



# Our Lady of Good Counsel

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**September 17, 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**  
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## Twenty-fourth 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	Fax: 609-882-4375
<b>Monday thru Friday</b>	
<b>Religious Education—Brenda O'Callaghan, CRE</b>	
<b>E-mail: <a href="mailto:olgc.re.wt@gmail.com">olgc.re.wt@gmail.com</a></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	<a href="mailto:NJBob10@Verizon.net">NJBob10@Verizon.net</a>
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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

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>SEPTEMBER 16, 2023</b> Richard F. Mele r/o Familiy
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM	<b>SEPTEMBER 17, 2023</b> <b>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Fedina Marandola r/o Antonietta Craig Anthony D. Ferri r/o Ferri Family
10:30 AM	Loren Medwick r/o Brother in law, Paul For the People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>SEPTEMBER 18, 2023</b> Marcia Ball r/o Norman Buttaci
<b>TUESDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>SEPTEMBER 19, 2023</b> Marcia Ball r/o John & Noel Capuano
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>SEPTEMBER 20, 2023</b> St. Padre Pio Intentions of the Parish r/o Eileen & Michael Giglio
<b>THURSDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>SEPTEMBER 21, 2023</b> Intentions of Joe & Emily Dempster r/o Mom & Dad
<b>FRIDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>SEPTEMBER 22, 2023</b> Catherine Paci r/o Robert Paci Ric & Mitzi Baker (50th Wedding Anniv) r/o Deacon Steve & Mary Szmuto
<b>SATURDAY,</b> 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	<b>SEPTEMBER 23, 2023</b> Special Intention Don Smith r/o Family Bill Timlen r/o Terry Evanko
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM	<b>SEPTEMBER 24, 2023</b> <b>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> William Dill r/o Jack & Mary Innocenzi Don Smith r/o Family For the People of the Parish
10:30 AM	Mary Bernadette Faherty r/o Nick & Deborah Solimando Geraldine Stanton r/o Gayle Demeter

## Readers

<b>SATURDAY,</b> <b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 23</b> Jackie Crane
<b>SUNDAY,</b> <b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 24</b> Fran Golinski
<b>10:30 AM</b>	Mary Anne LeGall

## Eucharistic Ministers

<b>SATURDAY,</b> <b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 23</b> Joyce Christensen
<b>SUNDAY,</b> <b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 24</b> Dennis Hice
<b>10:30 AM</b>	Tony Jones

## Altar Servers

<b>SATURDAY,</b> <b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 23</b> James Gummel
<b>SUNDAY,</b> <b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 24</b> Brayden Spina, Daniel Wilkes
<b>10:30 AM</b>	Dylan Rutkowski, Ryan Spina

## News & Events

### Religious Education Classes

**Sunday, September 16** 7 PM Grade 8 Parent/Student Meeting in Parish Hall.

**Monday, September 17** 6 PM Grades 1-7 Ice Cream Social Welcome Back CCD Students in Parish Hall.

**Tuesday, September 19** The Ewing Knights of Columbus will meet in the Parish Hall at 7 PM

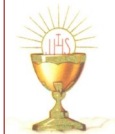
**Thursday, September 21 Good News Sunday 7 PM** Opdenacker Room of Parish Hall and on Friday morning at 10:00 AM.

**Saturday, September 23,** 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 Niranjana, 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.

## CHURCH SUPPORT

### COLLECTION REPORT

Registered Parish Families	688
Parishioners using envelopes	109
Envelope Contributions	\$3,035.00
Average Contribution	\$27.84
Loose Cash	\$565.00
Total Contributions Sept. 10th	\$3,600.00

Thank you for your generosity!



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**24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



*Peter approached Jesus and asked him, Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times? Jesus answered, I say to you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.*

One of my favorite performers is Mary Chapin Carpenter, the country music star from Princeton, NJ. Her songs are both contemporaneous and timeless, focusing on all aspects of the human condition. In one of her best songs from her 1992 bestselling album, *I Take My Chances*, one of the most memorable lines in the song, *Forgiveness doesn't come with a debt*, has always reminded me that unless we let go of past hurts and are willing to move beyond the pain, then true forgiveness on our part cannot occur. Sometimes, our need for revenge is so great, that we allow our minds to be poisoned in our attempt to make the other person suffer. Although protecting oneself from hurt and abuse is essential for mental and spiritual health, if we allow the actions of others to

strangle ourselves with shackles of anger, hurt, and bitterness, then we will remain forever enslaved by past wrongs and be unable to move forward in life with Christian joy and compassion. Forgiveness is for our own sake as well as for others.

Today's readings emphasize the importance of forgiveness and mercy if we are to live in peace and in accordance with God's will. In response to Peter's question, Jesus told him that forgiveness must be offered repeatedly and without hesitation, just as God offered forgiveness again and again to His people, as we have seen throughout Sacred Scriptures. In our beloved Lord's Prayer, taught to us by Jesus himself, we ask God to, *Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us*. Jesus shared his parable of the king who forgave his servant of a great debt in response to his anguished cry for mercy; yet, that same servant callously refused to grant forgiveness and mercy to a fellow servant who was in his debt for a far lesser sum. When the king learned of the man's actions, he responded in righteous anger toward the ungrateful servant, punishing him accordingly. Jesus concluded: *So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart*.

