

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Our Lady of Good Counsel

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August 13, 2023

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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

10:30 am

Confession Saturdays: 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.

Secretary:

Monday-Wednesday Debbie Smith

Webmaster/Bulletin 609-882-3277

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

137 West Upper Ferry Road, West Trenton, NJ

Parish Ministries & Services

Parish Rectory & Office

609-882-3277

Office Hours: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

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Monday thru Friday

Religious Education—Brenda O'Callaghan, CRE

E-mail: olgc.re.wt@gmail.com

609-883-9005

Adoration Denise Hayes

908-242-2183

Adult Faith Formation/RCIA

Deacon Steve Szmuto

609-947-0587

Altar Society Mary Pat Voorhees

570-290-2373

Consolation Ministry Mary Szmuto

609-882-3277

Infant Baptism Mary Szmuto

609-847-0796

Knights of Columbus—

Tom DeFalco, Grand Knight

609-882-6480

Bob Smythe, Church Director

609-403-8668

Liturgical Ministers Mary Szmuto

609-882-3277

Marys of Mary~Mary Arcadipane

609-883-7620

Music Ministry Deirdre Hindley

609-882-3215

Sr.'s Club Mary Pat Voorhees, Pres.

570-290-2373

Dolores Sebasto, Vice President

609-882-5085

Social Services James Gambino

609-818-1708

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	AUGUST 12, 2023 Deceased Fekete & Walley Family r/o Family Marie & William Dolton r/o Helen Marie Dolton
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	AUGUST 13, 2023 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time William Dill r/o M/M Michael Coiante Patrick Keenan r/o Mother For the People of the Parish
MONDAY, 7:30 AM	AUGUST 14, 2023 Intentions of Philip r/o Claude & Mary Anne LeGall
TUESDAY, 7:30 AM 12Noon 7:00 PM	AUGUST 15, 2023 Assumption Holy Day of Obligation For the People of the Parish Michael Bergamo r/o Joe Massone Robert DePula r/o Carl & Stacey Nami
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM	AUGUST 16, 2023 Emery Ungrady r/o Ungrady Family Sr. Margaret Doris Devlin, RSM r/o Tom Hankinson
THURSDAY, 7:30 AM	AUGUST 17, 2023 Sr. Margaret Doris Devlin, RSM r/o Tom Hankinson
FRIDAY, 7:30 AM	AUGUST 18, 2023 Healing Intentions of Kathleen Siskin r/o Holly Taburas
SATURDAY, 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	AUGUST 19, 2023 Special Intention Eleanor Muscente r/o Donna & David Collins Joseph Gonzalez r/o Kees & Angela Geurds
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	AUGUST 20, 2023 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Frank Szmuto & Intentions of Lauren Szmuto r/o Dcn Steve & Mary Szmuto Virgina Hughes r/o Keenan Family For the People of the Parish



Readers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	AUGUST 19 Elise Stankus
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	AUGUST 20 Laura Shea Maeve Cannon

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	AUGUST 19 Ginny Evans
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	AUGUST 20 Dennis Hice Tony Jones

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	AUGUST 19 Nathan Stankus
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	AUGUST 20 Brayden Spina Dylan Rutkowski, Ryan Spina

News & Events

Tuesday, Aug 15 is the Feast of the Assumption the Church Office is closed.

Holy Day Mass Schedule 7:30AM, 12Noon & 7 PM.

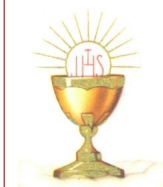
Tuesday, Aug 15, The Ewing Knights of Columbus will meet in the Parish Hall at 7:00 pm. **Installation** of Officers August 20 following 10:30 Mass in Church.

Saturday, Aug 19, Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass. **Reconciliation** 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Pray for our Sick:

Kevin Baker, Erin Barbato, Col. Gabriel Beck, Christina Beck, Rosemarie Buker, Richard Cook, Helen Marie Dolton, Sarah Dowd, John Finn, Al Gatto, Leo Genovesi, Brian Gershon, Phil Glaser, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Theresa Gregorio, Leslie Hall, 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 Niranjan, Carol Perrine, Lucy Saganowski, Vincent Schnell, G. Welly Samuels, Debbie Sattler, Gregory Schafer, Steve Schmierer, Dolores Sebasto, Kristy Shanahan, Kathleen Siskin, Linda Solinski, Brenda Thornley, Erin Cahill Wetzal, Stanley Wrobel, and all parishioners who are sick or homebound.

Please call the parish office at 609-882-3277 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.



