

# Our Lady of Good Counsel

137 West Upper Ferry Road West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

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

SEPTEMBER 17, 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

**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  
**Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**  
7:30 AM John Babecki r/o Margaret Babecki  
**Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**  
7:30 AM Robert Girard r/o Sherry & Ed Masterson  
**Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**  
7:30 AM Marie Stout r/o Maryann Miller  
**Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**  
7:30 AM Godfrey Schroth r/o Mary Lou Delahanty  
**Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
7:30 AM Ed Megyesy r/o Rich & Pam Manners  
**Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
8:00 AM Special Intention  
5:00 PM People of the Parish  
Catherine Evans r/o Ann Smith  
**Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**  
*25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
8:30 AM Don Smith r/o Walter & Joan Hansen and Ann Smith & Family  
10:30 AM Mary & Sam Fiorello r/o Family  
John Zajaros r/o Eileen Doyle

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

**Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
5:00 PM Butch Kramer, Michael Manion, & Mary Serafine  
**Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30 AM Vickey Aneser, Brenda O'Callaghsn, & Mary Szmuto  
10:00 AM *PreferredCare Visits:* Anna Adomaitis  
10:30 AM Ellen Everett, Timothy Everett, & Linda Reasoner  
**Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, Reposition.**  
Thomas Voorhees

*Wrath and anger are hateful things,  
yet the sinner hugs them tight.*

*The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance,  
for he remembers their sins in detail.*

*Forgive your neighbor's injustice;*

*then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.*

*Could anyone nourish anger against another  
and expect healing from the LORD?*

*Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself,  
can he seek pardon for his own sins?*

*If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath,  
who will forgive his sins?*

*Remember your last days, set enmity aside;  
remember death and decay, and cease from sin!*

*Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor;  
remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.*

## READERS

**Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
5:00 PM Darlene Wilson  
**Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30 AM James Barker  
10:30 AM Laura Shea

## ALTAR SERVERS

**Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
5:00 PM Marshall Barrett & Connor Grieg  
**Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30 AM Chris Corban  
10:30 AM Mary Catherine Shea

## PARISH EVENTS

**September 16<sup>th</sup>:** Morning Mass takes place at 8:00 AM. Novenas follow morning Mass.

Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM.

**September 17<sup>th</sup>:** *24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**September 18<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 19<sup>th</sup>:** The Knights of Columbus Council 3756 will hold a members only meeting in the Church Hall at 7:30 PM.

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## CONTRIBUTIONS

Registered Parishioners	780 families
Parishioners using envelopes	218
Envelope Contributions	\$4,995.00
Average Contribution	\$22.91
Loose Cash	\$715.00
Contributions for September 10 <sup>th</sup>	\$5,710.00

**Notre Dame Open House** Come to know Notre Dame High School at its Annual Open House for prospective students and parents on Thursday evening, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

For more information, contact the Admissions Office at 882 7900, X 130 or to register online visit [www.ndnj.org](http://www.ndnj.org).

*Like the deer that yearns for running streams,  
so my soul is yearning for you my God;  
my soul is thirsting for my God, the living God.*

# 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.

## PARISH NEWS

**K of C Events** The Ewing Knights of Columbus Council 3756 will be participating in the 2017 Ewing Community Fest on September 23<sup>rd</sup> on the campus of the College of New Jersey. This year the Knights are participating in the statewide *Send a Hero Home for the Holidays Program*. In addition, the Knights of Columbus will also be participating in the statewide Knights of Columbus Soccer challenge on September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM. The challenge is open to all youths between the ages of 9 to 14. Any boy or girl interested in the challenge is asked to bring a parent or guardian with them to the Ewing youth soccer fields at the Ewing Municipal Complex, Jake Garzio Drive.

**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. 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. Registration forms are available at the entrances to the Church. For more information, call Deacon Steve at 947 0587 or by e-mail at [deaconstevenszmuto@gmail.com](mailto:deaconstevenszmuto@gmail.com). The registration deadline is September 18<sup>th</sup>.

## *FROM THE PASTOR*

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. We continue to pray for those displaced by Hurricane Harvey, and also now 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*



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Peter approached Jesus and asked him, *Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?* Jesus answered, *I say to you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.*

One of my favorite performers is Mary Chapin Carpenter, the country music star from Princeton, NJ. Her songs are both contemporaneous and timeless, focusing on all aspects of the human condition. In one of her best songs from her 1992 bestselling album, *I Take My Chances*, one of the most memorable lines in the song, *Forgiveness doesn't come with a debt*, has always reminded me that unless we let go of past hurts and are willing to move beyond the pain, then true forgiveness on our part cannot occur. Sometimes, our need for revenge is so great, that we allow our minds to be poisoned in our attempt to make the other person suffer. Although protecting oneself from hurt and abuse is essential for mental and spiritual health, if we allow the actions of others to strangle ourselves with shackles of anger, hurt, and bitterness, then we will remain forever enslaved by past wrongs and be unable to move forward in life with Christian joy and compassion. Forgiveness is for our own sake as well as for others.

Today's readings emphasize the importance of forgiveness and mercy if we are to live in peace and in accordance with God's will. In response to Peter's question, Jesus told him that forgive-ness must be offered repeatedly and without hesitation, just as God offered forgiveness again and again to His people, as we have seen throughout Sacred Scriptures. In our beloved Lord's Prayer, taught to us by Jesus himself, we ask God to, *Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.* Jesus shared his parable of the king who forgave his servant of a great debt in response to his anguished cry for mercy; yet, that same servant callously refused to grant forgiveness and mercy to a fellow servant who was in his debt for a far lesser sum. When the king learned of the man's actions, he responded in righteous anger toward the ungrateful servant, punishing him accordingly. Jesus concluded: *So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart.*

Jesus' words are foreshadowed in the first reading from the Book of Sirach.

*Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD. Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins? If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins?*

Forgiveness is the hallmark of Christian behavior! Each Sunday, the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy begins with the acknowledgement of our sins and our plea for God's mercy and forgiveness. If we are unwilling to forgive others, how can we truly expect mercy from Our Heavenly Father? The mark of a true disciple is love and compassion; without them, we perpetuate an endless circle of vengeance and destruction. Let us allow God's mercy to penetrate our hearts, so that we in turn might show forgiveness and mercy to others who have wronged us. It is required, not only for their sake, but for our salvation as well.



Domenico Fetti, *Unforgiving Servant*, 1620.

**He seized him and started to choke him demanding . . . Pay back what you owe!**

*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 your iniquities,  
heals all your 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.*

*Not according to our sins does he deal with us,  
nor does he requite us according to our crimes.*

*For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.*

*As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he put our transgressions from us.*

# *Reflection*