

PALM SUNDAY
OF THE
Lord's
PASSION

Prepare
Reflect
Rejoice

P A L M S U N D A Y

Our Lady of Good Counsel

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Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM **APRIL 12, 2025**
 Marie & William Dolton
 r/o Donna Penn
 Brian Vetter r/o David & Donna Collins

SUNDAY, 8:30 AM **APRIL 13, 2025 Palm Sunday**
 Robert & Donna Cook r/o Mom
 Intentions of Marie Muscente
 r/o Daughter, Carol

10:30 AM James M. Sr. & Jeffrey A. Gambino
 r/o Family
 People of the Parish

MONDAY 7:30 AM **APRIL 14, 2025**
 Stella Przechacki
 r/o Carol, Maria & Stefanie Przechacki

TUESDAY 7:30 AM **APRIL 15, 2025**
 Dorothy Blicharz r/o Gerry & Joy
 Anthony Astore
 r/o Deacon Steve & Mary Szmuto

WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM **APRIL 16, 2025**
 Special Intention r/o Giglio's
 Intentions of Suzanne Sibley r/o Mom



THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025 HOLY THURSDAY
 No morning Masses permitted
 7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Church open for reflection until 10:00 PM



FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025 Good Friday
 No Morning Mass permitted
 3:00 PM Good Friday Passion of the Lord
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross



SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025 Holy Saturday
 No Morning Mass permitted
 Blessing of Food Baskets 10:00 AM Church
 7:30 PM Vigil Mass of Easter
 People of the Parish and OCIA Candidates



SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025 Easter
 8:30 AM Merriann Guerio Destribats
 r/o Joseph & Dianne Chianese
 Intentions of Julie McMyne r/o Mom

10:30 AM Nicholas Muscente, Sr.
 & for Intentions of Marie Muscente
 r/o Daughter, Carol

Readers

SATURDAY, 7:30 PM **APRIL 19**
 Elise Stankus

SUNDAY, 8:30 AM **APRIL 20**
 Laura Shea
 Carol Lake

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, 7:30 PM **APRIL 19**
 Mary Anne LeGall, Janet Stankus

SUNDAY, 8:30 AM **APRIL 20**
 Dennis Hice, Donna Collins
 Michael Lake

Altar Servers

FRIDAY, 7:00 PM **APRIL 18**
 Liz Baron, Daniel Wilkes

SATURDAY, 7:30 PM **APRIL 19**
 James Gummel, Nathan Stankus, Brayden Spina

SUNDAY, 8:30 AM **APRIL 20**
 Daniel Wilkes, Liz Baron
 Dylan Rutkowski, Ryan Spina

News & Events

Sunday, April 13, Adult Faith Formation will meet in the Parish Hall from 6-8:00 pm.

Monday, April 14, Religious Education Classes are from 6:00 to 7:15 pm in the Parish Hall.

Tuesday, April 15, The Ewing Knights will meet in Parish Hall at 7:30 pm.

Thursday, April 17, Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 pm. Church open to 10 pm

Friday, April 18, Good Friday Solemn Liturgical Service at 3 PM and Stations at 7 PM

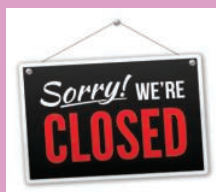
Saturday, April 19, Holy Saturday Blessing of Food Baskets 10 Am Church, Solemn Vigil Mass of Easter at 7:30 PM. NO Confessions.

Pray for our Sick:

