesus said to him in reply,

Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah.

For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

The beginning of Christ's Church can be seen in today's Gospel, when Peter was the first of the Apostles to acknowledge Our Lord as the Son of God. Jesus told Peter that this truth was revealed to him, not by flesh and blood, but by the Heavenly Father through the Power of the Holy Spirit. Because of this, Jesus said to him: *You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.*

Of those called by Christ, Peter would be first, the Rock, who would guide the Church on earth, along with his successors, in a long line of succession down to the present day. Ironically, Peter, called Rock, was still a flawed human being who would later deny Jesus not once, but three times. He, like all of his successors, even those proclaimed saints, shared one thing in common: human weakness. Peter himself freely admitted his own frailties; in fact, such occasions reveal the humility that should be incumbent upon all who seek to guide others. As the anonymous saying goes: *I know two things. First, God knows all things. Second, I am not God.* Peter would repent of his failings and be reconciled to the Lord (that scene at the shore in John 21 comes to mind), yet he remained, as do all men and women, subject to challenges to his discipleship. In a sense, Peter and the other disciples can help us: if they were imperfect, perhaps there is hope for us as well, especially in the tender mercy of a forgiving God.

Throughout the history of the Church, when leaders got "too big for their britches," and immersed themselves in secular endeavors, God had a funny way of sending people, who led by example, not through power, but through humility, integrity and submission to the Lord. Consider Saint Francis, who turned from a life of wealth and comfort, to guide others in the virtues of humility, poverty and obedience. In our own lifetime, Saint [Mother] Teresa of Calcutta, who ministered both individually and community to those in abject poverty, suffering from unimaginable disease and suffering, personified the ideal of servant leadership, even though she was not without flaw. The examples of these and others as humble servants continue to shine as a beacon of Christ. Yet all were faithful to the Church founded by Christ and entrusted to Peter and his successors. Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, who chose the name Francis upon his elevation to the papacy, reminds us at once of the human weaknesses of those who guide the Church, and their great call to remain faithful to the Barque of Peter (the Church as symbolized by that of a great ship), with which he has been entrusted.

The Church, established by Christ, is the means by which faithful Catholics journey in faith and humility to a deeper relationship with Our Risen Lord. It's leaders are not in place to rule over others, but rather to serve all men and women to fulfill the mission of Christ in conforming all men and women to him. Let us pray for our Church leaders, that they be guided by the Holy Spirit to bring all to Christ, now and for all time. Let us also pray for ourselves, that we have the humility and courage to accept the leadership of those Christ placed in authority of his Church as they and we strive to be faithful to the Gospel.

Reflection