

# Our Lady of Good Counsel

137 West Upper Ferry Road West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 5, 2017

**Fr. Michael Hall, Pastor**  
**Msgr. James G. Innocenzi, 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)  
E-mail: [olgcc@comcast.net](mailto:olgcc@comcast.net)

**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

**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 Louis Muscente r/o Philomena Muscente  
 Don Smith r/o Judy & Fred Totten  
 Kerry Quinn r/o Ted & Evie Claffey  
**Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**  
*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 8:30 AM John Lally r/o Neil & Mary Ann Peterson  
 Natalie Marchetti r/o Ron & Mary Ann Celfalone  
 10:30 AM People of the Parish  
 Mary DeForte r/o Brenda O'Callaghan  
**Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:30 AM Marti Closson r/o OLG Senior  
 Erma Solinski r/o Family  
**Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:30 AM Mary Elizabeth Claffey r/o Jean O'Donnell  
 Richard Gates r/o Randy & Christine Giglio  
**Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:30 AM Virginia Bachalis r/o Elaine Palatine  
 Mary Claffey r/o the Kolodziej Family  
**Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:30 AM William McGee, Jr. r/o the Downey Family  
 David Schino r/o Don & Doris Hartman  
**Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:30 AM Fekete & Walley Families r/o Family  
**Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:00 AM Special Intention.  
 5:00 PM People of the Parish  
 Don Smith r/o Theresa Evanko  
**Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**  
*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 8:30 AM Robert Cook, Jr. r/o Wife  
 John Lally r/o Pete & Debbie Yacyk  
 10:30 AM *Parish Family Sunday*  
 Mary DeForte r/o Barry Schrenk  
 Angela Jaremback Mignone r/o Stan & Joanne Sliwinski

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

**Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, Home visits arranged.**  
**Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**  
 5:00 PM Vickey Aneser, Joan Fallon, & Fran Golinski  
**Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:30 AM Brenda O'Callaghan, Linda Reasoner, & Thomas Voorhees  
 10:00 AM *PreferredCare Visits:* Anna Adomaitis  
 10:30 AM Joyce Christensen, Tony Jones, & Darlene Wilson  
**Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, Reposition.**  
 Mary Szmuto

*The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.  
 Light shines through the darkness for the upright;  
 he is gracious and merciful and just.  
 Well for the man who is gracious and lends,  
 who conducts his affairs with justice.*

## READERS

**Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**  
 5:00 PM Helen Marie Dolton  
**Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:30 AM Mary Anne LeGall  
 10:30 AM Religious ED, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

## ALTAR SERVERS

**Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**  
 5:00 PM Marshall Barrett  
**Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:30 AM Chris Corban & James Gummel  
 10:30 AM Lauren & Marcus Christensen

## PARISH EVENTS

**February 4<sup>th</sup>:** Morning Mass takes place at 8:00 AM. Novenas follow morning Mass. Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM.  
**February 5<sup>th</sup>:** *5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 Sunday Religious ED Classes will take place in the Church Hall Opendaker Room from 9:15 to 10:45 AM for Grade 8 Students.  
**February 6<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.  
 Religious ED Classes will take place at Villa Victoria Academy from 4:30 to 6:00 PM, Grades 1 thru 7.  
 The West Trenton Garden Club will meet in the Church Hall at 7:00 PM.  
**February 7<sup>th</sup>:** The Knights of Columbus Council 3756 will sponsor a social night at the Incarnation / St. James Church Center at 7:30 PM.  
**February 8<sup>th</sup>:** *Catholic Preschool* will meet in the Church Hall from 9:00 AM to Noon.  
 The Delaware Valley Radio Association will meet at 8:00 PM in the Church Hall.  
**February 11<sup>th</sup>:** Morning Mass takes place at 8:00 AM. Novenas follow morning Mass. Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM.  
**February 12<sup>th</sup>:** *6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 Sunday Religious ED Classes will take place in the Church Hall Opendaker Room from 9:15 to 10:45 AM for Grade 8 Students.  
 Regularly scheduled Sunday morning Mass at 10:30 AM is celebrated as *Parish Family Sunday* with readings presented by Students in the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade. A Continental breakfast is served after Mass in the Church Hall.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Registered Parishioners	771 families
Parishioners using envelopes	222
Envelope Contributions	\$4,802.00
Average Contribution	\$21.63
Loose Cash	\$652.00
Contributions for January 29 <sup>th</sup>	\$5,454.00

# Announcements

## PARISH NEWS

**Marrazzo's Receipt Program** For calendar 2016, Our Lady of Good Counsel received a total rebate of \$2,649.03 from Marrazzo's Market on Parkway Avenue in Ewing from market receipts no older than six months from purchase. This amount has been divided between Mount Carmel Guild and Catholic Charities of Trenton. For information, call Mary Lincoln at 637 0983 or Marion Vogler at 393 5632.

**Polish Arts Club Scholarships** The Polish Arts Club will again offer scholarships to qualified high school seniors of Polish descent who pursue a college education. For details visit [www.trentonpolisharts.org](http://www.trentonpolisharts.org).

