



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
3:00 pm

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

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024
5:00 PM Fekete & Walley Deceased r/o Family
Robert Serafine r/o Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024
8:30 AM **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Robert William Cook r/o Mom
10:30 AM Rocco Zangrilli
r/o Dan & Beth Reed & Family
For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024
7:30 AM Elena Brito r/o Evelyn Miraglia

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024
7:30 AM Intentions of Joanne Sebetic
r/o Elaine Palatine



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024 ASH WEDNESDAY
7:30 AM Joseph Demster
r/o Grandpop & Grandmom
12 Noon Prayer Service with Ash Distribution
7:00 PM Rocco Zangrilli r/o Eileen Keenan
Ennio & Gina Lieggi r/o Peter & Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024
7:30 AM Marie & William Dolton
r/o Helen Marie Dolton
Intentions of Ariel & Bobbie Arcadipane
r/o Mom

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2024
7:30 AM Intentions of Maddy Cahill
r/o Elaine Palatine
7:00 PM **Stations of the Cross**



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024
8:00 AM Priest's Intention
5:00 PM Francis Goeke r/o Elaine Palatine
Michael Golinski
r/o Fran, Sherri & Steve

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024
8:30 AM **First Sunday of Lent**
Carol Hanson Smith r/o Family
People of the Parish
10:30 AM Richard L. Palatine r/o Gail Palatine
Eleanor & Paul Gofus r/o Gail Palatine

Readers

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17
5:00 PM Fran Golinski
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18
8:30 Keri Wilkes
10:30 AM Maeve Cannon

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17
5:00 PM Janet Stankus, Ginny Evans
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18
8:30 AM Dennis Hice, Laura Shea
10:30 AM Tony Jones, Danny Morales

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17
5:00 PM Nathan Stankus
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18
8:30 AM Daniel Wilkes, Brayden Spina
10:30 AM Ryan Spina, D ylan Rutkowski

News & Events

Sunday, February 11, RCIA and Confirmation Class are closed this weekend.

Monday, February 12, Religious Education Classes Gr 1-7, 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

Wednesday, February 14, Delaware Valley Radio Assoc. will meet in the Parish Hall at 6:30 pm.

Thursday, February 15, Good News Sunday Scripture Study. Join us weekly as we reflect on the upcoming Sunday Readings. We meet in the Opendacker Room at 7:00 PM and on Friday morning at 10:00 AM. All are welcome.

Friday, February 16, Stations of the Cross at 7 PM.

Saturday, February 17, Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass. **Reconciliation** 4:00-4:30 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, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Theresa Gregorio, 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 Nirnanjan, Carol Perrine, Dominic Petito, Jennifer, Andres & Gadiel Qirroga, Lucy Saganowski, Vincent Schnell, G. Welly Samuels, Debbie Sattler, Gregory Schafer, Steve Schmierer, Dolores Sebasto, Kristy Shanahan, Linda Solinski, Brenda Thornley, Erin Cahill Wetzell, Cherylann Wilson, 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.

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FEBRUARY 11TH ~ SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



6th Sunday of Ordinary time
Reading I: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
Responsorial Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

Only Say the Word, and My Soul Shall Be Healed

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus reaches out to touch a leper; and, by touching him heals him.

Leprosy is a disease worth fearing. It disfigures and disables a person. The ancient world thought it could be transmitted by touch. For the sake of the health of the

community, the law made lepers outcasts; but, even without the law, nobody wanted to touch a leper. The leper healed by Jesus must have lived without the touch of another human being for a long time.

How welcome the touch of Jesus must have been to that leper! And how overjoyed he must have been when he found himself healed!

Leprosy is not the only thing that severely disfigures and disables a person. Sin does so too. And the touch of Jesus that heals leprosy heals sin as well. That is why, at mass, we pray, "Only say the word, and my soul shall be healed." Forego touch, Lord! We would be so overjoyed if you just said the word! Your healing would be so welcome to us!

