

Our Lady of Good Counsel

137 West Upper Ferry Road West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 3, 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
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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
Michael Murphy, Grand Knight 575 7699
Gary Vanderbilt, Church Director 882 8474

LITURGICAL MINISTERS
Rectory Office 882 3277

MUSIC MINISTRY
Deirdre Hindley, Organist 882 3215

RCIA
Deacon Steve 947 0587

SENIORS CLUB
Mary Pat Voorhees, President 882 2327
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

REGISTRATION All parishioners should be registered. Please contact the Rectory Office when entering or leaving the parish.

Schedule for the Week

MASSES & SERVICES

Saturday, September 2nd
 8:00 AM Special Intention
 5:00 PM John Belli, Sr. r/o Elaine Palatine
 Eugenia Campbell r/o Steve & Mary Szmuto
Sunday, September 3rd
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 AM William Kelly r/o Fame DiLeo
 Michael Kozar r/o Theresa Kozar
 10:30 AM People of the Parish
 Diane McGrath r/o Carol Przechacki
Monday, September 4th
Labor Day
 7:30 AM Special Intention
Tuesday, September 5th
 7:30 AM John Urbano r/o Margaret Babecki
Wednesday, September 6th
 7:30 AM Marie & William Dolton r/o Helen Marie Dolton
Thursday, September 7th
 7:30 AM Ann Lynn Woods r/o Mary Lou Delahanty
Friday, September 8th
 7:30 AM Frank Migliarse r/o Robin Allen
Saturday, September 9th
 8:00 AM Special Intention
 5:00 PM People of the Parish
 Eleanor Muscente r/o Philomena Muscente
Sunday, September 10th
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 AM William Kelly r/o Deidre Hindley
 10:30 AM Gary Reading r/o Fran & Henry Jones

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, September 9th
 5:00 PM Butch Kramer, Michael Manion, & Mary Serafine
Sunday, September 10th
 8:30 AM Vickey Aneser, Claude LeGall, & Thomas Voorhees
 10:00 AM *PreferredCare Visits:* Anna Adomaitis
 10:30 AM Ellen Everett, Timothy Everett, & Joyce Christensen
Monday, September 11th, Repostion.
 Nancy Mahony

*O God, you are my God whom I seek;
 for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
 like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.
 Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary
 to see your power and your glory,
 for your kindness is a greater good than life;
 my lips shall glorify you.
 Thus will I bless you while I live;
 lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.
 As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied,
 and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.
 You are my help,
 and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.
 My soul clings fast to you;
 your right hand upholds me.*

READERS

Saturday, September 9th
 5:00 PM Theresa Gregorio
Sunday, September 10th
 8:30 AM Mary Anne LeGall
 10:30 AM Darlene Wilson

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, September 9th
 5:00 PM Michael Montagna
Sunday, September 10th
 8:30 AM Chris Corban
 10:30 AM Marcus Christensen`

PARISH EVENTS

September 2nd: Morning Mass takes place at 8:00 AM. Novenas follow morning Mass.
 Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM.
September 3rd: *22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
September 4th: Labor Day. *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* is cancelled and the Rectory Office is closed.
September 5th: 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.
September 6th: The Seniors Club will meet in the Church Hall at 11:00 AM.

At all Masses this weekend, tickets will be sold at all Church doors for the Guardian Angel Dinner Dance of Catholic Charities and for The Walk of Hope, another Catholic Charities event. Stop-by and chat with the representatives of these events for more information.

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September 10th: *23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

CONTRIBUTIONS

Registered Parishioners	780 families
Parishioners using envelopes	209
Envelope Contributions	\$4,635.00
Average Contribution	\$22.18
Loose Cash	\$675.00
Contributions for August 27 th	\$5,251.00

*I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,
 to offer yourselves as a living sacrifice,
 holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.
 Do not conform yourselves to this age
 but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,
 that you may discern what is the will of God,
 what is good and pleasing and perfect.*

Rom 12

Announcements

PARISH NEWS

Right to Life Raffle Our parish will again host a *Right to Life Raffle* ticket sale at all church doors on the weekend of September 30th and October 1st.

Volunteers are needed to sell tickets at Church doors. To volunteer or for more information, call Marge Stanford at 882 6555.

OLGC Summer Outreach During the summer months, many school-aged children will no longer be receiving the breakfast or lunch they typically receive throughout the year while attending school.

