

# 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

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## **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



### **Our Lady of Good Counsel Church**

137 West Upper Ferry Road, West Trenton, NJ

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M–F 9AM to 3PM

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# Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025**  
 5:00 PM Marie & William Dolton  
 r/o Donna Penn  
 Damian Zenchak r/o Mom

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025**  
**The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:30 AM Leonard Cardinale  
 r/o Carol Przechacki  
 People of the Parish

10:30 AM Rocco Zangrilli r/o Wife, Dina  
 Marie & Bill Brown r/o Keenan Family

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2025**  
 7:30 AM Joseph Gross r/o Mary Ann Thayne  
 and William Lillie

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025**  
 7:30 AM James Dwyer r/o Judy Kelley

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025**  
 7:30 AM Catherine Liberto r/o Judy Kelley

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025**  
 7:30 AM James Dwyer r/o Morris Hall CSB

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025**  
 7:30 AM Delores Chiappetta r/o Family

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025**  
 8:00 AM Priest's Intention

5:00 PM Alfred Dillione r/o Children  
 M/M John Bernard  
 r/o M/M Mike Giglio Family

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025**  
**The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:30 AM Collette "Teddy" Meagher  
 r/o Debbie Smith and Family  
 People of the Parish

10:30 AM Joan Muscente  
 r/o Geurds & Williams Family  
 Mort, Stan & James Kownacky  
 r/o Keenan Family

### COLLECTION REPORT

Registered Parish Families	698
Parishioners using envelopes	61
Envelope Contributions	\$1,361.00
Average Contribution	\$22.31
Loose Cash	\$583.00
Total Contributions February 9:	\$1,994.00

**Next weekend is the annual collection for Eastern Europe. Thank you for your generosity!**

## Readers

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22**  
 5:00 PM Jackie Crane

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23**  
 8:30 AM Fran Golinski  
 10:30 AM Laura Shea

## Eucharistic Ministers

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22**  
 5:00 PM Mary Anne LeGall

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23**  
 8:30 AM Dennis Hice  
 10:30 AM Tony Jones

## Altar Servers

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22**  
 5:00 PM Alan Colazzo, James Gummel

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23**  
 8:30 AM Brayden Spina  
 10:30 AM Sebastian Reyes, MacKaylah Yung

## News & Events

**Monday, February 17,** Religious Education Classes and the Parish Office are closed for President's Day.

**Tuesday, February 18,** The Ewing Knights of Columbus will meet in the Parish Hall at 7:30 pm.

**Saturday, February 22** 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, Rosalie Baldanzi, Erin Barba-to, 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 and James A. Keenan, IV, Mary Lou Kramli, Carol Lake, Mary Leary, Laura Lynch, Kevin Mattis, Kevin McBride, Keith Mello, Joan Moore, Marie Muscente, Kim Nash, Angelika Niranjan, Debbie Paterson, Carol Perrine, Dominic Petito, Jennifer Andres, Gadiel Quiroga, Lucy Saganowski, Vincent Schnell, G. Welly Samuels, Debbie Sattler, Gregory Schafer, Steve and Pamela Schmierer, Dolores Sebasto, Kristy Shanahan, Linda Solinski, Dorothy Stanley, Brenda Thornley, Erin Cahill Wetzels, Peter Wojciechowski, Stanley Wrobel and all parishioners who are sick or home-bound.

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.



**Reflection**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Reading I: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Responsorial Psalm: 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

*“Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is in the LORD.”  
(Jeremiah 17: 7)*

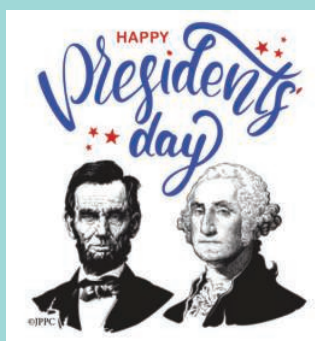
Trust is a commodity often in short supply. We live in a cynical society. Turn on the network or cable news shows, and every word uttered by public and private officials are scruti-

nized, analyzed and dissected by so-called experts and pundits. No one is above suspicion and every word; every action is a cause for consternation and alarm. We are conditioned to expect and even deserve perfection from persons, places and things -- insofar as even the slightest disappointment can become a font of bitterness and despair. “Trust,” assert media sages, “is for the fool and weak-minded.”

Yet, the very mark of our existence is trust, the responsive companion of faith, instilled in us through God’s gift of grace and recognized by our willing response. All trust begins in our earnest longing for the truth, for divine eternity, and a willingness and acceptance of submission and obedience to the Creator. The prophet Jeremiah counsels us to trust in the LORD, not in physical things. Similarly, Jesus spoke to his disciples of trust in the Sermon on the Plain recounted in Luke’s Gospel. Calling them to a better way, he encouraged those who encountered suffering in this life to be mindful of the promise of joyful reward in the next. *Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.*

When life doesn’t go according to plan, it is easy to become discouraged and turn away from the Lord. Temptations abound in this world and we can easily be turned to an ego-centered life of dissolution in paradoxical justification for perceived inequities. This is where trust becomes essential to our salvation. There are two things: only God knows all things; and we are not God. Therefore, let us put aside our human pride and arrogance and humbly place our lives in the hands of the one true God: Father, Son and Spirit. In the celebration of our Sacred Liturgy, let us be renewed in faith and obedience to the LORD.

