

**Happy
Thanksgiving**



Our Lady of Good Counsel

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November 19, 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 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-third 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
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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

Bob Smythe, Knight Liaison-NJ Bob10@Verizon.net

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, 5:00 PM	NOVEMBER 18, 2023 Deceased Fekete & Walley Family r/o Family Mary DeFrancesco r/o Donna & David Collins
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	NOVEMBER 19, 2023 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 Sr. r/o Son, Tom
MONDAY, 7:30 AM	NOVEMBER 20, 2023 Dominick Iavarone r/o Russell & Debbie Vizzini
TUESDAY, 7:30 AM	NOVEMBER 21, 2023 Intentions of Mary Pat Voorhees r/o Family
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM	NOVEMBER 22, 2023 Louis Schmidt r/o Norman Buttaci
THURSDAY, 8:30 AM	NOVEMBER 23, 2023 THANKSGIVING For the People of the Parish
FRIDAY, 7:30 AM	NOVEMBER 24, 2023 Louis, Philomena & Nicholas Sr., Muscente r/o Carol
SATURDAY, 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	NOVEMBER 25, 2023 Priest's Intention Deceased Members Dolton Family r/o Helen Marie Dolton Eleanor & Paul Gofus r/o Gail Palatine
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	NOVEMBER 26, 2023 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe William G. & Margaret A. Smith r/o Family Rocco Zamgrilli r/o Achille & Gina DiLibero
10:30 AM	Christine Carballera r/o Claude & Mary Anne LeGall For the People of the Parish

Readers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	NOVEMBER 25 Jackie Crane
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	NOVEMBER 26 Fran Golinski
10:30 AM	Maggie Masterson

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	NOVEMBER 25 Joyce Christensen
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	NOVEMBER 26 Laura Shea
10:30 AM	Tony Jones

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	NOVEMBER 25 Nathan Stankus
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	NOVEMBER 26 Brayden Spina, Daniel Wilkes, Elizabeth Baron
10:30 AM	Dylan Rutkowski, Ryan Spina

News & Events

11/19 Sunday - RCIA Session 11:30am in Parish Hall. Religious ED Classes GR 8 at 7PM in the Parish Hall.
11/20 Monday— Religious ED Grades 1-7 Classes are 6pm to 7:15pm in the Parish Hall.
11/21 Tuesday—Ewing Knights of Columbus will meet at 7pm in the Church Hall.
11/21 Tuesday—Children's Home Society Aux Brd will meet at 7pm in the St. Joseph Room.
11/23 Thursday—HAPPY THANKSGIVING—Our Mass will be at 8:30 am. Parish Office Closed 11/22,23,24.
11/24 Friday-Children's Home Society set up 11am-1pm Winter Wonderland Parish Hall.
11/25 Saturday Children's Home Society Winter Wonderland Event 8 am to 3 pm Parish Hall.
11/26 Saturday - Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass. **Reconciliation** 4:00-4:30 pm.



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	140
Envelope Contributions	\$.00
Average Contribution	\$.0
Loose Cash	\$.00
Total Contributions November 12th:	\$.00

This weekend is the annual collection for Human Development. Please place both envelopes in the one collection.

Thank you for your generosity!



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



FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM:

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

REFLECTION

Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Psalms 128: 1-5 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6

Matthew 25: 14-30

“Well done my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities.” (Matthew 25: 21)

There is an old saying: *If you want something done, ask a busy person.* At first, this may seem illogical. Wouldn't it be more effective to ask the person who is doing nothing? After all, they have a lot of time on their hands. Yet it seems that the old 80/20 rule (80% of the work gets done by 20% of the people) holds true, whether it is in matters of work, family, charitable endeavors, or faith. For those who step up and work for the betterment of others, their company or organization, the reward is often -- more responsibility. Society turns to those who are passionate, enthusiastic and engaged. Those who do more, are asked to do more.

Jesus knew this as he sought disciples who were not only faithful, but committed, devoted, and filled with a zeal for the Gospel message. In the parable of the talents, the master entrusted his possessions to his servants to manage while he was away on a journey. To one he gave five talents (a measure of coinage), to another two talents, and to a third, one talent. When the master returned, he called his servants for an accounting. The first two servants used the talents and their resources productively, essentially doubling the master's investment. Yet the third, fearful and timid, merely returned the one talent, having buried it in the ground out of fear. Pleased with the ingenuity and faithfulness of the first two servants, the master gave them greater responsibilities. The third, he admonished for his laziness and took the talent from him to be given to the ones who showed initiative.

