



# Our Lady of Good Counsel

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**September 8, 2024**

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*Happy Birthday Mary*

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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

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## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary time



### **Our Lady of Good Counsel Church**

137 West Upper Ferry Road, West Trenton, NJ

### **Parish Ministries & Services**

Parish Rectory & Office

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M–F 9AM to 3PM

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570-290-2373

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609-882-3277x3

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609-847-0796

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609-882-3277x3

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609-883-7620

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609-882-3215

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570-290-2373

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## Our Lady of Good Counsel

### Mass Intentions

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>SEPTEMBER 7, 2024</b> Marie & Wm Dolton r/o Helen Marie Dolton Healing of Grandson Jackson Grimm r/o Grandma, Marie Grimm
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM	<b>SEPTEMBER 8, 2024</b> <b>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> M/M Richard Russell r/o M/M Mike Giglio Intentions of Jim & Nancy Hranck
10:30 AM	Helen Medvic r/o Paul A. Medwick People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>SEPTEMBER 9, 2024</b> Carole Soklowski r/o Mary Arcadipane
<b>TUESDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>SEPTEMBER 10, 2024</b> Janet McMyne r/o Daughter
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>SEPTEMBER 11, 2024</b> Bernadine Medwick r/o Sandy Jones & Judy Totten
<b>THURSDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>SEPTEMBER 12, 2024</b> Dorothy Blicharz r/o Gerry & Jay
<b>FRIDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>SEPTEMBER 13, 2024</b> Deliverance of Poor Souls in Purgatory
<b>SATURDAY,</b> 8:00 AM	<b>SEPTEMBER 14, 2024</b> Priest's Intention
5:00 PM	Joanne M. Wuest and Frances Irene O'Brien r/o Elaine Palatine
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM	<b>SEPTEMBER 15, 2024</b> <b>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Barbara Dutko r/o Patricia Cook People of the Parish
10:30 AM	Bernadine Medwick r/o OLGCC Choir Rocco Zangrilli r/o John & Jaremback

### Readers

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>SEPTEMBER 14</b> Jackie Crane
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM	<b>SEPTEMBER 15</b> Keri Wilkes
10:30 AM	Mary Anne LeGall

### Eucharistic Ministers

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>SEPTEMBER 14</b> Ginny Evans
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM	<b>SEPTEMBER 15</b> Laura Shea
10:30 AM	Tony Jones

### Altar Servers

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>SEPTEMBER 14</b> James Gummel
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM	<b>SEPTEMBER 15</b> Brayden Spina, Daniel Wilkes
10:30 AM	MacKaylah Yung, Sebastian Reyes

### News & Events

**Monday, September 9,** we will celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Mother with Cake and coffee following 7:30 AM Mass in the Parish Hall. Join us.

**Tuesday, September 10, Loaves and Fishes** meeting at Incarnation church at 7 PM in Auditorium.

**Wednesday, September 11, Delaware Valley Radio Assoc.** meeting in the Parish Hall at 6:30 PM.

**Saturday, September 14, DVR Assoc.** will meet in the Parish Hall at 9:30 AM

**Saturday, September 14,** 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, 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, 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	111
Envelope Contributions	\$3,090.00
Average Contribution	\$27.84
Loose Cash	\$436.00
Total Contributions September 1:	\$3,526.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**

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

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM:

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



*Ephphatha!*  
BE OPENED

### Reflection

Reading I: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Responsorial Psalm: 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

Reading II: James 2:1-5

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

*"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?"*

(James 2: 5)

Beginning with last Sunday, and continuing through the end of September, the second reading is taken from the Letter of Saint James. The theme of the readings is that we are called to live out the faith which we profess. Last week, James set the tone for the upcoming weeks: *Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.* His letter reveals the concern of the infant church to guide the followers of Christ to a life worthy of God's gift of salvation.

Although some dispute the authorship of the letter, most scholars believe that it was written by James, a relative of Jesus, who was often referred to as the "brother of the Lord." He was the leader of the Jewish Christian community and is mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles as representative of that community in matters pertaining to the Church at large. He died as a martyr for the faith around 62 A.D.

In today's reading, James reminds us that we must not show partiality in our faith. Aware of long-embedded class distinctions in Jerusalem, as well as throughout society, James admonished those who elevated those of wealth and stature, while acting condescendingly toward those who were poor, outcast or marginal members of society. He reminded his readers that the poor of this world would be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom. Faith and love were the hallmarks of salvation, not affluence or possessions.

I wonder how often we judge a person not on their inner worth, but on how well they are dressed, how attractive or articulate they are, or how rich and powerful they appear to be? I know that I am as guilty as anyone in forming initial judgments about people. However, the years have (thankfully) taught me that appearances can be deceiving, and that I can be mistaken in my initial judgments. Consequently, I have tried (albeit imperfectly) to look beyond superficialities to cherish the essential humanity of those whom I meet. It is only through the grace of God that we can summon the strength and wisdom to do this.

