

Our Lady of Good Counsel

137 West Upper Ferry Road West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 15, 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
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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 *Youth Mass & Meeting*
 People of the Parish
 Msgr. William F. Fitzgerald r/o Sr. Marian William

Saturday, January 21st
Sunday, January 22nd
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 AM John Lally r/o the Gail Palatine
 Don Smith r/o Jennifer Marie Gunkel

10:30 AM *Parish Family Liturgy*
 People of the Parish
 Francis Crivelli r/o Michael & Michelle Perone
 Mary DeForte r/o Mary DeFrancesco

Monday, January 23rd
 7:30 AM Angela Mignone r/o Russell & Debbie Vizzini

Tuesday, January 24th
 7:30 AM Angela Mignone r/o Debbie Lopreato

Wednesday, January 25th
 7:30 AM Jeremy Killian r/o Eileen & Harry Masterson

Thursday, January 26th
 7:30 AM Special Intention r/o the Gatto Family

Friday, January 27th
 7:30 AM Fekete & Walley Families r/o Family
 John Gusz r/o Wife & Family

Saturday, January 28th
 8:00 AM Special Intention.
 Don Smith r/o Bill & Bernice Mason
 John Urbano r/o Margaret Babecki

Sunday, January 29th
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 AM People of the Parish
 John Lally r/o the Gail Palatine

10:30 AM Mary DeForte r/o David & Donna Collins
 Marjorie Papp r/o Elaine Palatine

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Friday, January 27th, Home visits arranged.
Saturday, January 28th
 5:00 PM Fran Golinski, Elaine Palatine, & Fran Zenchak

Sunday, January 29th
 8:30 AM Joan Fallon, Claude LeGall, & Thomas Voorhees
 10:00 AM *PreferredCare Visits*: Claude LeGall
 10:30 AM Vickey Aneser, Ellen Everett, & Timothy Everett

Monday, January 30th, Reposition.
 Fran Golinski

READERS

Saturday, January 28th
 5:00 PM Theresa Gregorio

Sunday, January 29th
 8:30 AM Mary Anne LeGall
 10:30 AM James Barker

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, January 28th
 5:00 PM Marshall Barrett

Sunday, January 29th
 8:30 AM Chris Corban
 10:30 AM Alex Medwick

PARISH EVENTS

January 21st: Morning Mass takes place at 8:00 AM. Novenas follow morning Mass.

Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM.

This weekend after all Masses, Holy Land Christian Art will be on sale in the Church Hall in support of the Christian communities in the holy land.

All teens 8th 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.

January 22nd: *3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Sunday Religious ED Classes will take place in the Church Hall Opdenaker Room from 9:15 to 10:45 AM for Grade 8 students.

Regularly scheduled Sunday morning Mass celebrated as *Parish Family Liturgy* with readings presented by 5th and 6th Grade Students. A Continental breakfast is served afterwards in the Church Hall.

January 16th: *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* will take place from 8:00 AM to 4:00 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.

January 25th: *Catholic Preschool* will meet in the Church Hall from 9:00 AM to Noon.

January 26th: A parent meeting will be held in the Church Hall to prepare for 1st Reconciliation for 2nd Grade Students at 7:30 PM.

January 28th: Morning Mass takes place at 8:00 AM. Novenas follow morning Mass.

Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM.

January 29th: *4th Sunday of Advent*

Sunday Religious ED Classes will take place in the Church Hall Opdenaker Room from 9:15 to 10:45 AM for Grade 8 Students.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Registered Parishioners	767 families
Parishioners using envelopes	248
Envelope Contributions	\$4,193.00
Average Contribution	\$21.71
Loose Cash	\$673.00
Contributions for January 15, 2017	\$6,056.00

Announcements

PARISH NEWS

Holy Land Christian Art Olive wood carvings from the Holy Land will be available for purchase in the Church Hall on the weekend of January 21st and 22nd. Olive wood carvings have evolved as a cultural tradition over the centuries and is dedicated to supporting the Christian community in the holy land.

Open House at TCA All are invited to a special “sneak peek” school visit and tour as we begin Catholic Schools Week this year on Sunday, January 29th from Noon to 2:00 PM. School tours can be scheduled at any time by contacting Ms. Rogers, School Admissions at 586 3705, X119.

Catholic Preschool & Playdates This Catholic ministry is geared towards parents and caregivers and their young children. This ministry will hold weekly meetings on Wednesday mornings in the Church Hall from 9:00 AM to Noon with prayer, craft, snacks, and open play time with toys or games, excepting the 1st Wednesday of each month which will be a field trip with no meeting in the Church Hall.

