



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

7:00 pm

Registration: All parishioners should be registered. Please contact the Rectory Office when entering or leaving the parish.

Parish Secretary:

Monday-Wednesday Debbie Smith

Webmaster/Bulletin 609-882-3277

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Fifth Sunday of Lent



Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

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M–F 9AM to 3PM

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Deacon Steve Szmuto

609-947-0587

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570-290-2373

Consolation Ministry Mary Szmuto

609-882-3277x3

Infant Baptism Mary Szmuto

609-847-0796

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609-883-7620

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609-882-3215

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Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	APRIL 5, 2025 FIRST SATURDAY Fekete & Walley Family r/o Family Maria Wehr r/o Phil & Cathy Marchetti
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	APRIL 6, 2025 Fifth Sunday of Lent Emilio DeBlasio r/o Dolores DeBlasio People of the Parish
10:30 AM	Donna J. Morello r/o Holly Massone Donald Vosburgh r/o Judy Fielding Easter Egg Hunt after Mass
MONDAY 7:30 AM	APRIL 7, 2025 Intentions of Father Ariel r/o Mary Arcadipane Evan Zipper r/o Nancy Finn
TUESDAY 7:30 AM	APRIL 8, 2025 Irven & Hazel Brown r/o Grandson & Wife Marty Marsola r/o Hope Holland
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM	APRIL 9, 2025 Edward & Leontine Coughlin r/o Eileen Keenan Isaac & Emiliana Codilla r/o Marie & Art Amaral
THURSDAY, 7:30 AM	APRIL 10, 2025 Roger Cook r/o Luigi Cifelli Family
FRIDAY, 7:30 AM	APRIL 11, 2025 Mary & Hugh Coughlan r/o Eileen Keenan
7:00 PM SOUP & STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
SATURDAY, 8:00 AM	APRIL 12, 2025 Priest's Intention
5:00 PM	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

COLLECTION REPORT

Registered Parish Families	698
Parishioners using envelopes	115
Envelope Contributions	\$2,702.00
Average Contribution	\$23.50
Loose Cash	\$521.00
Total Contributions March 30:	\$3,233.00
Bishop's Overseas Appeal amounted to \$768.00	

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

Readers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	APRIL 12 Chaya Colazzo
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	APRIL 13 Laura Shea

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	APRIL 12 Jackie Crane
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	APRIL 13 Tom Voorhees Tony Jones

Altar Servers

FRIDAY, 7:00 PM	APRIL 11 Ryan Spina, Sebastian Reyes
SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	APRIL 12 Alan Colazzo, James Gummel
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	APRIL 13 Brayden Spina Dylan Rutkowski, Ryan Spina

News & Events

COINS FOR CHARITY WEEKEND

Sunday, April 6, Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 am Mass and blessing of children then on to the Easter Egg Hunt on Parish grounds. Ages 10 & under. Adult Faith Formation will meet in the Parish Hall from 6-8:00 pm.

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

Wednesday, April 9, The Delaware Valley Radio Assoc. will meet in Parish Hall at 6:30 pm.

Friday, April 11,

* Soup and Stations. Begins with soup in Parish Hall at 6:00 p.m. Stations at 7 p.m. Led by OLGC adult volunteers.

Saturday, April 12, Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass. Reconciliation 4-4:30 PM

Candle at the Blessed Mother Altar

March 29 — April 5

For the Intentions of: Marie Grimm



Candle at Blessed Mother & St. Joseph Altar

April 5-12

For Special Intentions

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Reflection

Isaiah 43: 16-21 Psalm 126: 1-6
Philippians 3: 8-14 John 8: 1-11

*"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."
 (John 8: 7b)*

There are so many times when we become overly critical of others. Ignoring our own faults, we focus on the minute failings and shortcomings of others. I have certainly been as guilty of that as anyone has, and I am sure that most of us have suffered from this as well. Let us be thankful that unlike most of us, Jesus continually reaches out in loving kindness and forgiveness.