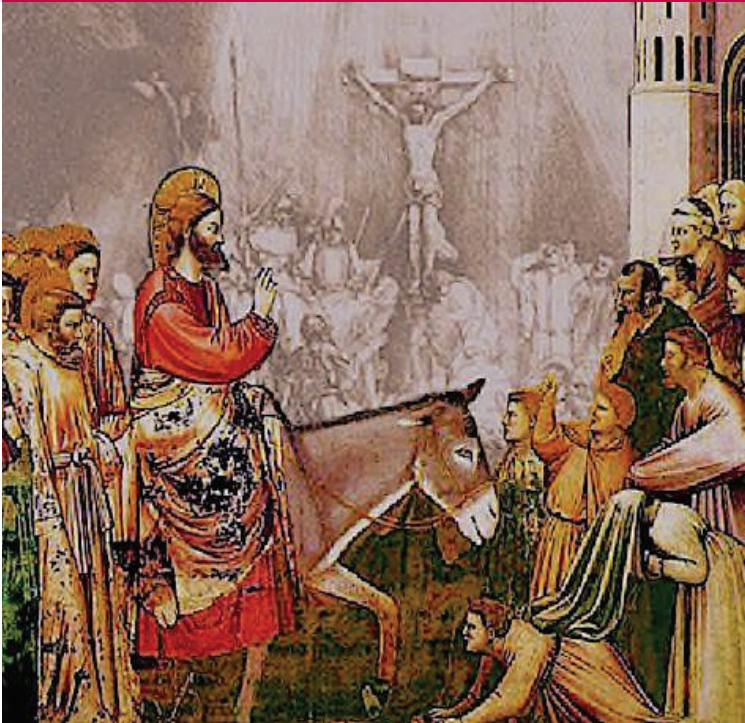
Jennifer Andres, Angelo & Mary Lou Arcadipane, Kevin Baker, Rosalie Baldanzi, Erin Barbato, Col. Gabriel Beck, Rosemarie Buker, Richard Cook, Marilyn Dablewski, Jack Devlin, Al Gatto, Leo Genovesi, Brian Gershon, Phil Glaser, Sandra Goeke, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Theresa Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Eileen Keenan, Mary Lou Kramli, Carol Lake, Laura Lynch, Maria Matteo, Kevin McBride, Robert & Barbara McDonald, Teresa Meagher, Keith Mello, Joan Moore, Marie Muscente, Kim Nash, Mary Lou Newborg, Angelika Niranjan, Debbie Paterson, Carol Perrine, Dominic Petito, Gadiel Quiroga, Tom Ryan, Lucy Saganowski, Vincent Schnell, G. Welly Samuels, Debbie Sattler, Gregory Schafer, Steve and Pamela Schmierer, Dolores Sebasto, Kristy Shanahan, Linda Solinski, Dorothy Stanley, Barbara Thomas, Brenda Thornley, Erin Cahill Wetzels, Peter Wojciechowski, Stanley Wrobel and all parishioners who are sick or homebound. Please call the parish office 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.



Parish Office
 is **closed**
 April 17 to
 April 21
 For Easter



APRIL 13TH ~ PALM SUNDAY



Reflection

April 13, 2025 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Isaiah 50: 4-7 Psalm 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24

Philippians 2: 6-11

Luke 22: 14 – 23: 56

*"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."
(Luke 23: 34)*

Words fail when we contemplate the agony that Our Lord suffered during his passion and death. The abject awfulness of crucifixion, where death is a welcome release from horrific torture, is beyond the comprehension of civilized human beings. It was a barbaric act, unspeakable even when carried out upon ruthless hardened criminals. The execution of Jesus – the spotless lamb, the innocent of innocents – demonstrates man's great capacity for revolting brutality. Yet, from the cross, Our Lord continued to reach out, transcending the evils of humanity with love and forgiveness. Truly, his journey to the cross was the great redemptive act of salvation, the fulfillment of a mission central to the course of human history.

Christ demonstrated the infinite love that God has for all men and women with perfect clarity. At the hands of evil, Christ allowed himself to be lifted up, high on the cross, as expiation for our fallen nature. He, who knew no sin, gave himself for our sake. He, who was without blemish, would be broken, bloodied, and scarred before a world of indifference and hypocrisy. The crowds, who shouted hosannas and placed palms beneath him as he rode in triumph into Jerusalem, would later shout, "Crucify him! Crucify him! There would be no miraculous escape or last minute rescue. This was no illusion. Jesus sacrifice was genuine, one born of total submission to the Father.

