



Our Lady of Good Counsel

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April 21, 2024

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

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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: 609-882-3277x3
Monday-Wednesday Debbie Smith
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Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
137 West Upper Ferry Road, West Trenton, NJ

Parish Ministries & Services

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M–F 9AM to 3PM

Religious Education—Brenda O'Callaghan, CRE
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Infant Baptism Mary Szmuto 609-847-0796
Liturgical Ministers Mary Szmuto 609-882-3277
Mary's of Mary-Mary Arcadipane 609-883-7620
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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	APRIL 20, 2024 Fr. Jimmy Sebastian, MSFS r/o Friend Phil Collins r/o Dina Zangrilli
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	APRIL 21, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter Rob & Donna Cook r/o Mom People of the Parish
10:30 AM	Eleanor & Paul Gofus r/o Gail Palatine Harry & Mary Dennis r/o Gail Palatine
MONDAY, 7:30 AM	APRIL 22, 2024 Valerie Malone r/o Eileen Kovalsky
TUESDAY, 7:30 AM	APRIL 23, 2024 Joseph Glenn Aldrich r/o Chuck & Anne Wolff
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM	APRIL 24, 2024 Diane Nymberg r/o Elaine Palatine
THURSDAY, 7:30 AM	APRIL 25, 2024 Jack O'Neill r/o Diane Hutton
FRIDAY, 7:30 AM	APRIL 26, 2024 Dorothy Devilin Hankinson (Anniv) Son, Tom Rocco Zangrilli r/o Cristine Zeppierie and Family
SATURDAY, 8:00 AM	APRIL 27, 2024 Priest's Intention
5:00 PM	Gerald P. Schroth r/o Elaine Palatine Intentions of Donna Collins
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	APRIL 28, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Easter Robert Townsend r/o Nancy Finn
10:30 AM	Mary DeCandido r/o Pyontek Family People of the Parish

CHURCH SUPPORT

COLLECTION REPORT

Registered Parish Families	688
Parishioners using envelopes	104
Envelope Contributions	\$2,096.00
Average Contribution	\$20.15
Loose Cash	\$659.00
Total Contributions April 14:	\$2,755.00

Next Weekend, April 27/28 is the annual collection for **Catholic Home Missions**. Please place both envelopes in the one collection.

Thank you for your generosity!

Readers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	APRIL 27 Sherrie Calderone
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	APRIL 28 Laura Shea
10:30 AM	Fran Golinski

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	APRIL 27 Jackie Crane, Joyce Christensen
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	APRIL 28 Dennis Hice, Danny Morales
10:30 AM	Mary Anne LeGall & Tom Jones

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	APRIL 27 Nathan Stankus, Alana Collazo
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	APRIL 28 Liz Baron, Brayden Spina
10:30 AM	Ryan Spina, MacKayla Yung

News & Events

Tuesday, April 23, Parish Council will meet at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall.

Tuesday, April 23, The CHS Aux. Board will meet in the St. Joseph Room at 7:00 PM.

Thursday, April 25, Good News Sunday Scripture Study will meet in the Opdenacker Room at 7:00 PM and on Friday morning at 10:00 AM. All are welcome.

Saturday, APRIL 27, Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass. **Reconciliation** 4-4:30 PM.

Sunday, April 28 at 10:30 Mass we celebrate our Parish Feast Day. Dinner Follows Mass in the Hall.



Pray for our Sick:

Kevin Baker, Mitzi Baker, Erin Barbato, Col. Gabriel Beck, Christina Beck, Rosemarie Buker, Richard Cook, Sarah Dowd, Al Gatto, Leo Genovesi, Brian Gershon, Phil Glaser, Sandra Goeke, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Theresa Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Eileen and James A. Keenan, IV, Mary Lou Kramli, Carol Lake, Wayne Lecato, Laura Lynch, Kevin Mattis, Kevin McBride, Keith Mello, Joan Moore, Marie Muscente, Kim Nash, Angelika Niranjan, Carol Perrine, Dominic Petito, Jennifer Andres & Gadiel Quiroga, Lucy Saganowski, Vincent Schnell, G. Welly Samuels, Debbie Sattler, Gregory Schafer, Steve Schmierer, Dolores Sebasto, Kristy Shanahan, Linda Solinski, Deacon Steve Szmuto, Brenda Thornley, Erin Cahill Wetzell, Cherylann Wilson, 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.

