

Our Lady of Good Counsel

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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.

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2025
 5:00 PM Louis Muscente
 r/o Dave & Donna Collins
 Christopher Andreas r/o Smith Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025
 8:30 AM **The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025
 7:30 AM Fekete & Walley deceased r/o Family
 Emilio Deblasio r/o Dolores DeBlasio

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025
 7:30 AM Intentions of Ariel & Bobby r/o Mother
 Joan Muscente
 r/o Geurds & Williams Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025
 7:30 AM Maria Hegyi r/o Daughter, Terri Hegyi

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025
 7:30 AM Sylvia Merlino
 r/o John & JoAnn Jaremback

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2025
 7:30 AM Robert Arcadipane r/o Wife
 Intentions of Joseph Paul Dempster
 r/o Grandpop and Grandmom

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025
 8:00 AM Priest's Intention

5:00 PM Marie & William Dolton r/o Donna Penn
 Damian Zenchak r/o Mom

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025
 8:30 AM **The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 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

Readers

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15
 5:00 PM Sherri Calderone

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16
 8:30 AM Maeve Cannon
 10:30 AM Maggie Masterson

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15
 5:00 PM Joyce Christensen

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16
 8:30 AM Danny Morales
 10:30 AM Wendy Reading

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15
 5:00 PM Alan Colazzo, Nathan Stankus


SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16
 8:30 AM Brayden Spina
 10:30 AM Ryan Spina, MacKaylah Yung

News & Events

This weekend is Super Bowl—Soup Collection at all Weekend Masses. 

Family Sunday, CLOW, February 9 - 10:30 Mass.
Anointing of the Sick February 9 - After 10:30 Mass.

Monday, February 10, Religious Education Classes are closed this week and next week, February 17th.
Wednesday, February 12, The Delaware Valley Radio Assoc. will meet in the Parish Hall at 6:30 pm.
Thursday, February 13 First Penance Parent Meeting in the Parish Hall at 7:30pm.

Friday, February 14th Happy Valentines Day!! 
Saturday, February 15 Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude followning Mass. **Reconciliation 4-4:30 PM.**

CHURCH SUPPORT

COLLECTION REPORT

Registered Parish Families	698
Parishioners using envelopes	126
Envelope Contributions	\$3,437.00
Average Contribution	\$27.28
Loose Cash	\$642.00
Total Contributions February 2:	\$4,079.00
Total Parish Giving for January:	\$3,967.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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
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 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.



When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.
 Luke 5:11

Reflection

Reading I: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8
Responsorial Psalm: 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11
Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Life After Death

In the First Reading, Isaiah dates a religious vision not by a day but by a death:

“... in the year that King Uzziah died.”

There are some things so painful for a person that events in his life can be dated by them: “in the year my wife died”; “in the year we lost our mom”; “in the year the hurricane devastated the town.” An affliction of this sort divides a whole life into before and after:

there is the life you had before your wife died, and then there is the life you have afterward, after the death of your wife and the death of everything that made up your life together.

Sometimes in unbearable grief such as that stemming from the death of someone so loved, a person doesn't know how to stand under his sorrow. A heartbroken person has lost something central to him, and a person can fall apart when the center doesn't hold.

In those circumstances, a grieved and suffering person can want to die then too; he can want to come to the Lord too. When King Uzziah died, Isaiah came before the Lord too, but only in a vision, where the doorposts shook and the house filled up with smoke.

The problem is that you can't really come to the Lord before your time on earth is over, and falling apart under grief gets you only an increase of sorrow. Isaiah responded to that vision of the Lord by saying “Woe is me! I am doomed!”

This is not the end of the story for Isaiah, though. An angel seared Isaiah's mouth with a burning coal. And then Isaiah opened his mouth and offered to serve the Lord. When God asked, “whom shall I send?” Isaiah said, “Here I am. Send me.” All his most important service for the Lord came after the death that dates his vision and that changed his life.

When Isaiah himself finally died and came to the Lord, three kings later, he had become the foremost prophet of Israel. Because in the end he didn't fall apart but lived after King Uzziah's death, he produced the great prophecies of the Messiah that even now give the whole world hope.

If you can stand under your sorrow, rather than falling apart, then through the searing grief can come a new life, a good life that was unimaginable to you before. If you can stand and live into the period of your life after the destruction of your heart's desire, then God's grace can bring life out of death for you.

Eleonore Stump



Frank Kownacky

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



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.

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: olgc.re.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!



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.



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.

Soup donations will be accepted in the Parish Hall until February 24th.

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

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

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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.



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.

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 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.

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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.**

**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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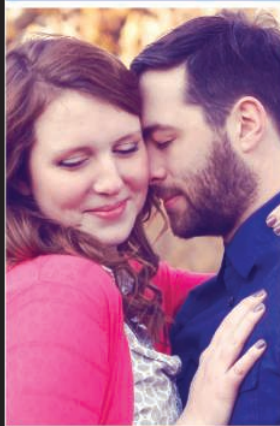
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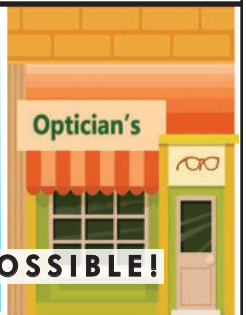
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