In today's Gospel reading, John recounts the story of the women accused of adultery. Although some early Christian writers identified the woman as Mary Magdalene – a misidentification that has persisted in tradition to this day – there is no scriptural basis for this. Nonetheless, the message of the Gospel is clear: Jesus does not condemn; rather he offers forgiveness for those who offer repentance. The theme of the Gospel echoes the Responsorial Psalm: *The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

The Gospel is interesting on many levels. It poses the question of simple justice. Note that the scribes and Pharisees brought a *woman* who had been caught in adultery. Now, as we all know, adultery is one of those sins that require an active and willing accomplice. Further questions arise. Was there not a co-adulterer? And if so, was he treated with equal harshness and severity? Jesus' challenge to the scribes and Pharisees take the question one step further. Were the so-called pillars of the community without sin in general . . . or in particular? In any event, Jesus exposed the hypocrisy of the woman's accusers and they departed. To the woman left alone, Jesus offered no condemnation, rather the challenge to repent and turn away from sin.

The incident reflects Jesus compassion to sinners, and reminds us to repent of our sins while being forgiving of the sins of others. We are called to holiness, offering ourselves with humility to God, and with love and mercy to others. As we journey forth in the Season of Lent, it is a great, yet altogether worthy challenge.

"Go, and from now on do not sin any more." (John 8: 11b)

Deacon Steve Szmuto



Handing on of the Lord's Prayer Fifth Sunday of Lent, April 5-6

The Handing On of the Lord's Prayer takes place in the presence of the community of the faithful and symbolizes the candidates' acceptance of the Words of Our Lord when his disciples asked him how we should pray.

Let us unite with our candidates as they recite the prayer that Our Lord Jesus Christ taught us.

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



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 Weekend

Containers will be available at each Church entrance, April 5/6. Don't forget your Marrazzo receipts. Thanks for your support!



MERCER COUNTY LENTEN PILGRIMAGE STATION CHURCHES

Make a pilgrimage around Mercer County this Lenten Season
Inspired by the Station Churches of Rome

MERCER COUNTY LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

Every year, the Churches in Mercer County offer a Mass for the county and invite all to participate. As we move from church to church we can imagine the thousands of people who have journeyed to these churches and made holy the ground on which they are rooted. Journey with us these final weeks:

Wednesday, April 7 ~ St. David the King (7:00 PM)

1 New Village Rd, Princeton

Thursday, April 10 ~ St. Anthony (7:00 PM)

626 S Olden Ave, Trenton. Confessions 6:30

Thursday, April 14 ~ St. Robert Bellarmine

Co-Cathedral (7:30 PM)

61 Georgia Rd., Freehold

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 Niranjana, 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.



VILLA VICTORIA
ACADEMY

Spring Open House

Villa Victoria Academy

Saturday April 12, 2025

1:00-3:00 pm

Families interested in learning more about Villa Victoria Academy's program are invited to our **Open House**.

During the Open House families can meet Villa students, parents, alumnae and teachers. Contact Mrs. White at cwhite@villavictoria.org for more information or to register. Registration is also available at <https://villavictoria.org/admissions/open-house/>.

Walk-in families are also welcome.

Villa Victoria Academy, 376 W. Upper Ferry Road, Ewing, NJ 08628 - An all-girls, private Catholic school.



Soup and Stations of the Cross

April 11

6 PM Soup in Parish Hall

7 PM Stations in Church

Adult volunteers are needed to take part in leading a Station. Please call the Parish Office to volunteer or email

rectoryoffice@olgcc.net



Parish Outreach for Q1 2025

Thanks to your continued generosity, our Social Services Committee volunteers delivered the following items to Mount Carmel Guild during January, February & March: 153 frozen food tray meals, 1 turkey, 28 other frozen items, 78 bags/boxes of non-perishable food (includes Souper Bowl Collection), 31 bags/boxes of clothes, 4 bags/boxes of personal care items, 11 bags/boxes of household items and 3 bags/boxes of miscellaneous items.

Note: Frozen items can be placed in the donations freezer adjacent to the kitchen area. Food trays and instructions are available next to the freezer. Please consider sharing your leftovers with those in need.