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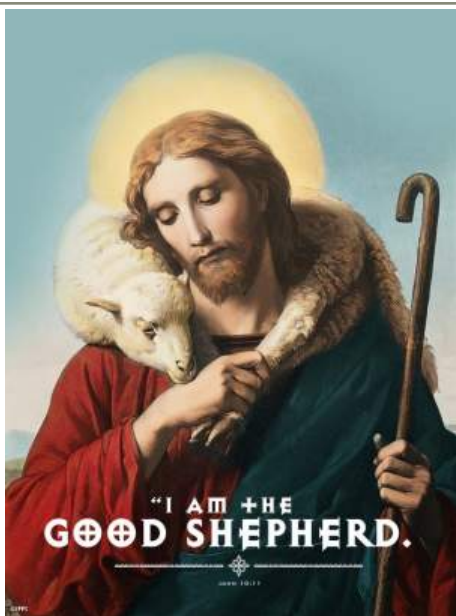


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April 21, 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 4: 8-12 1 John 3: 1-2 John 10: 11-18



Is Greed a Virtue?

In Sunday's Gospel Jesus compares the good shepherd to a mere hired hand. The hired one cares about his salary and maybe when he gets off work. A good shepherd cares about his sheep.

There is nothing wrong with working for hire and doing your job even if you do not like it. I imagine that a lot of us are like that about our jobs, out of necessity. Look at it this way.* Imagine that there are "handles" on things, poetically speaking. Everything I own—honors that come to me, possessions, etc.—all of this has "handles" that someone could grab in order to wrestle it away. Home, car, looks, reputation, career, money saved up for the children's education, respect from others, pleasure, youth, you name it.

We grab the handles tight. We want to keep what we have.

Who can blame us? But an ominous power comes into play at that point. The forces of greed and evil tell our hearts that everything in the whole world is there just to be grabbed for myself and kept. "Greed is a virtue," these forces say, in fact it is the only true virtue. The first decades of this century present an economic crisis that seemed a perfect result of this way of thinking.

But there is an alternate way of life. It has to do with love, the kind of love that the good shepherd shows us. It says, "the real value in life is to receive, not to grab and possess." All that you have and all that you are is a gift from God. You can open your hands and let God pour into them whatever you really need. And if you keep your hands open, you can easily let what you have pass on to others, those who are without.

Two ways of life, then: on one side, "Grab and Keep." On the other, "Receive and Let Go." The hired hand says the first, the good shepherd the second.

Do you understand, thus far? Good, because the story continues.

There comes an epic battle between these two ways of life. It is waged on the cross. Evil applies its weapons: it seizes and tears away from Jesus everything with "handles" on it—friends, followers, career, respect, relation to God, ordinary comfort, slaking of thirst, the ability to breathe, and then life itself.

It takes everything. Evil wins.

Except ... there is a fatal flaw in the grab-and-keep philosophy. Since this viewpoint thinks that everything whatsoever has handles on it, there is an important reality that it cannot recognize at all.

Love.

Love lets go, receiving humbly, giving humbly. The devil has no way to perceive love since there are no handles on unselfishness. The devil has to misinterpret what he sees, as just another form of self-interest.

So he burrows down to the innermost sanctum of Jesus' soul, greedy to seize the ultimate prize itself, the reality of God. Salivating for it, ravenous, unable to hold back, he throws open the tabernacle doors of Jesus' soul.

He finds that this sacred space is empty. Completely empty! Present are the quiet stillness of receiving gratefully and lightly letting go, but they are without handles. The devil gives up and goes on his way, confident that everything is now his.

But it isn't.

Love wins because it has given everything away.

Shall we try it this Easter season?

With help from the Good Shepherd? **John Foley, SJ**



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 609-882-3277x3 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.



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www.usccb.org/home-missions.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2024

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal Progress:

Goal: \$24,500.00

Pledged: \$18,346.00 (75% of goal)

Paid: \$14,341.00 (59% to goal)

Total Donors: 79

Total Gifts: 83

Average Gift: \$221.04

You may make your pledge or donation online at:

www.dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal

Or please call the appeal office at: 609-403-7197.

Pledge cards are available at all Church doors.

