



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 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
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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Thirty-second 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
Office Hours: M–F 9AM to 3PM
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Religious Education—Brenda O'Callaghan, CRE
E-mail: olgc.re.wt@gmail.com 609-883-9005

Adoration Denise Hayes 908-242-2183

Adult Faith Formation/RCIA

Deacon Steve Szmuto 609-947-0587

Altar 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

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Liturgical Ministers Mary Szmuto 609-882-3277

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

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023
5:00 PM Philomena Muscente
r/o Donna & David Collins
Marie Muscente
r/o Donna & David Collins

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023
8:30 AM **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Mario DiFiore r/o Nino & Angela Como
For the People of the Parish

10:30 AM Carole Minotti r/o Dot Prunetti
Fielding & Janusz Family
r/o Judy Fielding

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023
7:30 AM Margaret C. Baker
r/o Deacon Steve & Mary Szmuto

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023
7:30 AM Doris, John & Mary Louise Kane
r/o Susan T. Kane

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023
7:30 AM Intentions of Philip
r/o Claude & Mary Anne LeGall

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2023
7:30 AM Special Intention
r/o Eileen & Michael Giglio

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2023
7:30 AM Christine Carballera
r/o Claude & Mary Anne LeGall

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023
8:00 AM Priest's Intention
5:00 PM Deceased Fekete & Walley Family
r/o Family
Mary DeFrancesco
r/o Donna & David Collins

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023
8:30 AM **33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Nicholas Muscente Sr. & for Intentions
of Marie Muscente r/o Daughter
For the People of the Parish

10:30 AM Charles Cruser r/o Dolores DeBlasio
Harold Hankinson r/o Son, Tom
r/o Judy Fielding

COLLECTION REPORT

Registered Parish Families	688
Parishioners using envelopes	140
Envelope Contributions	\$4,071.00
Average Contribution	\$29.08
Loose Cash	\$455.00
Total Contributions November 5th:	\$4,526.00
Parish Giving Month of October:	\$4,380.00
The All Saint's Holy Day amounted to	\$1,510.00.

Readers

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18
5:00 PM Jackie Crane
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19
8:30 AM Laura Shea
10:30 AM Maeve Cannon

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18
5:00 PM Janet Stankus
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19
8:30 AM Dennis Hice
10:30 AM Tony Jones

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18
5:00 PM Nathan Stankus
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19
8:30 AM Brayden Spina, Daniel Wilkes, Elizabeth Baron
10:30 AM Dylan Rutkowski, Ryan Spina

News & Events

11/12 Sunday - RCIA Session 11:30am in Parish Hall.
Religious ED Classes GR 8 at 7PM in the Parish Hall.
11/13 Monday— Religious ED Grades 1-7 Classes are
6pm to 7:15pm in the Parish Hall.
11/16 Thursday—Good News Sunday 7pm Opdenacker
Room of Parish Hall and Friday morning at 10am.
11/18 Saturday-Central Jersey Choral Society Rehearsal
in Church 10:00am to 1:00pm.
11/18 Saturday - Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the
Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass.
Reconciliation 4:00-4:30 pm.



Pray for our Sick:

Kevin Baker, Erin Barbato, Col. Gabriel Beck, Christina Beck, Rosemarie Buker, Richard Cook, Steve Dill, Sarah Dowd, John Finn, Al Gatto, Leo Genovesi, Brian Gershon, Phil Glaser, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Theresa Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Eileen and James A. Keenan, IV, Henry Louis Kopruckim 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, Ann Szostak, Brenda Thornley, Stanley Wrobel 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.



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REFLECTION

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1 [Wis 6:12-16](#)

Responsorial Psalm [63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8](#)

Reading II [1 Thes 4:13-18](#)

Gospel [Mt 25:1-13](#)

Wisdom, and the pursuit of wisdom, are prized throughout the Sacred Scriptures. Consider the story of King Solomon, as heard from the First Book of Kings. When God said to him, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you," Solomon replied, "Give your servant therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong." The Lord granted Solomon his request; yet sadly, Solomon later turned from the pursuit of wisdom with unfortunate consequences. While the King greatly desired wisdom, he failed to embrace all of its manifestations, turning away from the covenant, until at last, the kingdom was given over to others. The prosperity he enjoyed was ultimately fleeting. Wisdom endures within the human heart only when it is venerated; when spurned, it withers.

