

Our Lady of Good Counsel

137 West Upper Ferry Road West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 7, 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 609 882 3277
Office Hours: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Fax: 609 882 4375
Monday thru Friday Website: olgcc.net
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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
E-mail: religiouseducation.olgc@comcast.net

RECONCILIATION Saturdays, 4:00 to 4:30 PM
During Lent on Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:00 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

HOMEBOUND OUTREACH
Rectory Office 882 3277

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.

INFANT BAPTISM
Mary Szmuto 847 0796

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Michael Murphy, Grand Knight 575 7699
Gary Vanderbilt, Church Director 882 8474

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.

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

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

MASSES & SERVICES

Saturday, May 6th
 There is no regularly scheduled morning Mass or Novenas.
1st Eucharist
 9:30 AM 1st Eucharist will take place at Mass for 2nd Grade Religious ED Students.
 5:00 PM People of the Parish
 Joseph Gambino, Jr. r/o John & JoAnn Jaremback
Sunday, May 7th
4th Sunday of Easter
 8:30 AM Robert Cook, Jr. r/o Wife
 James Gambino, Sr. r/o Dee Gambino
 10:30 AM Angela Jaremback Mignone r/o Gene Ragazzo
 John Zajaros r/o Eileen Doyle
May Crowning
Monday, May 8th
 7:30 AM Lucianna Carrabelli r/o Pat Langan
Tuesday, May 9th
 7:30 AM John Lally r/o Claude & Mary Anne LeGall
Wednesday, May 10th
 7:30 AM Angela Piontek r/o Gerald & Eileen Piontek
Thursday May 11th
 7:30 AM H. Page Fielding r/o Judy Fielding
 Enlida Suarez r/o Salvatore Triolo
Friday, May 12th
 7:30 AM Msgr. William F. Fitzgerald r/o Sr. Marian William
Saturday, May 13th
 8:00 AM Special Intention
 5:00 PM Mother's Day Intentions
Sunday, May 14th
5th Sunday of Easter
 8:30 AM People of the Parish
 Mother's Day Intentions
 10:30 AM Mother's Day Intentions

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, May 13th
 5:00 PM Ginny Evans, Michael Manion, & Fran Zenchak
Sunday May 14th
 8:30 AM Anna Adomaitis, Fran Golinski, and Thomas Voorhees
 10:00 AM *PreferredCare Visits:* Anna Adomaitis
 10:30 AM Joyce Christensen, Tony Jones, & Darlene Wilson
Monday, May 15th, Reposition.
 Mary Szmutko

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
 In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
 beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.
 He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.
 Even though I walk in the dark valley
 I fear no evil; for you are at my side.
 With your rod and your staff that give me courage.
 Only goodness and kindness follow me
 all the days of my life;
 and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
 for years to come.

READERS

Saturday, May 13th
 5:00 PM Helen Marie Dolton
Sunday, May 14th
 8:30 AM James King
 10:30 AM James Barker

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, May 13th
 5:00 PM Michael Montagna
Sunday, May 14th
 8:30 AM Marshall Barrett & Connor Grieg
 10:30 AM Kevin Toler

PARISH EVENTS

May 6th: There is no regularly scheduled morning Mass or Novenas.

1st Eucharist will take place at Mass at 9:30 AM for 2nd Grade Religious ED Students.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation takes place at 4:00 PM.

May 7th: *4th Sunday of Easter*

This is the last Sunday Religious ED class for the academic year which will take place in the Church Hall from 9:15 to 10:45 AM for Grade 8 Students.

Our Parish *May Crowning* will take place after the 10:30 AM Mass. Students who just received *1st Eucharist* should attend and wear their 1st Communion attire.

May 8th: *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.

This is the last Religious ED class for the academic year which will take place Villa Victoria Academy from 4:30 to 6:00 AM for Grade 1 thru 7 Students.

May 10th: The Delaware Valley Radio Association will meet at 8:00 PM in the Church Hall.

May 13th: Morning Mass takes place at 8:00 AM. Novenas follow morning Mass.

Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM.

May 7th: *5th Sunday of Easter*

CONTRIBUTIONS

Registered Parishioners	777 families
Parishioners using envelopes	225
Envelope Contributions	\$5,294.50
Average Contribution	\$23.53
Loose Cash	\$509.00
Contributions for April 30 th	\$5,803.50

Announcements

PARISH NEWS

Anchor House Appeal Each year, the members of Anchor House ask our parishioners to support the mission of Anchor House which is an emergency shelter for young people ages 12 to 17 and which offers transitional living programs, street and school based counseling, teen and parent support groups and much more. This Appeal, called a *Ride for Runaways*, is an attempt to raise money to *keep the doors of Anchor House open* to sustain its many programs available to thousands of kids and their families and which has been continuing for the past 38 years.

Representatives of Anchor House will be available at church doors on the weekend of June 10th and 11th to discuss their programs and to receive your donations. Our own Steve Czelusniak, who will be making his 25th ride, which begins in McHenry, MD and ends at the Quakerbridge Mall at 3:00 PM on July 15th, will speak briefly at these weekend Masses as well as being also available to discuss the fine work of Anchor House.

