

Our Lady of Good Counsel

137 West Upper Ferry Road West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 5, 2017

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: 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.olgcc@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 637 0779

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 637 0779

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Mike Narcowich, Grand Knight 558 2450
George Steward, Acting Church Director 883 9173

LITURGICAL MINISTERS
Rectory Office 882 3277

MUSIC MINISTRY
Deirdre Hindley, Organist 882 3215

RCIA
Deacon Steve 637 0779

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

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

8:00 AM Special Intention
 5:00 PM Bua Families r/o Eileen Doyle & Daughter, Nan N. Robert Urbano r/o Margaret Urbano
Sunday, November 5th
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 AM Michael Kozar r/o Theresa Kozar
 Ronald Stinson r/o Harry & Sherry Masterson
 10:30 AM People of the Parish
 Louis & Nicholas Muscente r/o Carol Muscente
Monday, November 6th
 7:30 AM Irvin & Hazel Brown r/o Grandson & Wife
Tuesday, November 7th
 7:30 AM Hugh Fallon r/o Dolores Brienza
Wednesday, November 8th
 7:30 AM Lillian Ruch r/o deSouza & Tantum Families
Thursday, November 9th
 7:30 AM Rita Schrenk r/o Sheila Scheibner
Friday, November 10th
 7:30 AM Jack Stanley r/o Dorothy, John, & Anne
Saturday, November 11th
 8:00 AM Special Intention
Youth Mass
 5:00 PM People of the Parish
 Francis Vandegrift r/o Family
Sunday, November 12th
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 AM Janet McMyne r/o Debbie & Barbara Smith
 Ronald Stinson r/o Margaret Masterson
 10:30 AM Jean Trainor r/o Claude & Mary Anne LeGall
 Al Venanzi r/o Family

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, November 11th
 5:00 PM Anna Adomaitis, Ginny Evans, & Elaine Palatine
Sunday, November 12th
 8:30 AM Vickey aneser, Claude LeGall, & Laura Shea
 10:00 AM *Preferred Care Visits:* Claude LeGall
 10:30 AM Tony Jones, Ellen Everett, & Timothy Everett
Monday, November 13th, Reposition.
 Mary Szmutko

PARISH OUTREACH UPDATE

Our Social Services Committee delivered the following items to Catholic Charities of Trenton and Mount Carmel Guild during July, August & September: 333 frozen food tray meals, 19 other frozen items, 438 items from Italian Peoples Bakery, 72 bags/boxes of non-perishable food, 52 bags/boxes of clothes, 4 bags/boxes of personal care items, 1 bag of baby items, 23 bags/boxes of household items and 31 bags of miscellaneous items (school supplies).

Parishioners should know that in our weekly deliveries to these charities we regularly hear sincere expressions of appreciation for your continued generosity.

READERS

Saturday, November 11th
 5:00 PM Darlene Wilson
Sunday, November 12th
 8:30 AM Mary Anne LeGall
 10:30 AM Carol Lake

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, November 11th
 5:00 PM Marshall Barrett
Sunday, November 12th
 8:30 AM Nora Shea & Connor Greig
 10:30 AM Ken Foreman

PARISH EVENTS

November 4th: Morning Mass takes place at 8:00 AM. Novenas follow morning Mass.

Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM.

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas Cards and car magnets at all Masses this weekend.

November 5th: *31st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Sunday Confirmation Classes will take place in the Church Hall from 9:15 to 10:25 AM.

Fall Adult Faith Formation sessions will take place in the Church Hall at 6:00 PM.

November 6th: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows morning Mass in the Church until 7:00PM.

Religious ED classes, Villa Victoria from 4:30 to 6:00 PM.

The West Trenton Garden Club will meet in the Church Hall at 7:00 PM.

November 7th: The Knights of Columbus Council 3756 will sponsor a social night at the Incarnation / St. James Church Center at 7:30 PM. Everyone is welcome.

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

November 9th: The Rectory Office is closed for repairs.

November 11th: Morning Mass takes place at 8:00 AM. Novenas follow morning Mass.

Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM.

A *Youth Mass* will be celebrated at 5:00 PM with music provided by the Villa Victoria *Honeybees Choir*. A Youth Meeting follows Mass with food and fun.

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CONTRIBUTIONS

Registered Parishioners	780 families
Parishioners using envelopes	203
Envelope Contributions	\$4,323.00
Average Contribution	\$21.30
Loose Cash	\$642.00
Contributions for October 29 th	\$4,965.00

Announcements

PARISH NEWS

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Broadway Revue A Broadway Review featuring songs from the days of old to the modern stage with a catered dinner during the show will be presented in the Parish Church Hall on Sunday, November 19th beginning at 3:30 PM. Advance tickets only. Tickets are \$35 and may be purchased online at www.cichoralsociety.org or by phone at 882 3215.

Ewing Sings Ewing Sings will present a choral and instrumental show titled *Our Heritage of Faith* at the historic 1867 Sanctuary on Scotch Road on Friday, November 17th at 7:30 PM. Tickets not required.

Eucharistic Adoration Blessed Pope John Paul II once said, *The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic Adoration. Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of love. May our adoration never cease.* The greatest thing in the world that you can do is encourage others and yourself to participate in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: IT IS THE REAL PRESENCE OF JESUS ON EARTH. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed every Monday following the 7:30 AM Mass until close at 7:00 PM. Come and rest in the Lord. He is waiting to see you.



