

# Our Lady of Good Counsel

137 West Upper Ferry Road West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

## 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 19, 2017

**Fr. Michael Hall, Pastor**

**Msgr. James G. Innocenzi, Weekend Assistant**

**Deacon John Bonner**

**Deacon Steven Szmuto**

**Brenda O'Callaghan, CRE**

### Parish Ministries & Services

#### PARISH RECTORY & OFFICE

Office Hours: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Monday thru Friday

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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

**RECONCILIATION** Saturdays, 4:00 to 4:30 PM

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** Mondays, 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM

**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.

**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.

**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.

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

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Brenda O'Callaghan, CRE

883 9005

E-mail: [religiouseducation.olgc@comcast.net](mailto:religiouseducation.olgc@comcast.net)

#### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Deacon John

771 8288

Rosalie Brenna

883 1792

#### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Steve

947 0587

#### CONSOLATION MINISTRY

Deacon John

771 8288

#### HOMEBOUND OUTREACH

Rectory Office

882 3277

#### 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

# Schedule for the Week

## MASSES & SERVICES

8:00 AM Special Intention.  
 5:00 PM Palatine Family r/o Elaine Palatine  
 Don Smith r/o George Burke  
**Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**  
*7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 AM People of the Parish  
 Tricia Elizabeth Cook Parziale r/o Brothers & Wives

10:30 AM Mary DeForte r/o Gene & Joanne Farkas  
 Angela Jaremback Mignone r/o Joanne & Dave Fraytak  
**Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**  
*President's Day*

7:30 AM Michael Golinski r/o Fran Golinski & Sherri and Steve Hanlon  
**Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**

7:30 AM Mary Elizabeth Claffey r/o Jean O'Donnell  
 For the Intentions of Joseph McMyne r/o Family  
**Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

7:30 AM For the Intentions of Joseph McMyne r/o Family  
 For the Intentions of Joseph Suggs r/o Smith Family  
**Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

7:30 AM For the Intentions of Joseph McMyne r/o Family  
**Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 AM For the Intentions of Suzanne, Julie, David, & Rosemary r/o Family  
**Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**  
 Special Intention.  
 5:00 PM *Youth Mass*  
 Daniel DeFrancesco r/o Mary DeFrancesco  
 Don Smith r/o Edwina Tarabell  
**Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**  
*8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 AM John Lally r/o Ken & Janice Ellsworth  
 In Thanksgiving for Family & Friends r/o Stan & Liz

10:30 AM People of the Parish  
 William Doyle r/o Wife Eileen & Daughter Nan

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

**Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, Home visits arranged.**  
**Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**  
 5:00 PM Anna Adomaitis and Ginny Evans  
**Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:30 AM Claude LeGall, Mary Anne LeGall, & Mary Szmuto  
 10:00 AM *PreferredCare Visits:* Claude LeGall  
 10:30 AM Ellen Everett, Timothy Everett, & Brenda O'Callaghan  
**Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, Reposition.**  
 Nancy Mahony

*O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.  
 My heart will rejoice in your salvation.  
 I will sing because you have been bountiful to me.*

## READERS

**Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**  
 5:00 PM Mary Lou Delahanty  
**Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:30 AM James Barker  
 10:30 AM Linda Schmierer

## ALTAR SERVERS

**Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**  
 5:00 PM Michael Montagna & Connor Grieg  
**Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:30 AM Alex Medwick  
 10:30 AM Kevin Toler

## PARISH EVENTS

**February 18<sup>th</sup>:** Morning Mass takes place at 8:00 AM. Novenas follow morning Mass.  
 Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM.

**February 19<sup>th</sup>:** *6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 There are no Religious ED Classes.

**February 20<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.  
 There are no Religious ED Classes.

**February 21<sup>st</sup> thru 24<sup>th</sup>:** There will be practice for 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Students beginning at 5:00 PM in Church.

**February 21<sup>st</sup>:** The Knights of Columbus Council 3756 will hold a members only meeting in the Church Hall at 7:30 PM.

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>:** *Catholic Preschool* will meet in the Church Hall from 9:00 AM to Noon.

**February 25<sup>th</sup>:** Morning Mass takes place at 8:00 AM. Novenas follow morning Mass.  
 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation will be celebrated for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Students in Church beginning at 9:30 AM.  
 Weekly Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM.  
 All teens 8<sup>th</sup> grade and up are welcome to our *Youth Mass* at 5:00 PM this Saturday followed by a meeting in our Church Hall. Music will be provided by the Villa Victoria *Honey Bee Choir*. Dinner will be provided along with games and fun.

**February 26<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.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Registered Parishioners	771 families
Parishioners using envelopes	230
Envelope Contributions	\$4,538.00
Average Contribution	\$19.73
Loose Cash	\$663.00
Contributions for February 12 <sup>th</sup>	\$5,201.00

*Whoever keeps the word of Christ,  
 the love of God is truly perfected in him.*

# Announcements

## PARISH NEWS

**St. Paul School** The St. Paul School is a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence offering a quality Catholic education to students in grades Pre-K (ages 3 and 4) through the eighth grade. The School is ranked nationally among the top 10th percentile of schools, is accredited by the Middle States Association of Schools and the international agency AdvancED, and boasts a dedicated NJ certified faculty and affordable tuition and financial aid.

