



Happy Feast Day

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ April 28, 2024

Parish Feast Day

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Our Lady of Good Counsel

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	APRIL 27, 2024 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
MONDAY, 7:30 AM	APRIL 29, 2024 Rocco Scanelli (Anniv) r/o Theresa Toth
TUESDAY, 7:30 AM	APRIL 30, 2024 Sam Marrazzo r/o Russell & Debbie Vizzini
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM	MAY 1, 2024 Healing of Lydia Lopez r/o Elaine Palatine
THURSDAY, 7:30 AM	MAY 2, 2024 Dolores Mattis r/o Mary Arcadipane Al & Anne Dempster (Wedding Anniv) r/o Deacon Steve & Mary Szmuto
FRIDAY, 7:30 AM	MAY 3, 2024 First Friday Intentions of Ariel & Bobbie Arcadipane r/o Mom Adoration 8 AM to 3 PM
SATURDAY, 8:00 AM	MAY 4, 2024 First Saturday Priest's Intention
5:00 PM	People of the Parish Gay N. McGraw r/o Bob & Debbie Smith
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	MAY 5, 2024 Sixth Sunday of Easter Robert W. Cook r/o Wife, Patricia John Hartmann r/o Dolores DeBlasio
10:30 AM	For the Intentions of our First Communion Students and their families

CHURCH SUPPORT

COLLECTION REPORT

Registered Parish Families	688
Parishioners using envelopes	120
Envelope Contributions	\$2,610.00
Average Contribution	\$21.75
Loose Cash	\$632.00
Total Contributions April 21:	\$3,242.00
Total Online Giving for March:	\$5,045.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Readers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	MAY 4 Sherri Calderone
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	MAY 5 Keri Wilkes
10:30 AM	First Communicants

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	MAY 4 Jackie Crane, Ginny Evans
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	MAY 5 Dennis Hice, Laura Shea
10:30 AM	Brenda O'Callaghan, Wendy Reading

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	MAY 4 Alan Colazzo, James Gummel
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	MAY 5 Liz Baron, Daniel Wilkes
10:30 AM	Dylan Rutkowski, MacKaylay Yung

News & Events

Sunday, April 28, Happy Feast Day! Mass 10:30 AM, Followed by Marian Procession and Dinner in the Parish Hall.

Wednesday, May 1, Seniors Club will meet at 11:00AM in the Parish Hall.

Thursday, May 2, Good News Sunday Scripture Study will meet in the Opdenacker Room at 7:00 PM and on Friday morning at 10:00 AM.

Friday, May 3, First Friday Adoration 8 am-3 pm.

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



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 Niranjana, 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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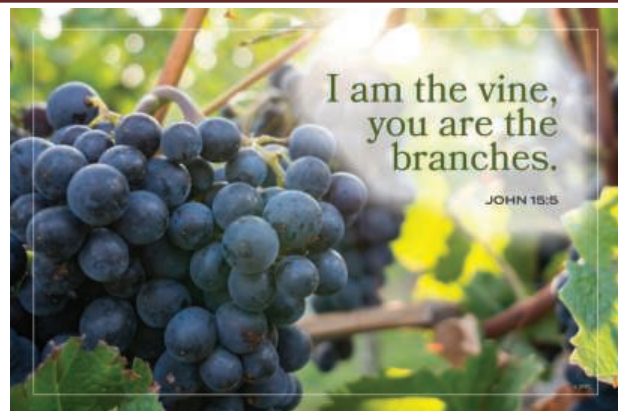
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5th Sunday of Easter, April 28, 2024

[Reading I: Acts 9:26-31](#)

[Responsorial Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32](#)

[Reading II: 1 John 3:18-24](#)

[Gospel: John 15:1-8](#)

Cutting Back

The **Gospel** for this coming Sunday of Easter has the familiar story about the vine and the branches. Jesus, the vine, is rooted and stable and will always bring us all the nourishment we need.

Maybe you would like to stop there and contemplate such a rich image. Do so if you would like.

Because just beyond it there is the small matter of being pruned. To prune a plant is to cut parts of it off. Jesus mentions it twice in our reading: Speaking as the vine, he says that the Father... takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes, so that it bears more fruit. Ouch.

If we bring forth no fruit, we "will be thrown out like a branch and wither." If we bear some, we have to be pruned. We lose either way!

And it seems to be our fault:

If only I were a better person, if only I had done the right thing, if only the world were different, if only I had been dealt a better hand in the game of life, or, or, or. If I weren't so full of guilt I wouldn't have to be pruned. It is all my fault!

