

Our Lady of Good Counsel

137 West Upper Ferry Road West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

THE EPIPHANY JANUARY 7, 2018

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Deacon John Bonner
Deacon Steven Szmuto
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Parish Ministries & Services

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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 637 0779

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 637 0779

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Mike Narcowich, Grand Knight 558 2450
George Steward, Acting Church Director 883 9173

LITURGICAL MINISTERS
Rectory Office 882 3277

MUSIC MINISTRY
Deirdre Hindley, Organist 882 3215

RCIA
Deacon Steve 637 0779

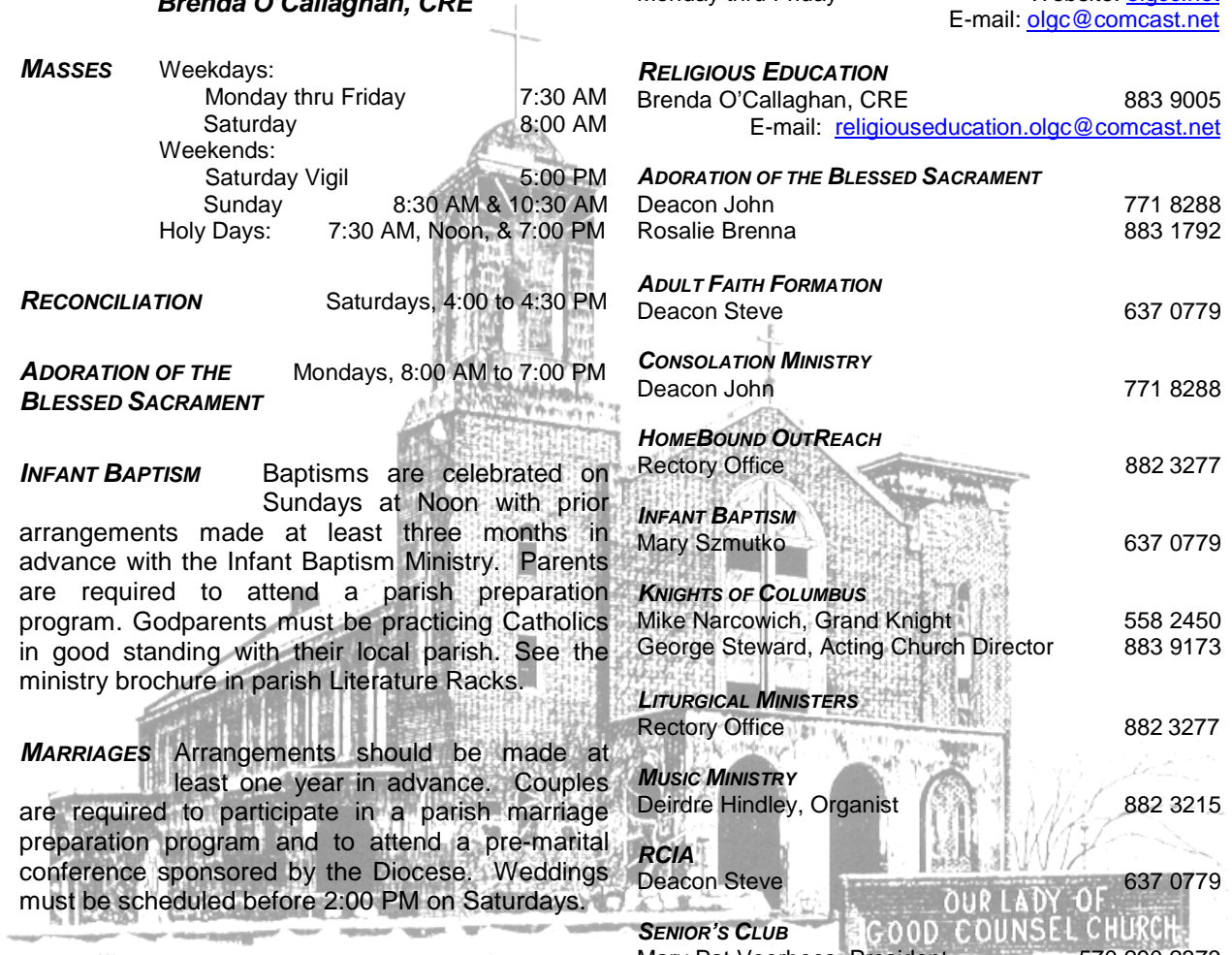
SENIOR'S CLUB
Mary Pat Voorhees, President 570 290 2373
Dolores Sebasto, Vice President 882 5085

