



# Our Lady of Good Counsel

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday 7:30 am

Saturday – 8:00 am

Monday's of Holiday Weekends - Daily

Mass time moves to 8:30 am

### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday – 5:00 pm

Sunday – 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Confessions Saturday: 4:00 to 4:30 pm

### Holy Days

7:30 am, 12 Noon & 7:00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of every month 8:00 am to

3:00 pm

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

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## Second Sunday of Lent



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## Mass Intentions

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>FEBRUARY 24, 2024</b> Intentions of Ilene Bulanowski r/o Elaine Palatine Healing of Kendall Grimm r/o Marie
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM	<b>FEBRUARY 25, 2024</b> <b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> John Robert Hartmann, Sr. r/o Evelyn Miraglia People of the Parish
10:30 AM	Faith Holland r/o Mary Timlen Maureen Neville r/o Jack Flanagan
<b>MONDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>FEBRUARY 26, 2024</b> Intentions of Mary Lou Delahanty r/o Elaine Palatine
<b>TUESDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>FEBRUARY 27, 2024</b> Healing Intentions of Chris & Annette Calas r/o Hope Holland
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>FEBRUARY 28, 2024</b> Intentions of Mary Lou Delahanty r/o Elaine Palatine
<b>THURSDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>FEBRUARY 29, 2024</b> Karen McTamney r/o Shea Family
<b>FRIDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>MARCH 1, 2024</b> Michael Santopietro (Anniv) r/o Henderson Family <b>Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>7:00 PM</b>	
<b>SATURDAY,</b> 8:00 AM	<b>MARCH 2, 2024</b> Priest's Intention
5:00 PM	Healing of Kendall Grimm r/o Marie Helen Marie Dolton r/o Stan & Joanne Sliwinski
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM	<b>MARCH 3, 2024 Third Sunday of Lent</b> Carmen Armenti r/o Family Maureen Neville Family r/o Jack Flanagan
10:30 AM	Rocco Zangrilli r/o Dot Prunetti People of the Parish



## Readers

**SATURDAY,**  
5:00 PM  
**SUNDAY,**  
8:30AM  
10:30 AM

**MARCH 2**  
Jackie Crane  
**MARCH 3**  
Laura Shea  
Carol Lake

## Eucharistic Ministers

**SATURDAY,**  
5:00 PM  
**SUNDAY,**  
8:30 AM  
10:30 AM

**MARCH 2**  
Ginny Evans, Joyce Christensen  
**MARCH 3**  
Dennis Hice, Danny Morale  
Mike Lake, Tony Jones

## Altar Servers

**FRIDAY,**  
7:00 PM  
**SATURDAY,**  
5:00 PM  
**SUNDAY,**  
8:30 AM  
10:30 AM

**MARCH 1 Stations of the Cross**  
Brayden and Ryan Spina  
**MARCH 2**  
Nathan Stankus  
**MARCH 3**  
Brayden Spina, Liz Baron  
Dylan Rutkowski, Ryan Spina

## News & Events

**Sunday, February 25,** RCIA will meet at 11:30 am in Parish Hall. Religious Ed Gr 8 will meet at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

**Tuesday, February 27, Children's Home Society Aux.** will meet in the Parish Hall at 7:00 pm.

**Tuesday – Friday First Penance Practice Church 5-6PM**  
**Wednesday, February 28, Parish Council** will meet at 7 PM in Parish Hall.

**Thursday, February 29,** Good News Sunday Scripture Study. We meet in the Opdenacker Room at 7:00 PM and on Friday morning at 10:00 AM. All are welcome.

**First Friday, March 1,** Adoration 8am-3pm. **Stations of the Cross** at 7 PM.

**Saturday, March 2,** Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass.

**First Penance 10:00 AM Church.**

**Reconciliation 4:00-4:30 PM.**



## Pray for our Sick:

Kevin Baker, Mitzi Baker, Erin Barbato, Col. Gabriel Beck, Christina Beck, Rosemarie Buker, Richard Cook, Sarah Dowd, Al Gatto, Leo Genovesi, Brian Gershon, Phil Glaser, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Theresa Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Eileen and James A. Keenan, IV, Mary Lou Kramli, Carol Lake, Laura Lynch, Kevin McBride, Keith Mello, Joan Moore, Marie Muscente, Kim Nash, Angelika Niranjana, Carol Perrine, Dominic Petito, Jennifer, Andres & Gadiel Qirroga, Lucy Saganowski, Vincent Schnell, G. Welly Samuels, Debbie Sattler, Gregory Schafer, Steve Schmierer, Dolores Sebasto, Kristy Shanahan, Linda Solinski, Deacon Steve Szmuto, Brenda Thornley, Erin Cahill Wetzel, Cherylann Wilson, Stanley Wrobel and all parishioners who are sick or homebound. Please call the parish office to add a name to the prayer list and to inform us when all is well so we may take a name off the list.

