



Our Lady of Good Counsel

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August 20, 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

10:30 am

Confession Saturdays: 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.

Secretary:

Monday-Wednesday Debbie Smith

Webmaster/Bulletin 609-882-3277

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

137 West Upper Ferry Road, West Trenton, NJ

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Parish Rectory & Office

609-882-3277

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Monday thru Friday

Religious Education—Brenda O'Callaghan, CRE

E-mail: olgc.re.wt@gmail.com

609-883-9005

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908-242-2183

Adult Faith Formation/RCIA

Deacon Steve Szmuto

609-947-0587

Altar Society 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

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609-403-8668

Liturgical Ministers Mary Szmuto

609-882-3277

Marys of Mary~Mary Arcadipane

609-883-7620

Music Ministry Deirdre Hindley

609-882-3215

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570-290-2373

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609-882-5085

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609-818-1708

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	AUGUST 19, 2023 Eleanor Muscente r/o Donna & David Collins Joseph Gonzalez r/o Kees & Angela Geurds
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	AUGUST 20, 2023 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Frank Szmuto & Intentions of Lauren Szmuto r/o Dcn Steve & Mary Szmuto
10:30 AM	Virgina Hughes r/o Keenan Family For the People of the Parish
MONDAY, 7:30 AM	AUGUST 21, 2023 Robert DePula r/o Patricia Pagnani & Albert Janec
TUESDAY, 7:30 AM	AUGUST 22, 2023 Leon Rabatie r/o Mary Arcadipane Mary Voorhees r/o Dad
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM	AUGUST 23, 2023 Alice Smarch r/o Suzanne Venceller & Carol Forman
THURSDAY, 7:30 AM	AUGUST 24, 2023 Ronald Ungarini r/o Dcn Steve & Mary
FRIDAY, 7:30 AM	AUGUST 25, 2023 Healing Intentions of Kathleen Siskin r/o Daughter, Holly Taburas
SATURDAY, 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	AUGUST 26, 2023 Special Intention Intentions of Deacon Steve & Mary Szmuto r/o Elaine Palatine
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	AUGUST 27, 2023 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time In Thanksgiving of the 46th Wedding Anniversary of Deacon Steve & Mary Szmuto r/o Family
10:30 AM	Patricia Tagliaferri r/o Keenan Family For the People of the Parish

CHURCH SUPPORT

COLLECTION REPORT

Registered Parish Families	688
Parishioners using envelopes	111
Envelope Contributions	\$2,442.00
Average Contribution	\$554.00
Loose Cash	\$22.00
Total Contributions August 13th	\$2,996.00

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Readers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	AUGUST 26 Mary Anne Le Gall
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	AUGUST 27 Fran Golinski
10:30 AM	Maeve Cannon

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	AUGUST 26 Joyce Christensen
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	AUGUST 27 Dennis Hice
10:30 AM	Tony Jones

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	AUGUST 26 Nathan Stankus
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	AUGUST 27 Brayden Spina, Daniel Wilkes
10:30 AM	Dylan Rutkowski, Ryan Spina

News & Events

Sunday, Aug 20, The Ewing Knights of Columbus **Installation of Officers** will follow 10:30 Mass in Church. Congratulations to all new Officers.
Tuesday, Aug 22 The Children's Home Society Auxiliary Board will meet in St. Mary's room at 7 PM.
Saturday, Aug 26, Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass. **Reconciliation** 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Pray for our Sick:

Kevin Baker, Erin Barbato, Col. Gabriel Beck, Christina Beck, Rosemarie Buker, Richard Cook, Helen Marie Dolton, Sarah Dowd, John Finn, Al Gatto, Leo Genovesi, Brian Gershon, Phil Glaser, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Theresa Gregorio, Leslie Hall, Sherri Hanlon, Eileen and James A. Keenan, IV, 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, Kathleen Siskin, Linda Solinski, Brenda Thornley, Erin Cahill Wetzel, 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.



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.

AUGUST 20 ~ TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*O woman,
great is
your faith!*

MATTHEW 15:28

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
READING 1: IS 56:1, 6-7, PSALM 67:2-3,5,6,8
READING 2: ROM 11:13-15, 29-32
GOSPEL: MATTHEW 15:21-28

I have always struggled with today's reading from the Gospel of Saint Matthew. When we have been taught that Jesus came to save *all* men and women, the passage seems to directly contradict that teaching. In response to the Canaanite woman's plea, *Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon*, Jesus did not answer her, telling the disciples only that *I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel*. But the woman would not be easily discouraged, even when Jesus said, *It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs*. She stood her ground and pleaded, firmly yet respectfully, *Please, Lord, for even the*

dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters. Only then did Jesus acknowledge her request, curing the daughter at that moment: *O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish*.