Deacon Steve Szmuto



**PARISH OFFICE  
AND  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**ARE CLOSED**

**MONDAY**

**FEBRUARY 17TH**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**If you have an intention for a loved one on the weekend, you are invited to bring up the gifts. Please see an Usher before Mass.**



*“No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.”*

Nelson Mandela  
Anti-apartheid activist and  
former president of South Africa

**The Eagles have soared to victory!** 

**Now, let's work together to help our kids surpass last year's Soup Donation Total!**

Here at Our Lady of Good Counsel, we're still cooking up a storm with our **SOUP-ER BOWL Soup Collection!** Last year, you fabulous folks helped our Religious Education Program score over 670 cans of soup for those in need! Let's team up and help the kiddos smash that record because when they score, we ALL celebrate!

Don't forget your cans of soup (low sodium is a bonus) and bring them to the Parish Hall by February 24th.

Thanks a million for your generosity – you're the real champions here!

**Benefiting Mount Carmel Guild Food Pantry!**







**SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE – Polish Arts Club** of Trenton announces the availability of \$1,500 scholarships to qualified high school seniors of Polish descent to assist in their pursuit of a college education.

For details and an application, please visit : [www.trentonpolisharts.org](http://www.trentonpolisharts.org). Applications must be submitted by February 20, 2025.

**MERCER COUNTY FEDERATION OF HOLY NAMES SOCIETIES—MSGR. CREAN**

For the year 2025, The Holy Name is again offering a scholarship to a graduating high school senior who, with the senior's parents, are practicing Roman Catholics and members of the parish. Scholarship Application forms are on the parish website: [olgcc.net](http://olgcc.net) or at the parish office. The interested senior may call Mr. Wilfredo Serrano, chairman, at 609-647-8245 for more information about the application process. The deadline for submission of scholarship applications is February 28, 2025. The Rev. Msgr. Richard Crean Scholarship Award will be personally presented to the recipient on Sunday, March 23, 2025, following the 7:30 AM Rev. Msgr. Crean Memorial Mass at St. Raphael Church 3500 S. Broad St. Trenton, NJ.



**JESUS CHRIST**  
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The Gospel of Luke consistently demonstrates how Jesus fulfills the prophecies of the Old Testament. In the study, *Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled*, you will find joy as you discover God's faithfulness through the ages and how His promises can guide you in your daily life.

We invite you to join us for *Luke: The Salvation Fulfilled*, beginning Sunday, February 23rd at 6 PM in the Parish Hall.

**Please register as soon as possible so we can determine how many books to order.  
For more information, contact Mary Anne LeGall at [cmlegal@gmail.com](mailto:cmlegal@gmail.com).**

**JOIN THE LUKE STUDY FROM  
FEBRUARY 23 TO APRIL 13, 6 PM - 8 PM IN THE PARISH HALL.**

**REGISTRATION FEE \$25: PLACE IN AN ENVELOPE LABELED "AFF: LUKE STUDY"  
IN THE COLLECTION BASKET OR MAIL/TAKE TO THE PARISH OFFICE.  
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# PARISH *Free Bingo Day* MARCH 8TH ~ 12:00 PM



Join us for our Bingo Extravaganza after the 10:30 Family Sunday Mass! Enjoy a delicious Continental Breakfast and then dive into an afternoon of Bingo fun with prizes and trivia. Great company and laughs await. Don't miss your chance to shout "Bingo!"

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First round of bingo to be called at 12 Noon



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Save The Date!

Parish Feast Day

April 27th, 10:30am Mass

followed by a  
catered luncheon  
in the Parish Hall.



All those in parish ministry are invited to attend the Diocese of Trenton's **Faith Formation and Parish Ministry Conference** on

March 29, 2025 at St. John Vianney High School in Holmdel. We will have over 30 workshop speakers in both English and Spanish. Keynote speakers include Chris Padgett (English) and Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR (Spanish). There will be something for everyone, from catechists to OCIA teams, to pastoral care ministers.

Register/info: [dioceseoftrenton.org/hope2025](https://dioceseoftrenton.org/hope2025).

# Fan the Flame of HOPE

2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

## DONATE NOW



### Kick off Weekend — 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal!

The 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal is Now Underway. Bishop O'Connell's letter will soon arrive in your homes, and this weekend at all Masses, you'll have the opportunity to make your pledge to support essential diocesan ministries.

During this Jubilee Year, our Appeal theme 'Fan the Flame of Hope' calls us to be Pilgrims of Hope. As the papal motto reminds us, 'Hope Does Not Disappoint' (Romans 5:5). Your gift supports ministries that offer hope to our most vulnerable neighbors, strengthen families, form clergy, educate youth, and spread Christ's love throughout our diocese. Join us this weekend to **Fan the Flame of Hope** through your pledge or make your gift today online at [giveaca.org](https://giveaca.org)

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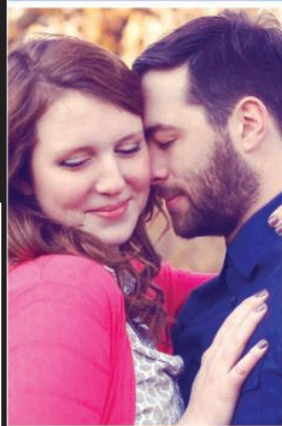
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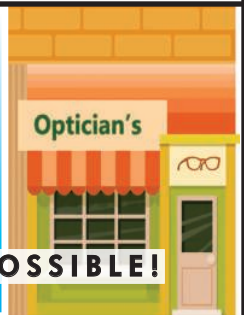
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