## CHURCH SUPPORT

### COLLECTION REPORT

Registered Parish Families	688
Parishioners using envelopes	100
Envelope Contributions	\$2,285.00
Average Contribution	\$22.85
Loose Cash	\$544.00
Total Contributions February 18th:	\$2,829.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**

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## FEBRUARY 25TH ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

[Reading I: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18](#)  
[Responsorial Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19](#)  
[Reading II: Romans 8:31b-34](#)  
[Gospel: Mark 9:2-10](#)

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*



Fathers and Sons. A unique dynamic. Psychologists have a field day explaining it. But even we non psychologists know that it is in contrast with the bond between fathers and daughters. It seems to me to be a straight bold line, as opposed to one softened with curlicues for the girls. At any rate, we somehow know this without ever being taught. We see it played out in the lives of our so-called “nuclear” or immediate families. It is in play in today’s Scripture Readings for the Mass of the Second Sunday in Lent.

Today the Church presents us with one of the most endearing stories of the Old Testament, manifesting the love between father and son, Abraham, and Isaac. Oh, how Abraham the father must have been conflicted at first, but he knew that what God asked of him must be done. Obedience in the raw. But that very obedience so pleased God that a higher form of Divine Father and son took over. Abraham’s reward would be numerous generations of sons and daughters in a chosen nation.

Fast forward through the ensuing centuries and we are allowed to share through Mark’s writing under the Holy Spirit’s guidance the spectacular transfiguration of Jesus of Nazareth to Son of the Most High, as the Archangel had described Him to His Mother Mary some thirty years prior.

Like Abraham on his mountain top, so Jesus on His, love between Father and Son is apparent. But this time there are five witnesses to it. Moses and Elijah, representing respectively the Old Testament Law and Prophecy now bear witness to someone who fulfills both. Peter, James and John, that favored trio of Jesus, look on baffled to see their Master in a new light, literally and figuratively. It will be in the category of something yet to come, also brought about by an incomparable obedience. The nails will be pounded in; the sword will pierce through, and no angel will stop the soldiers of Rome.

All of this puts our obligatory obedience to God in perspective. It provides not only motivation before it but a wonderful reward after it. This is why we choose our Lenten penances: we have not always obeyed God or done so grudgingly. Time for our conversion, don’t you think?

*Candles for the Altar*

SAINT JOSEPH ALTAR  
February 17-24

In Memory of Michael Golinski  
r/o Wife, Fran

In Memory of Michael Golinski  
r/o Sherri and Steve

**Diaper Drive**

**Ewing Knights of Columbus Diaper Drive to benefit Choice One, the weekends of February 17/18 & 24/25.** You may bring your gifts to any mass those two weekends.

**Please leave items in the Parish Hall on or under the tables marked “Diaper Drive.”** Diapers, wipes, new baby items, Bibs, Blankets, bottles, pacifiers, shampoo, brushes and combs are also requested. Gifts do not need to be wrapped. Gift Cards may be placed in the weekly collection basket in an envelope marked “Diaper Drive” or you may drop them off to the Rectory during business hours M-F 9-3:00.

***Thank you in advance for your generosity.***

## LENT AT OLGCC

OUR LENTEN SERVICES

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Beginning Friday  
February 16th  
7:00 PM  
Friday evenings during Lent

**GOOD NEWS SUNDAY**

THURSDAY’S  
7:00 PM  
and  
FRIDAY’S  
10:00 AM  
in Parish Hall

**ALL ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

**The Way of the Cross for Children**

**Friday, March 15th at 7:00 PM**  
Children will lead

**Soup, Spiritual Talk, & Stations of the Cross**  
A Friday evening of spiritual preparation for Holy Week.  
**March 22, 2024 at 5:30PM**

We shall start with a simple soup dinner at 5:30PM Then listen to a spiritual talk by Dan Palmieri of JMJ Missions and culminate with the Stations of the Cross.

**free will offering**  
proceeds to help with Meal and Speaker



### Coins for Charity

Coins for Charity weekend is March 2-3. Containers will be placed at all entrances to the Church for your donations. Also, basket for your Marrazzo's receipts. Thanks for your generosity.



### LENTEN STATION CHURCHES

A Lenten pilgrimage takes us to Holy Ground, the Station Churches, are located here in our County. Join fellow pilgrims by visiting the designated Churches for a Lenten evening Mass. For the complete schedule please go to our webpage [www.OLGCC.net](http://www.OLGCC.net) click on **Lent** on

the top menu bar. Come to all or as many as you are able to attend.

**Our Lady of Good Counsel will be the Station Church host Friday, March 8 at 6:00 P.M.**

### This week's Churches:

**Monday, February 26,** St. John The Baptist (7:00 PM) ~ 1282 Yardville-Allentown Road, Allentown

**Tuesday, February 27,** St Mary Cathedral (7:00 PM) ~ 151 North Warren Street, Trenton

**Wednesday, February 28,** Incarnation Church (7:00 PM) ~ 1545 Pennington Rd, Ewing Township

**Thursday, February 29,** Our Lady of Sorrows (7:00 PM) ~ 3816 East State Street Ext., Hamilton

**Tuesday, March 5,** St. David the King (7:00 PM) ~ 1 New Village Road, Princeton Junction

The purpose of the Station Churches is to provide an opportunity to visit some of the beautiful Churches in our area and to worship with other Catholics of Mercer County. Make this part of your Lenten Journey.

## LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

**March 9th, 10:00 am**

Cohort 9 - Community of Parishes Lenten Penance Service will take place at Incarnation Church  
1545 Pennington Road  
Ewing, NJ 08618  
Additional priests will be available for Confessions



# EASTER EGG HUNT

**CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED!**

**FUN (SMALL) SIZED CANDY IS NEEDED TO FILL OUR EGGS!**

**PLEASE DROP OFF DONATIONS FEBRUARY TO MARCH 10TH TO THE EASTER EGG TABLE IN THE PARISH HALL. THANKS!**

Calling all Youth!  
We are in search of volunteers who would like to lead a Station of the Cross on Friday, **March 15th at 7 pm.**  
Open to all parish youth. We will pray the Stations with The Way of the Cross for Children.  
If you can help - **Please RVSP to [nfinn1121@gmail.com](mailto:nfinn1121@gmail.com)**

**FRIDAY  
MARCH 15,  
7:00PM**

**Come pray with us.**

**HELP IS NEEDED!  
FRIDAY,  
MARCH 15TH**

Friday evening following our Youth Stations of the Cross we will meet in the Parish Hall to stuff the Easter Eggs for our Parish Easter Egg Hunt. This is the perfect opportunity for Confirmation Students to earn their necessary service hours. Adults are most welcome. For more information please contact Joyce Christensen at 609-651-0466.



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*Soup for the Soul*

**REFLECTION EVENING**

FEATURING THE INFORMATIVE TALK  
**HOPE IN SUFFERING** BY DAN PALMIERI OF  
 POPULAR MEDIA TEAM **JMJ MISSIONS**

- 5:30 - SOUP AND FELLOWSHIP**
- 6:00 - "HOPE IN SUFFERING" PRESENTATION**
- 7:00 - STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Friday, March 22nd  
 137 West Upper Ferry Rd, West Trenton, NJ



DIOCESE OF TRENTON

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

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**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL  
 KICK OFF WEEKEND ~ MARCH 2-3, 2024**

Next weekend is our 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal Kick Off Weekend. Each year the diocese seeks the support of all of the members of the Diocese to further the work of their ministries. Each of us has a vital part in all we do in Christ's name, and each of us can share in all we do with a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. When we make a gift to the appeal we follow the command of Christ to Go Teach with every fiber of our lives.

**This year our OLGCC Goal is \$24,500.00**

As a reminder last year we reached our Goal! The parish received a rebate check in the amount of **\$4,995.00**. This rebate represents 15% of donations at Parish Goal & 50% of donations received over Goal.

*We can do it again! Thanks to your generosity!*

I CAN, YOU CAN, WE CAN

**40 CANS FOR LENT**



Our Social Services Committee invites everyone to participate in this outreach program throughout the Lenten season. Instead of giving up something for Lent, consider giving out something. 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. The idea is to donate one canned food item for each day of Lent, or 40 cans.

Please leave your donated cans of fruit, or low-sodium soup, vegetables and meat (chicken, salmon, tuna), in the designated area of the Parish Hall, which we will deliver to Mount Carmel Guild after Easter.

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 is greatly appreciated. Gift cards and monetary donations are also accepted. Please place an envelope in the collection basket marked "40 Cans for Lent" or take to the Rectory Office during the week M-F from 9 AM-3:00 PM. *Thank you!*

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR WOMEN ~ OASIS ~** sponsored by the Religious Teachers Filippini, will take place on **Saturday, April 20th** between 9:30 AM and 3:00 PM at Villa Walsh. Please send a Registration Fee of \$15 p.p., payable to Villa Walsh. Mail Payment to: Sr. Patricia Martin, MPF, Villa Walsh, 455 Western Ave. Morristown, NJ 07960 include your name, address, phone. For more information, call Sr. Alice at 732-238-9222. Includes: Mass, Reconciliation, Rosary/Stations & Adoration. (Outdoor Stations) bring your own brown bag lunch, drinks provided, Handicapped accessible. Gift Shop onsite. *Come aside and rest with the Lord.*

SAVE THE DATE

*Parish Feast Day*



**28 APRIL 2024  
10:30 MASS**

MASS, PROCESSION OUTSIDE WITH OUR LADY AND DINNER. YOU MAY BEGIN DONATING ITEMS FOR THE TRICKY TRAY RAFFLE ON THE TABLE DESIGNATED IN THE PARISH HALL. THANKS!



March 22nd a Special Spiritual Evening of Prayer will take place at OLGCC.

**Adult Parish** Volunteers are needed to Lead one Station of the Cross. Please call the Parish Office to volunteer.

*Lead a Station*  
**MARCH 22ND 7:00PM**

VOLUNTEER

ADULT PARISHIONERS

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

609-882-3277 X3



**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION  
8 AM ~ 3 PM**

**Come aside and rest a while with Jesus truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament**

Please sign up for a time you can come.

Sign Up Sheets are in Church Vestibule, or you may call: Denise Hayes 908-242-2183.



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