



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 609-882-3277x3

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Administrative Assistant:

Thursday-Friday Mary Szmuto

Email: Mszmuto@olgcc.net

18th Sunday in Ordinary time



Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

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Parish Rectory & Office

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M–F 9AM to 3PM

Religious Education—Brenda O'Callaghan, CRE

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609-883-9005

Adoration Tom Hankinson

609-731-4542

Adult Faith Formation/RCIA

Deacon Steve Szmuto

609-947-0587

Altar Mary Pat Voorhees

570-290-2373

Consolation Ministry Mary Szmuto

609-882-3277x3

Infant Baptism Mary Szmuto

609-847-0796

Liturgical Ministers Mary Szmuto

609-882-3277x3

Mary's of Mary-Mary Arcadipane

609-883-7620

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609-882-3215

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570-290-2373

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609-882-5085

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	AUGUST 3, 2024 First Saturday Gary Vanderbilt r/o John & JoAnn Jaremback Joseph Sliwinski r/o Family
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	AUGUST 4, 2024 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Bernadine Medwick r/o Fr. Jim & Debbie People of the Parish
10:30 AM	Jeff & Judy Jaremback r/o John & JoAnn Jaremback Anton Geurds r/o Rose Ferri
MONDAY, 7:30 AM	AUGUST 5, 2024 Intentions of Steven Francis Szmuto r/o Deacon Steve & Mary Szmuto Healing of Libby Samson Benton r/o Joanne Mullen
TUESDAY, 7:30 AM	AUGUST 6, 2024 James V. McMyne r/o Daughter John Macciocca, Jr. r/o Family
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM	AUGUST 7, 2024 Cinderella Giancarli r/o Ashley & Tom Callahan Ronald Cefalone r/o Wife, Maryann & Family
THURSDAY, 7:30 AM	AUGUST 8, 2024 Deceased Fekete & Walley Family r/o Family For deliverance of souls in Purgatory r/o Mary Arcadipane
FRIDAY, 7:30 AM	AUGUST 9, 2024 Intentions of Marie Muscente r/o Carol For deliverance of souls in Purgatory r/o Mary Arcadipane
SATURDAY, 8:00 AM	AUGUST 10, 2024 Priest's Intention
5:00 PM	Louis Maurio r/o John & JoAnn Jaremback Phil Collins r/o Nancy & Danielle Milano
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	August 11, 2024 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Bernadine Medwick r/o OLGCC Seniors Club
10:30 AM	Joseph Mule r/o Ewing Knights of Columbus People of the Parish

Readers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	AUGUST 10 Jackie Crane
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	AUGUST 11 Keri Wilkes
10:30 AM	Maggie Masterson

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	AUGUST 10 Ginny Evans
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	AUGUST 11 Laura Shea
10:30 AM	Tony Jones

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	AUGUST 10 Alana Collazo, James Gummel
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	AUGUST 11 Brayden Spina, Daniel Wilkes
10:30 AM	MacKaylah Yung, Sebastian Reyes

News & Events

Monday, August 5, The Parish Council will meet in the Parish Hall at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, August 7, There will be no Senior Meeting this month. We'll see you in September.

Thursday & Friday, August 8 & 9, Parish Office is CLOSED for Diocesan training.

Saturday, August 10, 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, Joseph and Marilyn Dablewski, 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, Laura Lynch, Kevin Mattis, Kevin McBride, Keith Mello, Joan Moore, Marie Muscente, Kim Nash, Angelika Niranzan, Frances Myers O'Brien, Debbie Paterson, 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, Brenda Thornley, Erin Cahill Wetzel, 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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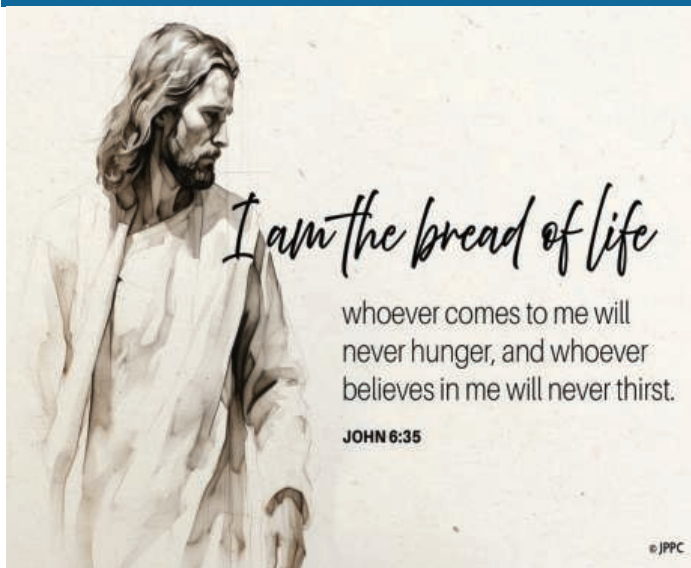
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Reflection