But we say those words at every mass, week after week, year after year. And still we struggle with our sins. Somewhere Nietzsche says, unkindly, about Christians, "They don't even look like the redeemed!" That is a painful accusation, isn't it? Why aren't we healed, by word or by touch, as the leper was? Why do we have to keep asking for the Lord's healing touch at every mass?

But think about it this way: how would Nietzsche know what the redeemed look like? For that matter, how would we? Why should we think that we are in a position to see the healing that the Lord does in our lives? Why would we think that we are in a position to judge how far we have come in conquering the sin in ourselves? The Lord tells us not to judge others (Mt 7:1). Why should we think we are able to judge ourselves? So we do not have to see the effects of the healing touch of the Lord in order for it to do its work. The touch of the Word, for whose healing word we pray at every mass, does its healing deep within. Our job is to be open to that touch.

Eleonore Stump

FAMILY
SUNDAY

FAMILY SUNDAY ~ CHILDREN'S LITURGY FEBRUARY 11TH at 10:30 AM MASS

It's the 2nd Sunday of the month which means our parish religious education children will take part in serving at the 10:30 AM Mass. The children will serve as Greeters, Ushers and Readers.

For more information please email:

Brenda O'Callahan CRE: olgc.re.wt@gmail.com

NOTE: There will be no Refreshments after this Mass due to Super Bowl. See you next month.



Don't forget your "SOUP" cans for our "Soup" er Bowl Collection.



Church Calendar

We would like to thank the **Murphy Funeral Home** for providing our 2024 Parish Calendars. We apologize for the delay.

Ash Wednesday February 14, 2024 Schedule

7:30 am Mass
12:00 Noon
Prayer Service
with distribution
of Ashes
7:00 pm Mass



THIS WEEKEND!!!

Are you ready for Super Bowl Sunday?

Here at Our Lady of Good Counsel it is not just Football Super Bowl Sunday—but

SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY

Last year you helped the students of our Religious Education Program collect more than 450 cans of soup for the needy of our area! Help the children surpass their goal of **500 cans** this year and we will all be winners!

Please bring your cans of **soup** to the Masses on **February 10 and 11**. There will be receptacles at all church entrances and children will be available to help.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



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.



World Marriage Day and National Marriage Week 2024

In observance of World Marriage Day (Sunday, February 11, 2024) and National Marriage Week (February 7-14, 2024),

the Diocese of Trenton honors all Catholic married couples with a special web resource to enhance their marriage in three important ways:

- 1) *Reconnect with Your Spouse*
- 2) *Make Your Marriage Even Better*
- 3) *Serve Others in Your Marriage.*



Find all this and more at www.dioceseoftrenton.org/world-marriage-day-for-couples. and for newly married couples, be sure to visit www.dioceseoftrenton.org/newly-married-resource-page - what every couple needs to make their marriage extraordinary!

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PARISH COUNSELING SERVICES

A joint effort of the Diocese of Trenton and Catholic Charities provides licensed professionals for short term counseling (up to 6 sessions) to parishioners dealing with difficult issues, for example, job-stress, family concerns and bereavement. Contact your pastor for additional information and referral. The fee is \$95 per session, but, if needed, financial assistance is available through the Diocese of Trenton Parish Counseling Services.

Health Insurance if it is applicable and you choose.

For more information call:

Brenda Rascher 609-403-7180



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

February 1, 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,



During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead --- from **Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024, until Holy Thursday morning, March 28, 2024** --- the Catholic Church throughout the world commemorates the penitential season of Lent ending with the Sacred Triduum of Holy Week. The model Jesus gave us for “these forty days” was his own experience in the desert and the temptations that followed him there where he encountered Satan face to face. And yet, Jesus, there in the desert --- alone, fasting and in intense prayer --- beat back the devil and triumphed over temptation, as strong and as unrelenting as it was throughout those forty days.