Parishioners should know that in our weekly deliveries to these charities we regularly hear sincere expressions of appreciation for your continued generosity. Their thanks for all of our food and meal donations always get special mention. Thanks for all you do for parish outreach to help those in need!

40 Cans for Lent

Our Social Services Committee invites everyone to participate. Please leave your donated cans of fruit, low-salt soup, or vegetables in the designated area in our Church Hall.



Thank you for your generosity.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2025

Your Gift Makes a Difference

The 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal sustains our clergy and religious-dedicated Pilgrims of Hope - who guide our faith journey. Your gift supports essential programs helping men and women discern their calling to priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. Together, we Fan the Flame of Hope by forming spiritual leaders who will serve our community through sacramental ministry and pastoral care. Make your gift online at giveaca.org

2025 Annual Catholic Appeal Progress Report:

Goal: \$24,000.00

Pledged: \$15,096.00 (63% of goal)

Paid: \$14,374. (60% to goal)

Total Donors: 75

Average Gift: \$175.53

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CHRISM MASS & Renewal of Ordination Vows

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

**St. Robert Bellarmine
Co-Cathedral**

61 Georgia Road, Freehold, NJ 07728
Phone: (732) 462-7429

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. Service will also be livestreamed on the Diocese of Trenton website:

<https://dioceseoftrenton.org>



Please consider participating in the Washing of the Feet at Mass on Holy Thursday. It is a beautiful tradition and a spiritually uplifting opportunity to connect with Our Lord as He enters into His Passion. We are asking for adult members of the community to volunteer to represent the twelve Apostles.

If you can help please call the

Parish Office at 609-882-3277 x3

Holy Thursday ~ We commemorate the Last Supper of Jesus Christ, where he washed the feet of his disciples.



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

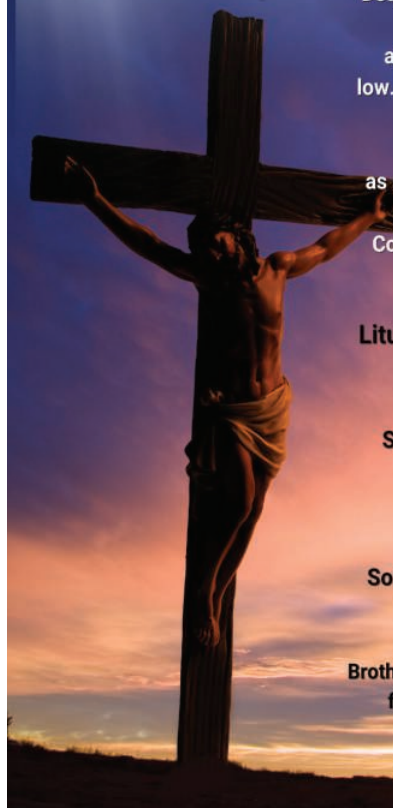
**Solemn Liturgical Service
and Holy Communion**



7:00 PM

**Solemn Stations of the Cross
with Veneration**

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



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for revealing Christ's love to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information. #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts donations for this collection. (usccb.igivecatholictogether.org).

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 ~

Vigil Mass of Easter with our Adult Choir directed by Deirdre Hindley 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday April 20 ~

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



VOLUNTEER PAPARAZZI

NEEDED!

OLGCC IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER
"PAPARAZZI" TO HELP US TAKE
PHOTOS AT PARISH EVENTS.

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL
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Happy Feast Day

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Parish Feast Day ~ April 27, 2025

10:30 Mass

Marian Procession

Catered Dinner (by Sal deForte) Parish Hall

You may begin donating items to the Tricky Tray
in the Parish Hall on the designated table.

Tickets will be sold after all Masses beginning
March 22-23 through April 12-13

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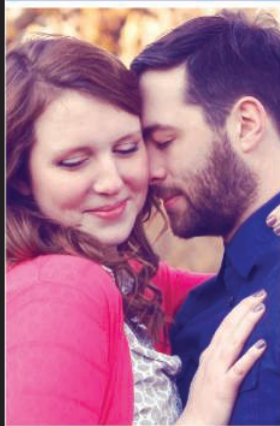
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