TCA Concert Trenton Catholic Academy will present *Fr. Alphonse and the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea Christmas Concert* on Thursday, December 14th at the Immaculate Conception Church in Trenton. Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased online at www.trenton-catholic.org or by phone at 586 3705, X137.

Christmas Card Sale The Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas Cards and car magnets at all Masses next weekend, November 4th and 5th. Brochures to order special cards will also be available. Cards can be ordered in Spanish, Polish, French, Ukrainian, and Italian.

Volunteers Needed St. Lawrence Rehabilitation Center is looking for adult volunteers to escort wheelchair patients to therapy departments within the center. To help-out and for more information, call 896 9500, X2430.



WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Bob Arcaidipane, Rosemarie Buker, Mary DeFrancesco, Raymond Dietrich, Rose Jacobs, Joe Maloney, Karen McCarthy, Dolores Megyesy, Marie Muscente, Angelika Niranjana, Linda Solinski, Stephen Thoma, Roy Toler, Gary Vanderbilt, Laura Varone, & Marion Vogler . . . and, all parishioners who are either sick or homebound. 2

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

Catholic Charities of Trenton and Mount Carmel Guild are in most need of the following food items for the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday. In addition to small and medium-sized (12-16 lbs.) frozen turkeys, we will be collecting any of the items listed below.

Canned Goods: Cranberry sauce, turkey gravy, yams, fruit, vegetables (corn, carrots, green beans, and peas)
Packaged Goods: Instant mashed potatoes or rice, stuffing, tea, coffee, or cocoa, canned or shelf stable milk, or juices (apple, cranberry, grape), Jell-O or pudding, cake mix and icing, non-frozen pie crust & filling, brownie mix.

No expired, or dented, or rusted cans, or opened, or expired boxes or bags, or glass bottles or cellophane bags should be donated.

Please mark, label, or attach this flyer to your donation bags or boxes and leave them on the Donation Tables near the elevator in the Church Hall. Frozen turkeys should be placed (unmarked) in the designated freezer adjacent to the kitchen area.

Both Catholic Charities and Mount Carmel Guild do a wonderful job of distributing much needed food to the many needy clients in the city of Trenton, and they regularly express their appreciation for the food provided by the kind and generous parishioners of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish.

For more information, feel free to contact our Social Services Committee at 818-1708.

OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People with regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan Abuse Hotline at 888 296 2965 or by e-mail at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org.

The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

*Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help.*

Reflection

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Last weekend, Mary and I attended the 2017 *Convocation of Deacons*, where the Deacons of the Diocese of Trenton and many of their wives came together in an annual gathering of prayer, learning and community. This year's theme was *Diaconal Spirituality: Walking in the Footsteps of Christ in Word and Deed*, is a reminder that we are called to be followers of Christ, not only in words, but in our actions and deeds as well. However, if it to be authentic and enduring, our spirituality must be first rooted in prayer. Just as Jesus derived grace and strength in communion with the Father, so we too must develop an active prayer life if we are to live as true disciples. Prayer helps us to properly orient our lives to the Lord, giving us the foundational peace, grace, strength and courage to share the Gospel message to others — in both word and deed — with loving kindness, compassion, and humility. Discipleship involves more than rhetoric; rather, we must bear witness to Christ. It is by our example that we lead others to the Lord.

In today's Gospel, Jesus emphasized the importance of both words and actions, contrasting the scribes and the Pharisees with those who aspire to a deeper relationship with God. He told the crowds: *Do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice.* He went on to describe how they used their position for their own exaltation, rather than in service to others. To live truly in accordance with the Gospel, Jesus said, *The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.*

Jesus himself lived the message that he preached. Consider even his simple actions at the Last Supper as written in John's Gospel where he washed the feet of his disciples. Above all things, Christ, humbled himself to bring others to salvation, actions that would be more radically performed the following day when he allowed himself to be crucified and killed for our sake. He calls us to pick up our own crosses and follow him, offering ourselves to others in further-ance of his sacred mission.

Whether we are clergy, religious, or laity, we have that same call to discipleship and are obliged to share the message of hope with all whom we encounter. It is a call that we must joyfully embrace as we become sharers in the way to salvation. As Saint Paul said to the Thessalonians, *We too give thanks to God unceasingly, that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us, you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe.*



Van Gogh, Miners Carrying Coal, 1881

*They tie-up heavy burdens hard to carry
and lay them on people's shoulders,
but they will not lift a finger to help them.*

FROM THE PASTOR

As was announced last week, we are considering a change to the Christmas Mass schedule for this year. This change would move the lightly attended 9:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve to 10:30 PM celebrating the Mass at Midnight at that time, which is the central liturgy of the Christmas season but which has not been done here at Our Lady of Good Counsel in recent years.

This Mass would possibly include some musical enhancements, the Midnight Scripture readings, and some increased solemnity (incense, bells, etc.) which would befit such an important Mass. If you have any concerns about this proposed change, please contact Fr. Mike in the Rectory Office.

Fr. Michael Hall

Deacon Steven Szmuto

Announcements