



# 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

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

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## The Transfiguration of the Lord



### Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

137 West Upper Ferry Road, West Trenton, NJ

#### Parish Ministries & Services

Parish Rectory & Office

609-882-3277

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Monday thru Friday

Religious Education—Brenda O'Callaghan, CRE

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609-883-9005

Adoration Denise Hayes

908-242-2183

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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

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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

Sr.'s Club Mary Pat Voorhees, Pres.

570-290-2373

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609-882-5085

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609-818-1708

# Our Lady of Good Counsel

## Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2023 First Saturday**  
5:00 PM Intentions of Steven Francis Frederic Szmuto  
r/o Mom and Dad  
Joseph Sliwinski r/o Family

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023**  
8:30 AM **The Transfiguration of the Lord**  
M/M William Meagher r/o Faherty Family  
10:30 AM Frederic Baker r/o Family  
Intentions of Diane H. Medwick  
r/o Husband, Paul

**MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2023**  
7:30 AM Gloria Kinard  
r/o Claude & Mary Anne LeGall

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023**  
7:30 AM Deceased Fekete & Walley Family r/o Family

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2023**  
7:30 AM Christopher Cavalli  
r/o Deacon Steve & Mary Szmuto

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2023**  
7:30 AM Gloria Buttaci r/o Norman

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2023**  
7:30 AM Emil Blicharz  
r/o Daughter & Son-in-law

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023**  
8:00 AM Special Intention  
5:00 PM Deceased Fekete & Walley Family r/o Family  
Marie & William Dolton  
r/o Helen Marie Dolton

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023**  
8:30 AM **19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
William Dill r/o M/M Michael Coiante  
10:30 AM Patrick Keenan r/o Mother  
For the People of the Parish

## CHURCH SUPPORT

### COLLECTION REPORT

Registered Parish Families	688
Parishioners using envelopes	126
Envelope Contributions	\$2,614.00
Average Contribution	\$20.75
Loose Cash	\$580.00
Total Contributions July 30th	\$3,194.00

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## Readers

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12**  
5:00 PM Mary Anne LeGall  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13**  
8:30 AM Keri Wilkes  
10:30 AM Maggie Masterson

## Eucharistic Ministers

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12**  
5:00 PM Ginny Evans  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13**  
8:30 AM Dennis Hice  
10:30 AM Tony Jones

## Altar Servers

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12**  
5:00 PM James Gummel  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13**  
8:30 AM Daniel Wilkes  
10:30 AM Dylan Rutkowski

## News & Events

**Wednesday, Aug 9,** The Delaware Valley Radio Association will meet in the Parish Hall at 6:30 pm.  
**Saturday, Aug 12,** 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, James A. Keenan, IV, Mary Lou Kramli, Carol Lake, Laura Lynch, Kevin McBride, Keith Mello, Joan Moore, Marie Muscente, Kim Nash, Angelika Niranjana, 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.

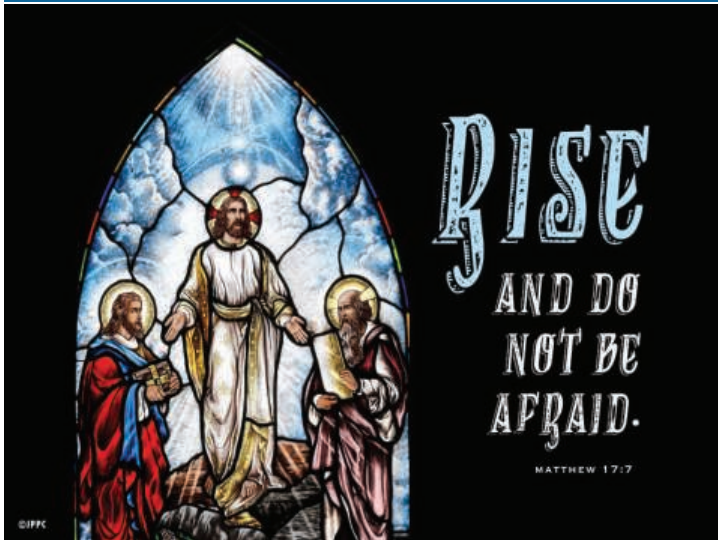
Please call the parish office at 609-882-3277 to add a name to the prayer list and to inform us when all is well so we may take a name off the list.



### **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 6 ~ THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD



What awesome readings we have for mass today! No wonder the readings are so beautiful. Today is the **Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord**. All three readings are a treasure in and of themselves. The first reading from the book of Daniel describes God the Father in all His glory, majesty and power. The scriptures say that His clothing was as white as snow and his hair was like pure wool and He sat upon a throne of fire, with ten thousand times ten thousand people who served him. (That comes to 100 million people by the way. Hopefully He has ten times more by now.) We know that the human being that was presented to God was Jesus Christ, and he was given dominion and glory and kingship over all the people in the world. It says that "His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away and his

kingship is one that shall never be destroyed" How awesome is that? Jesus Christ is our King forever, our Lord and Savior for all eternity. Our human minds can not even begin to grasp what eternity really is like or what Jesus really looks like in all his glory. That's ok because God no doubt created us this way for a reason and we will hopefully find out why in heaven one day.

The second reading is just as much of a treasure, spoken about through Christ's disciples. Their testimony about Jesus being the son of God is just awesome. They said it wasn't cleverly devised myths that they told us about, but the real experience of hearing the voice of God Himself say "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." They said "We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven" How can atheists say they do not believe in God? They do not believe in the witness and testimony of all the people who have experienced the genuine, personal presence of God Himself? They believe the humans who create a road map on a piece of paper enough to trust they will get to their destination, why do they not believe in the testimony of countless men and women in the bible who have said "yes" God is real? "Yes" Jesus is truly the son of the living God? The designer of the road map does not stand before them either. All we have are the awesome words of the witnesses who saw and heard the truth with their own eyes and ears.