The lesson of the Gospel is that salvation is open to those who profess their faith in Jesus. The woman was a Canaanite — a people despised by many of the Jews in Jesus's time. Jesus used the opportunity to demonstrate his love for all men and women. Although the language appeared to be harsh, it no doubt resonated in the hearts of his disciples. And by his healing in response to the persistent entreaties of the woman, Jesus demonstrated the power of faith in him. By drawing the disciples into the heart of the matter on terms they could understand, Jesus's salvific power was made even more manifest.

The first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah foreshadows the universal nature of salvation. Even foreigners who join themselves to the Lord are saved: . . . *for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all people*. In the responsorial psalm, we hear these words proclaimed: *May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us. So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation*.

Note these words — *among all nations* — not some nations, or a few nations, or one nation. Ultimately, God is over all nations, all creation itself. At present, religious divisions throughout the world persist, fomenting religious suffering, particularly in certain regions as the Middle East. This is the madness of evil — to destroy what God has created and impose a darkness that leaves God's children in suffering and despair.

Let us pray for those suffering from religious persecution throughout the world and remember that only by living out the Gospel message, loving God and loving neighbor, can we truly be disciples of Christ.

Deacon Steve Szmuto

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel and cured every disease

MARY'S OF MARY

Please join The Mary's of Mary for Mass at 7:30 am followed by the rosary on Tuesday, August 22 – The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA SHRINE

Please join our parish pilgrimage, organized by the Mary's of Mary, to celebrate the feast day of **Our Lady of Częstochowa** in Doylestown, PA

Sunday, August 27, 2023
11:00 a.m. Meet at OLG

Our day will start meeting in the parking lot of OLG at 11 am (near the solar panel field in the back of the church). People will be responsible for their own transportation to the shrine. However, those who need a ride may contact Mary Arcadipane at 609-532-1595. When we get to the basilica, we will meet in front of the main church.

A wonderful way to honor Our Lord's Mother



AUGUST 20 ~ TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Parents are asked to re-register their children on or before the last class each year. Re-registration forms are available online or email: Brenda O'Callahan, CRE at: olgc.re.wt@gmail.com
The tuition fee is \$100.00 1st child, \$180.00 for two and \$230.00 for 3 or more.

NEW REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED

Parents who have children beginning their Religious Education are asked to register as soon as possible. You can obtain the form on our web page (Religious Education tab) or by calling the parish office. Deadline is August 31st after deadline a \$25.00 late fee is added.

Teachers Needed!



**2023-2024
School Year**

**IS GOD CALLING YOU TO
BE A CATECHIST?**

Do you love Jesus and His Church and have a desire to share that love with others? Then we need you! Come be a catechist.

The qualifications to be a catechist is not necessarily a degree in theology or being a teacher by trade. It is your WITNESS that makes you a great catechist. Our leader guides are easy to use and training and support is available.

Our Religious Education Program needs you. If you are interested in serving as a **catechist** or **aide** please contact our office at **609-883-9005** for information or email **Brenda O'Callahan, CRE:**
olgc.re.wt@gmail.com.



ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Serving at the altar is a great experience of faith and participation for young members of the parish. We are in need of more altar servers to fill out our roster. The only requirement is that they be a member (male or female) of the parish who has received the

Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist and have a desire to serve the Lord.

Deacon Steve will hold a training session in the Fall for anyone interested in becoming an altar server. We work around school and sports schedules as much as possible. Please phone the rectory (609)882-3277 with your name, age and phone number or email Deacon Steve at:

Deaconstevenszmuto@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE!
OCTOBER 1, 2023
10:30 MASS

50th

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish offers Msgr. Ralph Stansley our prayerful Congratulations as you celebrate your 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood



50th

Msgr. Ralph will be the Main Celebrant October 1st at 10:30 AM
Reception will follow Mass in the Parish Hall



OLGC Back-to-School Back Pack Drive

Help a child in need kick off the new school year in a positive way!

During July and August we will be collecting donated **school supplies and backpacks** for children in grades K to 12 for the upcoming school year. Donated items may include: backpacks, 2-pocket folders, subject & composition notebooks, 3-ring binders, loose leaf paper, erasers, pens/pencils, pencil boxes, crayons, markers, glue sticks, rulers, protractors, scissors, sharpeners, calculators, dictionaries, or gift certificates.

Please save and clip this ad to your donations bag which you may leave on the donations table downstairs in the Parish Hall.

We will deliver all supplies to Catholic Charities of Trenton and Mount Carmel Guild at the end of August. The OLGC Social Services Committee members thank you in advance for your help with this effort!



...I was a stranger and you welcomed me Matthew 25:35

The mission of the Greeter Ministry is to make everyone, whether a regular parishioner or a new member, feel like they are part of a warm and welcoming community. All who walk through the doors of our church come with a different background, but we all share a common desire to celebrate the Eucharist and a thirst for God's love. By volunteering for this ministry you will have the important role of sharing the love of God and instilling the thought that "I can be loved and accepted here" into everyone who attends Mass. Please prayerfully consider joining our ministry and help create a more welcoming atmosphere in our church community.