The Book of Wisdom, an excerpt of which was heard in today's first reading, was written only one hundred years before the coming of Christ. Its text is an extended reflection on divine wisdom. Written in the person of Solomon, its author encourages the pursuit of divine wisdom as found throughout the Old Testament. We are called to follow the Lord, to seek his wisdom, and live our lives in faith: *Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her and found by those who seek her.*

Divine wisdom possesses an inherent beauty, striving for it is the approach to spiritual contentment. *For taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence, and whoever for her sake keeps vigil shall quickly be free from care.* Wisdom is different from knowledge. There are many with advanced degrees and academic awards who can spout facts and figures, yet are empty kettles, utterly lacking in understanding. True wisdom lies in faith and devotion to truth — the path to God.

The Book of Wisdom foreshadows the fuller teachings of Christ found in the Gospels. Today's reading from the Gospel of Matthew finds wisdom in prudence and preparedness. Here Christ recounted the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, those who prepared for the coming of the bridegroom (Christ) and those who neglected to do so. Those who were prepared entered into the feast, while those who were negligent were left outside the door. We have only a limited time on this earth and must be diligent, following the Gospel in both word and deed so that we are ready to greet Christ when we are called to the heavenly banquet. The time is now . . . *Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.*

Deacon Steve Szmuto



Christmas Gift's Due, December 11th

Once again it is your opportunity to participate in our **Christmas Gifting Outreach** ministry where our parishioners purchase gifts for those in need in our Diocese to help brighten their Christmas holiday.

To participate, please take a gift tag, or more, from the baskets located in the front Church vestibule. This years' tags include infant (0-2 yrs), toddler (2-4 yrs.), child (5-10 yrs.), and teen (11-13 yrs.). Purchase the gift, attach your gift tag to it and return it to the designated table in the Parish Hall by **Monday, Dec. 11th**. ***Please do NOT wrap your gift.***

For those who do like to wrap gifts, consider **Adopt-A-Family** this Christmas. Catholic Charities of Trenton is searching for **Adopt-a-Family** donors right now. Struggling families of various sizes provide wish lists for specific items, which you can help provide. Family sizes include Small (2 people), Medium (3-5 people), Large (6 or more) or No preference.

Please call Jim Gambino of our Social Services Committee at 609-818-1708 to find out how you can participate in Adopt-A-Family and help brighten Christmas morning for a struggling family in our Diocese this year. **Adopt-a-Family** gifts may also be left in the Parish Hall in the designated area.



Thanks for your generosity!

FAMILY SUNDAY

FAMILY SUNDAY ~ CHILDREN'S LITURGY NOVEMBER 12TH at 10:30 AM MASS

It's the 2nd Sunday of the month which means 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 more information please email:
Brenda O'Callahan CRE: olgc.re.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.

Candles for the Blessed Mother Altar

November 11-17

In Memory of Philomena Muscente
r/o Donna & David Collins

In Memory of Maria Muscente
r/o Donna & David Collins



Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids

The Ewing Knights of Columbus will be donating warm winter coats to children in need in our area.

If you would like to help the Knights provide as many coats as possible you can send a donation to the following address:

**Knights of Columbus
Coats for Kids
Post Office Box 7647
Ewing NJ 08628**

The cost of each coat is approximately \$ 25.00.

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.

WORKING ON THE MARGINS

SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

www.facebook.com/powertyusa | www.usccb.org/cchd/collection | www.twitter.com/powertyusa_CCHD

Weekend of **November 18/19** is the **Annual Campaign for Human Development** Collection. Please place both envelopes in the one collection.

Save the Date!

The Auxiliary Board of
60 YEARS
The Children's Home Society
OF NEW JERSEY

Santa's Wonderland
Saturday, November 25th
9:00 am - 11:00 am
at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
137 West Upper Ferry Road - Ewing

- Tickets: \$7
- Tricky Tray
- Games
- Traditional Play

Follow us on Facebook and IG for event updates and link to purchase tickets.
All proceeds benefit the Infant Care program at The Children's Home Society of New Jersey.