



# 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.

Parish Secretary:  
Monday-Wednesday Debbie Smith  
Webmaster/Bulletin 609-882-3277  
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## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Our Lady of Good Counsel Church**  
137 West Upper Ferry Road, West Trenton, NJ

### Parish Ministries & Services

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Religious Education—Brenda O'Callaghan, CRE  
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Deacon Steve Szmuto 609-947-0587

Altar Mary Pat Voorhees 570-290-2373

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Tom DeFalco, Grand Knight 609-882-6480

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Dolores Sebasto, Vice President 609-882-5085

Social Services James Gambino 609-818-1708

# Our Lady of Good Counsel

## Mass Intentions

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>JANUARY 20, 2024</b> Healing Intentions of Marty Marsola r/o Hope Holland For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM	<b>JANUARY 21, 2024</b> Rocco Zangrilli r/o Pasquale, Donna Guarraggi & Family Mary Ann Prunetti r/o Tony & Gina DiMascio
10:30 AM	Patrick Keenan r/o Mom
<b>MONDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>JANUARY 22, 2024</b> Anthony DePula r/o Patricia Pagnani
<b>TUESDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>JANUARY 23, 2024</b> Helen Marie Dolton r/o Barbara Kent
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>JANUARY 24, 2024</b> Special Intention r/o Gatto Family Intentions of Ariel & Bobbie r/o Mary Arcadipane
<b>THURSDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>JANUARY 25, 2024</b> Ilene & Ed r/o Elaine Palatine
<b>FRIDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>JANUARY 26, 2024</b> Joanne Wuest r/o Elaine Palatine
<b>SATURDAY,</b> 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	<b>JANUARY 27, 2024</b> Priest's Intention Fekete & Walley Family Deceased r/o Family For an end to abortion and respect for Life r/o Mary Arcadipane
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM	<b>JANUARY 28, 2024</b> Mary Ann Prunetti r/o Charles & JoAnne Armenti People of the Parish
10:30 AM	Jamie Simone r/o Eileen Keenan

### COLLECTION REPORT

Registered Parish Families	688
Parishioners using envelopes	117
Envelope Contributions	\$2,618.00
Average Contribution	\$22.38
Loose Cash	\$541.00
Total Contributions January 14th:	\$3,159.00

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## Readers

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>JANUARY 27</b> Catherine Ard
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 10:30 AM	<b>JANUARY 28</b> Laura Shea Maggie Masterson

## Eucharistic Ministers

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>JANUARY 27</b> Joyce Christensen
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	<b>JANUARY 28</b> Danny Morales Tony Jones

## Altar Servers

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>JANUARY 27</b> James Gummel
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	<b>JANUARY 28</b> Brayden Spina, Daniel Wilkes Dylan Rutkowski, Ryan Spina

## News & Events

**Sunday, January 21 R.C.I.A.** 11:30AM Parish Hall.  
Gr 8 Confirmation Class 7:00 PM Parish Hall.

**Monday, January 22** Religious Education Classes  
Gr 1-7, 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

**Thursday, January 25, Good News Sunday** meeting  
in Opdenacker Room at 7:00 PM and on Friday  
morning at 10:00 AM. All are welcome.

**Saturday, January 26,** Novenas in honor of Our  
Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow  
morning Mass. **Reconciliation** 4:00-4:30 p.m.



Kevin Baker, Erin Barbato, Col. Gabriel Beck, Christina Beck, Rosemarie Buker, Richard Cook, Sarah Dowd, John Finn, 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 Niranjana, Carol Perrine, Dominic Petito, Lucy Saganowski, Vincent Schnell, G. Welly Samuels, Debbie Sattler, Gregory Schafer, Steve Schmierer, Dolores Sebasto, Kristy Shanahan, Linda Solinski, Brenda Thornley, 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.



### Pray for our Military:

TSgt. Andrew G. Vrancik,  
Air National Guard

Please email: [dsmith@olgcc.net](mailto:dsmith@olgcc.net) to  
add your soldier to the prayer list.



