

Our Lady of Good Counsel

137 West Upper Ferry Road West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD MARCH 25, 2018

Rev. Michael Hall, Pastor
Rev. Jason Parzynski, 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
During Lent on Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:15 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
Mike Narcowich, Grand Knight 558 2450
George Steward, Church Director 883 9173

LITURGICAL MINISTERS
Rectory Office 882 3277

MUSIC MINISTRY
Deirdre Hindley, Organist 882 3215

RCIA
Deacon Steve 947 0587

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

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 Phyllis Falzini-Conturso r/o Philomena Muscente
 Marie & William Dolton r/o Helen Marie Dolton
Sunday, March 25th
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 8:30 AM Renate Torlay r/o Fr. Michael Hall
 10:30 AM Lorraine Schofield r/o Judy & John Bonner
Monday, March 26th
 7:30 AM Karen Bernstein r/o Eileen & Harry Masterson
Tuesday, March 27th
 7:30 AM Jay Destribats r/o Elaine Palatine
 Stanley Golazeski r/o Frank & Kathleen Golazeski
Wednesday, March 28th
 7:30 AM Helen DiMaggio r/o Dolores DeBlasio
Thursday, March 29th
Holy Thursday
 7:30 AM No Morning Mass
 7:00 PM *The Mass of the Lord's Supper*
 People of the Parish
Friday, March 30th
Good Friday
 7:30 AM No Morning Mass
 3:00 PM *The Passion of the Lord*
 7:00 PM *Solemn Stations of the Cross*
Saturday March 31st
Holy Saturday
 8:00 AM No Morning Mass
 7:30 PM *Easter Vigil Mass*
 People of the Parish
Sunday, April 1st
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
 8:30 AM Antonio & Laura DeLillis r/o Children
 10:30 AM John Canulli r/o Edith Guadagno
 Lorraine Schofield r/o Patricia Stahl

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

7:00 PM **Thursday, March 29th**
 Anna Adomaitis
Saturday, March 31st
 7:30 PM Fran Golinski
Sunday, April 1st
 8:30 AM Michael Lake
 10:00 AM *Preferred Care Visits:* Anna Adomaitis
 10:30 AM Brenda O'Callaghan & Linda Reasoner
Monday, April 2nd. Adoration is cancelled.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Registered Parishioners	794 families
Parishioners using envelopes	209
Envelope Contributions	\$4,090.00
Average Contribution	\$19.57
Loose Cash	\$725.00
Contributions for March 18 th	\$4,815.00

READERS

Thursday, March 29th
 Jacqueline Crane
Friday, March 30th
 3:00 PM Patricia Williams
 7:00 PM Laura Shea
Saturday, March 31st
 7:30 PM Theresa Gregorio
Sunday, April 1st
 8:30 AM Laura Shea
 10:30 AM Linda Schmierer

ALTAR SERVERS

Thursday, March 29th
 7:00 PM Marshall Barrett, Chris Corban, Ken Foreman, & Alex Medwick
Friday, March 30th
 3:00 PM Chris Corban & James Gummel
 7:00 PM Alex Medwick & Mary Catherine & Nora Shea
Saturday, March 31st
 7:30 PM Marshall Barrett, Chris Corban, Alex Medwick, & Michael Montagna
Sunday, March 25th
 8:30 AM Mary Catherine Shea
 10:30 AM Chris Corban

PARISH EVENTS

March 24th: Morning Mass takes place at 8:00 AM. Novenas follow morning Mass.

Our parish will hold its annual *Easter Egg Hunt* on the Rectory grounds at 10:00 AM.

Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM.

March 25th: *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

There are no Sunday Confirmation Classes or Adult Faith Formation sessions.

March 26th: *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* and Religious ED classes are cancelled.

March 27th: The Auxiliary Board of the Children's Home Society of NJ will meet in the Church Hall at 7:15 PM.

March 29th, 30th, & 31st: During Holy Week, there are no morning Masses.

- On Holy Thursday, the *Mass of the Lord's Supper* will be celebrated at 7:00 PM. *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* will take place until 11:00 PM.

- On Good Friday, the *Passion of the Lord* will be prayed at 3:00 PM. *Solemn Stations of the Cross* will be prayed at 7:00 PM.

- On Holy Saturday, the *Easter Vigil Mass* will be celebrated at 7:30 PM.

April 1st: *Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*

The regularly scheduled morning Sunday Masses will be celebrated at 8:30 and 10:30 AM.

April 2nd: *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* and Religious ED classes are cancelled.

Announcements

PARISH NEWS

Beauty and the Beast Villa Victoria Academy proudly presents a family-friendly show and musical, *Beauty and the Beast*, on the following dates: Friday, March 23rd at 7 PM, Saturday, March 24th at 7 PM, and Sunday, March 25th at 3 PM. Tickets are on sale now for \$16 each online at www.villavictoria.org or by calling 882 1700, X 401. Seating is assigned on a first come, first served basis.

Villa Victoria Academy is located at 376 West Upper Ferry Road in Ewing, New Jersey.

40 Cans for Lent Our Social Services Committee invites everyone to participate in this year's outreach 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 needy 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 of Trenton.

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 would like: one-can-per-day, once a week, or when-ever you visit the Church. Whatever you can give will be greatly appreciated.

Deepen Understanding of Holy Week On Sunday evening, March 25th at 6:00 PM, Msgr. Vince Gartland will lead an hour long program at *St. George Church in Titusville* to help the faithful gain a deeper understanding of the scriptural and liturgical events of Holy Week. Participants will be led through a scriptural timeline of Holy Week beginning with the triumphal entry of Jesus on Palm Sunday to the Resurrection on Easter. This scriptural overview will be followed by an outline the liturgy of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. An opportunity for questions and comments will follow.

