



Our Lady of Good Counsel

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August 18, 2024

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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 7:00 pm

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

Parish Secretary:

Monday-Wednesday Debbie Smith

Webmaster/Bulletin 609-882-3277x3

Email: Dsmith@olgcc.net

Administrative Assistant:

Thursday-Friday Mary Szmuto

Email: Mszmuto@olgcc.net

20th 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:

Fax: 609-882-4375

M–F 9AM to 3PM

Religious Education—Brenda O'Callaghan, CRE

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

609-883-9005

Adoration Tom Hankinson

609-731-4542

Adult Faith Formation/RCIA

Deacon Steve Szmuto

609-947-0587

Altar Mary Pat Voorhees

570-290-2373

Consolation Ministry Mary Szmuto

609-882-3277x3

Infant Baptism Mary Szmuto

609-847-0796

Liturgical Ministers Mary Szmuto

609-882-3277x3

Mary's 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

Ewing Knights of Columbus #3756

David Harker, Grand Knight

609-583-4877

Bob Smythe, Deputy GK: NJ

Bob10@Verizon.net

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	AUGUST 17, 2024 Marie & Wm Dolton r/o Helen M Dolton Healing of Grandson Jackson r/o Grandmon, Marie
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	August 18, 2024 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Cherylanne Wilson r/o M/M Dominic Petito People of the Parish
10:30 AM	Living & Deceased Palatine & Gofus Family r/o Gail Palatine
MONDAY, 7:30 AM	AUGUST 19, 2024 Emiliana Codilla r/o Mary's of Mary Sr. Margaret Devlin, RSM r/o Tom Hankinson
TUESDAY, 7:30 AM	AUGUST 20, 2024 Karen Krolkowski Cooper r/o Russell & Debbie Vizzini For Intentions of Marie Muscente r/o Daughter, Carol
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM	AUGUST 21, 2024 Leon Rabatie r/o Mary Arcadipane Joseph Mulé r/o Maryann Cefalone & Family
THURSDAY, 7:30 AM	AUGUST 22, 2024 Mary Voorhees r/o Dad Frances Myers O'Brien r/o Husband
FRIDAY, 7:30 AM	AUGUST 23, 2024 Intentions of Rosemary McMyne r/o Mom
SATURDAY, 8:00 AM	AUGUST 24, 2024 Priest's Intention
5:00 PM	Mark Ford r/o John & JoAnn Jaremback
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	August 25, 2024 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Bernadine Medwick r/o Tom & Mary Pat Voorhees
10:30 AM	Barbara Dutko r/o Marty & Marie Clark People of the Parish

Readers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	AUGUST 24 Chaya Colazzo
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	AUGUST 25 Fran Golinski
10:30 AM	Maggie Masterson

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	AUGUST 24 Jackie Crane
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	AUGUST 25 Dennis Hice
10:30 AM	Tony Jones

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	AUGUST 24 James Gummel, Alana Colazzo
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	AUGUST 25 Brayden Spina, Daniel Wilkes
10:30 AM	MacKaylah Yung, Sebastian Reyes

News & Events.

Tuesday, August 20, Ewing Knights of Columbus will meet in the Parish Hall at 7:30 PM.

Saturday, August 24, Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass. **Reconciliation** 4-4:30 PM.

Pray for our Sick:

Kevin Baker, Mitzi Baker, Erin Barbato, Col. Gabriel Beck, Christina Beck, Rosemarie Buker, Richard Cook, Joseph and Marilyn Dablewski, Sarah Dowd, Al Gatto, Leo Genovesi, Brian Gershon, Phil Glaser, Sandra Goeke, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Theresa Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Eileen and James A. Keenan, IV, Mary Lou Kramli, Carol Lake, Laura Lynch, Kevin Mattis, Kevin McBride, Keith Mello, Joan Moore, Marie Muscente, Kim Nash, Angelika Niranjan, Frances Myers O'Brien, Debbie Paterson, Carol Perrine, Dominic Petito, Jennifer Andres, Gadiel Quiroga, Lucy Saganowski, Vincent Schnell, G. Welly Samuels, Debbie Sattler, Gregory Schafer, Steve Schmierer, Dolores Sebasto, Kristy Shanahan, Linda Solinski, Brenda Thornley, Erin Cahill Wetzel, 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	102
Envelope Contributions	\$2,777.00
Average Contribution	\$22.32
Loose Cash	\$552.00
Total Contributions August 11:	\$2,829.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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<https://www.facebook.com/OlgcWestTrenton/>

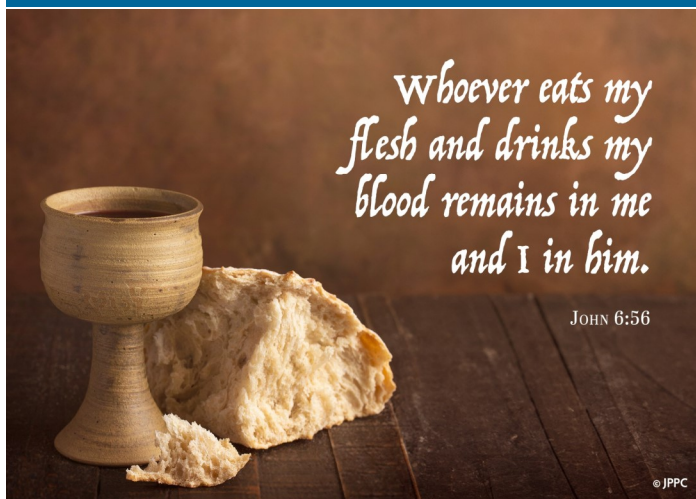
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<https://www.instagram.com/olgchurch/>



As we move into the latter part of summer, we hope you are enjoying God's blessings of warm sunshine, refreshing waters and extended daylight hours.

