

# Our Lady of Good Counsel

137 West Upper Ferry Road West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

## 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 15, 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](http://olgcc.net)  
E-mail: [olgc@comcast.net](mailto:olgc@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](mailto: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  
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

**YOUTH MINISTRY**  
Darlene Wilson 882 2996  
Deacon John 771 8288

**WEBMASTER**  
Maryanne Garcia 908 371 1150

# Schedule for the Week

## MASSES & SERVICES

**Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:00 AM Special Intention  
 5:00 PM Ida DeFrancesco r/o Philomena Muscente  
 Louis Palatine r/o Elaine Palatine  
**Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**  
*28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 8:30 AM Gabriel C. DeSouza r/o DeSouza Family  
 Christine Armenti r/o Carmine Armenti  
 10:30 AM People of the Parish  
 William A. Doyle r/o Wife Eileen & Daughter Nan  
**Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:30 AM Hugh Fallon r/o Helen Marie Dolton  
**Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:30 AM Diane Musco r/o Salvatore Triolo  
**Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:30 AM Fekete & Walley Families r/o Family  
**Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:30 AM Janet McMyne r/o Fran Zenchak  
**Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:30 AM William Kelly r/o Esther Kelly  
**Saturday, October 21<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:00 AM Special Intention  
 5:00 PM People of the Parish  
 William Kelly r/o Elaine Palatine  
**Sunday, October 22<sup>th</sup>**  
*28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 8:30 AM Michael Kelly r/o Debbie and Bob Smith  
 10:30 AM William Doyle r/o Wife Eileen & Daughter Nan  
 Hugh Fallon r/o Bill and Brenda O'Callaghan

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

**Saturday, October 21<sup>th</sup>**  
 5:00 PM Elaine Palatine, Mary Serafine,  
**Sunday, October 22<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:30 AM Vickey Aneser, Michael Lake, & Mary Szmuto  
 10:00 AM *PreferredCare Visits:* Anna Adomaitis  
 10:30 AM Tony Jones, Brenda O'Callaghan, & Laura Shea  
**Monday, October 23<sup>th</sup>, Reposition.**  
 Mary Szmuto

## Diocese of Trenton

### 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 in 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: **1-888-296-2965** or via email at [abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto: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.

## READERS

**Saturday, October 21<sup>th</sup>**  
 5:00 PM Patricia Williams  
**Sunday, October 22<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:30 AM Carol Lake  
 10:30 AM Darlene Wilson

## ALTAR SERVERS

**Saturday, October 21<sup>th</sup>**  
 5:00 PM Ken Foreman  
**Sunday, October 22<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:30 AM Chris Corban  
 10:30 AM Nora Shea

## PARISH EVENTS

**October 14<sup>th</sup>:** Morning Mass takes place at 8:00 AM. Novenas follow morning Mass.  
 Our *Annual Rosary Rally* will take place at Noon at the Fatima Statue at the front entrance to our Church.  
 Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM.  
**October 15<sup>th</sup>** *28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 Sunday Confirmation classes in Oopenacker Room at 9:15AM.  
 Fall Adult Faith Formation sessions will take place in the Church Hall at 6:00 PM.  
**October 16<sup>th</sup>:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows morning Mass in the Church until 7:00PM.  
 Religious education classes will be held at Villa Victoria from 4:30PM-6:00PM  
**October 17<sup>th</sup>:** Knights of Columbus #3756 Business Meeting in the Church Hall at 7:30PM  
**October 21<sup>st</sup>:** Morning Mass takes place at 8:00 AM. Novenas follow morning Mass.  
 Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM.  
**October 22nd:** *28<sup>th</sup> 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.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Registered Parishioner	780 families
Parishioners using envelopes	215
Envelope Contributions	\$4738.00
Average Contribution	\$22.04
Loose Cash	\$609.00
Contributions for October 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$5347.00

# Announcements

## PARISH NEWS

**Parish Halloween Party** On Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 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.



