

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:

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary



Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

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Parish Ministries & Services

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M–F 9AM to 3PM

Religious Education—Brenda O'Callaghan, CRE

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Deacon Steve Szmuto 609-947-0587

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Liturgical Ministers Mary Szmuto 609-882-3277x3

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025
 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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025
 7:30 AM Joseph Angelo D'Errico r/o Family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025
 7:30 AM Faith Holland r/o Sister, Hope Holland
 Victoria Martin r/o Son, John

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025
 7:30 AM James Dwyer r/o Jaime Kelley

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2025
 7:30 AM Poor Souls in Purgatory
 r/o Mary Arcadipane

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2025
 7:30 AM Healing of Michele Tursi r/o Family

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025
 8:00 AM Priest's Intention

5:00 PM Rev. Leon Collins
 r/o Dave & Donna Collins
 Special Intentions

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025
The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 AM Carmen Armenti r/o Family
 Henrietta & Ted Thomas
 r/o Elaine Palatine

10:30 AM Barbara Comaty r/o Dina Zangrilli
 People of the Parish

COLLECTION REPORT

Registered Parish Families	698
Parishioners using envelopes	96
Envelope Contributions	\$2,235.00
Average Contribution	\$23.28
Loose Cash	\$435.00
Total Contributions February 16:	\$2,670.00

This weekend's Collection is for the Churches in Eastern Europe. Thank you for your generosity!

Readers

SATURDAY, MARCH 1
 5:00 PM Jackie Crane

SUNDAY, MARCH 2
 8:30 AM Keri Wilkes
 10:30 AM Maggie Masterson

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, MARCH 1
 5:00 PM Joyce Christensen

SUNDAY, MARCH 2
 8:30 AM Laura Shea
 10:30 AM Danny Morales

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, MARCH 1
 5:00 PM Alan Colazzo, Nathan Stankus

SUNDAY, MARCH 2
 8:30 AM Brayden Spina, Daniel Wilke
 10:30 AM Sebastian Reyes, MacKaylah Yung

News & Events

Sunday, February 23, Adult Faith Formation will meet in the Parish Hall at 6-8:00 p.m.

Monday, February 24, Religious Education Classes will meet 6-7:15 PM in the Parish Hall.

Saturday, March 1, 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 Niranjana, 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 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

Reading I: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
Responsorial Psalm: 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49
Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

“Do to others as you would have them do to you.” Luke 6: 30)

This weekend, we find a series of compelling readings that challenge us to treat others with the kindness and compassion that we would wish from them. The “golden rule” calls us to rise above an “eye for an eye” justice to cultivate an attitude of love and mercy.

In the first reading from the First Book of Samuel, David was a hunted man, pursued by Saul, who sought to kill him. As Saul and his soldiers slept, David and his companion crept into the camp and came upon the king. Although he could have killed Saul in his sleep, David instead took his spear and water jug, ex-

plaining to his aide, “Do not harm him, for who can lay hands on the LORD’s anointed and remain unpunished?” (1 Sm 26: 9) Departing the camp, he stood upon an opposing hill and called to Saul’s forces to send an attendant to recover the king’s spear. David thus showed mercy in the face of anger, and remained faithful to the LORD.

The theme of God’s compassion, and our call to be compassionate, is the center of Jesus’ message to the disciples; it is the only way that one can move beyond the endless cycle of quid-pro-quo. Justice compels a response; mercy ennobles that response!

“Be merciful just as your Father is merciful.” (Luke 6: 38)

So many of us insist upon “our right to be right” at all costs. We desire superiority, not community. We focus on competition, power, and status as ends in themselves, and measure ourselves by our victories at the expense of others. Jesus calls us to a different way – the way of love, kindness, compassion and giving that marks us as disciples and witnesses to the Gospel. We are called to justice – at a minimum – and then to the higher measure of discipleship: selfless love for others.

