

Our Lady of Good Counsel

137 West Upper Ferry Road West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 6, 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
Monday thru Friday Website: olgc.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

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 Stewart, 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

YOUTH MINISTRY
Darlene Wilson 882 2996

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
 9:00 AM *The Celebration of 1st Eucharist*
 5:00 PM Brother Jack r/o Eileen Doyle & Daughter Nan
 Michael Kozar r/o Family
Sunday, May 6th
6th Sunday of Easter
 8:30 AM Robert Cook, Jr. r/o Wife, Patricia
 Assad Y. Hajjar r/o Family
 10:30 AM Raymond Dietrich r/o Nancy & Andy Zanatti
 Timothy Gavin r/o Debbie & Bob Smith
Monday, May 7th
 7:30 AM Eva Ungrady r/o Eileen & Harry Masterson, Sr.
Tuesday, May 8th
 7:30 AM Deceased Members of the Kopczyk Family r/o
 Lorraine Paoszyck
Wednesday, May 9th
 7:30 AM Margie Chadwick r/o John Chadwick
 Godfrey Schroth r/o Elaine Palatine
Thursday, May 10th
The Ascension of the Lord
 7:30 AM Frank Masterson III r/o Margo Giordano
 Noon People of the Parish
 7:00 PM Special Intention
Friday May 11th
 7:30 AM Francis Stillian r/o Family
Saturday May 12th
 8:00 AM Special Intention
 5:00 PM Mother's Day Intentions
Sunday, May 13th
7th Sunday of Easter & Mother's Day
 8:30 AM Mother's Day Intentions
 10:30 AM Mother's Day Intentions

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5:00 PM **Saturday May 12th**
 Anna Adomaitis, Ginny Evans, & Mary Serafine
Sunday, May 13th
 8:30 AM Vickey Aneser, Butch Kramer, & Claude LeGall
 10:00 AM *Preferred Care Visits:* Mary Anne LeGall
 10:30 AM Joyce Christensen, Tony Jones, & Linda Reasoner
Monday, May 14th. Reposition.
 Fran Golinski

CONTRIBUTIONS

Registered Parishioners	795 families
Parishioners using envelopes	217
Envelope Contributions	\$4,432.00
Average Contribution	\$19.91
Loose Cash	\$709.00
Contributions for April 29 th	\$5,029.00

*Sing to the LORD a new song,
 for he has done wondrous deeds;
 he has made his salvation known
 in the sight of all the nations.
 Sing joyfully to the LORD,
 break into song, sing praise.*

READERS

Saturday, May 12th
 5:00 PM Theresa Gregorio
Sunday, May 13th
 8:30 AM James Barker
 10:30 AM Michael Delehanty

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, May 12th
 5:00 PM Michael Montagna
Sunday, May 13th
 8:30 AM Chris Corban
 10:30 AM Marcus Christensen

PARISH EVENTS

May 5th: Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude are cancelled.
1st Eucharist will be celebrated at 9:00 AM for Religious ED Students.
 The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM.
May 6th: *6th Sunday of Easter*
 Religious ED Confirmation Classes for 7th and 8th Grade Students will take place at 9:15 AM in the Opendaker Room.
 Our *Annual May Crowning* will take place following the 10:30 AM Mass. 1st Communicants should wear their Communion Attire.
May 7th: *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* follows morning Mass in the Church until 7:00 PM.
 Religious ED classes will take place at Villa Victoria Academy from 4:30 to 6:00 PM for Grades 1 thru 7.
 The West Trenton Garden Club will meet in the Church Hall at 7:00 PM.
May 9th: The Delaware Valley Radio association will meet in the Church Hall at 8:00 PM.
May 11th: The Auxiliary Board of the Children's Society of New Jersey will host Hand Bag Bingo beginning at 6:00 PM.
May 12th: Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass.
 The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM.
May 13th: *7th Sunday of Easter & Mother's Day*



WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Bob Arcaidipane, Mason Brown, Peg Boylan, Rosemarie Buker, Anthony Carabelli, Gregory DeFilippo, Mary DeFrancesco, John Ginter, Nick Gregorio, Joe Maloney, Dolores Megyesy, Marie Muscente, Angelika Niranjana, Jeff Papp, Patricia Stahl, Stephen Thoma, 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.

