

Our Lady of Good Counsel

137 West Upper Ferry Road West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 12TH, 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
During Lent on Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:00 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

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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 Dr. Rubert Reyes r/o Fr. Michael Hall
 5:00 PM Margaret Rockey r/o Marion Vogler
 Renee Lamarre Summers r/o Mary Lou Delahanty
Sunday, March 12th
2nd Sunday of Lent
 8:30 AM People of the Parish
 Tricia Elizabeth Cook Parziale r/o Brothers & Wives
 10:30 AM Joseph Gambino, Sr. r/o Carl & Stacy Nami
 Deceased Members of the Alakija, Anjorin, & Fasusi Families r/o Josephine Fasusi
Monday, March 13th
 7:30 AM Fekete & Walley Families r/o Family
 Msgr. William F. Fitzgerald r/o Sr. Marian William
 7:00 PM *Benediction and Stational Mass*
Tuesday, March 14th
 7:30 AM For the Intentions of Margo Giordano r/o Harry & Sherry Masterson
 Angela Mignone r/o Angela & Kees Geurds
Wednesday, March 15th
 7:30 AM Fasusi Family r/o Josephine Fasusi
 John Lally r/o Peggy McDermott
 6:30 PM *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
Thursday, March 16th
 7:30 AM Special Intention
 James Gambino, Sr. r/o Dolores Breinza
Friday, March 17th
 7:30 AM Jeffrey Magoen r/o Margaret & John Rego
 7:00 PM *Stations of the Cross*
Saturday, March 18th
 8:00 AM Special Intention
 5:00 PM Daniel DeFrancesco r/o Mary DeFrancesco
 Joseph Gambino, Sr. r/o Ron & Marry Ann Cefalone
Sunday, March 19th
3rd Sunday of Lent
 8:30 AM Joseph Gambino, Sr. r/o Jean O'Donnell
 John Lally r/o Baughman Family
 10:30 AM *Parish Family Sunday*
 People of the Parish
 Angela Jaremback Mignone r/o John & JoAnn Jaremback

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Friday, March 17th, Home visits arranged.
Saturday, March 18th
 5:00 PM Fran Golinski, Michael Manion, & Elaine Palatine
Sunday, March 19th
 8:30 AM Carol Lake, Michael Lake, & Thomas Voorhees
 10:00 AM *PreferredCare Visits: Mary Anne LeGall*
 10:30 AM Brenda O'Callaghan, Linda Reasoner, & Laura Shea
Monday, March 20th, Reposition.
 Nancy Mahony

READERS

Saturday, March 18th
 5:00 PM Jacqueline Crane
Sunday, March 19th
 8:30 AM James King
 10:30 AM Religious ED Students, Grade 3

ALTAR SERVERS

Friday, March 17th, Stations of the Cross
 7:00 PM Marshall Barrett, Michael Montagna, & James Gummel
Saturday, March 18th
 5:00 PM Alex Medwick & Connor Greig
Sunday, March 19th
 8:30 AM Chris Corban & Ken Foreman
 10:30 AM Nora Shea & James Gummel

PARISH EVENTS

March 11th: Morning Mass takes place at 8:00 AM. Novenas follow morning Mass.
Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM.
March 12th: *2nd Sunday of Lent*
 Sunday Religious ED Classes will take place in the Church Hall from 9:15 to 10:45 AM for Grade 8 Students.
March 13th: *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.
Stational Mass In unison and cooperation with the parishes in our Diocese and after a *Benediction*, a *Stational Mass* will be celebrated at 7:30 PM.
March 15th: *Catholic Preschool* will meet in the Church Hall from 9:00 AM to Noon.
 During Lent, *Reconciliation* will be take place at 6:30 PM.
 The *Holy Name Society of Mercer County* will celebrate Mass at 7:00 PM with a meeting to follow.
March 17th: *Stations of the Cross* will be prayed at 7:00 PM.
March 18th: Morning Mass takes place at 8:00 AM. Novenas follow morning Mass.
Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM.
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 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	771 families
Parishioners using envelopes	227
Envelope Contributions	\$5,558.00
Average Contribution	\$24.48
Loose Cash	\$698.00
Contributions for March 5 th	\$6,256.00

Announcements

PARISH NEWS

Easter Egg Hunt Our annual Parish Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 8th at 10:00 AM on the Rectory grounds. All children ages 5th grade and under are invited to attend.

Help is needed to make the hunt a success. Confirmation students in need of service hours are encouraged to help. Please contact Joyce Christensen at 637 0572 if you have any questions or if you can donate your time. In the event of inclement weather, the hunt will take place in the Church Hall.

Cinderella Villa Victoria will present *Cinderella*, a Rogers and Hammerstein classic, on Friday and Saturday, March 24th and 25th at 7:00 PM and on Sunday, March 26th at 3:00 PM. Tickets at the door are \$16.