EUCHARIST FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you know is unable to come to Mass because of significant illness or long-term disability, Fr. Ariel and our Eucharistic Ministers will visit area homes to bring the Blessed Sacrament. Please call the parish office at 609-882-3277 to inform us you would

like to be added to the **Communion Call list**. Homebound members will be scheduled to receive the Eucharist at home.

COLLECTION REPORT

Registered Parish Families	688
Parishioners using envelopes	122
Envelope Contributions	\$2,957.00
Average Contribution	\$525.00
Loose Cash	\$24.24
Total Contributions August 6th	\$3,482.00
Parish Giving Total for JULY:	\$5,455.00

Thank you for your generosity!



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<https://www.instagram.com/olgcchurch/>

AUGUST 13 ~ NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:9a,11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

I am drowning, save me!

The gospel tells us how Christ the Lord walked upon the waters of the sea, and how the apostle Peter did the same until fear made him falter and lose confidence. Then he began to sink and emerged from the water only after calling on the Lord with renewed faith.

Now we must regard the sea as a symbol of the present world, and the apostle Peter as a symbol of the one and only Church. For Peter, who ranked first among the apostles and was always the most ready to declare his love for Christ, often acted as spokesman for them all. For instance, when the Lord Jesus Christ asked who people thought he was and the other disciples had cited various opinions, it was Peter who responded to the Lord's further question, But who do you say I am?, with the affirmation: *You are the Christ, the Son of the living God*. One replied for all because all were united. When we consider Peter as a representative member of the Church we should distinguish between what was due to God's action in him and what was attributable to himself. Then we ourselves shall not falter; then we shall be founded upon

rock and remain firm and unmoved in the face of the wind, rain, and floods, which are the trials and temptations of this present world.

Look at Peter, who in this episode is an image of ourselves; at one moment he is all confidence, at the next all uncertainty and doubt; now he professes faith in the immortal One, now he fears for his life: *Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you upon the water*. When the Lord said Come Peter climbed out of the boat and began to walk on the water. This is what he could do through the power of the Lord; what by himself? *Realizing how violently the wind was blowing, he lost his nerve, and as he began to sink he called out, 'Lord, I am drowning, save me!'* When he counted on the Lord's help it enabled him to walk on the water; when human frailty made him falter he turned once more to the Lord, who immediately stretched out his hand to help him, raised him up as he was sinking, and rebuked him for his lack of faith.

Think, then, of this world as a sea, whipped up to tempestuous heights by violent winds. A person's own private tempest will be his or her unruly desires. If you love God you will have power to walk upon the waters, and all the world's swell and turmoil will remain beneath your feet. But if you love the world it will surely engulf you, for it always devours its lovers, never sustains them. If you feel your foot slipping beneath you, if you become a prey to doubt or realize that you are losing control, if, in a word, you begin to sink, say: *Lord, I am drowning, save me!* Only he who for your sake died in your fallen nature can save you from the death inherent in that fallen nature.

St. Augustine

Parish Outreach for Q2 2023

Thanks to your continued generosity, our Social Services Committee volunteers delivered the following items to Mount Carmel Guild during April, May and June: 114 frozen food tray meals, 2 turkeys, 42 other frozen items, 164 bags/boxes of non-perishable food, 74 bags/boxes of clothes, 11 bags/boxes of personal care items, 3 bags/boxes of baby items, 47 bags/boxes of household items and 8 bags/boxes of miscellaneous items. Almost all categories had increases compared to the first quarter!

Note: Frozen items can be placed in the donations freezer adjacent to the kitchen area. Food trays and instructions are available next to the freezer. Please consider sharing your leftovers with those in need.

Parishioners should know that in our weekly deliveries to these charities we regularly hear sincere expressions of appreciation for your continued generosity. Their thanks for all of our food and meal donations always get special mention. Thanks for all you do for parish outreach to help those in need!



MARY'S OF MARY

Please join The Mary's of Mary for Mass at 7:30 am followed by the rosary on the following days in August:

August 15-Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day)

August 22-Memorial of the Queenship of Mary

A wonderful way to honor Our Lord's Mother

AUGUST 6 ~ THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Parents are asked to re-register their children on or before the last class each year. Re-registration forms are available online or email: Brenda O'Callahan, CRE at: olgc.re.wt@gmail.com
The tuition fee is \$100.00 1st child, \$180.00 for two and \$230.00 for 3 or more.

NEW REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED

Parents who have children beginning their Religious Education are asked to register as soon as possible. You can obtain the form on our web page (Religious Education tab) or by calling the parish office. Deadline is August 31st after deadline a \$25.00 late fee is added.

Teachers
Needed!