James reminds us of Jesus' message of the importance of living our faith in our works. Words can be empty and hollow; only when we reorient our lives according to the Gospel do we become true followers of Christ. He is the Lord of all, and all are worthy in his sight. As his disciples, we must aspire to his example.

Deacon Steve Szmuto

RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION



Religious Education School Year  
2024-2025

### CLASSES BEGIN

9/16 FOR GRADES 1-7 6:00 -7:15 PM ~  
Ice Cream Social ~ Welcome Back Students  
9/19 FOR GRADE 8 7:00 -8:00 PM

All Classes are held in the Parish Hall.

All registrations are due now. Registrations received after August 31st must add \$25.00 late fee.

The tuition fee is \$100.00 1st child, \$180.00 for two and \$230.00 for 3 or more. Registration forms are available online, in church or email: Brenda O'Callahan, CRE at: [olgc.re.wt@gmail.com](mailto:olgc.re.wt@gmail.com)

We are still in need of a few volunteers to be aides for the upcoming year. Think about it. It's easy and is an important ministry to our children. If you are interested in serving as an aide please contact Brenda O'Callahan, CRE at: [olgc.re.wt@gmail.com](mailto:olgc.re.wt@gmail.com)

Coming in October

A SPOOKY AFFAIR

**TRUNK OR  
TREAT**

Join us on 10/27, 3 pm  
Wilburtha Side Parking Lot.





## 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.

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

**Goal:** \$24,500.00

**Pledged:** \$22,441.00 (92% of goal)

**Paid:** \$20,731.00 (85% to goal)

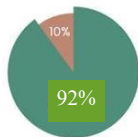
**Total Donors:** 105

**Total Gifts:** 135

**Average Gift:** \$166.23

Three Ways to Donate:

- **ONLINE:** Visit our secure website at [www.dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal](http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal) to make a pledge, payment, or gift.
- Drop your donation in the **collection basket** in an envelope marked Annual Catholic Appeal.
- Mail a check or money order, payable to: Annual Catholic Appeal, Diocese of Trenton, PO Box 70170, Newark, NJ 07101. *Thank you for your support!*



### RETRouvaille: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held the weekend of October 4 - 6 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

## PICNIC TIME!

September 15th, 8am set up to 3pm clean up. Can you give us a hand on **Picnic Day**? Please give a call to the Parish Office 609-882-3277x3 leave your name and phone number to volunteer.

Many hands make light the work!



### Catechetical Sunday

Let's celebrate and show appreciation to our catechists and teachers on September 15, 2024, during the 10:30 AM Mass. Catechetical Sunday is a time to bless and honor those who play a vital role in teaching and spreading the message of the Church. At OLGCC Parish, we deeply appreciate the commitment of these individuals who have embraced the responsibility of educating our youth and adults in matters of faith. Thank you for your service to our parish community. God bless you.



### COMING SOON:

Sunday evening

### Faith Formation

will return this Fall!

Sessions will begin in mid-October. Watch the bulletin for upcoming registration information.

*Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there.*



### 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.



**Gerald Hofmann**

**Joseph Sgro**

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.*





**YOU ARE INVITED TO**

**Celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary with Us!**

**Monday, September 9th**  
7:30 a.m. Mass

After Mass, we will pray the Rosary


Following Mass in the Parish Hall we will offer a Birthday Cake to Mary, and sing "Happy Birthday," and enjoy freshly brewed Coffee and Cake!

**Coins for Charity Weekend**

Containers are available at each entrance to the Church, September 7/8 for your donations. Also, please continue to place your Marrazzo's receipts in the baskets at the three entrances to the church.

***Your generosity is appreciated!***



**PRIEST ANNUAL CONVOCATION**

This week, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, the priests from our Diocese will participate in the yearly convocation for prayer, renewal and fraternity. Let us come together in prayer for all the priests in our Diocese, especially during this week.



Central New Jersey  
[www.aWeekendForYourMarriage.org](http://www.aWeekendForYourMarriage.org)

## Marriage Encounter

With summer winding down, why not treat yourself to a Marriage Encounter Weekend?

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to enrich your marriage, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in Central New Jersey will be held October 18 - 20. Other dates are available in Cherry Hill, NJ and Doylestown, PA. Please apply ASAP as space is limited.

Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco).

Visit us at: [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) for more information.

## PLEASE NOTE:

**If you have an intention for a loved one on the weekend, you are invited to bring up the gifts.**  
**Please see an Usher before Mass.**

## New Families - Please Register

We welcome new families to Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish and request you register as soon as possible. Sincere membership is determined by registration, faithful participation at Mass and sharing of one's time, talent and treasure with this community of faith. Registration forms are located at each Church entrance, the parish website, or you may call the parish office at 609-882-3277x3 M-F 9-3:00.

Thank you.

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](http://dioceseoftrenton.org/nj-march-for-life)



*Yum!* **PICNIC** Time!  
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**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, sausage w/peppers & onions, 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**

**RAIN OR SHINE**

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