

Our Lady of Good Counsel

137 West Upper Ferry Road West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 11, 2018

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
During Lent on Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:15 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
George Steward, Acting Church Director 883 9173

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

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

Schedule for the Week

MASSES & SERVICES

Saturday February 10th
 8:00 AM Special Intention
Youth Mass
 5:00 PM Fekete & Walley Families r/o Family
 Mary & Pat Muscente r/o Kees & Angela Geurds
Sunday, February 11th
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 AM Robert Cook, Jr. r/o Wife, Patricia
 JoAnne Speranza r/o the Sliwinski Family
 10:30 AM William Morgan r/o Stanley & Elizabeth Wilk
 Nicholas Muscente, Sr. r/o Marie & Carol
 Muscente
Monday, February 12th
 7:30 AM Special Intention
Tuesday, February 13th
 7:30 AM Frank & Sarah Palmieri r/o Harry & Sherry
 Masterson
 Purin Family r/o Josephine Fasusi
Wednesday, February 14th
Ash Wednesday
 7:30 AM For the Intentions Marie Dougherty r/o Elaine
 Palatine
 Noon Special Intention
 7:00 PM Special Intention
Thursday, February 15th
 7:30 AM Marie & William Dolton r/o Helen Marie Dolton
Friday, February 16th
 7:30 AM Mary Ingoglia r/o Russell, Debbie, & Jake Vizzini
 7:00 PM *Stations of the Cross*
Saturday February 17th
 8:00 AM Special Intention
 5:00 PM Phyllis Falzini-Cururso r/o Donna & David Collins
 Gertrude Russo r/o Dolores DeBlasio
Sunday, February 18th
1st Sunday of Lent
 8:30 AM Robert Cook r/o Louis & Mary Jane DiTanna
 Tricia Elizabeth Cook Pariziale r/o Brothers &
 Wives
 10:30 AM Al Venanzi r/o Family

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, February 17th
 5:00 PM Joyce Christensen, Fran Golinski, & Darlene
 Wilson
Sunday, February 18th
 8:30 AM Joan Fallon, Carol Lake, & Michael Lake
 10:00 AM *Preferred Care Visits:* Mary Anne LeGall
 10:30 AM Tony Jones, Butch Kramer, & Brenda O'Callaghan
Monday, February 19th. Adoration is cancelled.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Registered Parishioners	790 families
Parishioners using envelopes	217
Envelope Contributions	\$5,101.00
Average Contribution	\$23.51
Loose Cash	\$830.00
Contributions for February 4 th	\$5,931.00

READERS

Saturday, February 17th
 5:00 PM Helen Marie Dolton
Sunday, February 18th
 8:30 AM Laura Shea
 10:30 AM Michael Delehanty

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, February 17th
 5:00 PM Lauren & Marcus Christensen
Sunday, February 18th
 8:30 AM Nora Shea
 10:30 AM Alex Medwick

PARISH EVENTS

February 10th: Morning Mass takes place at 8:00 AM. Novenas follow morning Mass. Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM. Our *Parish Youth Group* will celebrate evening Mass at 5:00 PM with music provided by the Villa Victoria *Honeybees Choir*. Afterwards, the Group will meet in the Church Hall with food, fun, and conversation.
February 11th: *6th Sunday in Ordinary Time* Sunday Confirmation Classes will take place in the Church Hall from 9:15 to 10:25 AM.
February 12th: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows morning Mass in the Church until 7:00PM. Religious ED classes will take place at Villa Victoria Academy from 4:30 to 6:00 PM.
February 14th: The Delaware Valley Radio Association will meet in the Church Hall at 8:00 PM.
February 17th: Morning Mass takes place at 8:00 AM. Novenas follow morning Mass. Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM.
February 18th: *6th Sunday in Ordinary Time* There are no Sunday Confirmation Classes. Lent/Easter Adult Faith Formation sessions will take place in the Church Hall at 6:00 PM.



WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Bob Arcaidipane, Mason Brown, Rosemarie Buker, Glenda Cain, Anthony Carabelli, Mary DeFrancesco, Raymond Dietrich, Nick Gregorio, James & Eileen Keenan, Joe Maloney, Dolores Megyesy, Marie Muscente, Angelika Niranjana, Theresa & Jeff Papp, Patricia Stahl, 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.

Announcements

INVITATION FROM FR. MIKE

I would like to extend an invitation to all parishioners to participate, join-in, celebrate the several Lenten activities that will take place in our parish during this joyous Lenten season of grace, forgiveness, and salvation.

Our journey begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th with ashes symbolic of our journey; and, I encourage everyone to avail themselves of the many opportunities for Confession that will take place as usual on Saturday afternoons augmented with Confessions each Wednesday evening during Lent at 6:30 PM together with a Lenten Penance Service on Sunday, March 18th at 4:00 PM where several priests will be in attendance.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the real presence of Jesus, can be enjoyed each Monday from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday evening at 7:00 PM where a Plenary Indulgence is granted to an individual who prays the Stations dutifully: this indulgence can also be assigned to a member of the faithful departed.