Duccio di Buoninsegna,  
The Calling of the Apostles Peter and Andrew, 1311

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

**Readings for Sunday, January 21, 2024**

Jon 3:1-5, 10 Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20

Today's readings are about calling: a call to repentance; a call to renewal; a call to discipleship. In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus came to Galilee to announce the good news after the arrest of John the Baptist. He proclaimed, *This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.* The message and the entirety of Mark's Gospel, conveys the profound urgency of the message. The time is now! Repentance must be, now! Shortly thereafter, he encountered Simon Peter and Andrew fishing in the sea. He called to them, *Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.* The invitation is more of a command, and in obedience to that command, Simon Peter and Andrew immediately dropped their nets and followed Jesus, followed shortly thereafter by James and John, the sons of Zebedee. The urgency of God's call is foreshadowed in the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Jonah. For three days, Jonah traveled through the great city with his dire predictions lest the people repent: *Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed!* Time was growing short. At last understanding the nature of their transgressions . . . *the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth.* Seeing their repentance, God spared the people of Nineveh.

I wonder if we really understand the need for repentance, as did the people in biblical times. In our modern, secular society, we have, in many respects, lost our sense of urgency. Instead, we rationalize our behavior, apply our own subjective standards instead of seeking objective truth, and pick and choose our beliefs as if we were in the cafeteria line at work or school. Do we drop everything and follow Christ, or do we pursue him on our own terms, as if faith was a negotiated contract rather than a covenant between God and man? I would imagine for most of us, it is the latter course that we pursue. Yet Christ did not say: Sit down with me and we'll figure what we want to do. Rather he said, *Come and follow me!* And so the question remains: Will we drop our nets and leave our boats and follow Christ, or will we try to squeeze him into our schedules when convenient?

Deacon Steve Szmulko



**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.



**Mary's of Mary**

January

Respect Life Month

We will gather at 4:30 pm on every Saturday night in January to pray the Rosary for an end to abortion and a greater respect for all human life from womb to tomb. Please join us in prayer.



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024  
6-8 P.M. - IN THE PARISH HALL**

**Come just for the fun of it!**

Join us after the 5:00 pm Mass for trivia and some games to test your balance, speed and determination!

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For a truly meaningful New Year's Resolution, one that lasts long after the Champagne has lost its fizz, why not resolve to treat each other to a Marriage Encounter Experience?

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held February 16 - 18. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 (Tom & Ruth DeFalco) for application and information or Visit us at: [www.wvme.org](http://www.wvme.org) for more information.



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### 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](http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/world-marriage-day-for-couples), and for newly married couples, be sure to visit [www.dioceseoftrenton.org/newly-married-resource-page](http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/newly-married-resource-page) - what every couple needs to make their marriage extraordinary! (Part of the *BuildingStrongMarriages.org* initiative of the Diocese of Trenton)

**Coming Soon: Help us make Super Bowl Sunday – SOUPER!!**



Support the youth of our parish during our Second Annual Soup-er Bowl Sunday Soup Collection. Help us surpass last year's collection of 455 cans!

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### ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Applications for the Annual Rev. Msgr. Crean Scholarship are now available on the parish website [www.olgcc.net](http://www.olgcc.net). The scholarship is sponsored by the Mercer County Federation of Holy Name Societies in memory of Msgr. Crean who died on March 14, 1956, in a fire that devastated the St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral rectory, Trenton. The Federation is again offering a scholarship to a graduating high school senior who, with the senior's parents, are practicing Roman Catholics and registered members of a parish. For more information contact Mr. Wilfredo Serano, Chairman at 609-647-8245. Application deadline is February 16, 2024.



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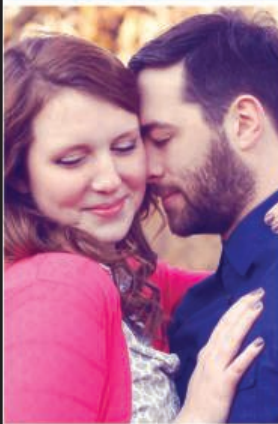


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