



# Our Lady of Good Counsel

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September 10, 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.

Parish Secretary:  
Monday-Wednesday Debbie Smith  
Webmaster/Bulletin 609-882-3277  
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Thursday-Friday Mary Szmuto  
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## Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Our Lady of Good Counsel Church**  
137 West Upper Ferry Road, West Trenton, NJ

### Parish Ministries & Services

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| Parish Rectory & Office                            | 609-882-3277        |
| Office Hours: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM                   | Fax: 609-882-4375   |
| <b>Monday thru Friday</b>                          |                     |
| <b>Religious Education—Brenda O'Callaghan, CRE</b> |                     |
| <b>E-mail: olgc.re.wt@gmail.com</b>                | <b>609-883-9005</b> |
| 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                        | NJBob10@Verizon.net |
| 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

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| <b>SATURDAY,</b><br>5:00 PM            | <b>SEPTEMBER 9, 2023</b><br>Carole Sokolowski r/o Mary Arcadipane<br>Carole Carabelli<br>r/o Debbie Lopreato & Mark Raney  |
| <b>SUNDAY,</b><br>8:30 AM<br>10:30 AM  | <b>SEPTEMBER 10, 2023</b><br><b>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>Mary Faherty r/o Ewing KofC<br>For the People of the Parish<br>Beverly Moore r/o Eileen Keenan                                   |
| <b>MONDAY,</b><br>7:30 AM              | <b>SEPTEMBER 11, 2023</b><br>Nancy Newell Yeomans (Anniv)<br>r/o Sister Debbie & Family  |
| <b>TUESDAY,</b><br>7:30 AM             | <b>SEPTEMBER 12, 2023</b><br>Dorothy Blicharz<br>r/o Gerry & Jay   |
| <b>WEDNESDAY,</b><br>7:30 AM           | <b>SEPTEMBER 13, 2023</b><br>Intentions of Philip<br>r/o Claude & Mary Anne LeGall   |
| <b>THURSDAY,</b><br>7:30 AM            | <b>SEPTEMBER 14, 2023</b><br>William Timlen<br>r/o Hope & Faith Holland  |
| <b>FRIDAY,</b><br>7:30 AM              | <b>SEPTEMBER 15, 2023</b><br>Healing Intentions of Robert (Butch)<br>Delahanty r/o Elaine Palatine   |
| <b>SATURDAY,</b><br>8:00 AM<br>5:00 PM | <b>SEPTEMBER 16, 2023</b><br>Special Intention<br>Richard F. Mele r/o Familiy  |
| <b>SUNDAY,</b><br>8:30 AM<br>10:30 AM  | <b>SEPTEMBER 17, 2023</b><br><b>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>Fedina Marandola r/o Antonietta Craig<br>For the People of the Parish<br>Intentions of Loren Medwick<br>r/o Brother in law, Paul |

## Readers

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| <b>SATURDAY,</b><br>5:00 PM           | <b>SEPTEMBER 16</b><br>Mary Anne LeGall           |
| <b>SUNDAY,</b><br>8:30 AM<br>10:30 AM | <b>SEPTEMBER 17</b><br>Laura Shea<br>Maeve Cannon |

## Eucharistic Ministers

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| <b>SATURDAY,</b><br>5:00 PM           | <b>SEPTEMBER 16</b><br>Janet Stankus             |
| <b>SUNDAY,</b><br>8:30 AM<br>10:30 AM | <b>SEPTEMBER 17</b><br>Dennis Hice<br>Tony Jones |

## Altar Servers

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| <b>SATURDAY,</b><br>5:00 PM           | <b>SEPTEMBER 16</b><br>Nathan Stankus  |
| <b>SUNDAY,</b><br>8:30 AM<br>10:30 AM | <b>SEPTEMBER 17</b><br>Brayden Spina, Daniel Wilkes<br>Dylan Rutkowski, Ryan Spina |

## News & Events

**Tuesday, September 12– 15** the annual Diocese of Trenton Priest Convocation will take place. Please keep our priest in your prayers.

**Wednesday, September 13** The Delaware Valley Radio Assoc. will meet in the Parish Hall at 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, September 14—Welcome Back—Good News Sunday.** We will meet in the Opdenacker Room in the Parish Hall at 7:00 PM and on Friday morning at 10:00 AM.

**Saturday, September 15,** Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass. **Reconciliation** 4:00-4:30 p.m.

**September 16-17th is Vocations weekend**—Father Chris Colavito, Vocation Director will speak at all Masses.

**Sunday, September 17 Catechetical Sunday** will be celebrated with Commissioning of Catechist at 10:30 a.m.

## CHURCH SUPPORT

### COLLECTION REPORT

|                                   |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Registered Parish Families        | 688        |
| Parishioners using envelopes      | 118        |
| Envelope Contributions            | \$2,893.00 |
| Average Contribution              | \$24.52    |
| Loose Cash                        | \$467.00   |
| Total Contributions September 3rd | \$3,360.00 |

**Catholic University is this weekend. Please place both envelopes in the one collection.**  
Thank you for your generosity!



