

Our Lady of Good Counsel

137 West Upper Ferry Road West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 1, 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
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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
Gary Vanderbilt, Church Director 882 8474

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
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 People of the Parish
 Janet McMyne r/o OLGC Senior's Club
Sunday, October 1st
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 AM Fosas & Alakija Families
 10:30 AM Bill Kelly r/o OLGC Choir
Monday, October 2nd
 7:30 AM Michael Kozar r/o Theresa Kozar
Tuesday, October 3rd
 7:30 AM Mary Marino r/o Margaret Babecki
Wednesday, October 4th
 7:30 AM Laura DeLellis r/o Children
Thursday, October 5th
 7:30 AM Janet McMyne r/o Frank & Kathleen Lolazeski
Friday, October 6th
 7:30 AM Gertrude Russo r/o Jean O'Donnell
Saturday, October 7th
 8:00 AM Special Intention
 5:00 PM Eleanore & Paul Gofus r/o Gail Ann Palatine
 Richard Palatine r/o Gail Ann Palatine
Sunday, October 8th
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 AM People of the Parish
 Joann Ryan Arbitel r/o Norman Buttaci
 10:30 AM The DeBlasio Family r/o Dolores DeBlasio

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, October 7th
 5:00 PM Ginny Evans, Butch Kramer, & Michael Manion
Sunday, October 8th
 8:30 AM Vickey Aneser, Laura Shea, & Thomas Voorhees
 10:00 AM *Preferred Care Visits:* Claude LeGall
 10:30 AM Michael Lake, Tony Jones, & Darlene Wilson
Monday, October 9th, Adoration is cancelled.

SENIOR'S CLUB NEWS

Twenty-three members were present at the September meeting. All enjoyed an informative lecture by Gino Malone from Consumer Affairs regarding how to protect ourselves from fraud and scammers.

We are already planning our Christmas luncheon that will be held on December 6th at the Blooming Grove Inn.

Refreshments for the October 4th meeting will be provided by Suzane Venceller, Mary Pat Voorhees, and Fran Zenchak.

Any Seniors interested in joining the Club are welcome. Please remember to bring a non-perishable item for the Club food pantry.

*God is good;
 all the time; God is good.*

READERS

Saturday, October 7th
 5:00 PM Helen Marie Dolton
Sunday, October 8th
 8:30 AM Mary Anne LeGall
 10:30 AM James Barker

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, October 7th
 5:00 PM Marshall Barrett
Sunday, October 8th
 8:30 AM Nora Shea & James Gummel
 10:30 AM Chris Corban

PARISH EVENTS

September 30th: Morning Mass takes place at 8:00 AM. Novenas follow morning Mass.

Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM.

Right to Life Raffle ticket sales will take place at all Church doors this weekend.

October 1st: *26th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Fall Adult Faith Formation sessions begin in the Church Hall at 6:00 PM.

October 2nd: *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.

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

October 3rd: 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.

October 4th: The Senior's Club will meet in the Church Hall at 11:00 AM.

October 7th: Morning Mass takes place at 8:00 AM. Novenas follow morning Mass.

Our Parish *Annual Blessing of the Animals* will take place in the Church Parking Lot after morning Mass at 9:00 AM. All pets should be leashed or in animal carriers.

Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM.

October 8th: *27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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CONTRIBUTIONS

Registered Parishioners	780 families
Parishioners using envelopes	242
Envelope Contributions	\$5,061.00
Average Contribution	\$20.91
Loose Cash	\$677.00
Contributions for September 24 th	\$5,738.00

Announcements

PARISH NEWS

Right to Life Raffle Our parish will again host a *Right to Life Raffle* ticket sale at all church doors on this weekend. Volunteers are needed to sell tickets at Church doors. For more details, call Marge Stanford at 882 6555.

Annual Blessing of the Animals Next Saturday, our Parish *Annual Blessing of the Animals* will take place in the Church Parking Lot after morning Mass at 9:00 AM. All pets should be leashed or in animal carriers.

Parish Halloween Party On Friday, October 27th our parish will hold its annual Halloween Party from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the Church Hall. All children are welcome.

If any Confirmation students would like to help out, this is a great way to obtain community service hours. Snack donations such as cookies, cupcakes, chips and so forth are also needed. If anyone is able to donate a treat or to volunteer, please contact Joyce Christensen at 651 0466.

Villa Victoria Open House New Jersey's oldest Catholic all-girls will hold an Open House on October 21st from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Scholarship tests for incoming 9th grade girls will take place on November 4th at 8:45 AM. Preregistration is required. For more information, call the Admissions Office at 862 1700, X419 or visit www.villavictoria.org.