To help fill that void, our local charities have asked if we could donate additional kid-friendly food items during July and August. Shelf-stable items such as cereal, pancake mix, fruit cups, raisins, juices, jello, pudding, peanut butter & jelly, macaroni & cheese, can pasta, soup, tuna fish, etc. would be most helpful. Your donated items will be delivered each week to Mount Carmel Guild and Catholic Charities of Trenton.

The OLGC Social Services Committee and local Knights of Columbus members thank you for your help with this effort.

Becoming Catholic Interested in becoming Catholic or completing Sacraments . . . if you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or completing the Sacraments of Initiation (First Eucharist or Confirmation), please contact Deacon Steve either by phone at 947 0587 or by email at deaconstevenszmutko@gmail.com. Deacon Steve will be available to meet on a confidential basis to discuss the process for entering the fullness of our faith.



WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Bob Arcaidipane, Sharron Birch, Mason Brown, Rosemarie Buker, Glenda Cain, Rita Capone, Mark Conte, Mary DeFrancesco, Raymond Dietrich, Joanne Fraytak, Susie Galloway, Frank Garcia, Donald Geoghan, Nick Gregorio, Fr. Mike Hall, Sherri Hanlon, Maria Hegyi, Rose Jacobs, Sally Maida, Joe Maloney, Karen McCarthy, Dolores Megyesy, Joseph McMyne, Marie Muscente, Angelika Nirnanjan, Cooper Paglione, Jeff Papp, Lorraine Papszycki, Kristi Moore-Peoples, Rita Prince, Dolores Saliola, Linda Solinski, Jane Speckin, Stephen Thoma, Roy Toler, Laura Varone, Gary Vanderbilt, Marion Vogler . . . and, all parishioners who are either sick or homebound.

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

PARISH NEWS

Walk of Hope The Catholic Charities Walk of Hope Committee is organizing a team from Ewing to bring together members of Our Lady of Good Counsel and Incarnation-St. James to put on their walking shoes to reduce poverty and to strengthen families. The cost to participate is \$25 for adults: all others are free. Join Catholic Charities on Saturday, September 30th at Mercer Park.

For more information about the *Walk of Hope*, contact Tom DeFalco at 882 6480.

Guardian Angel Dance Catholic Charities will once more sponsor a *Guardian Angel Dinner Dance* with a 50 /50 raffle ticket sale at Church doors on September 9th and 10th. For more information, call Nancy Tompkins, the Director of Development at Catholic Charities, at 394 5181, X1161.

Fall Adult Faith Formation Our Parish Adult Faith Formation Program will begin on Sunday, October 1st in the Church Hall and will continue on Sunday evenings from 6:00 to 8:30 PM through January 21st, with Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks. This 13 session course will feature Bishop Robert Barron's *Catholicism: The Pivotal Players, Volume I*, which explores the lives of people such as Saints Francis of Assisi, Thomas Aquinas, Catherine of Siena, Blessed John Henry Newman, G.K. Chesterton, and Michelangelo.

The cost is \$45 per person, which includes both an extensive Study Guide and Companion Book, *Praying with the Pivotal Players*, as well as snacks and refreshments. For those unable to afford the cost, confidential financial assistance will be provided.

Registration forms are available at the entrances to the Church. For more information, call Deacon Steve at 947 0587 or by e-mail at email deaconstevenszmutko@gmail.com. The registration deadline is September 18th.

Back-to-School-Drive During July and August, our Parish Social Services Committee and the Knights of Columbus will be collecting donated school supplies and backpacks for children K-12 for the upcoming school year. *Pass the word* . . . donated items may include backpacks, 2-pocket folders, subject & composition notebooks, 3-ring binders, loose leaf paper, pens and pencils, pencil boxes, crayons, markers, glue sticks, rulers, protractors, scissors, sharpeners, calculators, dictionaries, or gift certificates.