This ministry is open to all who would want to participate: there are no dues; parents or caregivers must stay with their children; it is not a day-care, drop-off style group. Right now, there are about five moms and their children who will participate. For information, contact Michele Solomon at 731 1694.

Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes Fr. John Garret extends an invitation to join a pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes from October 7th to October 17th. For complete details join those attending the pilgrimage at the Parish of the Resurrection on January 26th at 7:00 in Delran. Contact Graycar Travel at 800 214 6723 for information and specifics.

FAILURE

The 1st Reading gives us something rare in Scripture: a dialogue between God the Father and the Messiah he sent. But if you look at the verse numbers of our 1st Reading, you will see that Verse 4 has been omitted.

The preceding Verse 3 is God’s line to the Messiah. My way of phrasing it would be, *You are my servant, and you will be a spectacular success; people will be able to see the glory of God by looking at you.* This is a powerful expression of praise and affirmation, isn’t it?

But guess how the Messiah responds to God in the omitted Verse 4? In the first of his two lines in Verse 4, the Messiah says in my way of phrasing it, *I have labored in vain. I have used all my strength, and it has all been for nothing.* This line is a powerful expression of failure, isn’t it?

You can see why someone might have thought Christ’s mission was a failure. The people passing by Christ on the cross certainly didn’t see the glory of God in him then! And by the time of his death, the work of Christ’s life had come only to this: he had a handful of disciples and a few women as hangers-on. If the goal was to bring salvation to the world, you can see that this result would look like total failure.

But here is the gist of what God says in Verses 5 and 6, in response to the Messiah’s expression of failure in Verse 4: *You are glorious, in the sight of the Lord, and God is your strength. Just saving Israel is too small a success for you; you will bring salvation to all the ends of the earth.* The first communities of Christians and all the apostles were Jewish. By now there are Christian communities in every non-Jewish part of the earth, too. And so Christ’s mission to bring salvation to the Jews and the Gentiles was a glorious success, as in the 1st Reading God predicted it would be. But all that success came only after the death of the Messiah.

Our success, like our glory, needs to be through God’s strength, in God’s sight, and in God’s time. And that is why, in the second of his two lines in the omitted Verse 4, the Messiah says, *my judgement is with the Lord, and my work is with my God.*

*Eleonore Stump
Professor of Philosophy, SLU*

Reflection

Announcements

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

When John saw Jesus coming toward him, he said: *Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.* No longer does he say: *Prepare.* That would be out of place now that at last he who was prepared for is seen, is before our very eyes. The nature of the case now calls for a different type of homily. An explanation is needed of who is present, and why he has come down to us from heaven.

So John says: *Behold the Lamb of God, of whom the prophet Isaiah told us in the words: He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and like a lamb before his shearer he opened not his mouth.* In past ages he was typified by the law of Moses, but because the law was merely a figure and a foreshadowing its salvation was only partial; its mercy did not reach out to embrace the whole world. But now the true lamb, the victim without blemish obscurely prefigured in former times, is led to the slaughter for all to banish sin from the world, to overthrow the world's destroyer, to abolish death by dying for the entire human race, and to release us from the curse: *Dust you are and to dust you shall return.* He will become the second Adam who is not of earth but of heaven, and will be for us the source of every blessing. He will deliver us from the corruptibility foreign to our nature; he will secure eternal life for us, reconcile us with God, teach us to revere God and to live upright lives, and be our way to the kingdom of heaven.

One Lamb died for all to restore the whole flock on earth to God the Father; one died for all to make all subject to God; one died for all to gain all so that all "might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them. Because our many sins had made us subject to death and corruption, the Father gave his son as our redemption, one for all, since all were in him and he was greater than all. One died for all so that all of us might live in him. Death swallowed the Lamb who was sacrificed for all, and then disgorging him disgorged all of us in him and with him; for we were all in Christ who died and rose again for us. Once sin had been destroyed how could death, which was caused by sin, fail to be wholly annihilated? With the root dead how could the branch survive? What power will death have over us now that sin has been blotted out?

And so, rejoicing in the sacrifice of the Lamb let us cry out: *O death, where is your victory? O grave, where is your sting? . . .* as the Psalmist sings.

Henceforth it will be unable to denounce sinners for their weakness, for God is the one who acquits us. *Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for our sake, so that we might escape the curse brought down on us by sin.*

Cyril of Alexandria, 444



Annibale Carracci, The Baptism of Christ, 1854.

***On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain,
He is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.***