### **Cohort Collaboration Opportunity**

Our partner parish, Incarnation-St. James will be having their Parish Fall Festival on Sunday October 22, 2017 from 12:00PM to 4:00PM. There will be Pumpkin and Cookie decorating, Scarecrow making, as well as food and beverage. There is no cost, however, please RSVP to (609) 882-2860 or [isjcommunityevents@gmail.com](mailto:isjcommunityevents@gmail.com) by October 18. If you attend you are asked to bring a dessert to share.

### **Parish Directory**

The second and final photography session for our parish directory will be held Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 11/2-11/4. This is an opportunity for you and your family to have professional photographs taken and is helpful to our parish staff and clergy in getting to know you. Remember that anyone who participates will receive one free 8x10 photo as well as a copy of the directory when it is produced. The photography sessions are by appointment only and the sign-up sheets are in the front of the Church. Sign-up will end next weekend space is limited.



## ***WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK***

*Bob Arcaidipane, Sharron Birch, Mason Brown, Rosemarie Buker, Mary DeFrancesco, Raymond Dietrich, Richard Gervasoni, Jack Ginter, Stella, Giordano, Nick Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Rose Jacobs, Joe Maloney, Elizabeth Matlack, Karen McCarthy, Dolores Megyesy, Marie Muscente, Angelika Niranjan, Kalie Palmer, Dolores Saliola, Linda Solinski, Stephen Thoma, Roy Toler, Gary Vanderbilt, Laura Varone, & Marion Vogler . . . and, all parishioners who are either sick or homebound.*

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

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

**Stuart Country Day School** Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart, an all-girls JK-12 school with a co-ed Early Childhood Program, will be hosting Open Houses on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 PM and Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 2PM. Located in Princeton, Stuart empowers girls to think critically and lead confidently. To learn more, contact the Admissions Office at 921 2330.

**TCA Open House** Trenton Catholic Academy is hosting an Open House on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> 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 active-ties. All interested families are invited to attend. For more information, contact Ms. Rogers in the Admissions Office at 586 3705, X119.

## **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE**

Time is running out to join members of our parish, along with Incarnation-St. James for our bus trip to the Diocesan Pilgrimage at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on Saturday November 4, 2017.

This is an all-day pilgrimage, where we will join approximately 2000 other pilgrims from our diocese for a day of prayer and spiritual enrichment. There will be activities during the day for families and it will end with a Mass with Bishop O'Connell in the Great Upper Church of the Basilica. The bus will be leaving the parking lot of OLGc at 7:00AM, and returning in the late evening. The cost of \$30 will cover the bus, the driver's tip, and a buffet dinner. Please contact Trish Williams by email ([pmw7904@aol.com](mailto:pmw7904@aol.com)) or phone (609-468-7204) to reserve your space which is very limited.