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



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

### 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, Linda Solinski, Brenda Thornley, Erin Cahill Wetzels, Stanley Wrobel, Rocco Zangrilli 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**.

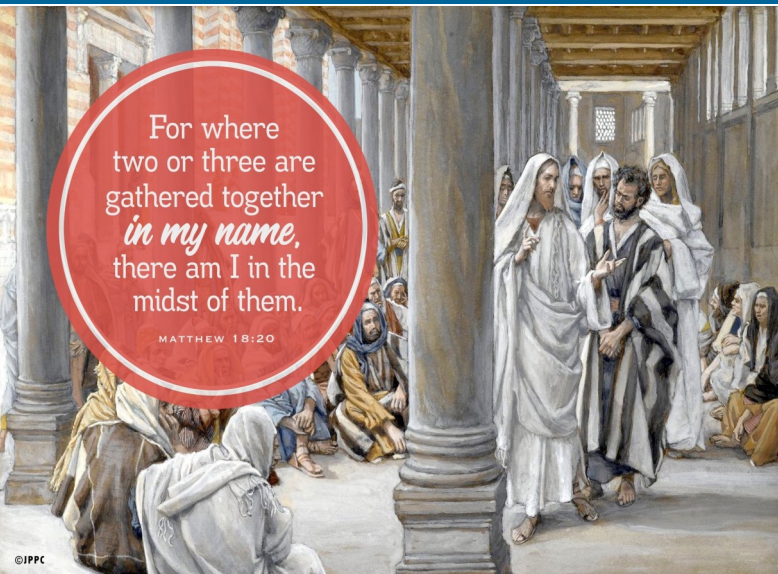
Homebound members will be scheduled to receive the Eucharist at home.

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ezk 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2,6-7,8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

*For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. (Mt 18:20)*

With the celebration of Labor Day this past Monday, we close the book (for all practical purposes, if not officially) on yet another summer and anticipate the cool crisp autumn weather. The days are growing perceptibly shorter, although it will be many weeks before we travel home from work in darkness. Still, bathing suits are packed away, schoolbooks are once again the reading of the day, and, despite warm days ahead, the scent of wood-smoke from distant hearths periodically will drift through the neighborhoods. Time passes as we march steadily toward the final weeks of the liturgical year. Perhaps it is a holdover from the distant memories of my own childhood, or the more



recent days of the start of school for our children, but I have always considered the autumn to be a time not only of endings, but of bright beginnings as well. I see this in my own job at Drexel University, where September brings new faces and minds brimming with optimism as they embark upon a great new adventure on their collective journey to maturity and wisdom.

While the Church is an ongoing and enduring symbol of Christ's presence on earth, it is also a constant force of renewal in faith, hope, and love to a world weary of violence, injustice, and apathy. It is the Body of Christ; its mission is to lead men and women to salvation – gathering all in community to live the Gospel throughout the world. Christ calls us, through his Church, to be witnesses to him in prayer and action. Although we remain imperfect, we are ennobled to his image in a spirit of reconciliation. Saint Paul reminds us of the primacy of love. We are not Pharisees, charged with pettiness, using God's word as a truncheon to command others for our own purposes. Rather we are called to service, compassion and mercy; we are invited and challenged to love as God loves us.

'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law. (Rom 13:9c-10)

Deacon Steve Szmuto



**RCIA – BECOMING CATHOLIC**

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? The desire to draw closer to God is in all of us, for we are his creation. Do you know an adult who would like to find out about what we believe? Do you know anyone who has not completed the Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation, and would like to? Please prayerfully

consider who might be interested in entering more fully into the Catholic faith and invite them to join us for our "Inquiry session" scheduled to begin in September. Please contact Deacon Steve at:

**Deaconstevenszmuto@gmail.com**



**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**

# Religious Education



**2023-2024**

## Religious Education School Year

**CLASSES BEGIN** 9/17 FOR GRADE 8 7:00–8:00 PM  
9/18 FOR GRADES 1-7 6:00 -7:15 PM  
All Classes are held in the Parish Hall.

All registration 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 by email at:

[olgc.re.wt@gmail.com](mailto:olgc.re.wt@gmail.com)



OLGCC Welcomes  
Father **Chris Colavito**,  
Diocesan Director of Vocations

**September 16-17**

Father Chris will speak to us on Vocations at all the weekend Masses.

Sunday, September 17th –**Catechetical Sunday** will be celebrated with the Commissioning of Catechist at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

*Vocation Prayer*  
*God our Father,*

*we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons.*

*Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call.*

*May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen*

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
OCTOBER 1, 2023  
10:30 MASS

50<sup>th</sup>

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish offers Msgr. Ralph Stansley our prayerful  
Congratulations as you celebrate your 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood



50<sup>th</sup>

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

Reception will follow  
Mass in the Parish Hall



VILLA VICTORIA  
ACADEMY

**Villa Victoria Academy Plans Kick-Off Mass to Celebrate 90 years!**

Ewing, NJ: Villa Victoria Academy announces a mass to kick off the 90th anniversary of educating youth in the Diocese of Trenton. Villa Victoria Academy has been in existence since 1933 in Ewing, New Jersey. Villa Victoria is a college prep program for girls in grades 6-12.

