

# Our Lady of Good Counsel

137 West Upper Ferry Road West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

## 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 10, 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)  
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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.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**  
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

8:00 AM Special Intention  
 5:00 PM People of the Parish  
 Eleanor Muscente r/o Philomena Muscente  
**Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**  
*23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 8:30 AM William Kelly r/o Deidre Hindley  
 10:30 AM Gary Reading r/o Fran & Henry Jones  
**Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:30 AM Niall Brady r/o Holly Heenan  
**Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:30 AM Dorothy Blicharz r/o Gerry & Jay  
**Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:30 AM Msgr. William F. Fitzgerald r/o Sr. Marian William  
 For the intentions of Joanne Wuest r/o Elaine  
 Palatine  
**Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:30 AM Morning Prayer, no Mass.  
**Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:30 AM William Kelly r/o Esther Kelly  
**Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:00 AM Special Intention  
 5:00 PM Mary Elizabeth Acuff r/o Elaine Palatine  
**Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**  
*24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 8:30 AM People of the Parish  
 10:30 AM Michael & Anthony Thoma r/o Susan Kane

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5:00 PM **Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**  
 Ginny Evans, Elaine Palatine, & Fran Zenchak  
**Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:30 AM Claude LeGall, Mary Anne LeGall, & Laura Shea  
 10:00 AM *Preferred Care Visits:* Claude LeGall  
 10:30 AM Joyce Christensen, Tony Jones, & Linda Reasoner  
**Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, Reposition.**  
 Mary Szmuto

## **THANKS FOR THE PEOPLE IN OUR LIVES**

*God of Love,  
 I thank you for the people in my life  
 who are easy to love.  
 I thank you for my family and friends  
 who understand my actions,  
 who support me in my decisions,  
 and whose presence can lift the burden of a thorny day.  
 Help me though with those who are difficult to love.  
 When they approach me with criticism  
 and wild expectations, when they ignore me,  
 or try to bend me to their will.  
 Let me recognize their flaws and their dangers.  
 But then, let me remember your attitude toward them,  
 and lead me to see them in the light of your love.*

## READERS

**Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**  
 5:00 PM Mary Lou Delahanty  
**Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:30 AM James Barker  
 10:30 AM Patricia Williams

## ALTAR SERVERS

**Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**  
 5:00 PM Alex Medwick  
**Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:30 AM Nora Shea  
 10:30 AM Ken Foreman

## PARISH EVENTS

**September 9<sup>th</sup>:** Morning Mass takes place at 8:00 AM. Novenas follow morning Mass.

Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM.

*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.*

**September 10<sup>th</sup>:** *23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**September 11<sup>th</sup>:** *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.

**September 13<sup>th</sup>:** The Delaware Valley Radio Association will meet in the Church Hall at 8:00 PM.

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## CONTRIBUTIONS

Registered Parishioners	780 families
Parishioners using envelopes	225
Envelope Contributions	\$6,162.00
Average Contribution	\$27.39
Loose Cash	\$636.00
Contributions for September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$6,788.00

*Bless the LORD, O my soul;  
 and all my being, bless his holy name.*

*Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
 and forget not all his benefits.*

*He pardons all our iniquities,  
 heals all our ills.*

*He redeems your life from destruction,  
 crowns you with kindness and compassion.*

*He will not always chide,  
 nor does he keep his wrath forever.*

# Announcements

## PARISH NEWS

**Back-to-School Drive Results** Our Social Service Committee volunteers are happy to report that 9 backpacks and 21 bags of school supply items were donated during this year's back-to-school drive. These items were delivered to Catholic Charities of Trenton and Mount Carmel Guild on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you so much for helping some needy children kick off the new school year in a positive way!

We also wish to thank everyone for your continued donations of non-perishable food, frozen meals, clothing, personal care, and household items to our weekly deliveries to these charities. Please check the Church Hall Bulletin Boards for more donation information.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

**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 [deaconstevenszmuto@gmail.com](mailto:deaconstevenszmuto@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 Niranjan, Kalie Palmer, 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.