As we enter into Holy Week, let us be mindful of the great Paschal Mystery – the passion, death, and resurrection of the Lord. There is no resurrection without death, no redemption without sacrifice. Despite his divine nature, in his total humanity, he suffered the excruciating pain of humiliation, torture and crucifixion. As we share in the Eucharist, let us be mindful of Jesus abiding love and continual self-offering in the forms of bread and wine. He came into the world to save it; he saved the world at the expense of his own life. He continues to offer salvation each time we celebrate the Sacred Liturgy. Without the cross of Calvary, there could be no Easter glory!

"Father, into your hands, I commend my spirit." (Luke 23: 46)

Deacon Steve Szmuto



Order of Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church~

Easter Vigil, April 19 – Leah Alabrè, Thomas O'Neal

Divine Mercy Sunday, (Saturday) April 26— 5PM Mass, Amanda Nicole Duspiva

This is the rite by which a person born and baptized in a separated ecclesial Community is received into the full communion of the Catholic Church. They will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, thereby welcoming them into the fullness of the faith.

With great joy, let us welcome Leah Alabrè, Thomas O'Neal, and Amanda Nicole Duspiva into their new life in the Catholic faith, and may they continue to grow in love and devotion to Our Lord Jesus Christ, who is The Way, The Truth, and the Life! May God bless them on this day and on all days.

Remember to pray for our Candidates, **Leah Alabrè, Thomas O'Neal, and Amanda Nicole Duspiva** as they go into the Period of Mystagogia where they will continue to grow in the knowledge and devotion to the faith.
Deacon Steve

Welcome!



CHRISM MASS & Renewal of Ordination Vows

**Monday, April 14th
7:30 PM**

**St. Robert Bellarmine
Co-Cathedral**

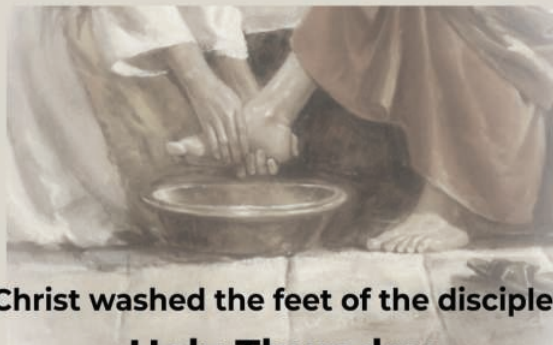
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Principal Celebrant
Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.

Bishop David will celebrate Mass, during which he will bless and consecrate the oils, in St. Robert Bellarmine Church the Co-Cathedral of the Diocese of Trenton on **Monday, April 14th at 7:30 PM.**

Service will also be livestreamed on the Diocese of Trenton website:
<https://dioceseoftrenton.org>



Christ washed the feet of the disciples

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper

April 17, 7:30 pm

*Holy Thursday ~ Commemorates the Last
Supper of Jesus Christ, where he established
the sacrament of Holy Communion and the
institution of the priesthood.*



GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday Liturgy ~
Despite Good Friday's central role
in the heart of Christianity,
attendance at services remains
low. In an effort to change this the
Ewing Knights of Columbus
Council 3756 is asking
as many parishioners as possible
to join representatives of the
Council in attending Good Friday
services with their families.



Liturgy of the Lords Passion



3:00 PM

**Solemn Liturgical Service
and Holy Communion**



7:00 PM

**Solemn Stations of the Cross
with Veneration**

Brothers will also have Prayer Cards
for Christian Refugee Relief
available.



*Christine Thomas
Roc P. Azzarello*

*Eternal rest grant
unto them, O Lord, and
let perpetual light shine
upon them. Amen.*



BLESSING OF THE FOOD BASKETS

**HOLY SATURDAY
APRIL 19TH 10:00 AM**

**COME HAVE YOUR EASTER
BASKETS BLESSED WITH
THE FOOD AND TREATS
FOR YOUR EASTER
CELEBRATIONS**



Fr. Ariel wants to start a new tradition at OLGCC.
Please bring your baskets loaded with the foods you
will serve Easter dinner so that he may bless them.





Dear Parish Family,

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your incredible support of our Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Your generous candy donations to fill our eggs was truly remarkable! We were overjoyed by your warm encouragement, and all the children and families had a wonderful time!