Reading I: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Responsorial Psalm: 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54

Reading II: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Gospel: John 6:24-35

It is unusual, at first reading, that there is no account of the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper in the Gospel of John. In fact, at the Last Supper, Jesus' central act is the washing of the feet of his disciples. The other three synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew and Luke) all recount the consecration of the bread and wine by the Lord. The earliest account of the institution of the sacrament is found in Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Yet John does not mention this at all. Why would John omit mention of this central tenet of worship?

As one considers the totality of John's Gospel, we discover that the Eucharist is not omitted at all; however, its expression is on a different theological level, one that focuses on the totality of Jesus' life as sacrament. This Gospel, according to the introduction provided in the New American Bible, was likely written in the 90s AD, developed out of a different tradition. One can surmise that the readers of John's Gospel were intimately aware of the truth of Jesus' institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. Rather, John reveals the nature of the Savior from a different perspective – the incarnate Word of God, the one by whom the Father was revealed to mankind.

"Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you." (John 6: 27)

Today's Gospel reading was taken from the sixth chapter of John, specifically the *Bread of Life Discourse*.

Jesus, having fed the crowd with the multiplication of the loaves, and coming to his disciples on the water, was resting on the opposite shore of the Sea of Galilee. Jesus, recognizing that the crowds had followed him because of the great miracle he had performed and that their bellies were filled, introduced them to an even deeper revelation of his identity. Unlike Moses, who had only asked God to send manna from heaven, Jesus was the True Bread, sent by the Father. Unlike the manna, which sustained the Israelites for but a day, Jesus was the source of eternal life: *I am the bread of life; whoever believes in me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.*"

Many of the followers could not accept that Jesus was the bread of life, just as today, there are many, even among our Catholic brothers and sisters, who find this understanding of Jesus difficult to imagine. Yet, true disciples believe! They know that Jesus is the source and summit of our existence. Through the Precious Body and Blood, the physical presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, Jesus remains ever present in the world. It is a wondrous gift, a source of immeasurable grace, which nourishes us as we journey throughout a perilous world toward the eternal salvation in the Kingdom of Heaven. The Word of God – Jesus Christ – as revealed in John's Gospel, enters our hearts, minds and souls as surely as the sacred Communion enters our body. Together, the four Gospels reveal the facets of Christ's identity – his humanity and divinity, which are inseparable in thought, prayer and worship.

Deacon Steven K. Szmuto



Important Note: **August 8 and August 9** the **Parish Office** will be **closed** for Diocesan training.



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, Due August 31st.

NEW REGISTRATIONS

Parents who have children beginning their Religious Education are asked to register as soon as possible. You may obtain the form on our webpage (Religious Education tab) or by calling the parish office, 609-882-3277x3. Registration Deadline is **August 31, 2024**.



Teachers
Needed!



**2024-2025
School Year**

**IS GOD CALLING YOU
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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 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 are 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.



BECOMING CATHOLIC RCIA
Rite of Christian Initiation

Have you been called by Jesus Christ to the fullness of the faith – the Catholic Church?

If you or someone you know are interested in becoming Catholic, or completing their Sacraments of Initiation – those never baptized; those baptized in other Christian denominations; or those baptized Catholic, but never confirmed or formed in the faith – call or text Deacon Steve at 609-947-0587 or email

deaconstevenszmuto@gmail.com

to set up an informal and confidential conversation and start the process.

CHURCH SUPPORT

COLLECTION REPORT

Registered Parish Families	688
Parishioners using envelopes	120
Envelope Contributions	\$3,068.00
Average Contribution	\$25.57
Loose Cash	\$848.00
Total Contributions July 28:	\$3,916.50

Thank you for your generosity!



MARY'S OF MARY

Please join The Mary's of Mary for Daily Mass at 7:30 am followed by the rosary on the following days in August:

August 5– The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

August 15–Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day) Rosary will be after 7:30 am Mass, Fifteen minutes before 12 Noon and 7 p.m. Mass.

