

Our Lady of Good Counsel

137 West Upper Ferry Road West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER & MOTHER'S DAY MAY 13, 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

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

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
 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
Monday, May 14th
 7:30 AM Ned O'Connor r/o Wife, Antoinette & Son, Sean Marie & William Dolton r/o Helen Marie Dolton
Tuesday, May 15th
 7:30 AM James Guarino r/o Kathy, Harry, & Thomas Giordano
Wednesday, May 16th
 7:30 AM Elizabeth Cenerino r/o Harry & Sherry Masterson
Thursday, May 17th
 7:30 AM James Norton r/o James & Melanie Druzbacky
Friday May 18th
 7:30 AM Robert Ferry r/o Dolores DeBlasio
Saturday May 19th
 8:00 AM Special Intention
 5:00 PM Pasquale Muscente r/o Philomena Muscente Don Smith r/o Anne Smith & Family
Sunday, May 20th
Pentecost Sunday
 8:30 AM People of the Parish Assad. Y. Hajjar r/o Family
 10:30 AM Raymond Dietrich r/o Peter & Joan Christianson Eva Ungrady r/o Michael & Eileen Giglio

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5:00 PM **Saturday May 19th** Ginny Evans, Butch Kramer, & Darlene Wilson
Sunday, May 20th
 8:30 AM Carol Lake, Michael Lake, & Thomas Voorhees
 10:00 AM *Preferred Care Visits:* Anna Adomaitis
 10:30 AM Ellen Everett, Timothy Everett, & Laura Shea
Monday, May 21st. Reposition.
 Thomas Voorhees

CONTRIBUTIONS

Registered Parishioners	795 families
Parishioners using envelopes	229
Envelope Contributions	\$5,532.00
Average Contribution	\$24.16
Loose Cash	\$576.00
Contributions for May 6 th	\$6,108.00

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!*

READERS

Saturday, May 19th
 5:00 PM Mary Lou Delahanty
Sunday, May 20th
 8:30 AM Fran Golinski
 10:30 AM Linda Schmerier

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, May 19th
 5:00 PM Ken Foreman
Sunday, May 20th
 8:30 AM Alex Medwick
 10:30 AM Mary Catherine Shea

PARISH EVENTS

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*
May 14th: *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* follows morning Mass in the Church until 7:00 PM.
May 15th: Confirmation Practice for students will take place in the Church and Church Hall at 5:00 PM. The Knights of Columbus Council 3756 will hold a members only meeting at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Hall at 7:30 PM.
May 16th: Confirmation Practice for sponsors and students will take place in the Church and Church Hall at 5:00 PM.
May 17th: The *Sacrament of Confirmation* will be celebrated for 8th Grade students at 6:00 PM.
May 19th: 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. Our *Parish Youth Group* will celebrate a Youth Mass at 5:00 PM with music provided by the *Villa Victoria Honey Bee Choir*. A Youth Meeting follows Mass with food, games, and fun. All teens are invited.
May 20th: *Pentecost Sunday*



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 Niranjan, 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

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.

Parish Outreach Update Thanks to your continued generosity, our Social Services Committee volunteers delivered the following items to Catholic Charities of Trenton and Mount Carmel Guild during January, February, and March: 292 frozen food tray meals, 3 Turkeys, 41 other frozen items, 170 items from Italian Peoples Bakery, 137 bags/boxes of non-perishable food, 76 bags/boxes of clothes, 2 bags/boxes of personal care items, 1 bags of baby items, 15 bags/boxes of household items, and 9 bags of miscellaneous items.

Parishioners should know that in our weekly deliveries to these charities we regularly hear sincere expressions of appreciation for your continued generosity. Their thanks for all of our food and meal donations always get special mention.

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 murphyewyn@aol.com. Come support the Trenton Thunder and the Knights of Columbus!

PARISH NEWS



The months of May and June are exciting ones for our Church, with the Solemnities of the Ascension, Pentecost, the Holy Trinity, and Corpus Christ all in the next few weeks.

In particular, in our parish, many members are reaching Sacramental milestones during this time. This past Saturday May 4th, 10 young members of the parish received their 1st Eucharist. I want to congratulate Maxamus Bush, Austin Crannage, Eva DeFilippo, Christopher Porter, Adelaide Reist, Gabriella Sliwinski, Brayden Spina, Logan Turnbull, Autumn Wentzler, and Miriam Wood on taking this step in their lifelong journey of faith.