Parish Outreach, January thru March Thanks to your continued generosity, our Social Services Team delivered the following items to our local Catholic Charities and Mount Carmel Guild: 343 frozen food tray meals, 12 other frozen items, 497 items from Italian Peoples Bakery, 120 bags/boxes of non-perishable food, 53 bags/boxes of clothes, 3 bags/boxes of personal care items, and 35 bags/boxes of household items. Food trays and instructions may be found in all church vestibules.

Parishioners should know that in our weekly deliveries to these charities we regularly hear sincere expressions of appreciation for your continued generosity. Thanks for all you do for parish outreach to those in need!

40 Cans for Lent Update Thanks to your support and during Lent, our Social Services Committee collected and delivered 133 bags of donated canned goods to Mount Carmel Guild and Catholic Charities of Trenton. That's more than 1100 cans over the past seven weeks! We should all be very proud of this tremendous effort to help those most in need in the Trenton community.

Although the emphasis during Lent was on canned food donations, non-perishable food donations and your homemade meals are always welcome throughout the year. Whatever you can give is greatly appreciated.

*I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.*

PARISH NEWS

Annual Catholic Appeal We have received another update from the Diocese on the Annual Catholic Appeal and at this time 57% of our parish goal of \$38,387 has been pledged.

I want to thank those who have generously given to the Appeal already, and ask those who have not to prayerfully consider supporting the Appeal. This Appeal supports many things throughout our diocese that would be impossible without our generosity: education of future Priests through seminary tuition, support for retired priests and religious, religious education and school support both on the parish and regional level, support for outreach organizations, as well as helping the diocese function day to day.

There are pledge cards in the Church at all of the doors along with informational brochures which can be sent in to the diocese or dropped in the collection baskets, or you can pledge online at www.dioceseoftrenton.org/catholic_appeal.

Fr. Michael Hall

There is a long and complicated history behind the discourse of the Good Shepherd. It begins with a fusion of two parables.

In the first parable the picture is of a sheepfold into which two parties seek to enter — a prowler and the shepherd himself. The second parable concerns the relationship between the sheep and the shepherd on the one hand, and the stranger on the other. The combined parables are followed by an allegorical interpretation in which the Johannine Christ successively identifies himself with the gate and the shepherd.

Today New Testament scholars would regard the two parables as originally separate and possibly authentic parables of Jesus. The fusion must have happened in oral transmission, while the allegorical interpretation would be the work of the evangelist himself. The first parable is a challenge to Israel's religious authorities. Will they accept Jesus' message? This challenge must belong to the final part of Jesus' ministry in Jerusalem. In the second parable, the situation is earlier in Jesus' ministry. He can offer no external credentials for his authority, but there are those who respond in faith to his message because they hear in it the authentic voice of God.

In the last analysis, both identifications of Jesus, gate and shepherd, make the same point. The risen Christ is the One who nourishes his people in his word and sacraments, giving them life and enabling them to have it abundantly.

Reginald H. Fuller

Reflection

I AM THE GATE OF THE SHEEPFOLD



Jesus the Good Shepherd Icon

I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture.

Amen, amen, I say to you,
whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate
but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber.
But whoever enters through the gate
is the shepherd of the sheep.
The gatekeeper opens it for him,
and the sheep hear his voice,
as the shepherd calls his own sheep
by name and leads them out.
When he has driven out all his own,
he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him,
because they recognize his voice.
But they will not follow a stranger;
they will run away from him,
because they do not recognize the voice of strangers.

Jn 10

In our sickness we need a savior, in our wanderings a guide, in our blindness someone to show us the light, in our thirst the fountain of living water which quenches forever the thirst of those who drink from it. We dead people need life, we sheep need a shepherd, we children need a teacher, the whole world needs Jesus!

If we would understand the profound wisdom of the most holy shepherd and teacher, the ruler of the universe and the Word of the Father, when using an allegory, he calls himself the shepherd of the sheep, we can do so for he is also the teacher of little ones. Speaking at some length through Ezekiel to the Jewish elders, he gives them a salutary example of true solicitude. I will bind up the injured, he says; I will heal the sick; I will bring back the strays and pasture them on my holy mountain. These are the promises of the Good Shepherd.

Pasture us children like sheep, Lord. Fill us with your own food, the food of righteousness. As our guide we pray you to lead us to your holy mountain, the Church on high, touching the heavens. I will be their shepherd, he says, *and I will be close to them*, like their own clothing. He desires to save my flesh by clothing it in the robe of immortality and he has anointed my body. *They shall call on me*, he says, and I will answer, *Here I am, Lord; you have heard me more quickly than I ever hoped!* And if they pass over they shall not fall, says the Lord, meaning that we who are passing over into immortality shall not fall into corruption, for he will preserve us.

He has said he would and to do so is his own wish. Such is our Teacher, both good and just. He said he had not come to be served but to serve; and so the Gospel reading shows him tired out, he who labored for our sake and promised *to give his life as ransom for many*, a thing which, as he said, only the Good Shepherd will do.

How bountiful the giver who for our sake gives his most precious possession, his own life! He is a real benefactor and friend, who desired to be our brother when he might have been our Lord, and who in his goodness even went so far as to die for us!

Clement of Alexandria, 215