# Reflection

## 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

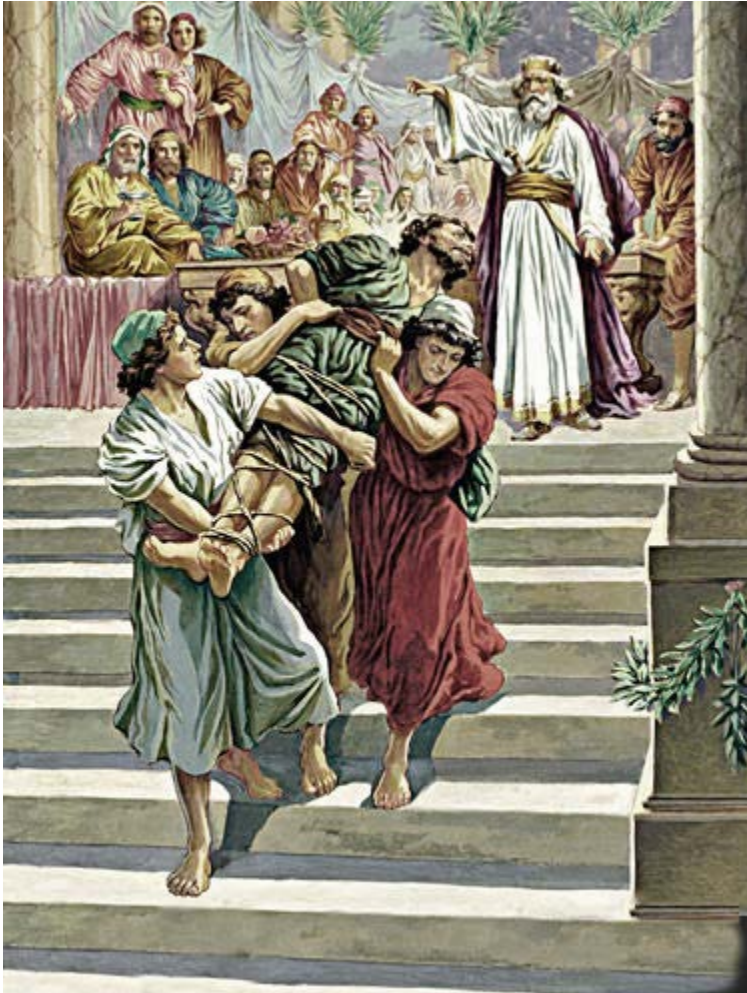
Today's Gospel reading is the Parable of the Wedding Feast. Jesus likened the Kingdom of Heaven to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. This reading is part of a series of discussions that Jesus held in the Temple with the chief priests and the elders following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, which addressed the nature of the people of Israel as the chosen people.

To understand the significance of the parable, it is important to consider such an event in the context of society during Jesus' time. Wedding feasts, especially those of nobility or the wealthy, were elaborate affairs lasting several days, with much celebration. Those, who were fortunate and privileged to be invited, would not fail to attend, save for grave reason, especially if the invitation were given by the king. Thus, for the invited guests to repudiate the call to celebration and turn their backs on the king and his son would be a great insult. Even worse, when other servants came to call them to the feast, the servants were ignored by some, and abused and killed by still others. The king, in his wrath, destroyed the murderers and burned their city. He then had his servants go into the streets and gather both the good and the bad to the feast. As the king stood before the guests, there was one man who was in attendance without a wedding garment. When questioned, he had no answer, and was thus expelled from the feast into the darkness.

The parable uses the images of the King, his Son and the invited guests as symbols for God, Jesus, and the chosen people. The servants, who came to call the invited, were the prophets; the Old Testament scriptures record that many of them suffered and were killed in response to their prophecy. When the invited (the chosen people) repudiated the invitation and were destroyed, men and women of all nations were invited to the Kingdom. All of these, good and bad, entered the feast. However, the one (and there may have been others) who came without the appropriate wedding garment, that is, the one who did not live his life in holiness even after accepting the call, was banished from the great feast.

Jesus would return to this theme often in his teachings, that salvation was not assured simply because certain people were "chosen." Rather, salvation would come to those who accepted the call of Christ and reorient their lives as his disciples. Jesus was, is, and will always be the way to salvation. It is not merely the invitation that determines salvation, but our response – our acceptance and embrace of the call to discipleship in our thoughts, our words and in our actions.

Deacon Steven K. Szmuto



### ***From The Pastor:***

While you may not always see them, there are always things that are in various stages of preparation for the future of the parish. Here are a few that are on the horizon:

- In the coming weeks we will begin a push to recruit additional liturgical ministers (Lectors, Ministers of Holy Communion, even Altar Servers). Once that push begins, we will have meetings of each group and trainings for the new ministers.
- You will see some work being done on our parking drainage as well as the awnings over the Church side doors, to help with water runoff and ice in the coming winter months.
- We will begin a study of our current and potential public spaces (Church Hall, Rectory Basement) to see if they can be updated, renovated, or configured more efficiently so to promote increased on-campus activity.
- We are in the early stages of trying to form a Parish/Pastoral Council to help form our parish's future. This will be an extension of the Cohort collaboration that has already begun

God-willing, I will have more to share in the near future.

Fr. Mike