If you are interested in joining our ministry, email: OLGCCHospitality@gmail.com and we will send you a link to sign up for your preferred Mass time via Sign Up Genius.

Peace begins with a smile - Mother Teresa

Eighth Annual Padre Pio Festival St. Bede the Venerable Parish September 16-17, 2023

Saint Bede the Venerable Church, located in Holland, Pennsylvania (Bucks County, Northampton Township), welcomes all to its Eighth Annual Festival to honor St. Pio of Pietrelcina, better known as "Padre Pio," on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 16 and 17. The two-day event begins with Saturday's All-American Picnic Buffet (tickets will be sold at the event), featuring games and amusements for children, food and craft vendors, and live music. The highlight will be a **5:30pm Vigil Mass**, followed by blessings with holy relics of Padre Pio.

The Sunday **12:30pm Solemn Mass** will be extra special this year, as it will be celebrated by **Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez, Archbishop of Philadelphia**. The Mass is followed by a street procession with a statue of Padre Pio through the surrounding neighborhood. After the procession, there will be a healing service with confessions and veneration of holy relics. All day there will be specialty food and craft vendors, amusements for children, and live musical entertainment.

Plenty of free parking will be available, and pilgrim buses are welcome. For more information, go online to padre-piofestivalhollandpa.com, or call the St. Bede parish office at **215-357-5720**.

Candles at Mary's Altar

August 19—26:

In Loving Memory of

Eleanor Muscente

r/o Donna & David Collins

In Thanksgiving for
Healing of Granddaughter
r/o Marie Grimm



BISHOP'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

The Department of Evangelization and Family Life is pleased to announce the 2023 Bishop's Anniversary Blessing for all couples celebrating a milestone anniversary of their Catholic Marriage. All couples celebrating their **1st, 25th or 50th (or more)** anniversary in the 2023 calendar year are invited to attend. Anniversary couples must be validly married in the Catholic Church and registered members of a parish in the Diocese of Trenton. The Bishop's Anniversary Blessing Mass for Mercer and Burlington County Parishes will be held on Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 3 pm in the Cathedral of St. Mary in Trenton.

General information including online registration for anniversary couples can be found at www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-



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Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouville. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. Upcoming programs will be held August 18 - 20 and again October 6 - 8, 2023 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For information, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call:

215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230.

All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Save
the
Date



SAVE THE DATE!

OCTOBER 21, 2023
8:15 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

ROSARY ALTAR REGIONAL MASS AND DAY OF RECOLLECTION

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THE GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE DAY OF RECOLLECTION IS SR. MARCY SPRINGER, SSJ
OF FRANCIS HOUSE OF PRAYER, ALLENTOWN, N.J.

MORE DETAILS WILL FOLLOW IN THE NEXT MONTHS



AUGUST MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT IS ON THE MARY'S OF

The Marys of Mary is a small group of 7 parishioners here at OLGC, started two years ago, to honor our Blessed Mother, and help our pastor, Father Ariel celebrate and organize various feast day celebrations throughout the year. Our goal is to increase devotion to Our Lady by celebrating special Marian days throughout the year.

Some examples are: recitation of the Rosary before Mass to end abortion in January; organization and help with our Feast Day dinner in April, procession and Rosary for the May crowning; celebration of Our Lady's birthday in September; praying the Rosary before Mass in October; and celebrating the Immaculate Conception in December by handing out Miraculous Medals and prayer cards.

We also do all this to deepen our relationship with our Mother Mary and to encourage parishioners to do the same.

In future months, you can check the bulletin for reminders of days particularly devoted to Mary. Please consider joining us for Mass @ 7:30 am followed by recitation of the Rosary. It's a wonderful way to honor the mother of Our Lord. Presently, we have 7 members we welcome anyone who would like to join us.

For more information call Mary Arcadipane 609-883-7620

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! GOOD NEWS SUNDAY IS RETURNING FOR THE 2023-24 SEASON. ...

GOOD NEWS SUNDAY

PLEASE JOIN US EACH WEEK AS WE READ, PONDER, PRAY AND WITNESS THE SUNDAY GOSPEL READING

THE THURSDAY EVENING GROUP WILL BEGIN SEPT 14, 2023 AT 7:00PM
AND
THE FRIDAY MORNING GROUP WILL BEGIN SEPT 15, 2023 AT 10:00AM

MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE OPDENACKER ROOM

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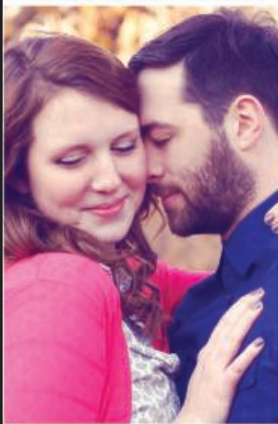
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