SOCIAL SERVICES
James Gambino 818 1708
Dan Morocco 882 0906

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

YOUTH MINISTRY
Darlene Wilson 882 2996
Deacon John 771 8288

WEBMASTER
Maryanne Garcia 908 371 1150



Schedule for the Week

Announcements

MASSES & SERVICES

- 8:00 AM Special Intention
5:00 PM Godfrey Schroth r/o Elaine Palatine
Don Smith r/o Ann Smith & Family
Sunday, January 7th
The Epiphany of the Lord
- 8:30 AM People of the Parish
Dorothy Mikolai r/o Mike & Carol Lake
Nicholas Pratico r/o Lynn Lally
10:30 AM Jacqueline Cavallo r/o Judith Fielding
Michael Daderko r/o the Masterson Family
Monday, January 8th
The Baptism of the Lord
- 9:00 AM Irvin & Hazel Brown r/o Grandson & Wife
Jessica & Mary Masterson r/o Harry & Eileen Masterson
Tuesday, January 9th
- 7:30 AM Dorothy Mikolai r/o Claude & Mary Anne LeGall
Wednesday, January 10th
- 7:30 AM Mary Scarano r/o Helen Marie Dolton
Thursday, January 11th
- 7:30 AM Sharon Cameron r/o Ed & Cindy Masterson
Friday, January 12th
- 7:30 AM Special Intention
Saturday January 13th
- 8:00 AM Special Intention
5:00 PM Mary Elizabeth Claffey r/o the Claffey Family
Hugh Fallon r/o Elaine Palatine
Ed Megyesy r/o Dolores Brienza
Sunday, January 14th
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 8:30 AM James Aversano r/o Harry & Eileen Masterson
10:30 AM Fielding & Janusz Families r/o Judith Fielding
Charles Lawrence r/o the Masterson Family

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

- 5:00 PM **Saturday, January 13th**
Vickey Aneser, Joyce Christensen, & Joan Fallon
Sunday, January 14th
- 8:30 AM Michael Lake & Fran Golinski
10:00 AM *Preferred Care Visits:* Fran Golinski
10:30 AM Brenda O'Callaghan, Linda Reasoner, & Darlene Wilson
Monday, January 15th. Adoration is cancelled.

*As we enter this new year, may our resolution be
to thank God always for our blessings,
to face the challenges of life
with courage and confidence,
to spread love and affection to all,
to lead a life that's free of being judgmental,
and most of all, to never forget that God loves you
as if you were the only person he ever created.*

READERS

- 5:00 PM **Saturday, January 13th**
Jacqueline Crane
Sunday, January 14th
- 8:30 AM Carol Lake
10:30 AM Michael Delehanty

ALTAR SERVERS

- 5:00 PM **Saturday, January 13th**
Marcus Christensen
Sunday, January 14th
- 8:30 AM Alex Medwick
10:30 AM Chris Corban

PARISH EVENTS

- January 6th:** Morning Mass takes place at 8:00 AM. Novenas follow morning Mass. Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM.
- January 7th:** *The Epiphany of the Lord*
Sunday Confirmation Classes will take place in the Church Hall from 9:15 to 10:25 AM.
Fall Adult Faith Formation sessions will take place in the Church Hall at 6:00 PM.
- January 8th:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows morning Mass in the Church until 7:00PM. Religious ED classes will take place at Villa Victoria Academy from 4:30 to 6:00 PM.
- January 10th:** The Delaware Valley Radio Association will meet at 8:00 PM in the Church Hall.
- January 13th:** Morning Mass takes place at 8:00 AM. Novenas follow morning Mass. Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM.
- January 14th:** *2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
There are no Sunday Confirmation Classes.
Fall Adult Faith Formation sessions will take place in the Church Hall at 6:00 PM.

MASS & RALLY FOR LIFE

On Monday, January 22nd, the anniversary of Roe v Wade, join hundreds of people from all over New Jersey who oppose the killing of the innocent unborn through abortion as we *PRAY & RALLY* for *LIFE!* This day will be Pro-Life, Pro-Woman, and Pro-Family!

Join Bishop O'Connell for a Mass for Life at 9:30 AM at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in Trenton. After Mass, we will process to the Statehouse Annex, 131 W. State St. (next to the State House) for the Rally for Life which will begin at 11:00 AM and end at about 1:00 PM. Signs will be provided by NJ Right to Life.

Come to hear Pro-Life Leaders, elected officials, and clergy address the current abortion related issues. Be a Voice for the Voiceless and join us in Trenton!

Reflection

PARISH NEWS

March for Life Join fellow parishioners as well as 100,000 others from all over the U.S. for the 2018 March for Life in Washington, D.C.

Why? . . . it's a great way to stand up for life with an up-beat crowd of people of all ages. When? . . . January 19th. How? . . . Sign-up for a seat on a bus leaving OLGCC.

The bus will leave the OLGCC parking lot at 8:15 AM: pack a lunch for the bus: departure from D.C. at 4:00 PM; dinner break at the Whitemarsh Mall Food Court; the cost is \$25 per seat. For more details and ticket purchases, call Deacon Golazeski at 538 8727.

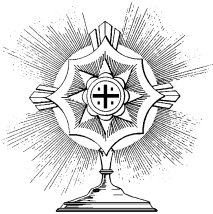
Meals-on-Wheels Volunteers Needed Are you looking for an opportunity where just your smile or a kind word will ease the daily isolation of a homebound person? Then come join as a volunteer with Mercer County Meals-on-Wheels and see for yourself how nourishment is not just about food but also about the soul!