May God keep you safe and content as our summer vacation period draws to a close.



Reflection

Reading I: Proverbs 9:1-6

Responsorial Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Reading II: Ephesians 5:15-20

Gospel: John 6:51-58

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day."

(John 6: 54)

The words of Jesus, in the continuation of his *Bread of Life* discourse, are familiar to us in terms of our faith in the Holy Eucharist. Yet, to the people of Jesus' time, even to his followers, the reference to the eating of his flesh and the drinking of his blood was jarring, conjuring images of uncleanness and savagery. The Hebrew Scriptures contain numerous references to uncleanness from contact with blood, and the need for ritual purification in order to be made

clean. Even today, we of the faith who have the benefit of two millennia of Eucharistic theology, often struggle intellectually with the idea of the real presence of Jesus in his Precious Body and Blood. Later, John's Gospel tells us that this was a pivotal moment in Jesus' ministry; many of his followers returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him.

In today's reading, the Eucharistic Sacrifice is seen in the light of Jesus' suffering and death on the cross.

"... and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world"

(John 6: 51b)

With Jesus' willing sacrifice for all people, he redeemed us by his blood, giving us a share in the kingdom of our Heavenly Father. Through the Paschal Mystery, Jesus instituted a New Covenant in his person, and we are called to eternal salvation through him. At each celebration of the Eucharist, we turn to the Lord as the source of life in the flesh and body of his glorified body. Christ is the food that does not perish; he is the food of eternal life in the Spirit. As the Son of Man, sent by the Father, has life because of the Father, so do we, who share in the Eucharist, have life because of him.

As physical beings, we need daily nourishment to sustain our bodies. All of us enjoy the pleasure of a fine meal for both physical sustenance and the sharing of family and community. However, physical nourishment is transitory. It does not endure. We are all mortal; our physical bodies will eventually pass away. In the Gospel however, Jesus is not speaking about physical nourishment. Rather he is referring to spiritual food – the Spirit-filled flesh and blood of his divinity.

In his *Confessions*, Saint Augustine spoke of this food from heaven. As he turned away from the illusive pleasures of the body to the life of the Spirit, he noted the eternal nature of the *Bread of Life*. He described the Lord as "the food of grown men," bread from heaven. Unlike earthly food, which is absorbed in the body, becoming the body, this heavenly food transforms us into creatures of eternity.

Let us pray that, as we share in the Precious Body and Blood, that we come to know our Heavenly Father through Jesus Christ – the one, true *Bread of Life*. Strengthened in Jesus, may we grow in faith, hope and love, and remain as God's adopted sons and daughters in Christ. May we remain always single-minded in his service.

"Grow, and you will feed upon me. You will not change me into yourself, as you change food into your flesh, but you will be changed into me."

(St. Augustine Confessions, Book 7, Chapter 10)

Deacon Steve Szmuto



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION/RE-REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE NOW

Parents are asked to re-register their children on or before the last class each year.

Re-registration forms are emailed to current students and are also available at Church, 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, Due August 31st.

NEW REGISTRATIONS :

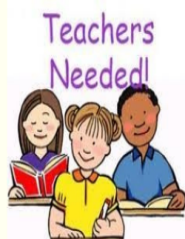
Parents who have children beginning their Religious Education are asked to register by August 31st. You may obtain the form in Church at each door, on our webpage (Religious Education tab) email Brenda above or by calling the parish office, 609-882-3277x3.

Registration Deadline is **August 31, 2024**. \$25.00 late fee added after August 31, 2024. Please be timely.



2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

IS GOD CALLING YOU
TO BE A CATECHIST OR AN AIDE?



IF YOU HAVE A DEEP LOVE FOR JESUS AND HIS CHURCH AND A PASSION FOR SHARING THAT LOVE WITH OTHERS, THEN WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU! JOIN US AS A CATECHIST. YOU DON'T NEED A THEOLOGY DEGREE OR A TEACHING BACKGROUND TO BE A GREAT CATECHIST – IT'S YOUR PERSONAL TESTIMONY THAT MATTERS. OUR INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS ARE USER-FRIENDLY, AND WE OFFER TRAINING AND SUPPORT.

OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM IS IN NEED OF YOUR HELP! IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATECHIST OR AN AIDE, PLEASE REACH OUT TO OUR OFFICE AT 609-883-9005 FOR MORE DETAILS OR EMAIL BRENDA O'CALLAHAN, CRE, AT OLGC.RE.WT@GMAIL.COM



BECOMING CATHOLIC RCIA
Rite of Christian Initiation

Have you been called by Jesus Christ to the fullness of the faith – the Catholic Church?

If you or someone you know are interested in becoming Catholic, or completing their Sacraments of Initiation – those never baptized; those baptized in other Christian denominations; or those baptized Catholic, but never confirmed or formed in the faith – call or text

Deacon Steve at 609-947-0587 or email deaconstevenszmuto@gmail.com to set up an informal and confidential conversation and start the process.



EUCCHARIST 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 609-882-3277x3 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.



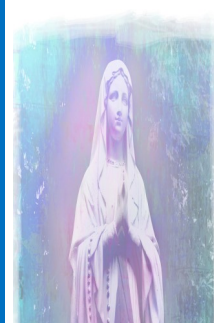
**ANNUAL DIOCESAN
MISSION CO-OP PLAN**

AUGUST 24-25

We will welcome Father PJ Alindogan, Director of Missions for the Diocese of Trenton.

Father PJ will speak to us about the Missionary works of the diocese and how we may help on the weekend of August 24-25.

I know I can count on your generous support.
Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Ariel



MARY'S OF MARY

Please join The Mary's of Mary for Daily Mass at 7:30 am followed by the rosary on

August 22

**The Queenship of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

*A wonderful way to honor
Our Lord's Mother*



OLGC Back-to-School 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-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 in the Parish Hall. We will deliver all supplies collected to Catholic Charities of Trenton and Mount Carmel Guild at the end of August.

Your caring and kindhearted generosity mean so much to those in need. God Bless!

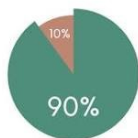
"It is not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving" *Mother Teresa*



ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2024

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal Progress:
We're Getting Closer to our Goal!
 But we still need your help!

Goal: \$24,500.00
Pledged: \$21,974.00 (90% of goal)
Paid: \$19,849.00 (81% to goal)
Total Donors: 101
Total Gifts: 126
Average Gift: \$174.40



Three Ways to Make Your Donation

► **ONLINE:** Access our secure website at www.dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal to easily make a pledge, payment or outright gift OR Drop donation/pledge in Collection basket in an envelope marked ACA.

► **BY MAIL:** Send a check or money order to our processing center, made payable to:
 Annual Catholic Appeal: Diocese of Trenton,
 PO Box 70170, Newark, NJ 07101

► **BY PHONE:** Call our Department of Development at 609-403-7197 with your credit card information.



Save the date!
October 5, 2024

We are honored to extend a heartfelt invitation for a landmark event, the **Twentieth Annual Mass of the Regional Rosary Confraternity** that will be celebrated by Bishop David M. O'Connell on Saturday, October 5, 2024, at the Church of Saint Gregory the Great, 4620 Nottingham Way, Hamilton Square, NJ 08690.

Event Details:

- **Date:** Saturday, October 5, 2024
- **Time:** Registration at 8:45AM | Rosary Recitation at 9:00AM | Mass at 10:00AM
- **Location:** Church of Saint Gregory the Great, 4620 Nottingham Way, Hamilton Square, NJ 08690.
- **Cost:** for Brunch-lunch after Mass \$20.00 pp
- **RSVP:** Please by September 25th to kathleen.daulerio@gmail.com or cell at 609-712-1249

Adult Faith Formation

COMING SOON:

Sunday evening
Faith Formation will return this Fall. Sessions will begin in mid-October.

Watch the bulletin for upcoming information and registration.



Food Donations ~ Are you able to help?

Hunger never takes a vacation. All our charities are low on food. Please leave donations in the Parish hall on the tables provided. Donations may include non-perishable food, gently used clothing and accessories, baby, small household, and personal care items. There is a freezer for frozen items and food trays for Freeze-A-Meals next to the Kitchen. Please grab a tray and share a meal with the poor.

Thank you and God Bless you for your support!

You are invited to New Jersey's

Mass for Life

Thursday, September 26, 2024
 9:30 a.m.

Cathedral of St. Mary
 of the Assumption

151 N. Warren Street, Trenton



CELEBRANT
 Cardinal Joseph W.
 Tobin, CSSR



HOMILIST
 Bishop David M.
 O'Connell, C.M.



No RSVP • Seating 1st come 1st served

NEW JERSEY MARCH FOR LIFE

*Mass will end in time to walk to the Statehouse Annex for the NJ Rally & March for Life



For full information, visit: dioceseoftrenton.org/nj-march-for-life





SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
12 NOON - 3 PM
PARISH GROUNDS (WILBURTHA SIDE)

Our picnic will be catered with ticket prices for adults at \$10, ages 10-18 at \$5, and 9 & under free. Menu includes hot dogs, burgers, chicken fingers, sides, and drinks. Please bring a dessert to share.



Leave the cooking to us!
Bring your family and friends!
Games: corn hole, water balloon toss, egg race, Face Painting and more!

TICKETS SOLD
AFTER ALL
WEEKEND
MASSES IN
VESTIBULE