

Our Lady of Good Counsel

137 West Upper Ferry Road West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 14, 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
E-mail: 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

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

8:00AM Special Intention
 5:00 PM Mother's Day Intentions
Sunday, May 14th
5th Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day
 8:30 AM People of the Parish
 Mother's Day Intentions
 10:30 AM Mother's Day Intentions
Monday, May 15th
 7:30 AM James Gambino, Sr. r/o Natalina Recine
Tuesday, May 16th
 7:30 AM James Gambino, Sr. r/o Claude & Mary Anne LeGall
Wednesday, May 17th
 7:30 AM Angela Piontek r/o Robert, Grace, & Michael Piontek
Thursday May 18th
 7:30 AM Killian Baldwin r/o the Brunetto Family
Friday, May 19th
 7:30 AM Diane Carter & Mary Calabrese r/o Vincent Calabrese
Saturday, May 20th
Youth Mass
 8:00 AM Special Intention
 5:00 PM Renato & Matilda Carabelli r/o John & JoAnn Jaremback
 Pasquale Muscente r/o Philomena Muscente
Sunday, May 21st
6th Sunday of Easter
 8:30 AM Fekete & Walley Families r/o Family
 Lorraine Ryba Tysiak r/o Sister & Brother-in-law
Parish Family Liturgy
 10:30 AM People of the Parish
 James Gambino, Sr. r/o Social Services Committee

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5:00 PM **Saturday, May 20th**
 Joyce Christensen, Michael Manion, & Darlene Wilson
Sunday May 21st
 8:30 AM Claude LeGall, Fran Golinski, & Thomas Voorhees
 10:00 AM *PreferredCare Visits:* Fran Golinski
 10:30 AM Ellen Everett, Timothy Everett, & Linda Reasoner
Monday, May 22nd, Reposition.
 Thomas Voorhees

*Upright is the word of the LORD,
 and all his works are trustworthy.*

He loves justice and right;

of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

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.

READERS

Saturday, May 20th
 5:00 PM Jacqueline Crane
Sunday, May 21st
 8:30 AM Mary Anne LeGall
 10:30 AM Religious ED Students, 2nd Grade

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, May 20th
 5:00 PM Lauren & Marcus Christensen
Sunday, May 21st
 8:30 AM Alex Medwick
 10:30 AM Marshall Barrett & James Gummel

PARISH EVENTS

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

Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM.

May 14th: *5th Sunday of Easter*

May 15th: *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.

May 16th: Confirmation practice for Religious ED 8th Grade students in the Church and Church Hall from 5:00 to 6:30 PM.

The Knights of Columbus will hold a members only meeting in the Church Hall at 7:30 PM.

May 17th: Confirmation practice for Religious ED 8th Grade students and their Sponsors in the Church and Church Hall from 7:30 to 9:00 PM.

May 18th: The Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for Religious ED 8th Grade students from 5:30 to 7:30 PM.

May 20th: Morning Mass takes place at 8:00 AM. Novenas follow morning Mass.

Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM.

Our Parish *Youth Mass* will be celebrated at 5:00 PM with music provided by the Villa Victoria Honeybee Choir. A Youth Meeting with food and fun follows Mass in the Church Hall.

May 21st: *6th Sunday of Easter*

Our *Parish Family Liturgy* will be celebrated at the 10:30 AM Mass. A continental breakfast follows Mass in the Church Hall.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Registered Parishioners	777 families
Parishioners using envelopes	227
Envelope Contributions	\$6,056.50
Average Contribution	\$26.68
Loose Cash	\$743.00
Contributions for May 7 th	\$6,799.00

Announcements

PARISH NEWS

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Congrats, Mariel Carter Notre Dame High School has made known that *Mariel Carter*, a member of our parish, has achieved Honor Roll academic excellence, with no grade lower than 88%, for this 2016-2017 school year.

Way-to-go Mariel . . . continued success.

Volunteers for Morris Hall The Gift Shop at Morris Hall needs part-time volunteers,

Located on Route 206 in the heart of Lawrenceville, Morris Hall is home to nearly 200 residents residing in St. Mary's Assisted Living and St. Joseph's Skilled Nursing Center. The Gift shop, staffed by volunteers is open from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and is an integral part of these facilities. All proceeds from the shop benefit the residents of Morris Hall.

Shifts generally last two hours . . . but, hours are flexible. Some volunteers work weekly, some monthly, and others fill-in when regular volunteers are unavailable. Training will be provided. For more information, contact Margie Geiger, Gift Shop Manager at 201 213 6736.

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!

Annual Catholic Appeal We have received another update from the Diocese on the Annual Catholic Appeal and at this time 58% of our parish goal of \$33,000 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, and diocesan functions 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.