Guilt is a major feature of human life. "Everything goes wrong," it says, and it is my fault.

To tell the truth, many people take the crucifixion as a direct result of their own sins. "I caused this. My sins killed Jesus." This is not completely false, but it is out of control. How could your small sins take down the Lord of the universe?

So could there be a better way to deal with guilt?

First, decide whether you are bearing no fruit at all. None. If that is really and actually true, then get help from someone, because spiritually you are dying. Most of us do bear good fruit—it is just that we don't remember that we do.

Second, with that understood, look at what pruning is. It is a way to make things better, make a better plant, a better tree, a better orchard. If you cut tired old branches from your Philodendron, for instance, it will begin to thrive again, not wither. Pruning encourages new growth and the overall health of the plant or tree.

Third, seen in that way, you and I do need to be trimmed regularly, don't we? Maybe unconsciously we have been thinking that we ourselves are the vine, independent of Christ, not just a branch. The reason pruning would help is not that we should be punished, but that it promotes health of the whole person, the whole garden, the whole orchard—the mystical body of Christ.

Trust the steadiness of Jesus' gardener hand. Trust even while suffering. Drink in your overflowing share of trust at Sunday's table of the Lord. Let the Word instruct you, let the body and blood of Christ, which was pruned to almost nothing, fill you and shape you.

Then you can say to the Lord with the rest of us, go ahead, trim whatever gets in the way! I am not the vine, I am a branch. My job is not to be perfect, it is to remain in Christ, and to let him do good within me and through me and us.

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.



Coins for Charity

This coming weekend will be Coins for Charity weekend!

Containers will be placed at all entrances to the Church **MAY 4-5** for your donations.

Also, please continue to place your Marrazzo's receipts in the baskets at the three entrances to the church.

Thanks to your generosity OLGCC sent a \$200.00 donation to Mt. Carmel Guild and Catholic Charities this week. **Your generosity is appreciated!**

2024 FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Nina Cifelli Paige Kolodziej
Isadora Madriz Camila Martinez
Catalina Martinez Sebastian Reyes
Kennedy Rogers Ryan Suggs
John Valentine

WITH GREAT JOY AND HONOR, I PRESENT TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY THE NINE CHILDREN WHO WILL RECEIVE THE HOLY EUCHARIST FOR THE FIRST TIME ON MAY 5TH AT THE 10:30 A.M. MASS.

OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS MUST BE SO EXCITED. THEY HAVE BEEN RECEIVING JESUS THROUGH HIS SACRED WORD, BUT ON MAY 5TH, THEY WILL RECEIVE CHRIST THROUGH HIS SACRED BODY FOR THE FIRST TIME.

LET US REMEMBER THESE YOUNG MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY IN PRAYER AS THEY REACH THIS IMPORTANT MILESTONE ON THEIR FAITH JOURNEY.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS, AND TO THEIR PARENTS WHO RAISED THEM SO WELL.

REV. ARIEL ROBLES, PASTOR



Congratulations & God Bless You!

First Eucharist

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

May Crowning

MAY 5, 2024 ~ FOLLOWING 10:30 AM MASS

Inside Church

You are Welcome to bring your own flowers to honor Mary our Mother.



A Knight out for Charity May 29th, Firkin Tavern

Ewing Knights of Columbus Council #3756 is hosting a fundraiser at the Firkin Tavern, 1400 Parkway Ave, Ewing. This Spring's event will be held on **Wednesday, May 29th from 5:00pm to 10:00pm**. Firkins will be donating 10% of the cost of the food purchased that evening (dine in or takeout) to the Ewing Knights for their charitable work. Please consider patronizing Firkins on May 29th to help the Knights of Columbus in these worthy causes. No bulletin or flyer is needed.

Ewing Knights of Columbus P.O. Box 7647, Ewing, NJ 08628

Bingo Night Post Script . .

We had lots of fun April 20th for our first Parish Free Bingo! Thanks to all who planned, set up, cleaned up and all who attended! We will do this again! 😊



Parish
Bingo
Fun!



Roses for Life

The Ewing Council #3756 of the Knights of Columbus will have their annual **Roses for Life** drive after all the masses at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish the weekend of

May 11th and 12th

Collection buckets will be at the doors and lapel roses will be available to those who want them. All proceeds will be donated to local organizations who work with pregnant women in difficult situations and encourage them to choose life.

Thank you for your support.