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**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: tickets will be sold at Church doors on September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Join Catholic Charities on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup> in the Church Hall and will continue on Sunday evenings from 6:00 to 8:30 PM through January 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 [deaconstevenszmuto@gmail.com](mailto:deaconstevenszmuto@gmail.com). The registration deadline is Sep-tember 18<sup>th</sup>.

*I give you a new commandment,  
says the Lord;  
love one another as I have loved you.  
None of us lives for oneself,  
and no one dies for oneself.  
For if we live, we live for the Lord,  
and if we die, we die for the Lord;  
so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.  
For this is why Christ died and came to life,  
that he might be Lord  
of both the dead and the living.*

# *Reflection*

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*You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Love does no evil to neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.*

Today's readings from the Sacred Scriptures focus upon love and reconciliation, which are inextricably woven throughout the teachings of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Given the world situation and national events of recent weeks and months, these themes must be emphasized, again and again and again, in both our words and actions. The above quote taken from the second reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans encapsulates the essential behavior to be assumed by those who aspire to be Disciples of Christ.

In recent times, our country has been polarized by extremists, who seek to spread hatred and turn to violence to advance distorted views of reality. While disagreement is frequent in political discourse even among men and women of goodwill, there has been an increasing tendency to not only disagree with, but also to demonize those who hold contrary points of view. There are no more political adversaries, only abject enemies, who must be utterly crushed, even when there may be valid approaches to the resolution of different issues. Factions decry each other as hate-groups, but then act with the same hatred as that of which they accuse their opponents.

Hate is hate, regardless of which banner it rallies under! Hate divides, it embitters, and it creates a never-ending cycle of anger, exploitation, violence and destruction. Hatred feeds upon itself, and it grows stronger each time we see our fellow men and women, not as neighbors, but enemies. Demonization of adversaries, whether social, political or cultural, usually leads not to reconciliation, but to exploitation of a situation for personal or collective gain. When we demonize others, we dehumanize them; and when we dehumanize them, we provide a false rationale to eradicate them. This is not to say that evil is not to be fought; rather it is that we must do so without descending into the depths of malice, vindictiveness and sadistic glee for our own aggrandizement.

God created the world out of love and calls upon each of us to love one another. To do otherwise, eventually sows the seeds of our own destruction. As we heard from Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians in the Gospel Acclamation: *God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.*

Reconciliation does not mean forgetting what wrongs have been committed, or preventing such wrongs from happening; rather it means that we are willing to move forward, correcting past injustices and striving to remove those things that perpetuate their existence. Only when love and reconciliation drive out the cancer of hate from our hearts and minds, will we move toward an enduring peace with our neighbor, so that together we can journey to a deeper and genuine relationship with God.

Deacon Steve Szmuto



Tavik Frantisek Simon, *Soup Kitchen*, 1927

***Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them.***

### ***FROM THE PASTOR***

As I mentioned from the altar last weekend, I want to thank everyone who sent well wishes or prayers during my surgical recovery, which has gone very smoothly. I received a number of cards, a few funny gifts, and some generous food donations during those first days of recovery that were humbling and appreciated. Also, thanks to Fr. Jason and Msgr. Ralph for covering the Sacraments of the parish while I was out of commission.

Also, I want to thank you for your generous response to last week's collection for Catholic Charities in the areas of Southeast Texas affected by Hurricane Harvey. With no time to prepare, we brought in \$3,608 which is the largest second collection that we have had in the parish since I arrived here. At the time of this writing, we continue to pray for those in the path of Hurricane Irma and all victims of recent natural disasters.

Finally, as we come to the end of summer we ask for God's blessings on all of those in our parish who are returning to school and hope for a safe and productive school year.

*Fr. Michael Hall*

# *Reflection*