



Our Lady of Good Counsel

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July 23, 2023

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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

10:30 am

Confession Saturdays: 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.

Secretary:

Monday-Wednesday Debbie Smith

Webmaster/Bulletin 609-882-3277

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Thursday-Friday Mary Szmuto

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

137 West Upper Ferry Road, West Trenton, NJ

Parish Ministries & Services

Parish Rectory & Office

609-882-3277

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Monday thru Friday

Religious Education—Brenda O'Callaghan, CRE

E-mail: olgc.re.wt@gmail.com

609-883-9005

Adoration Denise Hayes

908-242-2183

Adult Faith Formation/RCIA

Deacon Steve Szmuto

609-947-0587

Altar Society Mary Pat Voorhees

570-290-2373

Consolation Ministry Mary Szmuto

609-882-3277

Infant Baptism Mary Szmuto

609-847-0796

Knights of Columbus—

Tom DeFalco, Grand Knight

609-882-6480

Bob Smythe, Church Director

609-403-8668

Liturgical Ministers Mary Szmuto

609-882-3277

Marys of Mary~Mary Arcadipane

609-883-7620

Music Ministry Deirdre Hindley

609-882-3215

Sr.'s Club Mary Pat Voorhees, Pres.

570-290-2373

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609-882-5085

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609-818-1708

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	JULY 22, 2023 Jerry Urbano r/o Joanne & Stan Sliwinski For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	JULY 23, 2023 Grandparents/Elderly Day 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Michael Golinski r/o Wife, Fran and Sherry & Steve Hanlon
10:30 AM	Emily Giovanetti r/o M/M Michael Coiante
MONDAY, 7:30 AM	JULY 24, 2023 Robert Szejner r/o Mary Arcadipane
TUESDAY, 7:30 AM	JULY 25, 2023 Mary Rabatie r/o Mary Arcadipane
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM	JULY 26, 2023 Patricia Hankinson r/o Tom Hankinson
THURSDAY, 7:30 AM	JULY 27, 2023 Jennifer Weiss r/o Wendy & Frank Mary Ellen Grace King r/o Deacon Steve and Mary Szmuto
FRIDAY, 7:30 AM	JULY 28, 2023 Healing Intentions of Kathleen Siskin r/o Holly Taburas
SATURDAY, 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	JULY 29, 2023 Special Intention Daniel N. DeFrancesco & Intentions of Pat Vetter r/o David & Donna Collins
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	JULY 30, 2023 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Carol Carabelli r/o Kees Angela Geurds John J. Hutton r/o Barbara Kent
10:30 AM	Intentions of Mary Lou Kramli r/o Elaine Palatine Ronald Cefalone (Anniv) r/o Wife and Family

COLLECTION REPORT

Registered Parish Families	688
Parishioners using envelopes	102
Envelope Contributions	\$1,942.00
Average Contribution	\$19.04
Loose Cash	\$389.00
Total Contributions July 16th	\$2,331.00

Peter's Pence Collection amounted to \$1,202.00.

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Readers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	JULY 29 Jackie Cranel
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	JULY 30 Elise Stankus
10:30 AM	Catherine Ard

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	JULY 29 Joyce Christensen
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	JULY 30 Janet Stankus
10:30 AM	Mary Ann LeGall

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	JULY 29 James Gummel
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	JULY 30 Brayden Spina, Daniel Wilkes
10:30 AM	Dylan Rutkowski, Ryan Spina

News & Events

Saturday, July 29, Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass. **Reconciliation** 4:00-4:30 p.m.