August 22–The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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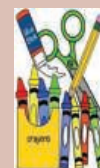
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During **July and August** we will be collecting donated school supplies and backpacks for children in grades K-12 for the upcoming school year. Donated items may include: backpacks, 2-pocket folders, subject & composition notebooks, 3-ring binders, 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 in the Parish Hall. We will deliver all supplies collected to Catholic Charities of Trenton and Mount Carmel Guild at the end of August.

Your caring and kindhearted generosity mean so much to those in need. God Bless!

"It is not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving" Mother Teresa





Coins for Charity Weekend
Containers are available at each entrance to the Church, August 3/4 for your donations. Also, please continue to place your Marrazzo's receipts in the baskets at the three entrances to the church.
Your generosity is appreciated!



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**.



ANNUAL DIOCESAN MISSION CO-OP PLAN

AUGUST 24-25

We will welcome Father PJ Alindogan, Director of Missions, Diocese of Trenton, August, 24-25.

Father PJ will speak to us about the Missionary works of the diocese and how we may help on the weekend of August 24-25. I know I can count on your generous support. Sincerely in Christ, Fr Ariel

New Families - Please Register

We welcome new families to Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish and request you register as soon as possible. Sincere membership is determined by registration, faithful participation at Mass and sharing of one's time, talent and treasure with this community of faith. Registration forms are located at each Church entrance, the parish website, or you may call the parish office at 609-882-3277x3 M-F 9-3:00.

Thank you.



PICNIC TIME!

PARISH PICNIC - The Parish Council is initiating preparations for a parish picnic scheduled to take place on Parish Grounds in September. We are seeking volunteers to join our committee and contribute to making the picnic a fantastic event!

If you are keen on assisting with the picnic planning, kindly reach out to the parish office at 609-882-3277 x3 and share your name and contact details. A planning meeting will be arranged, or you will be contacted regarding how you can contribute. Thank you for your support!




PICNIC TIME!

Coming Soon: Sunday Evening Faith Formation Returns

EUCHARISTIC PRESENCE THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST

Learn about the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, From its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. The four-week program, from Augustine Institute (and Formed.org) will be offered from late October through early December from 6-8pm on Sunday evenings. Video's by noted Catholic writers and presenter will be augmented by group discussion and fellowship. Watch for the exact dates and additional details, and how to register in mid-August.




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 VENERATION FROM **7:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE, CONTACT THE
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Please see an Usher before Mass.**



2024 Annual Catholic Appeal Progress:
We're Getting Closer to our Goal!
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Goal: \$24,500.00
Pledged: \$21,914.00 (89% of goal)
Paid: \$19,789.00 (80% to goal)
Total Donors: 101
Total Gifts: 124
Average Gift: \$176.73



90%

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**2024 BISHOP'S
ANNIVERSARY BLESSING**

All couples celebrating their **1st, 25th, or 50th (or more)** anniversary in the 2024 calendar year, who are validly married in the Catholic Church and registered members of a parish in the Diocese of Trenton are invited to attend the 2024 Bishop's Anniversary Blessing Masses for their county. The Mass for Mercer and Burlington County parishes will be held on **Sunday, October 27, at 3 PM in the Cathedral of St. Mary in Trenton**. Registration has opened; the deadline for registrations is September 15, 2024. General information about the 2024 Bishop's Anniversary Blessing events, including online registration for couples celebrating their anniversary, can be found at www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing. Couples may register through their parish office or do it themselves online, in which case they will need to provide their Catholic wedding date along with the name and city of their wedding parish. Couples will also be asked to verify that they are officially registered for their listed home parish; if not registered they will be instructed to contact their local parish office to register.



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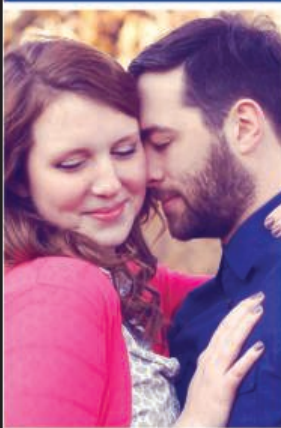
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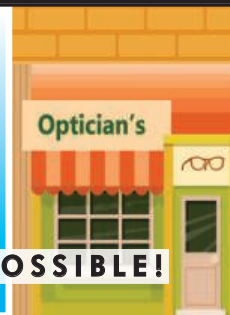
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