



# Our Lady of Good Counsel

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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.

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## Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary



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

137 West Upper Ferry Road, West Trenton, NJ

#### Parish Ministries & Services

Parish Rectory & Office

609-882-3277

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**Monday thru Friday**

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Consolation Ministry Mary Szmuto

609-882-3277

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# Our Lady of Good Counsel

## Mass Intentions

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>OCTOBER 7, 2023</b> Anthony Castiello r/o Family Loretta Weise r/o David & Donna Collins
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	<b>OCTOBER 8, 2023</b> <b>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> James E. Newell Jr. (Anniv) r/o Family Victoria Martin r/o Son, John W. Martin Respect for Life & an End to Abortion r/o Mary Arcadipane For the People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>OCTOBER 9, 2023</b> Stephen, Michael & Anthony Thoma r/o Susan T. Kane
<b>TUESDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>OCTOBER 10, 2023</b> Maria Hegyi r/o Daughter, Terri Hegyi
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>OCTOBER 11, 2023</b> Intentions of Philip r/o Claude & Mary Anne LeGall
<b>THURSDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>OCTOBER 12, 2023</b> Dec'd Members of Fekete & Walley Family r/o Family Johanna Gonzalez r/o Deacon Steve & Mary Szmuto
<b>FRIDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>OCTOBER 13, 2023</b> Intentions of Matthew C. Medwick r/o Brother, Paul
<b>SATURDAY,</b> 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	<b>OCTOBER 14, 2023</b> Priest's Intention Richard L. Palatine r/o Wife, Gail Louis R. Palatine r/o Elaine Palatine
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	<b>OCTOBER 15, 2023</b> <b>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Intentions of Eva Mary Szmuto r/o Mom and Dad For the People of the Parish Respect for Life & an End to Abortion r/o Mary Arcadipane

## Readers

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>OCTOBER 14</b> Mary Szmuto
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	<b>OCTOBER 15</b> Laura Shea Maeve Canon

## Eucharistic Ministers

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>OCTOBER 14</b> Janet Stankus
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	<b>OCTOBER 15</b> Dennis Hice Tony Jones

## Altar Servers

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>OCTOBER 14</b> James Gummel
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	<b>OCTOBER 15</b> Brayden Spina, Daniel Wilkes, Elizabeth Baron Dylan Rutkowski, Ryan Spina

## News & Events

**10/8 Sunday** - RCIA Session 11AM in Parish Hall.  
**10/11 Wednesday** - The Delaware Valley Radio Assoc. will meet in the Parish Hall at 11 AM.  
**10/12 Thursday**—Good News Sunday 7PM Openack-er Room of Parish Hall and Friday morning at 10:00 AM. All are invited to attend.  
**10/14 Saturday, Exposition and Veneration** 8:30AM - 12 Noon prayer with Cenacle Prayer Group.  
**Rosary Rally** at 12 PM weather permitting at Fatima Statue or in Church. **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, 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 Niranjani, Carol Perrine, Lucy Saganowski, Vincent Schnell, G. Welly Samuels, Debbie Sattler, Gregory Schafer, Steve Schmierer, Dolores Sebasto, Kristy Shanahan, Linda Solinski, Brenda Thornley, 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	120
Envelope Contributions	\$2,970.00
Average Contribution	\$24.75
Loose Cash	\$574.00
Total Contributions October 1st	\$3,545.00



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When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. (Gospel)  
Edwin Deakin 1883  
Grapes against a Mission Wall

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Reading I: Isaiah 5:1-7

Responsorial Psalm 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20

Reading II: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

### Fruitfulness

Both the First Reading and the Gospel tell a story about a vineyard. In each story, the Lord of the vineyard gives good soil, choice vines, and ample protection for the vineyard. But then he does not receive the good fruit that the vineyard should have given him, either because it doesn't produce good fruit or because the tenants won't give the good fruit to him.

There are penalties for this failure to give fruit to the Lord. The unfruitful vineyard is left to go to ruin. The tenants who won't give the fruit to the Lord lose their lives and their vineyard, which is given to others.

**If the vines bear fruit, it is because it is God who worked so hard at the vineyard.**

These penalties are fearful. Failure to be fruitful is punished by the loss of the gifts that might have yielded fruit and by the death of the unfruitful recipients of those gifts.

But what is the fruitfulness which it is so fearful not to have?

Do we have to do the most possible good for the poor?

Do we have to be highly effective at ministry?

Are we supposed to work around the clock so that we can use our gifts to the fullest?

What about our jobs? Are we unfruitful if we are unemployed?

How hard do we have to work in order not to count as unfruitful? How successful do we have to be at that work?

The thing to notice here is that all these questions rest on a false presupposition. The fruitfulness at issue doesn't come from our work. In both the stories, the owner of the vineyard, who is God, plants the vines, spades the soil, removes the stones, and protects the vineyard. If the vines bear fruit, it is because it is God who worked so hard at the vineyard.

So our fruitfulness comes not from our own work, but from the work of God's Spirit in us. Our part of the process is to not resist the Spirit.

And what about the fruit God is looking for in us? It will not be success, brought about by our own efforts. It will be the fruits that God's Spirit works in us. And these are love, joy, peace, patience and long-suffering.

God has planted himself deep within us in the indwelling Holy Spirit. No lack of success in work, no lack of work itself, can keep us from responding to him with love and joy and the rest. And these are what make us fruitful for the Lord.

**Eleonore Stump**



**FAMILY SUNDAY ~ CHILDREN'S LITURGY ~ OCTOBER 8TH at 10:30 AM MASS.** Each Month on the 2nd Sunday our parish religious education children will take part in serving at the 10:30 AM Mass. The children will serve as Greeters, Ushers and Readers. All children of the parish are welcome to participate for information please email:

Brenda O'Callahan CRE: [olgcre.wt@gmail.com](mailto:olgcre.wt@gmail.com)

**Family Sunday ~ Refreshments** will follow the 10:30 Mass in the Parish Hall. Join us for some hot brewed coffee and treats.