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Sunday, May 5, 2024 - 4:00 PM
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Inside Church

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First Eucharist



May 5th 10:30 A.M. Mass - followed by May Crowning

Villa Victoria Academy
 High School Open Spring House
 For Girls in grades 7 and 8.
 Thursday, April 25 from 5-7 pm
 Pre-registration
 at www.villavictoria.org required.
 Villa is located at 376 W. Upper
 Ferry Road, Ewing, NJ 08628



Hello & Welcome

Would you like to say these words to fellow parishioners
 coming to weekend Masses?
 It sounds pretty easy but it sure makes a big difference!

We need volunteers to be Greeters!

Simply come to Mass 10-15 minutes early.
 Pick a door and share a smile and welcome to all.

Depending on the number of volunteers we get this could be a once a
 month commitment.

The Greeter Ministry is part of our Hospitality Committee.

For more information please Email
 Joyce Christensen at
olgcechospitality@gmail.com



2024 MERCER COUNTY CYO

24th Golf Classic
 Thursday, May 16, 2024
 1:00 PM Shotgun
 Mountain View Golf Course
 Bear Tavern Road,
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Honoring

Msgr. Dennis A. Apoldite
2024 CYO Man of the Year!

Golfers Registration: 11:00am
 Shotgun Starts: 1:00pm
 Lunch Served 11:30am to 12:45pm
 Cocktails: 5:30pm
 Buffet Dinner: 6:30pm

For More Information visit
 Please call Pat at 609.585.4280 x102
 Or email: phardiman@cyomercer.org
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• Friday, May 10th, at 7:00pm •
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 Games begin at 7:00pm
 12 BINGO Games, 50/50 Raffle,
 Tricky Tray & Door Prizes!
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Admission is \$30 per person prior to the event and
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 one set of BINGO sheets and a door prize entry.
 Additional BINGO sheets may be purchased at the
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• Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Church•
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To purchase tickets please go to <https://chsofnj.org/>
 Questions? Email Heidi: HLS9316@GMAIL.COM.







Parish Feast Day

APRIL 28TH - 10:30 MASS



Ticket: \$15 p.p.- \$5 children 5-18,
4 and under are free.

Tickets sold in the Church Vestibule after all
Masses or at the Rectory until April 20/21.

There will be a Raffle, Prizes & Tricky Tray
We need your help with donations for our tricky
tray (please no clothes). Drop off items in
Parish Hall on the designated table.

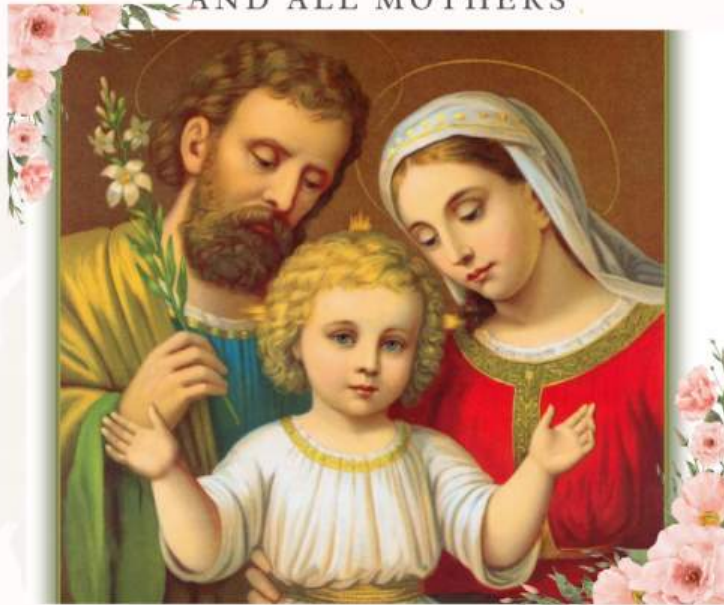
Catered by Sal DeForte's.
Our menu is: Garden Salad, Rigatoni Vodka,
Meatballs, Chicken Marsala, Crab Crusted Tilapia,
Roasted Potatoes & Green Beans.

Please bring along a dessert to share.
Chaired by Parish Council Hospitality Committee.
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Hope to see you there!

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or Gae Santiago: 609-532-2113

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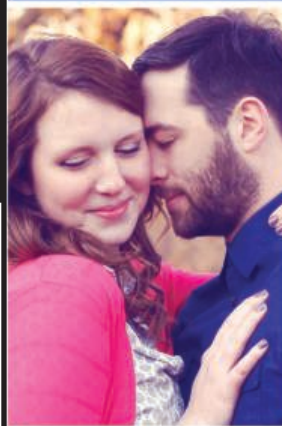
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