We would also like to express our appreciation to all the volunteers who helped to prepare for the event the night before and assisted during the Hunt. We couldn't have done it without your help. God Bless You, and thank you all! Joyce Christensen

Holy Week SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday April 17 ~

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 PM
Church will remain open for reflection until 10:00 PM

Good Friday April 18 ~

Solemn Liturgical Service with Holy Communion 3:00 PM
Solemn Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday April 19 ~

Blessing of Food Baskets in Church 10:00 AM
Solemn Vigil Mass of Easter 7:30 PM
Adult Choir directed by Deirdre Hindley

Easter Sunday April 20 ~

8:30 AM With Contemporary Group
10:30 AM With Adult Choir



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Candle at the Blessed Mother Altar April 5-12

For the Intentions of Rose Marie Ferri
r/o Aunt Marie & Carol
For the Intentions of Marie Muscente
r/o Daughter, Carol

April 12-19

For the Intentions of Marie Muscente
r/o Daughter, Carol
For the Intentions of Rose Marie Ferri
r/o Carol Muscente



Annual Catholic Appeal ~ Your Gift Makes a Difference

As we gather today, I want to take a moment to share some wonderful news about our Annual Catholic Appeal. Thanks to the generosity of 78 donors, we have reached \$16,366.00 (68%) toward our goal of \$24,000.00. I am truly grateful to everyone who has already contributed—your support is a blessing to our parish and our Diocese.

Think for a moment about those who serve as catechists, Catholic school teachers, campus or youth ministers—or those involved in OCIA, evangelization, adult faith formation, baptism, or marriage ministry. These dedicated individuals give so much to our parish and to the Diocese as a whole. Through your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal, we can offer them the guidance, training, and encouragement they need to continue this important work.

If you haven't yet made a gift to the appeal, I encourage you to prayerfully consider joining your fellow parishioners in this mission of hope. Every gift—no matter the size—helps us reach our goal and strengthens our community of faith. You can make your contribution using the pledge cards at the entrance of the church, giveaca.org or place your envelope marked ACC 2025 in the collection basket. Let's continue to work together to reach our parish goal. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless!

2025 Annual Catholic Appeal Progress Report:

Goal: \$24,000.00

Pledged: \$16,366.00 (68% of goal)

Paid: \$15,677.00 (65% of goal)

Total Donors: 78

Average Gift: \$177.89

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40 Cans for Lent ~ is coming to a close but we've received an urgent need for food at Mt. Carmel Guild



Mount Carmel Guild has asked for our help to increase our Non-perishable food donations for the foreseeable future. Please help if you can.

The most needed items are dry goods like rice, beans, noodles, cereal, crackers, oatmeal/oatmeal packs, pancake & corn bread mix, pasta, and macaroni & cheese. Items must be in unopened packages in good condition. Check expiration dates (do not leave expired items).

When possible choose Organic, Whole grain, and please include Gluten-free products.

Thank you for your generosity and caring for those less fortunate.

CHURCH SUPPORT

COLLECTION REPORT

Registered Parish Families	698
Parishioners using envelopes	111
Envelope Contributions	\$3,388.00
Average Contribution	\$27.54
Loose Cash	\$688.00
Total Contributions April 6:	\$4,076.00

March Parish Giving Total: \$5,355.00

Thank you for your ongoing Catholic Stewardship and generosity! Nothing can be done without you and your financial support.



Happy Feast Day April 27th

OLGCC Parish Feast Day
April 27, 2025 ~ 10:30 AM Mass
Marian Procession followed by
Catered Dinner (by Sal deForte) Parish Hall

Please drop off your Tricky Tray donations in the Parish Hall on the designated table.

Tickets will be sold after all Masses

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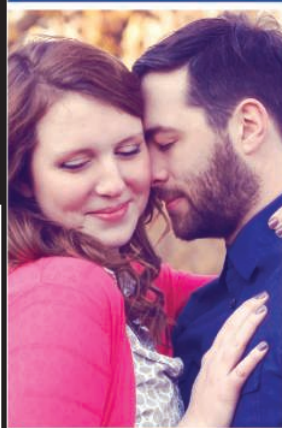
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