

# Our Lady of Good Counsel

137 West Upper Ferry Road West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 29, 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

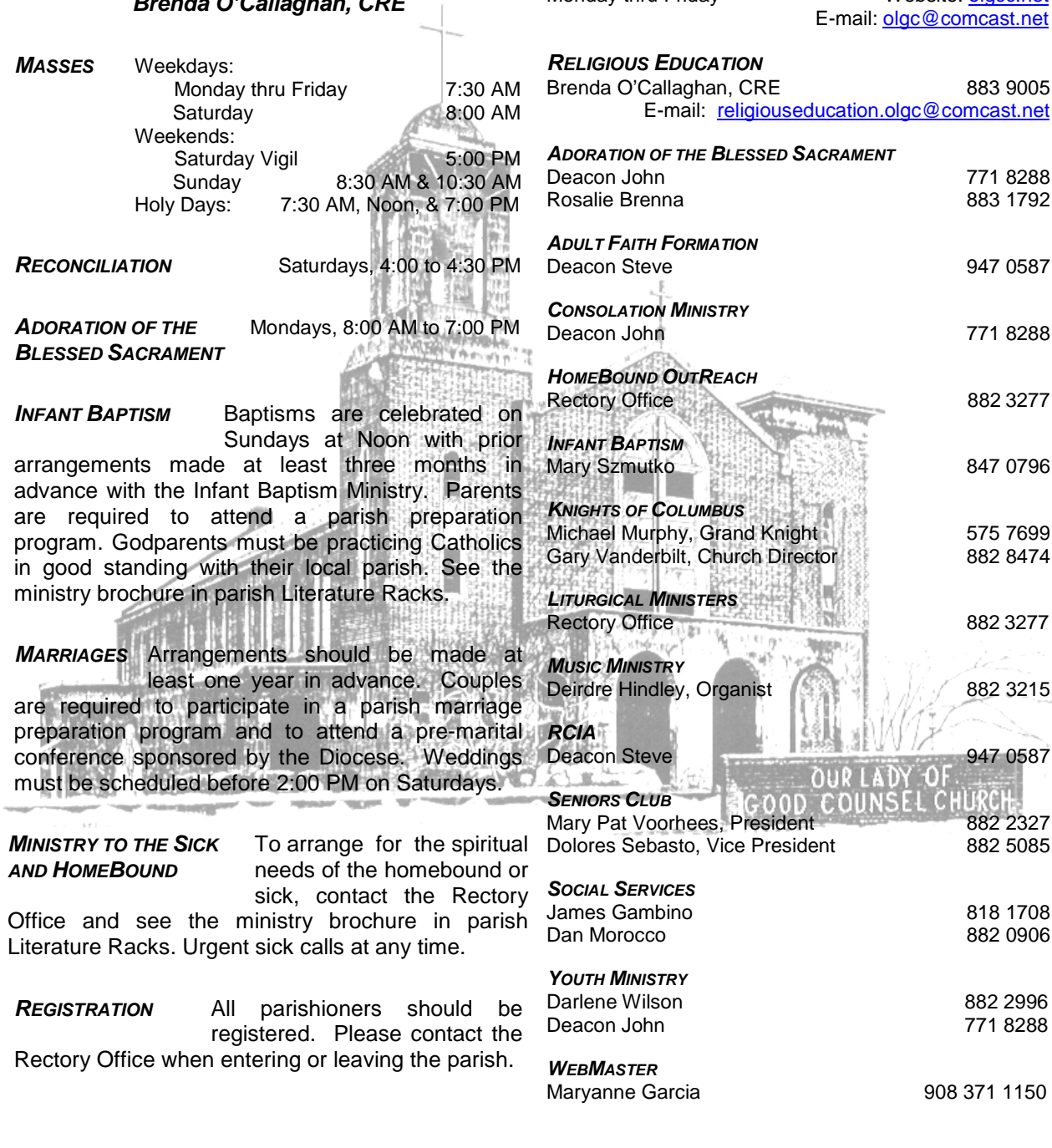
**RCIA**  
Deacon Steve 947 0587

**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



# Schedule for the Week

## MASSES & SERVICES

8:00 AM Special Intention.  
5:00 PM 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  
**Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**  
7:30 AM Special Intention r/o the Gatto Family  
**Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**  
7:30 AM Special Intention r/o the Gatto Family  
Mary Elizabeth Claffey r/o Jean O'Donnell  
**Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**  
7:30 AM Jeffrey Fresco r/o Eileen & Harry Masterson  
**Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
7:30 AM Ida Pirolli r/o Joe Downey  
**Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
7:30 AM Ida Pirolli r/o the Downey Family  
Joan Ungrady r/o Tom Ungrady  
**Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**  
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

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

**Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Home visits arranged.**  
**Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**  
5:00 PM Ginny Evans, Elaine Palatine, & Mary Szmuto  
**Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30 AM Vickey Aneser, Carol Lake, & Michael Lake  
10:00 AM *PreferredCare Visits:* Anna Adomaitis  
10:30 AM Ellen Everett, Timothy Everett, & Tony Jones  
**Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, Reposition.**  
Nancy Mahony

## 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, February 4<sup>th</sup>**  
5:00 PM Mary Lou Delahanty  
**Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30 AM James King  
10:30 AM Laura Shea

