

Our Lady of Good Counsel

137 West Upper Ferry Road West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 4, 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 Stewart 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

8:00 AM Special Intention
 5:00 PM Robert Bernasky r/o Ed & Ginnie Evans
 James Aversano r/o Carl & Josephine Belfiore
 Ceposki

Saturday March 3rd
 8:30 AM Robert Patrick Cook r/o Barbara Kent
 10:30 AM Anthony Gambino r/o Joseph P. Cebulski
 Jean Trainor r/o John Trainor

Sunday, March 4th
 3rd Sunday of Lent

Monday, March 5th
 7:30 AM Anthony Gambino r/o Dolores DeBlasio

Tuesday, March 6th
 7:30 AM Gary Reifer r/o Kathy Kovacs

Wednesday, March 7th
 7:30 AM John Kane III r/o Susan Kane

Thursday, March 8th
 7:30 AM Peter Lamb, Jr. r/o Dolores DeBlasio
 Jean Trainor r/o John Trainor

Friday, March 9th
 7:30 AM Mary Ingoglia r/o Senior's Club
 4:00 PM *The Beginning of 24 Hours for the Lord*
 7:00 PM *Stations of the Cross*

Saturday March 10th
 8:00 AM Special Intention
 4:00 PM *The Conclusion of 24 Hours for the Lord*
 5:00 PM Fekete & Walley Families r/o Family
 Henry Zawadniak r/o Mr. & Mrs. Nino Como

Sunday, March 11th
 4th Sunday of Lent
 8:30 AM Annuncia Panzitta r/o Fred & Mary Como
 Tricia Elizabeth Cook Parziale r/o Mother Patricia
 10:30 AM Christina Marie Garip r/o Norman Buttaci
 Joan Ungrady r/o Thomas Ungrady

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5:00 PM **Saturday, March 10th**
 Ginny Evans, Fran Golinski, & Butch Kramer

8:30 AM **Sunday, March 11th**
 10:00 AM Vickey Aneser, Michael Lake, & Tom Voorhees
 10:30 AM *Preferred Care Visits:* Claude LeGall
 Joyce Christensen, Mary Anne LeGall, & Tony Jones

Monday, March 12th Reposition
 Mary Szmuto

CONTRIBUTIONS

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| Registered Parishioners | 790 families |
| Parishioners using envelopes | 222 |
| Envelope Contributions | \$4,601.00 |
| Average Contribution | \$20.73 |
| Loose Cash | \$681.00 |
| Contributions for February 25 th | \$5,282.00 |

READERS

5:00 PM **Saturday, March 10th**
 Helen Marie Dolton

8:30 AM **Sunday, March 11th**
 Carol Lake
 10:30 AM Darlene Wilson

ALTAR SERVERS

7:00 PM **Friday, March 9th**
 Connor Greig, Alex Medwick, & Mary Catherine Shea

5:00 PM **Saturday, March 10th**
 Marshall Barrett

8:30 AM **Sunday, March 11th**
 10:30 AM Connor Greig
 Marcus Christensen

PARISH EVENTS

March 3rd: Morning Mass takes place at 8:00 AM. Novenas follow morning Mass.
 A Confirmation Retreat will take place in Church Hall 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM.
 Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM.

March 4th: 3rd Sunday of Lent
 Sunday Confirmation Classes will take place in the Church Hall from 9:15 to 10:25 AM. Lent/Easter Adult Faith Formation sessions will take place in the Church Hall at 6:00 PM.

March 5th: *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.
 The West Trenton Garden Club will meet in the Church Hall at 7:00 PM.

March 6th: 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.

March 7th: The Senior's Club will meet in the Church Hall at 11:00 AM.

March 8th: A 1st Eucharist Parent meeting will take place in the Church Hall at 7:30 PM.

March 9th: *24 Hours for the Lord* will begin at 4:00 PM with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions from 4:00 to 11:00 PM, and *Stations of the Cross* at 7:00 PM.

March 10th: *24 Hours for the Lord* will continue with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, morning Mass at 8:00 AM, and Confessions from Noon to 4:00 PM.
 Our *Parish Youth Group* will celebrate a Youth Mass at 5:00 PM with music provided by the Villa Victoria *Honey Bee Choir*. A Youth Meeting follows Mass with food, games, and fun. All teens are invited.

March 11th: 4th Sunday of Lent
 Sunday Confirmation Classes will take place in the Church Hall from 9:15 to 10:25 AM. Lent/Easter Adult Faith Formation sessions will take place in the Church Hall at 6:00 PM.

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LENT

PRAY + FAST + GIVE

Announcements

PARISH NEWS

Parish Easter Egg Hunt On Saturday, March 24th at 10:00 AM, our parish will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt on the Rectory grounds.

If any Confirmation students would like to help-out, this is a great way to obtain community service hours. If you are able to donate your time or have any questions contact Joyce Christensen at 651 0466.

Beauty and the Beast Villa Victoria Academy proudly presents a family-friendly show and musical, *Beauty and the Beast*, on the following dates: Friday, March 23rd at 7 PM, Saturday, March 24th at 7 PM, and Sunday, March 25th at 3 PM.

Tickets are on sale now for \$16 each online at www.villavictoria.org or by calling 882 1700, X 401. Seating is assigned on a first come, first served basis.

Villa Victoria Academy is located at 376 West Upper Ferry Road in Ewing, New Jersey.