Jesus' words are foreshadowed in the first reading from the Book of Sirach.

*Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD. Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins? If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins?*

Forgiveness is the hallmark of Christian behavior! Each Sunday, the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy begins with the acknowledgement of our sins and our plea for God's mercy and forgiveness. If we are unwilling to forgive others, how can we truly expect mercy from Our Heavenly Father? The mark of a true disciple is love and compassion; without them, we perpetuate an endless circle of vengeance and destruction. Let us allow God's mercy to penetrate our hearts, so that we in turn might show forgiveness and mercy to others who have wronged us. It is required, not only for their sake, but for our salvation as well.

Deacon Steve Szmuto



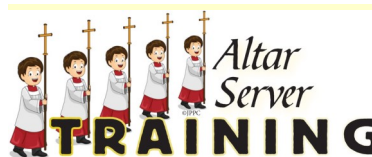
**RCIA – BECOMING CATHOLIC**

**First Session September 17 11:30 AM in the main body of the Church.**

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**  
**Meeting—September 23**  
**10:30 AM Church**  
**for all existing and interested servers**

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 meeting Sept. 23 at 10:30 AM in Church for existing and 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**

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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 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: [olgcc.re.wt@gmail.com](mailto:olgcc.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:

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

**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



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

Reception will follow Mass in the Parish Hall

50<sup>th</sup>



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*



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>

**COMING SOON!!!** Check out the BOO-TIFUL INFO ABOUT OLGCC's **TRUNK OR TREAT** on last page! STAY TUNED TO THE BULLETIN AND [OLGCC.NET](http://OLGCC.NET) WEBSITE!!



## 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.



Catechist Commissioning at 10:30 AM Mass September 17th

### **Prayer for Catechist**

*Loving God, Creator of all things,  
you call us to be in relationship with you and others.*

*Thank you for calling me to be a catechist,  
for the opportunity to share with others  
what you have given to me.*

*May all those with whom I share the gift of faith  
discover how you are present in all things.*

*May they come to know you, the one true God,  
and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.  
May the grace of the Holy Spirit guide my heart and lips,  
so that I may remain constant in loving and praising you.*

*May I be a witness to the Gospel and a minister of your  
truth.*

*May all my words and actions reflect your love.*

*Amen.*



## **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.

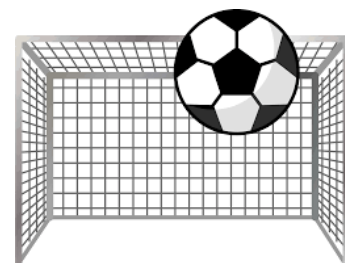
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## **Knights of Columbus**

The Ewing Knights of Columbus Council 3756 is conducting their Annual Soccer Challenge on **Thursday September 21st from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Ewing Municipal Soccer Complex.**

**All boys and girls ages 9 - 14 are invited to participate** (Age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of September 1). All contestants are recognized for their participation in the event. The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge provides an athletic outlet for boys and girls ages 9 to 14 through penalty kick competition. Designed for players to demonstrate their skills in the penalty kick. Children demonstrate the most important skill in soccer – shooting accuracy on the penalty kick – and compete to reach the district, state, and even international level of competition. **For additional information contact Past Grand Knight Frank Ferdetta @ 609-475-5031 or [Frank.Ferdetta1@verizon.net](mailto:Frank.Ferdetta1@verizon.net).**





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**FRIDAY, September 22, 10AM-10PM**

**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.

**What exactly is Trunk-or-Treat?** The idea is simple: Individuals and groups bring their cars to a designated parking lot. The drivers decorate their cars for Halloween, sometimes creating elaborate scenes out of their trunks. Participating children then walk from vehicle to vehicle, collecting candy the way they would during a normal trick-or-treating outing.

**How will it work at OLGK?** The safety of our children is our top priority, therefore certain parking lot entrances will be closed off during the event. (Please follow signs and parking attendants.)

Families can participate in two ways: Bringing your children and/or decorating your car & providing treats.

Parents/grandparents can bring children dressed in their costumes at 3:00 pm in the Parish Hall for games and a costume parade. You can stay with your children or go outside and decorate your car! All children should arrive in the Parish Hall by 3:30 pm so they can assemble in an organized and safe way before we proceed outside.

Meanwhile, families and organizations will assemble in the parking lot, decorate their cars, fill their trunks with candy and/or other Halloween trinkets.

At 3:30 pm the children will be led into the parking lot to parade around visiting all the cars and collecting their treats.

The afternoon will conclude with prizes for the Best Decorated cars.

All parishioners are invited to join in and simply watch and enjoy the fun!

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 Please complete the following registration to join the fun!

We will participate by decorating a car for Trunk or Treat

We will be bringing children to join in the fun.

Number of Children.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

This is a rain or shine event. In case of rain, the entire event will take place in the Parish Hall with tables set aside for "trunk displays".