2023 Lumen Christi Cohort 6 Mission  
**"Our God Keeps His Promises!"**

October 23-25, 2023  
7:00-9:00 PM



**St. Anthony's Church**  
626 South Olden Ave., Hamilton, NJ



**Coins for Charity**  
It's Coins for Charity  
**weekend October 7/8.**



Containers are placed at all entrances to the Church for your donations. Also, please continue to place your Marrazzo's receipts in the baskets at three entrances to the church.

**Your generosity is appreciated!**

## 2023 Annual Loaves and Fishes Event October 28, 2023



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Although it is only OCTOBER, it is not too early for the parishioners of Incarnation St. James in cooperation with the parishioners of Our Lady of Good Counsel, to begin thinking about the commitment to our annual Loaves and Fishes Event, which takes place every year in the fall. This year, our serving date is **Saturday, October 28, 2023.**

Again, we plan to continue to do something like last year's event – a hoagie, potato salad or macaroni and cheese, a bag of chips, a package of cookies and a drink. In addition, we have been asked to continue to provide a take home lunch – peanut butter and jelly sandwich, a package of cheese crackers, cookies/protein bar, and a juice carton. Volunteers are needed on Friday morning, October 27<sup>th</sup>, to prepare the bag lunches.

**We are also asking for volunteers to help serve at this year's event, as we will be feeding our guests at tables.** As in the past few years, we need your financial support, so that the Committee members can begin to get the ball rolling and purchase what is needed for this event. The average number of people that are fed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weekend of every month is 200 sit-down meals and 200 take-home meals, and 200 take-home lunches.

We are asking you to please consider putting a **personal envelope in the collection basket marked "Loaves and Fishes."** We will continue to accept donations through the week of October 22<sup>nd</sup>. You can also stop by the rectory to drop off your donation.

At this time, there is a real urgency to feed the needy in the Trenton area and we are looking forward to keeping our tradition of assistance going strong as we do God's work.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Peter Brennan

### Villa Victoria Academy Open House

Wednesday October 25, 2023, 5-7 pm. ~ Pre-registration required.

Register today for the Fall Open House at Villa Victoria Academy at [www.villavictoria.org](http://www.villavictoria.org)

Villa Victoria Academy, an all-girls, private Catholic School, 376 W. Upper Ferry Road, Ewing, NJ 08628.

### High School Placement/Scholarship at Villa Victoria Academy

Saturday, October 28, 2023, 8:45 am to 12:15 pm  
Saturday, November 11, 2023 8:45 am to 12:15 pm  
High School Placement Test (HSPT)/Scholarship Test for incoming freshmen. Cost is \$40. Pre-registration is required for the Scholarship Test.

Email [cwhite@villavictoria.org](mailto:cwhite@villavictoria.org) Villa is located at 376 W. Upper Ferry Road, Ewing, NJ 08628.

### "You Are the World" Unity Concert - " Sunday, October 8, 2023 at 3:00pm.

Celebrate how we are all responsible for each other in creating an equitable world and support two Trenton charities which help serve the basic needs of food and shelter in the Trenton area. All proceeds will go to these organizations.

Better Community Housing of Trenton (BCHT) builds, rehabs, and finances houses for very low-income families to buy and is currently helping redevelop a blighted block in Trenton with low-income housing.

Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK) provides meals and wrap-around services that encourage self-sufficiency and improve quality of life in Trenton and beyond.

**Participants:** St. David the King Choir, TASK's FunkTask-Tiks, Sacred Heart/Holy Cross Gospel Choir, Capital Singers of Trenton Women's Ensemble, St. Gregory the Great Academy Choir, Trenton soloists Barbara Thompson and Rev. Crystal Hodges, and more.

**Tickets:** Donation \$15 per adult, \$25 for a family of 2-5, \$10 for additional children under age 18 and seniors. **PLUS** – bring a **nonperishable food item for the Sacred Heart Food Pantry.** More info at [BCHTrenton.org](http://BCHTrenton.org) – Books/Concerts.

**The new book** *You Are the World*, by BCHT's founder, Fr. Brian McCormick and Linda Smythe Oliaro of SSDK will be released at the concert (\$20 donation).

**Place:** Sacred Heart Church, 343 S. Broad Street, Trenton, NJ **Free parking** on street and at CURE arena lot 2 blocks south of church.



October

## Month of the Rosary and Respect Life



### RESPECT FOR LIFE

October is Respect for Life Month. We shall have an **Exposition and Veneration of the Most Blessed Sacrament on October 14 from 8:30 AM to 12 Noon** where we shall pray to honor God the Father and Creator of all Life. All are invited to join. A visiting Cenacle prayer group will join us in prayer.

### ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY

- Saturday, October 14 th - 12 noon - 1PM
- We will gather in front of the Our Lady of Fatima statue weather permitting.
- Inclement weather we will be in Church.
- Please join us in prayer.



### 35,000 Hail Mary's Project

Our goal is to offer **35,000 Hail Mary's** to the Blessed Mother for peace and healing of the world. We encourage everyone to pray the Rosary until we reach the goal of 35,000 Hail Mary's (700 Rosary recitations). Please hang a rosary bead on the Altar of the BVM when you come to church for each Rosary you complete. Each Rosary is 50 Hail Mary's. Homebound/Can't come to Church: We need your prayers too ~ Please call **Mary Arcadipane at 609-883-7620**. She will gladly add your Rosary offered to the BVM Altar for you.



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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.

**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 OLGC?** 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!

Please complete the following registration and return to the Parish Office 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".