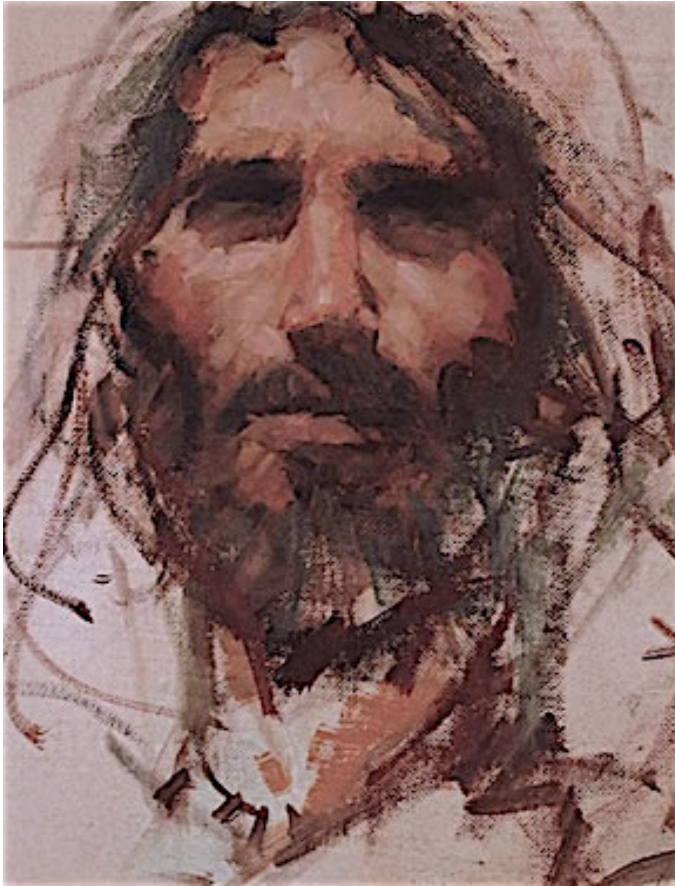
Please save and clip this ad to your donations bag which you may leave on the donations table in the Church Hall. We will deliver all supplies collected to Catholic Charities of Trenton and Mount Carmel Guild at the end of August.

The OLGC Social Services Committee and local Knights of Columbus members thank you in advance for your help with this effort!

Reflection

Announcements

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Christ, Michael Dudash

***Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,
take up his cross and follow me.***

Jesus began to show his disciples
that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly
from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes
and be killed and on the third day be raised.

Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him,
God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you.

He turned and said to Peter,

*Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me.
You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.*

Then Jesus said to his disciples,
*Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me.*

*For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.*

*What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world
and forfeit his life?*

Or, what can one give in exchange for his life?

*For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory,
and then he will repay all according to his conduct.*

Mt 16

Labor Day Weekend is a reminder that summer is (at least unofficially) over. Schools are already open or about to open their doors, summer vacations are, for the most part a fond memory, and there is already a slightly different feel in the air as days are noticeably shorter and the sporadic cool weather offers a respite from heat and humidity. In a sense, I have always considered September to be the start of a new year. Although it has been more than 40 years since I graduated from college, my work at Drexel University is focused on newly enrolled graduate students beginning their Masters' studies as well as the appearance of other students entering college for the first time. For parents, first days regularly bring daily battles with their children to get them to school on time, with homework assignments completed as not-always-eager minds are hesitant to embrace the rigors of academics. In other words, life for the most part goes on as it always has for most of us, although there are many in our community dealing with more dire and substantive issues, matters that must be dealt with more or less urgency.

Today's reading from the Gospel of Matthew is a reminder that life does not advance in a constant progression of comfort, ease and good fortune. As Catholics, we are subject to ridicule and derision, and our beliefs are viewed as archaic and oppressive if we dare to go against "prevailing wisdom" of a secular society, which has in many quarters lost its moral compass. Some Christians subscribe to the notion of an easy discipleship, sometimes called a gospel of prosperity, that if only we profess our belief in Christ, then we will receive wealth and good fortune in all measures of our earthly life. Of course, there is no guarantee of any such thing. Our Lord himself said, to Peter, who sought to dissuade Jesus from the suffering associated with his salvific mission: *Get behind me Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.* He reminded Peter and the others that discipleship was difficult: *Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.* The reward for discipleship is not guaranteed in this life, but it is assured for the faithful in the eternal kingdom of Our Heavenly Father

This is not to say that discipleship is a miserable affair, devoid of peace and gladness. On the contrary, the legions of saints and the faithful across the centuries attest to the joy of living according to the Gospel message, even in the face of trial and persecution. In devoting ourselves to Our Lord, we gain, through our openness to the Holy Spirit, a contentment and delight that is unmatched by any attachment to temporal things. However, we too may experience challenges to our faith, by those who deny the existence of eternal truth and seek to draw us away from Christ to reinforce their false notions of superiority. Temptations to sin and evil abound, and we cannot withstand them without turning our lives over to the Lord.

Saint Paul, in his Letter to the Romans, advised his fellow Christians: *Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.* Let us resolve to follow Christ, heeding his Word and partaking in the Eucharist, so that we may be strengthened by his limitless grace, to stand firmly against evil and ignorance, and become instruments of the peace of Christ, who is the way, the truth and the life.

Deacon Steve Szmutko

Reflection