We have all been given “talents” by the master, in the form of our innate gifts, and abilities. Do we nurture these talents, cultivating our abilities so that we may work to further the work of the Lord? Or do we recoil in fear and withdraw from the mission set before us? Christ calls us to be disciples, men and women of faith and commitment who are ready and willing to venture forth into the wider world to further the Gospel message. Are we disciples of passion and engagement? Are we ready to use what we are given so that we might return more to the Lord? That is our challenge, to use what we have and journey forth in enthusiasm and joy in service to the one who sent us.

Deacon Steve Szmuto



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 Niranjan, 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.



Pray for our Military:

TSgt. Andrew G. Vrancik, Air National Guard

Please email: dsmith@olgcc.net to add your soldier to the prayer list.



Candles for the Blessed Mother Altar

November 18-25

In Memory of Mary DeFrancesco

r/o Donna & David Collins



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.
Thank you for your support!



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

*to the Families and Friends of
Our Lady of Good Council Parish*

*May your day be filled with
love, laughter and happiness.*

*From Fr. Ariel, Deacon Steve Szymutko,
Brenda O'Callaghan And the Parish Staff*

November 23rd, Thanksgiving Day, Mass is at 8:30 AM

**GIVING
TUESDAY**

On **November 28,** 2023, Catholic schools from across the Diocese of Trenton are participating in **Giving Tuesday**, the global day of charitable giving that follows Thanksgiving, Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

Giving Tuesday is a day of charity that fosters connection and generosity which helps you bring real change to your community. 100% of the monies raised through this campaign will go directly to the Catholic school that you specify in your donation. Help support our Catholic Schools this Giving Tuesday by sharing your resources; a donation to the Catholic school of your choice, pledging to volunteer your time at a school, or sharing a prayer in support of Catholic education!

Visit www.LeadinFaith.org



EWING KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Ewing Knights #3756 will be selling "**Keep Christ in Christmas**" Car

Magnets and Christmas Cards at all Masses the weekends of **November 25th and 26th and December 2nd and 3rd.**

All proceeds will be used to support our various charities.

Thanks for your generous support!



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!

Begin your Christmas Preparations in a special way.

FAMILY ADVENT WREATH PROJECT

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 6:30 PM



- PARENTS ARE REQUESTED TO JOIN THEIR CHILDREN.
- ALL SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED
- EACH FAMILY WILL TAKE HOME AN ADVENT WREATH.
- FR. ARIEL WILL BE ON HAND TO BLESS EACH WREATH

Please complete the form below and return it to your child's Religious Education Teacher. Activity will be in the Parish Hall.

_____ I will attend _____ I am unable to attend

Name _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

May this Christmas season bring you warmth and happiness.

THE SACRED HEART CHURCH GOSPEL CHOIR
INVITES YOU TO A
MUSICAL CONCERT

THEME: GIVE THANKS

SUN. NOVEMBER 19, 2023
TIME: 4:00PM

HOLY CROSS CHURCH
215 ADELINE ST, TRENTON NJ 08611

Come and Experience Classical, Gospel and other Genres of Music from the Oldest Gospel Choir in the Diocese of Trenton

GUEST ARTIST, MUSICIANS & PRAISE DANCERS WILL BE THERE..

FOOD DONATION WILL BE APPRECIATED

MUSIC DIRECTOR: RUPERT E.Z. PETERS (14YRS)

CONTACT INFO @ 609-422-7871

Need a little alone time? We're here to help!

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT
Saturday, December 2
6:00 to 9:00 pm
OLGC Church Hall

- Do your Christmas shopping
- Have a quiet dinner
- Decorate

We'll take the kids for an evening of **FUN AND GAMES.**
Pizza will be served.

Sponsored by the OLGC Parish Council Youth Ministry Committee

Please RSVP to nfinn1121@gmail.com

Save the Date!

The Auxiliary Board of **The Children's Home Society OF NEW JERSEY®**

60 YEARS

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.

Central Jersey Choral Society Presents
A Community Singing Event:
The Messiah
by George Friedrich Handel

Join our choir singing the classic Christmas masterwork
 (or just come to listen)

Sheet music provided for those wishing to sing

Sunday, December 10,
2023, 3:00 pm

Our Lady of Good Counsel
 Roman Catholic Church
 137 West Upper Ferry Rd.
 Ewing, NJ

Suggested Donation: \$10

For more information visit cjchoralsociety.org

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 central jersey choral society

Christopher Loeffler,
 Artistic Director