In just a few days additional members of our parish will also move forward in their life as fully initiated members of the Church as they are sealed with and by the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 17th.

Finally, it is my pleasure to let you know that our parishioner, the Rev. Mr. James Smith, who has been studying as a seminarian for the Diocese of Trenton for a number of years, has received his Call to Orders by Bishop O'Connell and will be ordained to the Sacred Order of the Priesthood on Saturday June 2nd at St. Mary's Cathedral in Trenton at 10:00 AM. All are invited to attend the ordination, or to come here to Our Lady of Good Counsel for the soon to be Fr. Smith's Mass of Thanksgiving at 10:30 AM on Sunday June 3rd. A lunch reception will follow the Mass downstairs in the Parish Hall. Please pray for all of those who are reaching these sacramental milestones from our parish over these blessed weeks.

Fr. Mike

Capital Singers of Trenton CST invites the capital region to celebrate the debut performance of conductor Vinroy D. Brown, Jr., in *Let All the World in Every Corner Sing*. This choral concert will be performed at Sacred Heart Church in Trenton at 4:00 PM on June 3rd.

Ralph Vaughan Williams' Mass in G Minor weaves throughout the concert's four thematic sections, which move from supplication to hope. The Mass features a quartet of guest artists. In addition to selections by Alice Parker and Franz Haydn, the program also includes several other noteworthy pieces of music.

CST serves as the choral voice of the capital region performing a repertoire of both sacred and secular music. The chorus strives to promote the art of choral singing, enrich the cultural life of New Jersey, and act as ambassadors for the City of Trenton through concerts, special performances, and community outreach. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.capitalsingers.org or call 434 2781.

Reflection

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



The Ascension, Giotto, 1305.

***So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them
was taken up into heaven.***

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying:
*Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me,
so that they may be one just as we are one.
When I was with them I protected them
in your name that you gave me,
and I guarded them, and none of them was lost
except the son of destruction,
in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled.
But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world
so that they may share my joy completely.
I gave them your word, and the world hated them,
because they do not belong to the world
any more than I belong to the world.
I do not ask that you take them out of the world
but that you keep them from the evil one.*

Jn 17

The sacred work of our salvation was of such value in the sight of the Creator of the universe that he counted it worth the shedding of his own blood.

From the day of his birth until his passion and death this work was carried out in conditions of self-abasement; and although he showed many signs of his divinity even when he bore the form of a slave, yet, strictly speaking, the events of that time were concerned with proving the reality of the humanity he had assumed. But he was innocent of any sin, and so when death launched its attack upon him he burst its bonds and robbed it of its power. After his passion, weakness was turned into strength, mortality into eternal life, and disgrace into glory. Of all this our Lord Jesus Christ gave ample proof in the sight of many, until at last he entered heaven in triumph, bearing with him the trophy of his victory over death.

And so while at Easter it was the Lord's resurrection which was the cause of our joy, our present rejoicing is on account of his ascension into heaven. With all due solemnity we are commemorating that day on which our poor human nature was carried up in Christ above all the hosts of heaven, above all the ranks of angels, beyond the highest heavenly powers to the very throne of God the Father. It is upon this ordered structure of divine acts that we have been firmly established, so that the grace of God may show itself still more marvelous when, in spite of the withdrawal from our sight of everything that is rightly felt to command our reverence, faith does not fail, hope is not shaken, charity does not grow cold. For such is the power of great minds, such is the light of truly believing souls, that they put unhesitating faith in what is not seen with the bodily eye; they fix their desires on what is beyond sight.

Such fidelity could never be born in our hearts, nor could anyone be justified by faith, if our salvation lay only in what was visible. This is why Christ said to the man who seemed doubtful about his resurrection unless he could see and touch the marks of his passion in his very flesh: *You believe because you see me; blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.* It was in order that we might be capable of such blessedness that on the fortieth day after his resurrection, after he had made careful provision for everything concerning the preaching of the gospel and the mysteries of the new covenant, our Lord Jesus Christ was taken up to heaven before the eyes of his disciples, and so his bodily presence among them came to an end.

From that time onward he was to remain at the Father's right hand until the completion of the period ordained by God for the Church's children to increase and multiply, after which, in the same body with which he ascended, he will come again to judge the living and the dead. And so our Redeemer's visible presence has passed into the sacraments. Our faith is nobler and stronger because sight has been replaced by a doctrine whose authority is accepted by believing hearts, enlightened from on high.

Leo the Great, 461