## ALTAR SERVERS

**Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**  
5:00 PM Michael Montagna  
**Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30 AM Alex Medwick  
10:30 AM Nora Shea

## PARISH EVENTS

**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 Opendaker Room from 9:15 to 10:45 AM for Grade 8 Students.

**January 30<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.

**February 1<sup>st</sup>:** The Seniors Club will meet in the Church Hall at 11:00 AM.

**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.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Registered Parishioners	771 families
Parishioners using envelopes	229
Envelope Contributions	\$4,295.00
Average Contribution	\$18.76
Loose Cash	\$658.00
Contributions for January 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2017	\$4,953.00

*The LORD keeps faith forever,  
secures justice for the oppressed,  
gives food to the hungry.  
The LORD sets captives free.  
The LORD gives sight to the blind;  
the LORD raises up those who were bowed down.  
The LORD loves the just;  
the LORD protects strangers.*

# 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.

**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.

**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).

When Jesus saw the crowds,  
he went up the mountain,  
and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.

He began to teach them, saying:

*Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are they who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.*

*Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the land.*

*Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for  
righteousness, for they will be satisfied.*

*Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.*

*Blessed are the clean of heart,  
for they will see God.*

*Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.*

*Blessed are they who are persecuted  
for the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are you when they insult you  
and persecute you and utter every kind of evil  
against you falsely because of me.*

*Rejoice and be glad,  
for your reward will be great in heaven.*

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Educate your child's mind, heart and soul at a faith-based private school.

## ***Saint Ann School***

### **OPEN HOUSE**

**Wednesday, February 1, 2017**

2 Sessions:

**9:00 AM**

**7:00 PM**

Presentation at the Faith Development Center  
Tours to follow  
Accepting enrollment for grades PreK-8<sup>th</sup>  
After school care available

Call 882 8077 for more information  
or visit [St-Ann-School.org](http://St-Ann-School.org)

*Consider your own calling, brothers and sisters.  
Not many of you are wise by human standards,  
not many are powerful,  
not many are of noble birth.  
Rather, God chose the foolish of the world  
to shame the wise,  
and God chose the weak of the world  
to shame the strong,  
and God chose the lowly and despised of the world,  
those who count for nothing,  
to reduce to nothing those who are something,  
so that no human being might boast before God.  
It is due to him, our Lord Jesus,  
who is the Wisdom of God,  
who is righteousness, sanctification,  
and redemption . . . our salvation.*



# Reflection

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



*Fra Angelico, The Sermon on the Mount, 1445.*

***When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them.***

### **WORDS TO THE WISE**

Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool; so, I gave him a glass of water.

I'm great at multitasking . . . I can waste time, be unproductive, and procrastinate all at once.

If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.

Hospitality is the art of making guests feel like they're at home when you wish they were.

If tomatoes are technically a fruit, is ketchup a smoothie?

Behind every great man is a woman rolling her eyes.

Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.

In this week's Gospel Jesus tells the Beatitudes to us. We admire especially the blessings for those who are helpers of others: peacemakers, mercy givers, seekers of fairness. We recall, for instance, Mother Teresa.

But then we notice the poor, and it is hard to see why they rate so highly. Do you know? And those who grieve? How about the ones that people insult and persecute and accuse falsely? Should these folks count themselves happy and blest? It can seem that Jesus' heart is reserved especially for those who are troubled. Those who grieve, who are meek, who are hungry and thirsty for righteousness, who are insulted, persecuted and accused, and, again, those who are poor.

The world and its leaders might have compiled a different list. Blest are you if you are rich. If you have never been forced to grieve for loved ones. Blest are you if you are adequate and free of enemies and well-spoken of at all times. *The good life* is what everybody wants for themselves and their friends, isn't it? But then why did our savior, go in the opposite direction? All the way to the cross. Could it be because riches and honor can be lures that lead us far from God and Jesus — and from our real selves? Try this: *Riches* tempt us to let our possessions substitute for who we really are. *Honor* tempts us to take things easy. To bask in human respect, to never ask who God created when he made the person I am, out of nothing. To put it simply, reputation and possessions can become a false identity. They are *out there* instead of *in here*. Within each of us, *in here*, is the gift of the unique, irreplaceable person that we are. Sometimes a quiet voice from within gasps out the words, *I am your real self but you have covered me over with tributes and belongings and popularity and success. You are smothering me. Help!*

So do we continue acquiring? Soon we may be told to let go of our first-world achievements, as Jesus was. I love the ancient story about the wise man who was ejected from a dinner party because he was dressed in rags and tatters. He left, and returned in sumptuous, silken garments, borrowed but just right for the gathering. Of course he was well received. Then after a while someone noticed him sitting on the floor behind a potted tree, spooning food down the sleeve of his garment. The host came over, furious. *What in the world are you doing? Well,* said the wise man, *obviously it is not me who was invited to the party but my clothes. I am letting them enjoy the dinner.*

God loves the *real self* within each of us instead of the clothes we wear or the esteem we achieve. God calls us to be persons who are loved and who love in return. The erratic things — what we own, what honors we receive, how filled with pride we are — these just get in the way. Sometimes tragically. So, maybe every one of the beatitudes makes deep sense. Go where God's love is quietly present. Become a home for the people of this earth, helping them receive their blessing. And receiving our own as well. Be disadvantaged and the count your blessings.

*John Foley, SJ*