

# 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  
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## **The Presentation of the Lord**



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

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# Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2025 First Saturday**  
 5:00 PM Maria Ines Solares  
 r/o David & Donna Collins  
 Ralph T. Patrone, Jr.  
 r/o M/M Nick Solimando  

  
Blessing of Throats after Mass

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025**  
 8:30 AM The Presentation of the Lord  
 Collette "Teddy" Meagher  
 r/o Heenan Family  
 People of the Parish

10:30 AM William Venceller r/o Wife, Susan  
 Virginia Hughes r/o Keenan Family  
Blessing of Throats after Mass

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025 St. Blaise**  
 7:30 AM Bernadina Creo r/o Diane Coyle  
Blessing of Throats after Mass

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025**  
 7:30 AM Marion Vincent Mempin  
 r/o Mary's of Mary

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025**  
 7:30 AM Elaine Glass  
 r/o Family

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025**  
 7:30 AM John J. Sheehan r/o Family

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025 First Friday**  
 7:30 AM Healing of James A. Keenan, IV  
 r/o Family  
First Friday Adoration 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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

5:00 PM Louis Muscente  
 r/o Dave & Donna Collins  
 Christopher Andreas r/o Smith Family

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025**  
The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 8:30 AM Joan Muscente r/o Rosemarie Ferri  
 Robert William Cook r/o Wife

10:30 AM Patrick & James Keenan r/o Family  
 People of the Parish

### COLLECTION REPORT

Registered Parish Families	698
Parishioners using envelopes	101
Envelope Contributions	\$2,698.00
Average Contribution	\$26.71
Loose Cash	\$586.00
Total Contributions January 26:	\$3,284.00

**The collection for Latin America amounted to \$748.00. Thank you for your generosity!**

## Readers

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8**  
 5:00 PM Chaya Collazo

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9**  
 8:30 AM Laura Shea  
 10:30 AM Religious Education Students

## Eucharistic Ministers

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8**  
 5:00 PM Jackie Crane

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9**  
 8:30 AM Dennis Hice  
 10:30 AM Brenda O'Callghan

## Altar Servers

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8**  
 5:00 PM Alan Colazzo, James Gummel

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9**  
 8:30 AM Brayden Spina  
 10:30 AM Dylan Rutkowski, Ryan Spina

## News & Events

This weekend is Coins for Charity.

**Monday, February 3,** Feast of St. Blaise. *Throats will be blessed* after all weekend Masses & Monday Daily Mass.

**Monday, February 3,** Religious Education Classes will be held in the Parish Hall from 6:00-7:15 pm.

**Wednesday, February 5,** The Seniors Club will meet in the Parish Hall at 11:00 am. All seniors are invited.

**Friday, February 7** First Friday Adoration 8am -7pm.

**Friday, February 7,** The Community Coffee Club will meet in the Parish Hall at 7:15 p.m. Come and See!

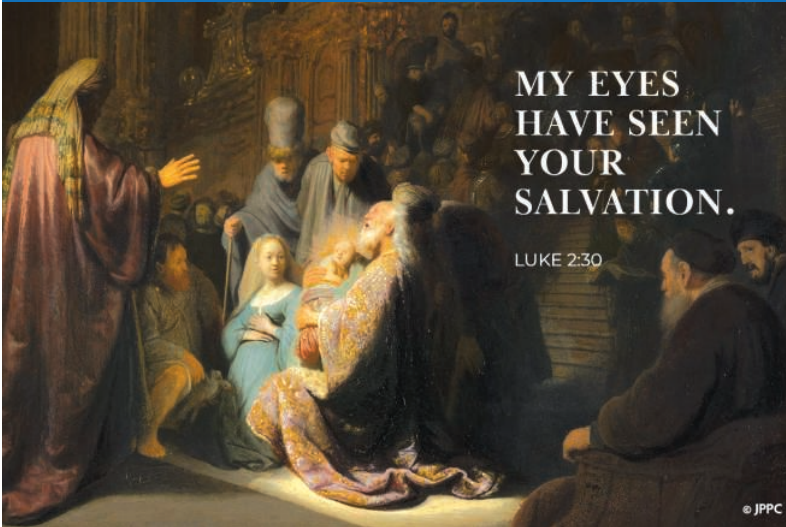
**Saturday, February 8** Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass. **Reconciliation** 4-4:30 PM.

### 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 Geno-vesi, Brian Gershon, Phil Glaser, Sandra Goeke, Eliza-beth Gonzalez, Theresa Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Ei-leen 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 Qui-roga, Lucy Saganowski, Vincent Schnell, G. Welly Samuels, Debbie Sattler, Gregory Schafer, Steve and Pamela Schmierer, Dolores Sebasto, Kristy Sha-nahan, Linda Solinski, Dorothy Stanley, Brenda Thorn-ley, Erin Cahill Wetzell, 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 by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson



Reading I: Malachi 3:1-4  
Responsorial Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10  
Reading II: Hebrews 2:14-18  
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

You may know the long-running TV series ‘Law and Order’ and its trademark ‘plink plunk’ sound between scenes. Each show featured an incident of law violation followed by the court trial. Evidently a winning formula as the franchise has continued to produce spin-offs.

Generally speaking, in real life, most people prefer to live under authentic law and consistent order. It’s the criminal element among us who “ply their trade,” so to speak.

Joseph and Mary, the holy parents of a Holy Child, certainly knew the law of their nation and kept them in good order. That is why they entered the great Temple on a day long ago to participate in the established rite of presentation that all Hebrew mothers had to go through forty days after the birth of their male child. Obviously, Mary did not have to undergo any purification, but she, with Joseph, did so to preclude any scandal. So, in all humility they lined up with the other couples and their boys.