Announcements

PARISH NEWS

Coins for Charity Containers will be at the entrances to the Church this weekend, May 5th & 6th.

Also, please continue to place your Marrazzo's receipts in the containers at the entrances to the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

Practice for Confirmation Practice for Confirmation which will be celebrated on Thursday, May 17th will take place for Students on Monday, May 14th and for Students and Sponsors on Tuesday, May 15th at 7:30 PM.

Roses for Life The Ewing Council of the Knights of Columbus will have their annual Roses for Life drive before and after all masses at Our Lady of Good Counsel the weekend of May 12th and 13th. All proceeds will be donated to local organizations who work with pregnant women in difficult situations and encourage them to choose life.

Morris Hall Open House *Looking for something to do in your spare time?* Morris Hall Senior Care has a variety of volunteer opportunities. Please join us on Sunday, May 20th from Noon to 2:00 PM for our Volunteer Open House.

Learn more about various volunteer programs available — from assisting our Serenaders Chorus to aiding with menu selections, from Eucharistic Ministry to escorting residents to the Chapel for Sunday Mass — there is a place for you at Morris Hall. Our Open House will take place in the 1st floor auditorium at Morris Hall located at 1 Bishop's Drive, Lawrenceville. For more information call 896 0006, X2693.

Cash Bingo On Saturday, May 19th the Incarnation / St. James Church will host Cash Bingo in it's Auditorium beginning at 6:45 PM. Twelve games with 3 sheets per game, additional cards, 50 /50 round of bingo cards, raffle tickets for great prizes . . . all included.

Tickets are \$25. Snacks and beverages are included. For details, call 882 2860.

Trenton Thunder Night The Knights of Columbus are once again hosting a family and friends night at the Trenton Thunder at Waterfront Park.

The Game is on Tuesday June 5th at 7:05 PM and tickets are only \$8. For details, contact Michael Murphy at murphyewn@aol.com. Come support the Trenton Thunder and the Knights of Columbus!

A PRAYER TO SIT WITH

Do not be afraid. I have shown you how to live.

I have shown you how to pray.

I have shown you how to care for your brothers and sisters.

Why do you worry?

Did I not tell you time and time again

you have a Father who cares for you who understands you

and who knows all about you . . .

who even has the hairs of your head numbered and counted!

ASK IN MY NAME

In the Gospel Reading, Christ suggests a remedy for any problem we have . . . the Father will give you anything you ask for, he says, if you will just ask for it in my name.

But what is it to ask for something in Christ's name? It can't be a matter of simply tacking the name of Christ on to any prayer; for example, *I would like a Porsche, please, in the name of Christ.* Prayer isn't magic. It isn't a matter of using the right magical formulas in order to make God do what you want him to do.

It helps here to consider the day-in-day-out cases in which one person asks something in the name of another. A secretary can ask for the mail in her boss's name: *I'm just here to pick up the mail for my boss!* A child can ask a neighbor for a cup of sugar in his mother's name: *Mrs. Murphy, my mother wants to know if you could lend her a cup of sugar.* In these cases, the person asking can ask in the name of another because he somehow identifies himself as in relationship with that other . . . *my boss, my mother . . . something* — a connection of shared work, a family relation — binds the two of them together.