TCA Open House Trenton Catholic Academy is hosting an Open House on Thursday, October 12th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Students will have the opportunity to tour our facilities, meet the teachers and ask questions about our academic programs, curriculum and extra-curricular activities. All interested families are invited to attend. For more information, contact Ms. Rogers in the Admissions Office at 586 3705, X119.



WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Bob Arcaidipane, Sharron Birch, Mason Brown, Rosemarie Buker, Mary DeFrancesco, Raymond Dietrich, Richard Gervasoni, Nick Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Maria Hegyi, Rose Jacobs, Sally Maida, Joe Maloney, Karen McCarthy, Dolores Megyesy, Marie Muscente, Angelika Niranjana, Kalie Palmer, Dolores Saliola, Linda Solinski, Roy Toler, 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.

ENTERING THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

In the parable in the Gospel, Jesus is talking about entering the kingdom of heaven. In this parable, a father says to one of his sons, *Go to work in my vineyard, Son*; and that son says, *NO!* Then the father says to his other son, *Go to work in my vineyard, Son!* And that son says, *YES!* Which of these sons is the good son? Which one enters the kingdom of heaven?

You might sensibly enough think that it is the son who says *YES* to his father. What the *NO*-saying son says is contrary to God's will. But what he does is in accordance with it. After all, what could be worse than saying *NO* to God the Father? Who would think that rebellious *NO*-sayers could be pleasing to God? Who would suppose that they could enter the kingdom of heaven? And so it seems clear that the *YES*-sayers are the ones who will enter the kingdom of heaven and those wretched *NO*-sayers will wind up in the other place.

But this is not what Jesus says. He says that the *NO*-saying son is the one who did the will of his father. He is the one who entered the kingdom of heaven, and not the *YES*-saying son. Why would Jesus say this? Well, the son who says *YES* to his father doesn't actually do what his father wants him to do. It is the *NO*-saying son who actually goes to work in his father's vineyard. And so here is the thing for us to notice. What the *NO*-saying son says is contrary to God's will. But what he *does* is in accordance with it. It is just the other way around with the *YES*-saying son. The words of the *YES*-saying son are obedient to God's will, but his life is lived in opposition to it.

The words of the *YES*-saying son are empty. His life, not his words, tell the real truth about his relationship to his father. The truth is that the *YES*-saying son rejects God's will, however much acceptance there is in his words. And so the Psalm gives us the right prayer to go with this parable: *Lord, teach us your ways!* Our ways need to be God's ways. It is good if our words say *YES* to God. But what is crucial is that our lives say *YES* to God. Unless they do, our words are worthless.

Reflection

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The second reading, taken from Saint Paul's Letter to the Philippians, heard this weekend at the Sunday masses is one of my favorites from Sacred Scripture. It is a magnificent exhortation to humility and service as Saint Paul encourages others to emulate Christ.

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus, who though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

The Letter to the Philippians was most likely composed when Paul was imprisoned in Rome in 61-62 AD. Philippi was a city in northern Greece, Macedonia and was primarily populated by Gentiles. When Paul established the church there, it became the first Christian community to be established on the mainland of Europe. He had visited Philippi on several occasions and remained in close contact with them. The letter, believed by some scholars to be a combination of several letters written within a short time of each other, encourages the followers of Christ to model themselves after Our Lord, whose perfect love, compassion, humility and service culminated in his sacrifice on Calvary. By that sacrifice, Christ, who emptied himself, was revealed in all his divinity:

Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that in the name of Jesus ever knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

These beautiful words have a special meaning to me as they are often recited at evening prayer in the *Liturgy of the Hours*. The hymn reminds us that we must adopt the attitude of Christ if we are to become his disciples. This oneness in faith is no more evident than when we partake in the Sacred Liturgy, the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. As Deacon and Minister of the Cup at Mass, I pray these words at the preparation of the chalice: *By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.* I do not proclaim these words loudly; rather, I pray them softly . . . but each time I say them, I am reminded that, even in my human weakness, through the great sacrifice of Christ, the Messiah, the Son of God, I may, in imitation of him attain eternal life.

The words remind us that, while Our Lord calls us to pick up our cross and follow him, he asks for nothing from us that he himself did not experience. It is a great prayer, to be offered both aloud and in the silence of our hearts. For those who struggle with fear, doubt, and even despair, I encourage you to pray this reading and allow this meditative hymn to embrace your hearts and help to restore the peace and serenity that comes from our faith in the Lord.



Fra Angelico, Baptism of the Lord Fresco, 1446.

He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself.

Thus says the LORD:

You say, "The LORD'S way is not fair!"

Hear now, house of Israel:

Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair?

When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies,

it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die.

But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, if he does what is right and just,

he shall preserve his life;

since he has turned away

from all the sins that he has committed,

he shall surely live, he shall not die.

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