The topic of law and order enters our thinking from time to time. It often proceeds from “something out there” to something personal. We believe that Our Lord Jesus provided us guidelines. He fulfilled the Old Testament Law. He passed on the same to what would eventually become His Catholic Church through His Apostles and their successors. Twenty-one centuries later the obligation to obey remains, even if the idea of obedience these days is culturally foreign. Sad to say, a growing number of those who call themselves Catholic have chosen not to agree. So, we note their absence from Sunday Mass in a downward trend that underscores the prediction of our late pope Benedict XVI that the Church will grow smaller and poorer.

It is difficult to understand how a rational person could decide to ignore Christ’s words ‘Do this in memory of Me,’ spoken at the Last Supper to His Apostles is beyond the scope of this reflection. I will just say the words “relativism” and “self-referential morality” for the time being. You can explore them.

Honestly though, a person’s bias against law in general certainly threatens order. How safe would it be to cross a busy street? Or board a plane? Or ride a New York City subway?

I began this piece with reference to a popular TV show. Let me close with some homespun wisdom I found that recognizes the problem. “Many people believe in law and order as long as they can lay down the law and give the orders.”

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson, God love you and give you His peace.*



**February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise** There will be a blessing of the throats after all the Weekend Masses February 1/2 and at the 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass February 3.

St. Blaise is the patron saint of sore throats because of his miraculous healing of a child who was choking to death on a fishbone. St. Blaise is a Saint that is seen as an example of the power those have, who give themselves, entirely to Jesus. As Jesus told his apostles at the Last Supper, “If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want it will be done for you” (John 15:7). With faith, we can follow the lead of the Church in asking for Blaise’s protection.



**EUCCHARIST 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**. Homebound members will be scheduled to receive the Eucharist at home.



### February 7 ~ First Friday Adoration

Sign-up sheets are available at all church entrances for you to choose a time to attend. Alternatively, you can register online at [olgcc.net](http://olgcc.net) by selecting "Adoration" from the top menu bar. Click on the flyer, and you'll be directed to the sign-up area. Just select your preferred time slot and provide your information. If you prefer not to sign up online, feel free to call our Chairperson, Tom Hankinson, at 609-731-4542, and he will be happy to assist you.

*Come aside and rest a while with the Lord. He is truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.*



### The Community C.O.F.F.E.E. Club

Adults, 19 and older, are welcome to join in for conversation, faith fellowship and group activities consistent with living your faith in Christ! Come check out "The Community C.O.F.F.E.E. Club" Friday, February 7th at 7:15 PM in the Parish Hall.

We encourage and invite you to attend First Friday Adoration for the extended hours of 3 PM - 7 PM in the Church before the meeting.



Cynthia Adrienne Carter

Joseph Gross

James Dwyer

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.*

### 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.**

# Wow—check out what is happening next weekend!

## Happy Family Sunday

### February 9, 10:30 Mass

FAMILY SUNDAY & Children's Liturgy of the Word ~ CLOW

Each Month on the 2nd Sunday 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. All children of the parish are welcome to participate, for information please email:

Brenda O'Callaghan CRE: [olgcre.wt@gmail.com](mailto:olgcre.wt@gmail.com)

CLOW is designed for children up to 7 years old. Before the first reading, children along with a parent or adult will depart from mass to attend a class in the hall, returning after the Homily.



Refreshments follow in the Parish Hall.  
Join in the fun!



## Help us make Super Bowl

### Soup-er!

### February 8 AND 9

Are you pumped for Super Bowl Sunday?

Here at Our Lady of Good Counsel, we're not just throwing a football fiesta – it's SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY! Last year, you amazing folks helped our Religious Education Program collect over 670 cans of soup for those in need! Let's rally together and help the kiddos crush that record because when they win, we ALL win!

Bring your cans of soup (low sodium appreciated) to Mass on February 8 and 9. We'll have collection bins at every church entrance, and our little helpers will be on standby to lend a hand.



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

Benefiting Mount Carmel Guild Food Pantry





Mass of  
Anointing  
of the Sick  
Sunday  
February 9  
10:30 a.m.

We will celebrate World Day of the Sick with a Healing Mass on Family Sunday, February 9th at 10:30 AM.

Introduced by Pope John Paul II, this day invites prayers for those suffering from illnesses and highlights the importance of caring for both the sick and their caregivers.

Anyone facing a serious illness—physical, emotional, mental, or spiritual—is eligible to receive this Sacrament. It is recommended to receive it before surgery or treatment while still able to fully engage in the experience.



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](http://dioceseoftrenton.org/hope2025).

### Coins for Charity Weekend

Containers are available at each Church entrance, February 1/2 for your donations. Don't forget your Marrazzo Receipts.

**Your support is appreciated!**



## Go for the Gold 7 Skills for Winning at Marriage

Saturday February 22, 2025  
1:30pm - 4:45pm

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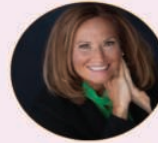
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## Adult Faith Formation

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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 [cmlegall@gmail.com](mailto:cmlegall@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. PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME, PHONE NUMBER, AND EMAIL ADDRESS.



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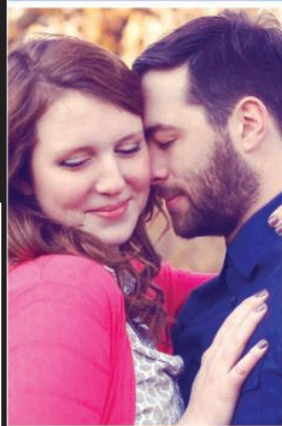
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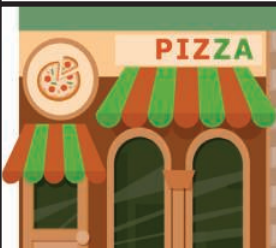
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