40 Cans for Lent Our Social Services Committee invites everyone to participate in this year's outreach program throughout the Lenten season. Instead of giving up something for Lent, consider giving out something. The idea is to donate one canned food item for each day of Lent, or 40 cans. As Jesus fasted for 40 days and nights, we will be collecting and delivering canned goods to our local charities to help with the nutritional needs of needy families in the Trenton area.

Please leave your donated cans of fruit, soup, or vegetables in the designated area in our Church Hall, which we will deliver each week to Mount Carmel Guild and Catholic Charities of Trenton.

You don't have to wait until the end of Lent to bring your donation to the Church. You may donate as often as you would like: one-can-per-day, once a week, or whenever you visit the Church. Whatever you can give will be greatly appreciated.

Rosary Rally for Marriage Come and join others, nation-wide . . . praying for the defense of marriage, one man and one women. The Rally will be held on Saturday, March 17th at Noon on Church grounds in front of Our Lady of Fatima Statue.

For details, call Marge Stanford at 882 6555.



WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Bob Arcaidipane, Mason Brown, Rosemarie Buker, Glenda Cain, Anthony Carabelli, Mary DeFrancesco, Raymond Dietrich, Nick Gregorio, James & Eileen Keenan, Margaret Kristofik, Joe Maloney, Dolores Megyesy, Marie Muscente, Angelika Niranjan, Jeff Papp, Lorraine Scofield, Patricia Stahl, Stephen Thoma, Roy Toler, Brenden Trevors, 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.



Pope Francis has once again asked Dioceses throughout the world to set aside 24 Hours for the Lord during the Lenten season and we have been chosen as one of two parishes in Mercer County to organize this event in the Diocese.

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

Friday, March 9th, 4:00 PM – Saturday, March 10th, 4:00 PM.

24 Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday March 9th Confessions – 4PM to 11PM

Friday March 9th Stations of the Cross – 7PM

Saturday March 10th Morning Mass at 8AM

Saturday March 10th Confessions – 12PM to 4PM

Fr. Mike

THE INSTRUCTION MANUAL

In the 1st Reading, God gives Moses and the Israelites the ten commandments. These are God's basic instruction manual for life.

The rules of God's instruction manual for us are helpful; but, as we all have learned, it is hard to know in what circumstances they apply. Suppose you take the commandment about turning the other cheek to apply to someone who is beating you up. If you apply it to mean that you should not try to stop him, you will simply be cooperating with his evil. The trick is to see that the commandment about turning the other cheek has to be applied in the context of the broader rule: love your enemy.

Elsewhere in today's Gospel, Christ uses a whip to drive the moneychangers out of the Temple. In doing this, he helps us understand how to apply the rules. In cases where turning the other cheek would make your enemy worse instead of better, loving your enemy requires helping him to stop his evil in some other way. And, that is why the same Christ who gave the Sermon on the Mount drives the moneychangers out of the Temple. If he had turned the other cheek to the moneychangers, he would have been an enabler of their evil. But, it is good for them, as well as for others, that they stop the evil they were doing. And so, Christ uses force to get them to stop.

God's instruction manual for life is not limited just to the sets of rules in the ten commandments and the Sermon on the Mount. There is a medieval saying: every act of Christ is a teaching for us, our instruction manual. Christ's life and actions, as they are set out in the Gospels, are our best help for seeing how to live our lives well.

Eleonore Stump, SLU

Reflection

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*God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
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Today's Gospel Acclamation, John 3: 16, a passage familiar to most of us and often seen in such unlikely places as gatherings and sporting events, encapsulates the essence of the Gospel message as we continue in the Season of Lent. In the perfect union of divinity and humanity, Our Lord Jesus Christ reconciled us to the Father by his passion, death and resurrection. In the ultimate act of salvific love, Christ, the new Adam, brought about humanity's "re-creation," washing away the sin of Adam, by which men and women had been long estranged from God and their place in the eternal kingdom.

In today's second reading from the 1st Letter to the Corinthians, Saint Paul reminds us of mankind's ongoing search for salvation and the truth. To Paul and the disciples, Christ is the way to the truth, the way for which saints and martyrs and died throughout the centuries. Salvation is not through abstract principles or signs, but rather through the person of Jesus Christ, who offered himself for our redemption. As Saint Paul said: *Brothers and sisters, Jews demand signs and Greeks, look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.*

The Gospel reading today offers Saint John's account of Jesus driving the merchants and moneychangers out of the temple. It is a powerful account of Jesus' zeal and passion for proper worship to the Father, and for such things to be unsullied by the strictures of human avarice: *His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.* He further identified himself and offered a sign of his resurrection with his additional words: *Destroy this temple [of his body], and in three days I will raise it up.* Christ in his person was the source and summit of salvation then, just as he is for us today in the Holy Eucharist.

As we continue our journey in the Season of Lent, we must keep our eyes focused on Christ. He is the eternal Word of God, the perfect lamb, and the spotless victim, by whose sacrifice we have been made whole. As we heard in today's Res-ponsorial Psalm: *Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.*



Rembrandt, *Christ driving the moneychangers from the Temple*, 1626.

***He made a whip out of cords and drove them all
out of the Temple area, with the sheep and oxen,
and spilled the coins of the moneychangers
and over turned their tables.***

Since the Passover of the Jews was near,
Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area
those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves,
as well as the money changers seated there.
He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out
of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen,
and spilled the coins of the money changers
and overturned their tables,
and to those who sold doves he said, *Take these out of here,
and stop making my Father's house a marketplace.*

His disciples recalled the words of Scripture,
zeal for your house will consume me.

At this the Jews answered and said to him,
What sign can you show us for doing this?

Jesus answered and said to them,
Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.

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Deacon Steven Szmuto

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