Prospective families are invited to join us for school tours and classroom visits with Principal Ryan Killeen on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> and on Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 AM. For information, contact Michele Cano, Director of Admissions at 921 7587, X 149.

**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.

**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.

## FROM FR. MIKE

Next weekend, February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, will be the kick-off for the *Annual Catholic Appeal* in the Diocese of Trenton for 2017.

In 2016, although continued as it does every year, Msgr. Stansley made the prudent decision to not actively push the Appeal due to an ongoing commitment to the Faith to Move Mountains endowment campaign at the time. However, this year we are once again introducing the Appeal in the Parish. While the funds from Faith to Move Mountains continue to be collected and are being placed in endowments to help secure the future of the Church in our area, this Appeal is what funds the day to day operations of the Diocese. It supports the Church's mission of Evangelization, provides resources for Catholic Education, Social Services, and helps to serve our clergy and religious particularly by funding Seminary formation and retirement. The parish also receives a portion of what is collected when it reaches its financial goal and that portion increases in percentage as that goal is surpassed. Next weekend at all Masses, you will hear more about the Appeal and be given a chance to consider making a gift in Faith. At that time, you will receive more information about why the Appeal is necessary, and where to get more details on what these funds support. Please keep an open and generous mind and heart, and consider making a gift to the 2017 Diocese of Trenton Annual Catholic Appeal.

*Fr. Michael Hall*

**Priestly Vocation Discernment Meeting** If you are a single Roman Catholic man between the ages of 18 and 40 who would like to know more about an exciting and powerful approach to life in the Lord, join us for this month's Priestly Vocation Discernment Meeting on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, which includes Mass, at St. Mary of the Lakes Church in Medford. Join Father Mike Wallack, Father Dan Swift, and Father Carlos Florez for a discussion on the priesthood, discernment, vocations, and dinner.

Please RSVP or for further information by contacting Father Dan at [fatherdan@smlparish.org](mailto:fatherdan@smlparish.org).

*Bless the LORD, O my soul;  
and all my being, bless his holy name.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits.  
He pardons all your iniquities,  
heals all your ills.  
He redeems your life from destruction,  
crowns you with kindness and compassion.  
The Lord is kind and merciful.*

# *Reflection*

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



Rembrandt, *Beggar seated on a bank*, 1630.

*If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic,  
hand over your cloak as well.*

### SENIORS CLUB NEWS

Twenty-five members, including two new members, attended the Club's February meeting. Continue to remember that Club dues of \$7 must be paid on or before the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Dolores Sebasto is planning a trip to Atlantic City Resorts on Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you would like to go on the trip, Call Dolores at 882 5085.

Refreshments for the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting will be provided by Joan Keefe, Inge McCormack, and Bernadine Medwick. Please remember to bring a non-perishable food item for the Club's food pantry.

When love acts in the soul it does so wisely and gently, for it has great power to kill anger and envy, and all the passions of wrath and melancholy, and it brings into the soul the virtues of patience, gentleness, peaceableness, and friendliness to one's neighbor.

People guided only by their own reason find it very hard to be patient, peaceful, sweet-tempered and charitable to their neighbors when they treat them badly and wrong them. But true lovers of Jesus have no great difficulty in enduring all this, because love fights for them and kills such movements of wrath and melancholy with amazing ease.

Through the spiritual sight of Jesus it makes the souls of such people so much at ease and so peaceful, so ready to endure and so conformed to God, that if they are despised and disregarded by others, or suffer injustice or injury, shame or ill-treatment, they pay no attention.

They are not greatly disturbed by these things and will not allow themselves to be, for then they would lose the comfort they feel in their souls, and that they are unwilling to do. They can more easily forget all the wrong that is done them than others can forgive it even when asked for forgiveness. They would rather forget than forgive, for that seems easier to them.

And it is love that does all this, for love opens the eye of the soul to the sight of Jesus, and confirms it in the pleasure and contentment of the love that comes from that sight. It comforts the soul so much that it is quite indifferent to what others do against it. The greatest harm that could befall such people would be to lose the spiritual sight of Jesus, and they would therefore suffer all other injuries than that one alone.

When true lovers suffer harm from their neighbors, they are so strengthened by the grace of the Holy Spirit and are made so truly humble, so patient, and so peaceable that they retain their humility no matter what harm or injury is inflicted on them.

They do not despise their neighbors or judge them, but they pray for them in their hearts, and feel more pity and compassion for them than for others who never harmed them, and in fact they love them better, and more fervently desire their salvation, because they see that they will have so much spiritual profit from their neighbors' deeds, though this was never their intention.

But this love and this humility, which are beyond human nature, come only from the Holy Spirit to those he makes true lovers of Jesus.

Walter Hilton

# *Reflection*