May is the month dedicated to Mary Mother of God and the Church

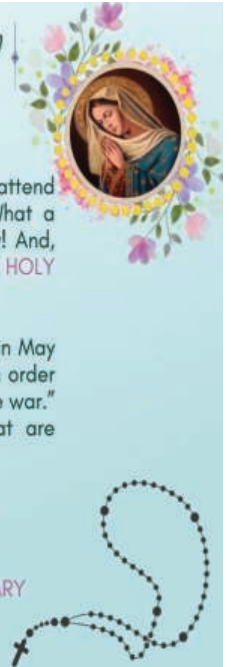
OLGCC ~ ROSARY GROUP

We have a small group of parishioners who attend mass daily and pray the rosary after mass. What a beautiful and meaningful way to start your day! And, May is the month to praise and honor **OUR HOLY MOTHER.**

At Fatima, Our Lady ended her initial message in May with the direction, "Pray the Rosary every day in order to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war." What better way to fight the evil forces that are everywhere in our world today.

Please consider joining our group when you can. We are finished by 8:30am.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY
PRAY FOR US.



~ First Friday Adoration ~ May 3rd ~ 8:00 AM to 3 PM

Adoration—Sign up sheets are in the Church Vestibule to designate a time when you can attend. You may also sign up online at olgcc.net

click on Adoration on top menu bar, Click on the flyer and you will be in the sign up area. Simply pick a time slot and you will be prompted to fill in your information.

Don't like doing things on line then please call our Chairperson, Denise Hayes at 908-242-2183 She will gladly help you sign up.

*Come aside and rest a while with the Lord.
He is truly present in the
Most Blessed Sacrament*

Join our New Adult Single's Group - The Community "C.O.F.F.E.E." Club



Are you an adult, 19 years or older? Single for any reason? Employed? In college? Looking for friends to do group activities consistent with living your faith in Christ?

Come check out "The Community C.O.F.F.E.E. Club" on Friday, May 3rd at 7 PM in the Parish Hall.

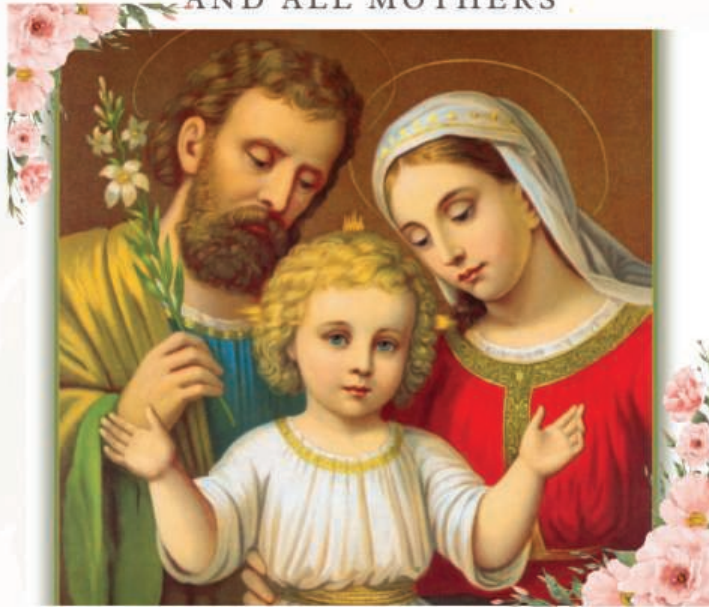
We encourage and invite you to attend First Friday Adoration any time from 8AM-3PM in the Church before the meeting.

Be inspired! Come and See!

We meet the First Friday of every month.
More information will be available at the Meeting!

*The Ewing Columbiettes #3756
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THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
AND ALL MOTHERS



SUNDAY MAY 10:30 MASS
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*All are
Welcome!*

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IN OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISH HALL
137 WEST UPPER FERRY ROAD

To RSVP and/or For More Information:

Loretta Ennis: 609-963-7121, Cathy Ferdetta: 609-883-1559
or Gae Santiago: 609-532-2113

Please RSVP (to help with ordering) by Phone or
Return form by May 4/5th (drop in OLGCC or ISJ collection or mail/take to parish office)

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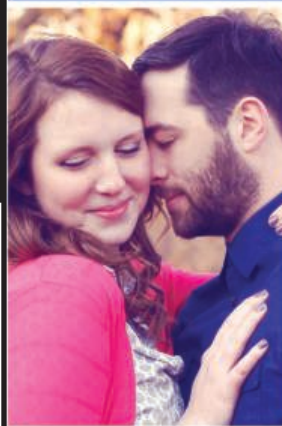
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