We enter the desert of Lent like Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, to face our devils, our temptations head on. But we are not alone. The Lord Jesus Christ is with us. And so, too, is the Church, the entire community of faith observing Lent. Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States requires of us as baptized Catholics:

1. **The days of FAST (only one full meal) and ABSTINENCE (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No dispensations are granted on these solemn days except for reason of sickness or those provided in canon law below. ALL OTHER FRIDAYS OF LENT are days of ABSTINENCE.**

The pastor of a parish has the faculty to give a dispensation to individual parishioners in his parish and the Diocesan Bishop alone has the authority to dispense groups of Catholics but only for a serious reason.

2. **Those who are automatically dispensed from fast and abstinence regulations outside the age limits noted below include: the physically or mentally ill, especially individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also included in the dispensation are women who are pregnant or nursing. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to FAST (only one full meal) as above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to ABSTAIN (no meat): this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat).

The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the intentional failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of penitential days, that must be considered a serious matter.

The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year --- often called “Easter duty” --- for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 17-18, 2024, to Trinity Sunday, May 25-26, 2024.** However, the Church’s law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

I want to encourage all Catholics, especially those who are conscious of serious sin, to go to confession and to make use of the sacrifices and traditions that have always been part of our Lenten practices in the Church.

We do, indeed, fast and pray with the Lord Jesus and with our fellow Catholics. May this Lent be a time of penance leading to grace and joy for us all at Easter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David M. O’Connell, C.M.
Bishop of Trenton

OLGCC ~ ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE	
MASSES: 7:30 AM AND 7:00 PM	
PRAYER SERVICE WITH ASH DISTRIBUTION AT 12 NOON	

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OUR LENTEN SERVICES

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14th,
7:30 AM Mass

12 Noon Prayer Service with
distribution of Ashes
7:00 PM Mass

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Beginning Friday
February 16th
7:00 PM

Friday evenings during Lent

**ALL ARE WELCOME AND
ENCOURAGED TO
ATTEND**

GOOD NEWS SUNDAY

THURSDAY'S

7:00 PM
and

FRIDAY'S

10:00 AM

in Parish Hall



Soup, Spiritual Talk, & Stations of the Cross

A Friday evening of spiritual
preparation for Holy Week.

March 22, 2024 at 5:30PM

We shall start with a simple
dinner at 5:30PM Then listen to
a spiritual talk by JMJ Missions
And culminate with the Stations
of the Cross.

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proceeds to help with
Meal and Speaker

I CAN, YOU CAN, WE CAN

40 CANS FOR LENT



Our Social Services Committee invites everyone to participate in this outreach program throughout the Lenten season. Instead of giving up something for Lent, consider giving out something. As Jesus fasted for 40 days and nights, we will be collecting and delivering canned goods to our local charities to help with the nutritional needs of needy families in the Trenton area. The idea is to donate one canned food item for each day of Lent, or 40 cans.

Please leave your donated cans of fruit, soup, or vegetables in the designated area in the Parish Hall, which we will deliver to Mount Carmel Guild and Catholic Charities of Trenton.

You don't have to wait until the end of Lent to bring your donation to the Church. You may donate as often as you would like; one-can-per-day, once a week, or whenever you visit the Church. Whatever you can give is greatly appreciated. Gift cards and monetary donations are also accepted. Please place in an envelope in the collection marked "40 cans for Lent" or take to the Rectory during the week 9-3:00.

Thank you for your support and generosity!

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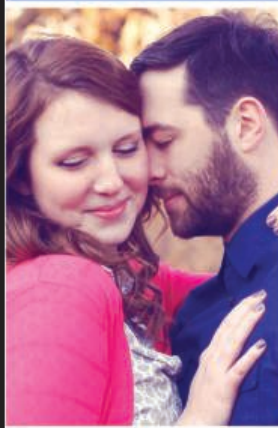
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