**2023-2024
School Year**

**IS GOD CALLING YOU
TO BE A CATECHIST?**

Do you love Jesus and His Church and have a desire to share that love with others? Then we need you! Come be a catechist.

The qualifications to be a catechist is not necessarily a degree in theology or being a teacher by trade. It is your WITNESS that makes you a great catechist. Our leader guides are easy to use and training and support is available.

Our Religious Education Program needs you. If you are interested in serving as a **catechist** or **aide** please contact our office at

609-883-9005 for information or email **Brenda O'Callahan, CRE:**
[**olgc.re.wt@gmail.com.**](mailto:olgc.re.wt@gmail.com)



III Catherine Zeigler (OLGCC) & James Wesner(OLGCC)



Candles for the Altar

BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR

AUGUST 12-19

Thanksgiving for Granddaughter Healing
r/o Marie Grimm

For Healing Intentions of Walking
r/o Marie Grimm

BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR

AUGUST 19-26

Thanksgiving for Granddaughter Healing
r/o Marie Grimm

In Loving Memory of Eleanor Muscente
r/o David and Donna Collins



ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Serving at the altar is a great experience of faith and participation for young members of the parish. We are in need of more altar servers to fill out our roster. The only requirement is that they be a member (male or female) of the parish who has received the

Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist and have a desire to serve the Lord.

Deacon Steve will hold a training session in the Fall for anyone interested in becoming an altar server. We work around school and sports schedules as much as possible. Please phone the rectory (609)882-3277 with your name, age and phone number or email Deacon Steve at:

[**Deaconstevenszmuto@gmail.com**](mailto:Deaconstevenszmuto@gmail.com)



OLGC Back-to-School Back Pack Drive

Help a child in need kick off the new school year in a positive way!

During July and August we will be collecting donated **school supplies and backpacks** for children in grades K to 12 for the upcoming school year. Donated items may include: backpacks, 2-pocket folders, subject & composition notebooks, 3-ring binders, loose leaf paper, erasers, pens/pencils, pencil boxes, crayons, markers, glue sticks, rulers, protractors, scissors, sharpeners, calculators, dictionaries, or gift certificates.

Please save and clip this ad to your donations bag which you may leave on the donations table downstairs in the **Parish Hall**.

We will deliver all supplies to Catholic Charities of Trenton and Mount Carmel Guild at the end of August. The OLGC Social Services Committee members thank you in advance for your help with this effort!



MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

AUGUST MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT IS ON THE MARY'S OF MARY GROUP

The Mary's of Mary



THE MARYS OF MARY IS A SMALL GROUP OF 7 PARISHIONERS HERE AT OLGC, STARTED TWO YEARS AGO, TO HONOR OUR BLESSED MOTHER, AND HELP OUR PASTOR, FATHER ARIEL CELEBRATE AND ORGANIZE VARIOUS FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. OUR GOAL IS TO INCREASE DEVOTION TO OUR LADY BY CELEBRATING SPECIAL MARIAN DAYS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

SOME EXAMPLES ARE: RECITATION OF THE ROSARY BEFORE MASS TO END ABORTION IN JANUARY; ORGANIZATION AND HELP WITH OUR FEAST DAY DINNER IN APRIL, PROCESSION AND ROSARY FOR THE MAY CROWNING; CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY'S BIRTHDAY IN SEPTEMBER; PRAYING THE ROSARY BEFORE MASS IN OCTOBER; AND CELEBRATING THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IN DECEMBER BY HANDING OUT MIRACULOUS MEDALS AND PRAYER CARDS.

WE ALSO DO ALL THIS TO DEEPEN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR MOTHER MARY AND TO ENCOURAGE PARISHIONERS TO DO THE SAME.

IN FUTURE MONTHS, YOU CAN CHECK THE BULLETIN FOR REMINDERS OF DAYS PARTICULARLY DEVOTED TO MARY. PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US FOR MASS @ 7:30 AM FOLLOWED BY RECITATION OF THE ROSARY. IT'S A WONDERFUL WAY TO HONOR THE MOTHER OF OUR LORD.

PRESENTLY, WE HAVE 7 MEMBERS BUT WE WELCOME ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US.

From Mary we learn how to love Christ her son and the Son of God. – StJP II

SAVE THE DATE!

OCTOBER 1, 2023

10:30 MASS

50th

Our Lady of
Good Counsel
Parish offers
Msgr. Ralph
Stansley our
prayerful

Congratulations as
you celebrate your
50th Anniversary of
Ordination to the
Priesthood



50th

Msgr. Ralph will be the
Main Celebrant
October 1st at 10:30 AM

Reception will follow
Mass in the Parish Hall