Meals on Wheels delivers meals Monday thru Friday to homebound residents and is in need of both regular (weekly) volunteers and substitutes. Please call 695 3483 for more information or send an e-mail to volunteerservices@mealsonwheels-mercer.org.

Cathedral High School Reunion St. Mary's Cathedral High School Class of 1968 will be celebrating its 50th reunion on June 2nd, 2018 at the Hilton Garden Inn on Route 130. For information, call 902 3133.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Blessed Pope John Paul II once said: *The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic Adoration. Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of love. May our adoration never cease.*



The greatest thing in the world that you can do is encourage others and yourself to participate in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: **IT IS THE REAL PRESENCE OF JESUS ON EARTH.** The Blessed Sacrament is exposed every Monday following the 7:30 AM Mass until close at 7:00 PM. Come and rest in the Lord. He is waiting to see you.

For he shall rescue the poor when they cry out, and the afflicted when they have no one to help them.

THEY HEARD THE ANGELS SING

Who knew the Messiah was born as the baby Jesus in Bethlehem in that wintertime? In this Gospel Reading, a lot of people came to figure it out.

The chief priests and scribes knew where the Messiah would be born because they could interpret the parts in the Old Testament that predicted the Messiah's birth. The Magi from the East knew that the Messiah had been born because they could interpret the presence of the star in the sky. When the Magi followed the star to Bethlehem to see for themselves, Herod the King ordered them to come back and tell him too.

For all these people, there was a way to know the birth of the Messiah. The priests could interpret Scripture and the Magi could read the stars. King Herod had the political power to command their knowledge and wisdom for his own purposes. But

what about people who lack the advantages of the priests and Magi and who have no power to command others? How are they to know? Does God make provision only for the fortunate?

Consider the shepherds. They lacked the money needed for education, and so they lacked the ability to use Scripture or stars to know the birth of the Messiah. They had no power to command others to share the fruits of their education with them either.

But it isn't powerlessness or poverty that keeps a person from knowing the birth of the Messiah. In the end, it was not the shepherds but the powerful and wealthy King Herod, with his evil-hearted intentions, who did not know the baby Jesus was the Messiah. The Magi didn't tell him, because God warned them in a dream not to. And so Herod the King didn't know.

In spite of their lack of all worldly advantages, the shepherds in fact outranked the king and all the others. They were by the side of the Messiah first, and they didn't have to figure out for themselves where his birth place was either. The shepherds may have been poor and simple, but they were trusting and open-hearted. And so they knew Christ Jesus was born in a manger in Bethlehem that cold winter night because they heard the angels sing.

Eleonore Stump, SLU

Announcements

THE EPIPHANY

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

One of the hallmarks of Catholicism is the magnificence and beauty of its rituals, especially during the Christmas Season. Those who participated in the Mass at Midnight at our parish on Christmas Eve will attest to the engagement of all the senses — the smells and bells — inherent in the Solemn Liturgy recalling the Birth of Our Lord. This year in particular, the mass included copious amounts of incense, the ringing of the bells, and the magnificence of solemn and festive hymns as the coming of the Savior was recalled with festive jubilation.

Some may ask, “Why all the fuss,” especially as the Lord himself was born on that night long ago in the humble silence of a stable and laid in a manger? Is all this necessary? Yet, consider how we welcome loved ones into our own lives. When a child is born, there is celebration and delight. When distant relatives or friends arrive for a long anticipated visit they are not met with indifference; rather, there are shouts of joy and welcome as we gather around those for whom we have long awaited, and in return, are eagerly embraced by visitors from afar. Exuberant celebration is the order of the day: the Gospel reading says . . . *Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.*

The wise men were not members of the chosen people; in fact, we do not know the specifics of their beliefs other than that they came from a distant country. Yet, although they were, by our standards, pagans, they were not godless. They sought the truth and came in search of the truth, having discerned the signs in nature, to do homage to the newborn king. Although their news was met with consternation by Herod and his ilk, who feared any threat to their own power or privilege, the magi followed the star until at last it stopped over the place where the child and Mary was. *Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.* All in all, quite a fuss!

The Epiphany (which means appearance or revelation) is a call to universal celebration, for the Messiah came to save all men and women. Saint Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, reminds us that: *The Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.* As we reflect upon this joyful promise, let us continue to celebrate, the Sacred Liturgy in its entire splendor. Whether at an all-stops-out solemn liturgy, or in the simple celebration of morning Mass, we should always offer our praise and adoration to God in great beauty and simple humility. Our faith is one of great joy, goodness, truth and beauty. As we heard in the Responsorial Psalm: *Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.*



Andrea Mantegna, Adoration of the Magi, 1495.

*They prostrated themselves and did him homage.
Then they opened their treasures
and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*



WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Bob Arcaidipane, Mason Brown, Rosemarie Buker, Mary DeFrancesco, Raymond Dietrich, Nick Gre-gorio, Joe Maloney, Dolores Megyesy, Marie Muscente, Angelika Niranjan, Stephen Thoma, Roy Toler, Gary Vanderbilt, Laura Varone, & Marion Vogler; and, all parishioners who are either sick or homebound.

To pray for a family member or friend,
just contact the Rectory Office.

Reflection