In addition, the liturgies of the Triduum which encompass Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday will take place during the last week of February. Consult the parish bulletin for events and schedule.

As our Bishop has enjoined us . . . let us fast and pray with Jesus and each other on our journey.

Fr. Mike

PARISH NEWS

Parish Outreach Update Thanks to your continued generosity, our Social Services Committee volunteers delivered the following items to Catholic Charities and Mount Carmel Guild of Trenton during October, November, and December: 210 frozen food tray meals, 26 Turkeys, 16 other frozen items, 624 items from Italian Peoples Bakery, 132 bags/boxes of non-perishable food, 83 bags/boxes of clothes, 3 bags/boxes of personal care items, 3 bags of baby items, 14 bags/boxes of household items and 81 bags of miscellaneous items (mostly Christmas gifts).

Meals-on-Wheels Volunteers Needed Are you looking for an opportunity where just your smile or a kind word will ease the daily isolation of a homebound person? Then come join as a volunteer with Mercer County Meals-on-Wheels and see for yourself how nourishment is not just about food but also about the soul!

Meals on Wheels delivers meals Monday thru Friday to homebound residents and is in need of both regular (weekly) volunteers and substitutes. Please call 695 3483 for more information or send an e-mail to volunteerservices@mealsonwheelsmercer.org.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead, — from Ash Wednesday, February 14th until Holy Thursday, March 29th — the Catholic Church throughout the world commemorates the penitential season of Lent.

The model Jesus gave us for “these forty days” was his own experience in the desert and the temptations that followed him there where he encountered Satan face to face. We enter the desert of Lent like Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, to face our devils, our temptations head on. But we are not alone. The Lord Jesus Christ is with us. And so, too, is the Church, the entire community of faith observing Lent. Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States requires of us as baptized Catholics:

- The days of FAST (only one full meal) and ABSTINENCE (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No dispensations are granted on these solemn days except for reason of sickness or those provided in canon law below. Valentine’s Day falls on Ash Wednesday, February 14th this year. Since Ash Wednesday is one of only two solemn penitential days, no dispensations will be granted. St. Patrick’s Day, March 17th, falls on a Saturday this year.
- All other Fridays of Lent are days of ABSTINENCE (no meat).
- Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to FAST (only one full meal) as above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to ABSTAIN (no meat: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat).
- The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of penitential days, that must be considered serious.
- The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year — often called *Easter duty* — for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from the 1st Sunday of Lent, February 17th to Trinity Sunday, May 27th. However, the Church’s law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

I want to encourage Catholics to go to confession and to make use of the sacrifices and traditions that have always been part of our Lenten practices in the Church. We do, indeed, fast and pray with the Lord Jesus and with our fellow Catholics. May this Lent be a time of penance leading to grace and joy for us all at Easter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

David M. O'Connell, C.M.

Most Reverend David M. O’Connell, C.M.
Bishop of Trenton

Reflection

6TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus reaches out to touch a leper; and by touching him, Jesus heals him.

Leprosy is a disease worth fearing. It disfigures and disables a person. The ancient world thought it could be transmitted by touch. For the sake of the health of the community, the law made lepers outcasts; but, even without the law, nobody wanted to touch a leper. The leper healed by Jesus must have lived for a long time without the touch of another human being. How welcome the touch of Jesus must have been to that leper! And how overjoyed the leper must have been when he found himself healed!

Leprosy is not the only thing that severely disfigures and disables a person. Sin does so too. And the touch of Jesus that heals leprosy heals sin as well. That is why, at Mass, we pray, *Only say the word, and my soul shall be healed.* Forego touch, Lord! We would be so overjoyed if you just said the word! Your healing would be so welcome to us!

But we say those words at every Mass, week after week, year after year. And still we struggle with our sins. Somewhere Nietzsche says unkindly about Christians, *They don't even look like the redeemed!* That is a painful accusation, isn't it? Why aren't we healed, by word or by touch, as the leper was? Why do we have to keep asking for the Lord's healing touch at every Mass?

But think about it this way: how would Nietzsche know what the redeemed look like? For that matter, how would we? Why should we think that we are in a position to see the healing that the Lord does in our lives? Why would we think that we are in a position to judge how far we have come in conquering the sin in ourselves? The Lord tells us not to judge others. Why should we think we are able to judge ourselves?

So we do not have to see the effects of the healing touch of the Lord in order for it to do its work. The touch of the Word, for whose healing word we pray at every mass, does its healing deep within. Our job is to be open to that touch.



Carl Heinrich Bloch, *Christ Healing*, 1792 .

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, *If you wish, you can make me clean..*

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

*In his presence are majesty and splendor,
strength and honor in his holy place.*

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