To ask in Christ's name is like this, too. You ask in the name of Christ when you are in the kind of relation to him that lets you say "*my*" with respect to him. And what would bind the two of you together in this way? What should follow that "*my*"? It should not be "*my servant,*" as a magician might say in show time. No, not "*my servant,*" but "*my Lord.*"

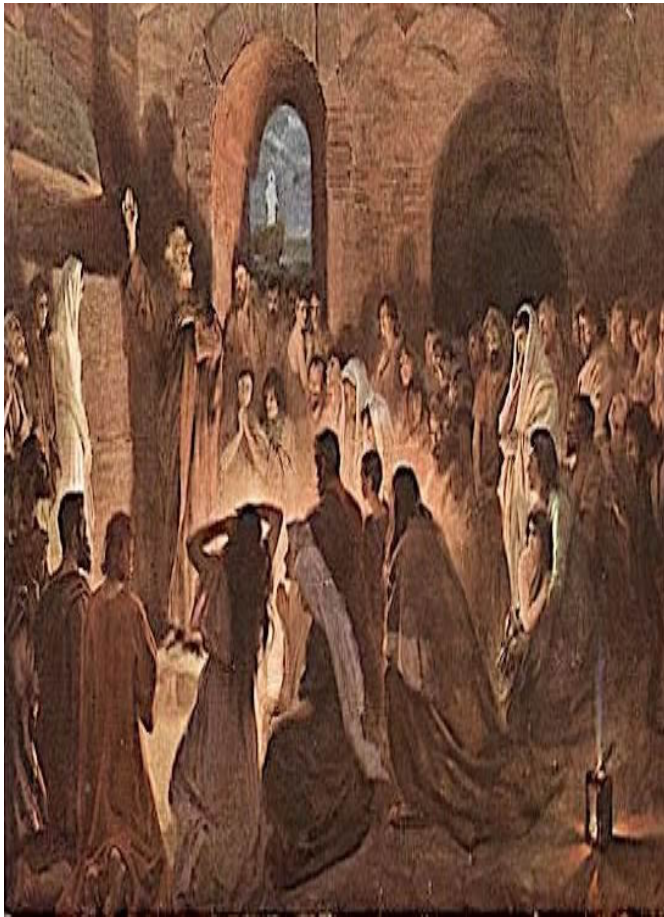
Take him as Lord, and you have to recognize that, as Lord, he loves and cares for his own. He knows what to give to those who are *his* in answer to their prayers. So if you ask the Father for something in the name of Christ, then you are doing the opposite of what a magician would do: you ask being prepared to accept what *your Lord* wants to give you. What you are given will be a good gift if it is in accord with his will, even if it isn't in accord with yours.

To ask the Father in Christ's name, then, is to trust Christ with your life as you ask.

Eleonore Stump, SLU

Reflection

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Peter Preaching the Gospel in the Catacombs, Jan Styka, 1902.

While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word.

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage.

Peter, however, raised him up, saying, *Get up. I myself am also a human being.*

Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, *In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.*

Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.

While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word.

The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit

should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God.

Then Peter responded,

Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?

He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

ACTS 10

The First Letter of John is, in many ways, an encapsulation of John's Gospel, no more so than the brief quote from today's second reading. In just a few short verses, the author summarizes the essence of God's infinite love and saving plan for humanity. John tells his readers: *In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him.* When we, who have the benefit of centuries of scientific advancement, including such technological wonders as space travel and the Hubble Telescope and other instruments that unfold and reveal the vastness of the cosmos, consider God's love for us we can only be amazed.

In the reading from the Gospel of John, the extent of God's love is realized in the ultimate gift of His Son, who gave his life in expiation for our sins. Our Lord Jesus Christ called for us to live in imitation of God's love, in the foreshadowing of his passion and death. He told his disciples: *This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.*

In just a few days, we will celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, when Our Lord rose into the heavens to take his place at the right hand of the Father. However, as he promised them, he would not leave them alone; rather he would send them another Paraclete, an intercessor for them as they journeyed in faith. The Advocate is, of course, the Holy Spirit, who would descend upon the disciples on Pentecost, emboldening them to go forth to fearlessly proclaim the Gospel. Filled with the Spirit, they would share the Good News of the Lord, not just to a few, but to all men and women. As we heard in the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles: *In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.*"

Throughout the centuries, countless disciples, saints and martyrs, have given witness to God, who is Father, Son and Spirit. Let us join with those who have gone before, in proclaiming the truth of the eternal love and compassion of God. As we heard in today's Responsorial Psalm: *The LORD has made his salvation known. In the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.*

Deacon Steven Szmuto