Iron Mikes Gala The Trenton Catholic Academy School community invites everyone to attend the *Iron Mikes Gala* on April 22nd at 6:00 PM at Cedar Gardens in Hamilton. Here we will honor Most Reverend Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., Judith Persichilli, alumni Marty Flynn, Rick Dell, and former teacher Mr. Jack Lally who will be honored posthumously. Ticket and sponsorship details at <https://trentoncatholic.org> is available or by contacting Tracey Destribats at 586 3705, X 135.

Knights Membership On the weekend of March 25th and 26th, the Ewing Council of the Knights of Columbus will have members at the doors of the Church to give information and answer questions about membership in their fraternal organization. Please stop by on your way out of Mass.

Purse Bingo Incarnation / St. James will hold a *Purse Bingo* on March 18th beginning at 6:30 PM in the Auditorium . . . famous handbags of Michael Kors, Dooney & Bourke, Coach, and Vera Bradley. Tickets are \$30: snacks and beverages are included, for details call 882 2860.

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, March 23rd at 9:00 AM. For information, contact Michele Cano, Director of Admissions at 921 7587, X 149.

*This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.*

PARISH NEWS

Social Services News Our Parish Social Services Committee is involved in several aspects of parish life. During this Lenten season, the Committee is planning a number of outreach programs for the poor and needy in cooperation with local charities. Two of these initiatives are described below and how parishioners may participate.

40 Cans for Lent The Social Services Committee and Ewing Knights of Columbus invite everyone to participate in this program throughout the Lenten season. Instead of giving up something for Lent, consider giving out something. The idea is to donate one canned food item for each day of Lent, or 40 cans. As Jesus fasted for 40 days and nights, we will be collecting and delivering canned goods to our local charities to help with the nutritional needs of poor families in the Trenton area.

Please leave your donated cans of fruit, soup, or vegetables in the designated area in our Church Hall, which we will deliver each week to Mount Carmel Guild and Catholic Charities. You don't have to wait until the end of Lent to bring your donation to the church. You may donate as often as you'd like; one-can-per-day, once a week, or whenever you visit the Church.

Frozen Food Donations We would like to thank all parishioners who donate frozen food items for our local charities, especially those who share their food by using our food trays. Food trays and instructions are available in all Church vestibules.

Please note however, it is very important that all donated food be labeled so the charities know what food they are distributing. Most of our donations are labeled, but each week there are a few unmarked items reported by our delivery volunteers. So please do your part, by making sure to list the contents on all food containers you leave in our freezer so that your food, caring, and effort can best be put-to-work.

Also, if your food tray does not properly snap closed when filled, the food will fall out during handling. If necessary, please secure the tray using a rubber band to insure the tray will stay closed and the food will not fall out.

*See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,
upon those who hope for his kindness,
to deliver them from death
and preserve them in spite of famine.*

*Our soul waits for the LORD,
who is our help and our shield.
May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us
who have put our hope in you.*

Reflection

Announcements

FROM FR. MIKE



Raphael, *the Transfiguration*, 1520

***And he was transfigured before them;
his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.***

When God told Abraham to leave home, God was asking a lot of him. The world was not a global village then. Travel wasn't easy; there were no planes, taxis or hotels. Furthermore, leaving home was a decisive break with all the good of home, because going back for a visit was difficult or just out of the question entirely. So leaving home then was a loss that we can't imagine well anymore in our era of video calls and texting.

Still, when God told Abraham to leave, Abraham went. Why did he go? Presumably because he wanted what God offered him. If Abraham left, God told him, then Abraham would become a great nation, and all the communities of the earth would find blessing in him. That is a fairly stunning reward. So Abraham, who had a great desire for that reward, obeyed God, left what was familiar and beloved to him, and wandered off as a stranger in a strange land.

Of course, as we now see it, all Jews, Christians and Muslims are the Abrahamic peoples. Many great nations are included among the Abrahamic peoples. All of them know Abraham and think that they find blessing in him. And so God's stunning promise to Abraham has been completely fulfilled.

As Bishop O'Connell noted in an e-mail to priests this week, he wishes that people would be as engaged in other aspects of Church practice as they are in getting a dispensation from abstinence from meat on St. Patrick's Day.

If you are part of a group having an event that requires dispensation from abstinence, that authority resides only with the Bishop. As the parish Pastor, I do have the ability to dispense individuals from their Lenten observance; but, that dispensation must be requested and it should not be given in a blanket manner.

The response that I will give to those who request such dispensation echoes that of the Bishop: *There are very few days of Penitence that are required during the Church year.* For that reason, while I will grant the dispensation for St. Patrick's Day on Friday March 17th to individuals who request it, when it is given I would strongly encourage you to transfer the Lenten observance to another day, preferably the preceding day Thursday, March 16th.

Fr. Michael Hall

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, *Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.* While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, *This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.*

When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, *Rise, and do not be afraid.* And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, *Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.*

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