Enter Holy Week with a deeper understanding and greater appreciation for our high holy days and the liturgical rites that accompany them.

Trenton Academy Open House Trenton Catholic Academy is hosting an Open House for prospective families on Wednesday, April 11th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Students will have the opportunity to tour our facilities, meet the teachers, and ask questions about our academic programs, curriculum, and extracurricular activities. All interested families are invited to attend. If you are unable to attend you may schedule a tour or visit at any time by contacting Ms. Rogers, Admissions at 586 3705, X 119. Come see why, *It's a Great Day to be an Iron Mike!*

The Trenton Catholic Academy School community also invites you to our *Celebrate Iron Mikes Gala* on April 21st at 6:00 PM at Nottingham Ballroom, Hamilton. Here we will honor Sr. Dorothy Payne, SSJ, Fr. Cesar Rubiano and Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Michael Maloney, and Kevin and MaryAnn Meara. Tickets are available by contacting Tracey Destribats at 586 3705, X135.

*Father, if this chalice cannot pass
without my drinking it, your will be done.*



We are approaching the end of the Lenten Season and Holy Week is almost here. There are many ways to participate in and observe this most sacred of weeks.

Palm / Passion Sunday weekend is our gateway into the week with the reading of the Passion of the Lord at the Masses on the weekend of March 24th and March 25th. The three days of the Sacred Triduum begin later in the week with: the *Mass of the Lord's Supper* on Thursday, March 29th at 7:00 PM with washing of the feet; *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* will continue in the Church until 11:00 PM; the *Good Friday Commemoration of the Lord's Passion* will be on Friday, March 30th at 3:00 PM with the *Veneration of the Cross*; and *Solemn Stations of the Cross* will follow at 7:00 PM.

The great Easter Vigil, the central celebration of the liturgical year which must occur after dark on the eve of Easter, will be held on Saturday, March 31st at 7:30 PM (the mailed Easter schedule misquoted the time of this celebration). Of course, our masses for Easter Sunday are at the usual times of 8:30 and 10:30 AM.

Please join us for these important liturgical events in our parish which also are the most important on the calendar.

There are additional ways to celebrate this week on a Diocesan level: on Monday, March 26th at St. Robert Bellarmine co-Cathedral in Freehold, the *Chrism Mass* will be held in which the Sacramental oils used in all parishes of the diocese throughout the year will be blessed by Bishop O'Connell and all the priests of the Diocese recommit themselves to their ministry. Also, on Wednesday, March 28th at 7:30 PM in St. Catherine's Church in Spring Lake, the ancient service of *Tenebrae*, a beautiful solemn service of darkness and light, with English and Latin chanted Psalms and readings will be held for the 3rd consecutive year.

There can be **no morning Masses** on the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of the Triduum, but these days should be times of increased and more focused prayer. Remember to make this Holy Week a sacred one for yourself and your family, as they can set the tone for the rest of the year.



WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Bob Arcaidipane, Mason Brown, Rosemarie Buker, Glenda Cain, Anthony Carabelli, Mary DeFrancesco, Nick Gregorio, James & Eileen Keenan, Joe Maloney, Dolores Megyesy, Marie Muscente, Angelika Niranjan, Jeff Papp, Patricia Stahl, Stephen Thoma, Roy Toler, Brenden Trevors, Gary Vanderbilt, & Laura Varone; and, all parishioners who are either sick or homebound.

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

Reflection

PALM SUNDAY



Palm Sunday, 16th Century of the Monastery of Megalo Meteoro, Greece.

***Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying:
Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

*The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue,
that I might know how to speak to the weary
a word that will rouse them.*

*Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear;
and I have not rebelled, have not turned back.*

*I gave my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;
my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.*

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced;

*I have set my face like flint,
knowing that I shall not be put to shame.*

*They divide my garments among them,
and for my vesture they cast lots.*

*But you, O GOD, be not far from me;
O my help, hasten to aid me.*

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The Season of Lent has passed swiftly and this weekend, we enter into Holy Week, the most solemn time of the liturgical year. Beginning with today's Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, we move into the Sacred Liturgy of the Triduum, which includes Holy Thursday (the Lord's Supper), Good Friday (the Passion of the Lord), and the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, which begins the great celebration of Easter.

Today, we recall both the triumphant entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem, when Jesus entered the city to the cries of welcome and praise of the people, who spread leafy branches upon the path where Jesus rode on the back of a colt. As he entered triumphantly, the crowds could be heard shouting: *Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!* The liturgy features both the blessing and distribution of the palms as well as the proclamation of the Passion – this year from the Gospel of Saint Mark. It is a powerful liturgy that sets the tone for the events of Holy Week and a prayerful beginning to days of contemplation of Our Savior's great redemptive sacrifice.

The significance of Jesus' paschal sacrifice is expressed in today's second reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Philippians: *Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.* As Jesus was full human as well as fully divine, he was capable of experiencing genuine pain and suffering. His words in the Garden of Gethsemane revealed the depths of his agony and anguish, his ultimate obedience to his Heavenly Father, and perfect fidelity to his mission. During the periods of intense prayer before his betrayal and arrest, he offered this plea: *Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what you will.*

By accepting the cup of his passion, his suffering and death, Jesus won for all men and women, the reconciliation with God lost by the sin of Adam. Through his passion, death and resurrection, he would restore the proper relationship between humanity and God, fulfilling the old covenant and replacing it with a new covenant, which would be realized in Christ Jesus. Upon his death on the cross, sin and death were conquered forever not just for the chosen people, but also for men and women of all nations. As we heard in today's Gospel: *The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said, Truly this man was the Son of God.*

Deacon Steven Szmuto