The mass will be held on **October 21, 2023 at noon** in the Villa theatre. All past and present members of the Villa community are welcome to attend. Invited guests include Bishop David O'Connell, Monsignor Thomas Gervasio, Ewing mayor Bert Steinmann, along with sisters from the Religious Teachers Filippini, our alumnae and friends.

No tickets are being issued. Questions can be directed to the Advancement Office at Villa at 609-882-1700 ext. 419 or [cwhite@villavictoria](mailto:cwhite@villavictoria). For planning purposes, please RSVP using this form: <https://forms.gle/Ug5vzXwbQhj2kDdZ6>



# Mary's of Mary



You are invited to...

Join us in the Celebration of the  
*Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

**September 8th 7:30 a.m. Mass**

Following Mass we will pray the Rosary.  
Afterward, join us in the Parish Hall to sing  
Happy Birthday to Mary and enjoy hot  
brewed coffee and cake.



You are invited to...

Join us in the Celebration of the  
*Feast of Our Lady Of Sorrows.*

**September 15th 7:30 a.m. Mass**

Following Mass we will pray the Rosary.

Did you know...Our rosary group prays  
the rosary daily after morning mass.

Please consider joining our group to  
honor our Blessed Lady.

Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows



**"PRAY THE ROSARY EVERY DAY IN ORDER TO OBTAIN PEACE FOR THE WORLD"**  
-Our Lady of Fatima, May 13, 1917

## MT. CARMEL GUILD RAFFLE TICKET SALE

OLGC Social Service Committee and the Ewing Knights will be selling "Restaurant Raffle Tickets" after Masses the weekend of September 23 and 24. The Tickets are \$20 for one ticket or six tickets for \$100.

Three prizes:

- 1st Prize \$1,500 in restaurant gift cards
- 2nd Prize \$1,000 in restaurant gift cards
- 3rd Prize \$500 in restaurant gift cards

Winning tickets will be pulled at the Gala on October 20 but the winners need not be present – winners will be contacted. Mt. Carmel Guild serves those in need within the greater Mercer County area and the City of Trenton. The mission to provide hope and preserve the dignity of our homebound elderly and families in need is accomplished daily through the Guild's tireless efforts. Your help in supporting this effort is much needed to make it happen. Visit [www.MtCarmelGuild.org/gala](http://www.MtCarmelGuild.org/gala) or call 609-392-5159 Ext. 111 for more information about the Restaurant Raffle and/or the Gala.

Please help support the Guild's work by purchasing tickets at Our Lady of Good Counsel this fall.

**GOOD NEWS SUNDAY**—Please join us each week as we read, ponder, pray and witness the Sunday Gospel Reading.

Thursday Evening Group begins Sept.14, 7:30 PM

Friday Morning Group begins Sept. 15, 10:00 AM

We meet in the Opdenacker Room in the Parish Hall.

## Back-to-School Drive Results

Thanks to all parishioners who participated in our back-to-school drive this year. The OLGC Social Services Committee is happy to report that 87 backpacks, 91 bags / boxes of school supply items and \$30 cash were donated during this year's drive. This is a new record amount, and we should all be very proud of this wonderful effort to help those children in need in our Trenton community.

These items were delivered to Mount Carmel Guild and Catholic Charities of Trenton for distribution along with cards made by the summer religious education students wishing children receiving the backpacks good wishes for the new school year. Thank you so much for helping some needy children kick off the new school year in a positive way through your generosity!

We also wish thank everyone for your continued donations of non-perishable food, frozen meals, clothing, personal care, household and baby items to our weekly deliveries to these charities. Please check the Bulletin Boards for more donation information. Food trays and instructions are available next to the freezer in the Church Hall adjacent to the kitchen area. **You deliver. We deliver.**



## Blessing of the Animals October 7, 9:00 AM

Blessing of The Animals to commemorate St. Francis Feast day. We meet at the Church side door (rectory side). Please leash all dogs or put in crates, cats or smaller critters. Please clean up any critter mistakes if someone gets too excited.

Any questions: Marge Stanford at 609-882-6555.

## America Needs Fatima (ANF) Rosary Rally Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 12 noon - 1PM

We will gather in front of the  
Our Lady of Fatima statue.  
Inclement weather we will be  
in Church.

Please join us in prayer.

Any questions: Marge Stanford  
at 609-882-6555.





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# TRUNK OR TREAT



**Sunday, October 29**  
Festivities begin at 3 pm in the Parish Hall

**How to join in the fun:**

**Bring your children/grandchildren in costume**  
**Decorate your car and bring treats for the kids**  
**Volunteer to assist with logistics**

**Start planning now!**

**Watch the bulletin/parish website for more details.**  
**To RSVP or for more information contact Nancy Finn at 732-735-5492.**

**Sponsored by the Pastoral Council Youth Involvement Committee.**