Christ reminds us of the cost of discipleship. He calls us to holiness and challenges us to be instruments of his holiness to others. As we give, so are we given.

“For the measure with which you measure will in turn be measured out to you.” (Luke 6: 38)

Deacon Steve Szmuto



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

Frank Kownacky

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**.

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



FINAL WEEKEND!

The Eagles have soared to victory! 

Now, let's help our kids fly past 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!








Last Sunday at the 5PM & 10:30 AM Mass, we celebrated the *Rite of Acceptance and Rite of Welcome*, a public display of the desire, Leah Alabre, Thomas O'Neal and Amanda Nicole Duspiva, have to join the Church. It demonstrates a transition from simply an interested inquirer to

active Catechumen (not yet baptized) or Candidate (already baptized). As seen in the intentionality of this rite last Sunday, quite literally, a public step for these individuals takes place as they physically "cross the threshold" into the Church for the first time to be seen by our community. After Deacon Steve along with their sponsor, introduced them to us, we questioned what it is they are seeking. Their answer is "faith," faith that offers "eternal life." After this initial inquiry, these individuals also receive the Word of God. Each receives a Bible to take for themselves, to be nourished daily with the very Gospel of Jesus Christ. Now, we as the Church take their intent very seriously by assuring them our prayerful support.

Please greet our Candidates warmly and welcome them to our faith community whenever you see them! Above all, please accompany them with your prayers that they may continue to know and be transformed by the Lord's grace already at work within them. They are a gift to us!

Our next *Rite of Calling to Continued Conversion* will take place on the First Sunday of Lent, Sunday, March 9th at the 10:30 AM Mass.



Your Gift Makes a Difference

Through the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal, we answer Christ's call to "love one another as I have loved you" (John 13:34). Your generosity supports ministries that serve thousands across the Diocese of Trenton - bringing hope, care, and Christ's love to those in need. Together, we reach the marginalized, strengthen families, and transform lives.

Give at giveaca.org

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

Ash Wednesday
March 5, 2025

Schedule

7:30 am Mass

12:00 Noon Prayer Service with distribution of Ashes

7:00 pm Mass



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!"
No Shenanigans everyone is welcome!

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CONTACT NANCY FINN AT
NFINN1121@GMAIL.COM

First round of bingo to be called at 12 Noon








Save The Date!

Parish Feast Day

April 27th, 10:30 am Mass
followed by a catered luncheon in the Parish Hall.





OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

February 17, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead --- from **Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025, until Holy Thursday morning, April 17, 2025** --- 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, March 8-9, 2025, to Trinity Sunday, June 14-15, 2025**. 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



OASIS Day 2025

DAY OF PRAYER FOR WOMEN

April 5, 2025



*"My trust is in the Lord, and I stand
ready for whatever he sends."*

St Lucy Filippini

The Religious Teachers Filippini
invite you to a day of extraordinary grace.

Conference, Mass & Confession with
Rev. Anthony Randazzo

Arrival: 9:30 am - Departure: 3:00 pm

Bring your own bag lunch.

Beverages will be provided through the day.

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For More Information, contact:

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732-238-9222

OASIS 2025 Registration Form

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Sr. Patricia Martin, MPF

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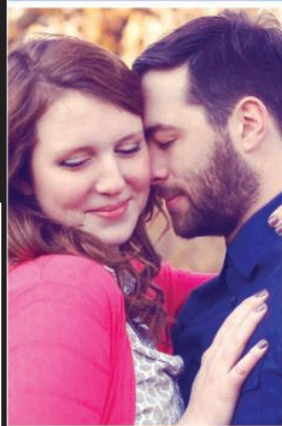
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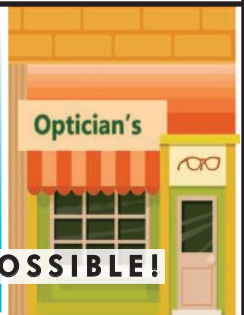
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