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FROM THE PASTOR

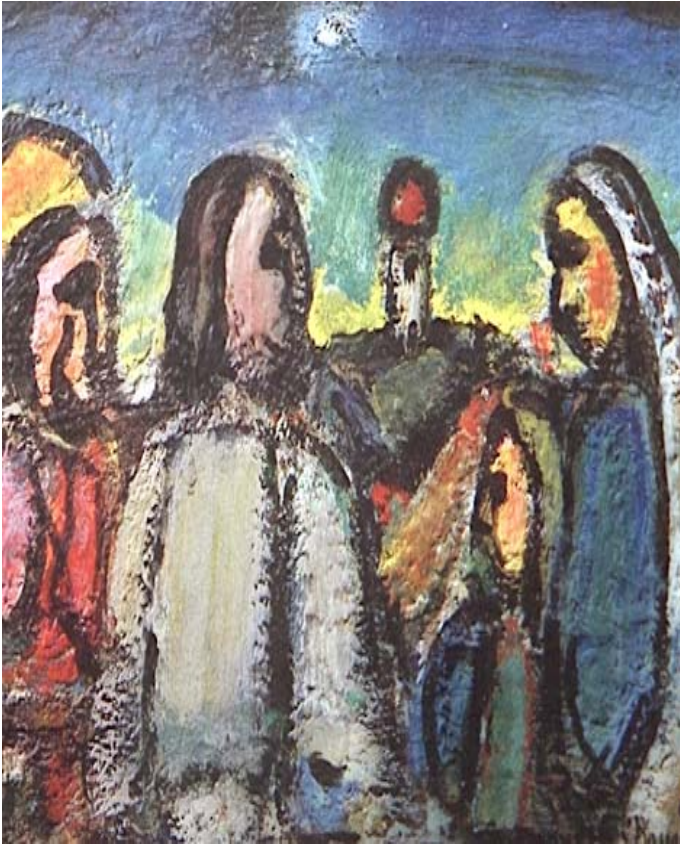
As we move through the Easter Season, we come to the end of our Religious Education year and some members of our parish reached a significant milestone. This past weekend, we celebrated First Communion as 13 children received the gift of the Eucharist for the first time. It is our hope and prayer that for Drew Augusta, Riley Barnes, Abigail Bireta, Juliana Dore, Aubrey Ellmer, Peyton Geller, Delaney Gummel, Kallista Jacobs, Brendan King, Anthony Noble, Bryan Parrott, Carsten Reist, and Alexander Spais the receiving of this Sacrament is another significant step in the lifetime journey that is a relationship with the Lord.

Also, Mr. James Smith, a parishioner of the parish, who is studying to become a priest at St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore (my alma mater), will be ordained a Transitional Deacon on Saturday May 20th at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in Trenton at 10:00 AM. He will then serve his first Mass as a Deacon here at Our Lady of Good Counsel on Sunday May 21st at 8:30 AM. Please join us, if you can, for both of these wonderful events, and come to the parish hall after the 8:30 AM Mass to meet and greet Deacon Jim. Breakfast will be served.

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Reflection

I AM THE WAY & THE LIFE



Christ and Disciples, Georges Rouault, 1947

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You have faith in God; have faith also in me.**

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In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.
If there were not, would I have told you
that I am going to prepare a place for you?
And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come back again and take you to myself,
so that where I am you also may be.
Where I am going you know the way.*
Thomas said to Jesus,
*Master, we do not know where you are going;
how can we know the way?*
Jesus said to Thomas,
*I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.
If you know me, then you will also know my Father.*

Jn 14

Let us march forward intrepidly to meet our Redeemer, Jesus, pursuing our onward course without swerving until we come to the assembly of the saints and are welcomed by the company of the just.

It is to join our Christian forebears that we are journeying, to those who taught us our faith — that faith which comes to our aid and safeguards our heritage for us even when we have no good works to show. In the place we are making, the Lord will be everyone's light; the true light which enlightens every human person will shine upon all. In the house where we are going the Lord Jesus has prepared many dwelling-places for his servants, so that where he is we also may be, for this was his desire.

Hear his own words about them: *In my Father's house are many dwelling-places*, and about his desire: *I will come again*, he says, *and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be*. But he was speaking only to his disciples you say, and so it was to them alone that the many dwelling-places were promised. Do you really suppose it was only for the eleven disciples they were prepared? And what of the saying about people coming from all the corners of the earth to sit at table in the kingdom of heaven? Do we doubt that the divine will will be accomplished? But for Christ, to will is to do! Accordingly, he has shown us both the way and the place: *You know where I am going*, he said, *and you know the way*. The place is where the Father is; the way is Christ, according to his own declaration: *I am the way, and the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father except through me*.

Let us set out on this way, let us hold fast to truth, let us follow life. It is the way that leads us, the truth that strengthens us, the life that is restored to us through him. To make sure that we really understand his will, Christ prays later on: *Father, it is my desire that those whom you have given me may be with me where I am, so that they may see my glory*. How graciously he asks for what he had already promised! The promise came first and then the request, not the other way around. Conscious of his authority and knowing the gift was at his own disposal, he made the promise; then, as if to show his filial submission, he asked his Father to grant it. He promised first to make us aware of his power; he asked afterwards to show us his loving deference to his Father.

Yes, Lord Jesus, we do follow you, but we can only come at your bidding. No one can make the ascent without you, for you are our way, our truth, our life, our strength, our confidence, our reward. Be the way that receives us, the truth that strengthens us, the life that invigorates us.

Ambrose, 397