

# Our Lady of Good Counsel

137 West Upper Ferry Road West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 22, 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 Youth Mass & Meeting  
 People of the Parish  
 Msgr. William F. Fitzgerald r/o Sr. Marian William  
**Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
*3<sup>rd</sup> 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  
 Francis Crivelli r/o Michael & Michelle Perone  
 Mary DeForte r/o Mary DeFrancesco  
**Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
 7:30 AM Angela Mignone r/o Russell & Debbie Vizzini  
**Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:30 AM Angela Mignone r/o Debbie Lopreato  
**Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:30 AM Jeremy Killian r/o Eileen & Harry Masterson  
**Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:30 AM Special Intention r/o the Gatto Family  
**Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:30 AM Fekete & Walley Families r/o Family  
 John Gusz r/o Wife & Family  
**Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:00 AM Special Intention.  
 Don Smith r/o Bill & Bernice Mason  
 John Urbano r/o Margaret Babecki  
**Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**  
*4<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup>, Home visits arranged.**  
**Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**  
 5:00 PM Fran Golinski, Elaine Palatine, & Fran Zenchak  
**Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:30 AM Joan Fallon, Claude LeGall, & Thomas Voorhees  
 10:00 AM PreferredCare Visits: Claude LeGall  
 10:30 AM Vicky Aneser, Ellen Everett, & Timothy Everett  
**Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, Reposition.**  
 Fran Golinski

## SENIORS CLUB NEWS

Twenty-two members were present at the Club's meeting on January 4<sup>th</sup>. Club dues of \$7 is now being collected. Any questions regarding dues or membership should be directed to Linda Solinski at 883 0350 or you may attend a Club meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month at 11:00 AM.

Please remember to bring a non-perishable item for the Club food pantry. Refreshments for the next Club meeting to be held on February 1<sup>st</sup> will be provided by Sandy Jones, Joan Keefe, and Terri Leiggi.

## READERS

**Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**  
 5:00 PM Theresa Gregorio  
**Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:30 AM Mary Anne LeGall  
 10:30 AM James Barker

## ALTAR SERVERS

**Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**  
 5:00 PM Marshall Barrett  
**Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:30 AM Chris Corban  
 10:30 AM Alex Medwick

## PARISH EVENTS

**January 21<sup>st</sup>:** 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 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.

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>:** *3<sup>rd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students. A Continental breakfast is served afterwards in the Church Hall.

**January 23<sup>rd</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.

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

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

**January 28<sup>th</sup>:** Morning Mass takes place at 8:00 AM. Novenas follow morning Mass.

Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM.

**January 29<sup>th</sup>:** *4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Olive wood carvings have evolved as a cultural tradition over the centuries and is dedicated to supporting the Christian community in the holy land.

**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.

**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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> to October 17<sup>th</sup>. For complete details join those attending the pilgrimage at the Parish of the Resurrection on January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in Delran. Contact Graycar Travel at 800 214 6723 for information and specifics.

**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).

## UPDATE FROM FR. MIKE

Having just returned from a vacation and after taking down the Christmas decorations this past week, I want to acknowledge what a blessed experience my first Christmas at OLGC was. I want to thank, in particular those who went above and beyond: those who helped decorate the Church, those who worked so hard on the Christmas gift outreach program, and our choir and children's choir for enhancing our celebrations.

This week upcoming is, sadly, once again the anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision. Friday January 27<sup>th</sup> is the March for Life in Washington, and there are diocesan opportunities to attend by bus: check the diocesan website [www.dioceseoftrenton.org](http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org).

Closer to home, on Monday January 23<sup>rd</sup>, there will be a Mass for Life at the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption with Bishop O'Connell at 9:30 AM followed by a rally at the NJ State House. Please join us and witness to the dignity of life.

We await next week the final decisions of the Bishop regarding the Faith in Our Future program of our Diocese. While we do not anticipate major upheavals here at OLGC, we will be asked to look at some areas of our parish life. In the weeks ahead, I will be seeking out an implementation team for the work that we will be asked to do. Please continue to pray for the Diocese, especially those parishes that will be asked to make significant structural and ministerial changes as they look to their futures.



*The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom should I fear?  
The LORD is my life's refuge;  
of whom should I be afraid?  
I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD  
in the land of the living.  
Wait for the LORD with courage;  
be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.*

# *Reflection*

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## THE DAY OF MIDIAN



Ottavio Vannini, *St. John Showing Christ to St. Andrew*.

***He said to them: Come after me,  
and I will make you fishers of men.  
At once they left their and followed him.***

*Anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness:  
for there is no gloom where but now there was distress.*

*The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom  
a light has shone.*

*You have brought them abundant joy  
and great rejoicing,  
as they rejoice before you as at the harvest,  
as people make merry when dividing spoils.*

*For the yoke that burdened them,  
the pole on their shoulder,  
and the rod of their taskmaster  
you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.*

The 1<sup>st</sup> Reading says that when the light shines in the darkness, it will be as in the day of Midian. But what is the day of Midian? Who are the Midianites?

Well, their progenitor, Midian, was an outcast. After Abraham's his wife Sarah died, he took a concubine, Keturah, and had six sons with her. Midian was one of them. But God's chosen people were meant to descend from Abraham through Sarah's son Isaac. For Abraham, then, Midian and the other sons of the concubine didn't matter. So Abraham cast out Midian and his five brothers when they were grown.

By the time the Israelites, the descendants of Isaac, came out of Egypt in the Exodus, the Midianites were an idolatrous tribe, powerful enough to make real trouble for the Israelites. God told the Israelites to go to war with them.

But by the time of the Judges, years later, the Midianites were again strong enough to oppress the Israelites. When the Israelite champion Gideon finally defeated them, the victorious Israelites rejoiced. It could be that this victory over the tribe of Midian is what the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading means by "the day of Midian."

But there is another side to the story of the descendants of Abraham's son Midian. In Exodus, the leader of the Israelites, Moses, was married to a woman who actually was one of the Midianites. All the children of Moses were therefore half-Midianite. And so, in the children of Moses, the descendants of the concubine's son Midian whom Abraham had cast out, were woven back into the chosen people who were descended from Abraham's son Isaac.

And when the Canaanite army, led by its great general Sisera, came to attack the Israelites, in the time of the Judges, Sisera was defeated, and the power of the Canaanite military was broken for a time, by a courageous and great-hearted Kenite woman Jael. Sisera thought she was just an outcast Midianite. But she killed that wicked man, for love of God and God's people, while he was sleeping in her tent.

This victory, when those that were cast out become joyful, victorious, chosen people of God, is part of the story of the day of Midian too. When the light shines in our darkness, it will be for us as in the day of Midian.

*Eleanore Stump  
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