The second reading ends most beautifully with: "You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts" Who says the bible does not have poetry? These are words of comfort and truth, spoken from a place most solidly set in the deepest recesses of Saint Peter's heart and soul. These words are words of hope for all of mankind. But, not as much as the gospel today.

It is also awesome that Jesus retreated to the isolation of the mountain, but took his closest friends on earth with him. The inner circle of friendship is a sacred place even with us, and we should make note of how Peter, John and James kept silent about what they witnessed there on the mountain. They kept it secret, and what a secret it was to keep! Seeing Moses and Elijah in person right before their eyes. And Jesus, their master, teacher and friend Jesus who was miraculously transformed into a being of light, in radiant glory, right in front of them. Another awesome thing about the reading is how Moses and Elijah were speaking to him about his imminent "departure" in Jerusalem. The scriptures did not say his "death" but departure from this world, indicating they would be seeing him soon. It was also amazing that Jesus spoke with them, almost like friends.

Of course Peter didn't know what to think when he saw this. When Elijah and Moses got ready to leave, he probably did not want them to go and that is why (in typical Peter fashion) he impulsively blurted out that he would make each of them a place to stay. God love him!

Actually, God does love His son, very much. It is amazing that God appears once again in a cloud, but this time one that envelops them, saying "This is my Son, my Chosen: listen to him!" What more confirmation could you ever possibly need than this? God Himself told them that Jesus Christ is His son and to listen to what he had to say.

There is one thing that is for sure, is that Jesus Christ is the son of the living God, and he is sitting at the right hand of the Father in heaven right now in all his glory. How beautiful it must be there at this very moment and how much joy the inhabitants of heaven must be feeling today. The communion of saints are so much a part of us that you can almost hear their hymns of praise, that they are surely singing to Jesus today in heaven. Only a very thin veil separates us from them and the Lord Jesus as well. Let us go about our day today, with joy in our hearts and peace in our souls and with total confidence in Jesus, because not only is he God's own son, but he is our redeemer and savior who has purchased for us a place in heaven with him forever.

Laura Kazlas (Author, A Catholic Moment)

# AUGUST 6 ~ THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

## 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](mailto: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.



## 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.



## RCIA – BECOMING CATHOLIC

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? The desire to draw closer to God is in all of us, for we are his creation. Do you know an adult who would like to find out about what we believe? Do you know anyone who has not completed the Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation, and would like to? Please prayerfully consider who might be interested in entering more fully into the Catholic faith and invite them to join us for our Inquiry session scheduled to begin in September. Please contact Deacon Steve at:

[Deaconsteveszmuto@gmail.com](mailto:Deaconsteveszmuto@gmail.com)

Teachers  
Needed!



2023-2024  
School Year

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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](mailto:olgc.re.wt@gmail.com).



III Caitlin Lally (OLGCC) & Richard Deuschle  
I,II Catherine Zeigler (OLGCC) & James Wesner(OLGCC)

## Coins for Charity Weekend

Containers are available at each entrance to the Church, August 5/6 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!



## 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](mailto: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*



### MARY'S OF MARY

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

August 15-Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day)

August 22-Memorial of the Queenship of Mary

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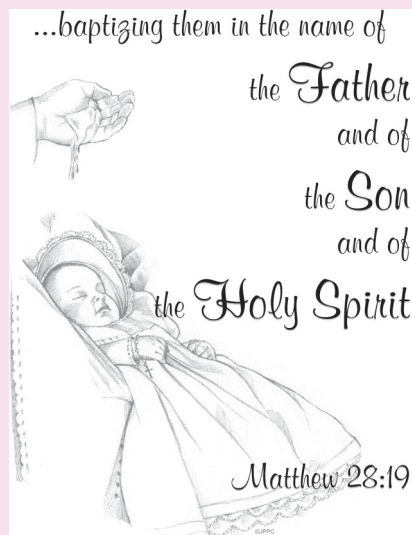


**We Congratulate and welcome** □

**Victoria Ann Mejia**

who was baptized, July 30th into the Catholic Church.

Best wishes to her parents, Jorge and Brittney Fornarotto Mejia and her Godparents Curtis and Kendal Moreno.



**Our Lady of Good Counsel—Parish Hall—COME ONE COME ALL!**

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

**With a smart phone you can have an audio tour of the Exhibit by scanning the QR code located on each panel.**



**PUBLIC VIEWING TIMES** The exhibit is open to the public. Bring your family and friends!

#### DATES TIMES

**Saturday August 5 7:30 AM to 7:00 PM**

**Sunday August 6 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM**

Following your visit to the Exhibit we invite you upstairs to the Church to be with the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle.

**Come aside and rest with Jesus truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.**

*"The Eucharist is the bread that gives strength... It is at once the most eloquent proof of His love and the most powerful means of fostering His love in us. He gives Himself every day so that our hearts as burning coals may set afire the hearts of the faithful."*

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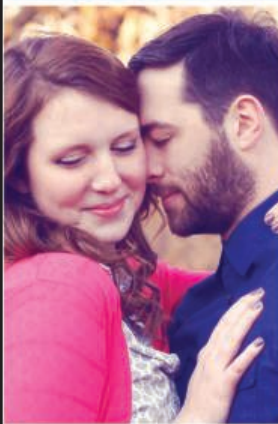
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