**Trip to the Holy Land** Join Msgr. Sam Sirianni, Fr. Daniel Peirano, and Fr. Anthony Sirianni on a trip to the Holy Land taking place November 12<sup>th</sup> thru the 20<sup>th</sup>.

For complete details attend a meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold or contact Graycar Travel at 800 214 6723.

**Catholic Men for Jesus Conference** Join other Catholic men from across the Diocese of Trenton at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Men for Jesus Christ Men's Conference on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at Saint Joseph Parish in Toms River, NJ.

The theme of this year's conference is *Into the Breach*. The day extends from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM and will feature Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop David O'Connell as well as inspiring talks by U.S. congressman Chris Smith, by Tim Staples, a nationally renowned Catholic apologist and evangelist, and by Marie Joseph, Executive Director of the Legacy of Life Foundation.

There will also be music, Catholic vendors, and the opportunity to enjoy fellowship with other men who are looking to grow in their walk with Jesus and dynamically live out their Catholic faith. A youth breakout session will also be offered for young men from 8th grade to college age.

The cost is \$25 per person in advance (\$30 at the door) and \$10 for students. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information or to register online go to [www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org](http://www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org).

To register by mail, send the name(s) of each person registering, your check, and a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Catholic Men for Jesus Christ, PO Box 816 Morrisville, PA 19067.

## SALT & LIGHT

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus says that Christians are supposed to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. And he has harsh things to say about Christians who are dark and insipid. They're fit for nothing except being trampled underfoot, he says. And you know what he means. When the dark wintry streets are dangerous with ice and snow, the city puts salt on the roads, and all the traffic crunches over it.

Given that sort of threat, who wouldn't want to know what it means to be salt and light for the world? Well, here's something to notice. Salt and light share a funny characteristic. Each of them is discernible by sense perception — we taste salt, and we see light — but neither of them is usually meant to be a direct or main object of perception. Nobody makes salt for dinner. We put salt on the chicken, but the chicken is the dinner. The chicken tastes better if we salt it; and enjoying the chicken, not the salt, is what we are after. Light is like this, too. We turn on a light not in order to look at the light, but in order to look at other things by means of the light.

So if a Christian is the light of the world, he is enabling the world to see something other than himself. And what Jesus goes on to say makes it clear that this something else is in fact the Lord. A Christian is to let his light shine in such a way that the people of the world glorify God. The worldly people couldn't glorify God if God were in darkness for them. So, a Christian's life is to shine in such a way that what the people of the world see is the Lord.

The image of salt is similar. If a Christian is the salt of the earth, he makes something else appeal to the taste of the people of the earth. And that will be God too. The earthly people will savor the goodness of God when Christians are the salt of the earth.

So to be light and salt is to live our lives in such a way that the earthly people and the worldly people are drawn to *Taste and see that the Lord is good* (Ps 34:8). It is a challenge, isn't it?

*Eleonore Stump  
Professor of Philosophy, SLU*

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*Pieter Claesz, Still life with a Burning Candle, 1627.*

*Set the lamp on a lamp stand  
where it gives light to all in the house.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

*You are the salt of the earth.*

*But if salt loses its taste,  
with what can it be seasoned?*

*It is no longer good for anything  
but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.*

*You are the light of the world.*

*A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.*

*Nor do they light a lamp  
and then put it under a bushel basket;  
it is set on a lampstand,*

*where it gives light to all in the house.*

*Just so, your light must shine before others,  
that they may see your good deeds  
and glorify your heavenly Father.*

*Mt 5*

## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

We who have once for all clothed ourselves in Christ, and been made worthy to have him dwelling within us, may show everyone, if we choose, simply by the strict discipline of our life and without saying a word, the power of him who dwells in us.

Therefore, Christ said: *Let your light so shine before all, that people may see your good works and praise your Father in heaven.*

This is a light that reaches not only the bodily senses, but illuminates also the beholder's mind and soul. It disperses the darkness of evil, and invites those who encounter it to let their own light shine forth, and to follow the example of virtue.

*Let your light shine before all*, Christ said; and he used the words "before all" advisedly. He meant, *Let your light be so bright that it illuminates not only yourself, but shines also before those needing its help.* As the light our senses perceive puts darkness to flight, and enables those travelling along a road perceptible to the senses to follow a straight course, so also the spiritual light which shines from blameless conduct illuminates those who cannot see clearly how to live a virtuous life, because their spiritual eyesight has been blurred by the darkness of error. It purifies their inward vision, leads them to live upright lives, and makes them walk henceforward in the path of virtue.

*That people may see your good works and praise your Father in heaven* Christ means: Let your virtue, the perfection of your life, and the performance of good works inspire those who see you to praise the common Master of us all. And so I beg each of you to strive to live so perfectly that the Lord may be praised by all who see you.

By the perfection of your lives attract to yourselves the grace of the Spirit so that the Lord of all creation may be glorified, and so that we may all be found worthy of the kingdom of heaven by the grace, mercy, and goodness of God's only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit be glory, might, and honor now and forever and for endless ages.

*John Chrysostom*

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