I Caitlin Lally (OLGCC) & Richard Deuschle



Pray for our Sick:

Kevin Baker, Erin Barbato, Col. Gabriel Beck, Christina Beck, Rosemarie Buker, Richard Cook, Helen Marie Dolton, Sarah Dowd, John Finn, Al Gatto, Leo Genovesi, Brian Gershon, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Theresa Gregorio, Leslie Hall, Sherri Hanlon, James A. Keenan, IV, Mary Lou Kramli, Carol Lake, Laura Lynch, Kevin McBride, Keith Mello, Joan Moore, Marie Muscente, Kim Nash, Angelika Niranjan, Carol Perrine, Lucy Saganowski, Vincent Schnell, G. Welly Samuels, Debbie Sattler, Gregory Schafer, Steve Schmierer, Dolores Sebasto, Kristy Shanahan, Kathleen Siskin, Linda Solinski, Brenda Thornley, Erin Cahill Wetzel, 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.

Please call the parish office at 609-882-3277 if you would like to be added to the **Communion Call list**. Homebound members will be scheduled to receive the Eucharist at home.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 12:13,16-19; Ps 86:5-6,9-10,15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

The righteous
will shine like
the sun in
the kingdom
of their Father.

MATTHEW 13:43



Let [the wheat and the weeds] grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, [First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.] (Mt 13:30)

How can an all-good God allow evil to flourish in a world of His own creation and design? This question has confounded theologians and philosophers for centuries. In our own lifetime, we have seen good people suffer, while those who embrace the power of evil prosper at their expense. As I am neither a theologian, nor a philosopher, any answer or insight I can provide is amateurish at best. The world often seems to have gone mad, with tyrants and terrorists randomly targeting even the simplest hopes and aspirations of the best of humanity. How can this be?

The most common answer, and the one that makes the most sense, echoed by gifted thinkers throughout time, has been that God has given man the great gift of free will. God, in His wisdom has given us the freedom to either accept or reject Him. Love cannot be compelled, lest it is not love. It cannot be forced, but rather must be freely offered in response to the outpouring grace of Our Heavenly Father. Thus, there are those in our temporal existence, who turn away from the goodness of creation, and succumb to the temptation of evil.

Given this freedom, in the brief span of our earthly existence, we will experience not only the joys of freely given love, but also the sorrows that come from our own human imperfections, and from those who turn away from God to inflict harm and suffering upon others.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the man who sowed good seed. While the household was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds in the field. Once the seeds began to grow, the weeds could not be uprooted without damaging the wheat. Rather, both were bound to grow together. At harvest time, the good and the bad would be gathered separately; the weeds would be tied for burning, while the wheat would be taken into the barn.

Jesus explained that the time between planting and harvest is the age of our temporal existence. At harvest time, the coming age, those who have been faithful will be gathered into the heavenly kingdom, while those who have not will be cast into the fiery furnace. Thus, the question of good and evil transcends our time — our existence in this world — and encompasses all of eternity: God's time.

When considered from the perspective of eternity, the presence of good and evil begins to make sense. We are more than creatures of the body, we are blessed with immortal souls. It is from this understanding, that the triumph of God's ultimate goodness over evil is made apparent. We are given a glimpse of the coming age each time we gather to share in the Precious Body and Blood of Jesus. His kingdom, to those who embrace the Gospel, will be everlasting; the cares of this world will one day be left behind as we are given a place in God's eternal kingdom.

Deacon Steve Szmuto

Candles for the Altar

BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR

JULY 29 - AUGUST 5

Intentions of
PAT VETTER

r/o David & Donna Collins

SAINT JOSEPH ALTAR

JULY 29 - AUGUST 5

Loving Memory of
Daniel N. DeFrancesco
r/o David & Donna Collins



BISHOP'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

The Department of Evangelization and Family Life is pleased to announce the 2023 Bishop's Anniversary Blessing for all couples celebrating a milestone anniversary of their Catholic Marriage. All couples celebrating their **1st, 25th or 50th (or more)** anniversary in the 2023 calendar year are invited to attend. Anniversary couples must be validly married in the Catholic Church and registered members of a parish in the Diocese of Trenton. The Bishop's Anniversary Blessing Mass for Mercer and Burlington County Parishes will be held on Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 3 pm in the Cathedral of St. Mary in Trenton.

General information including online registration for anniversary couples can be found at www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing.

JULY 23RD ~ SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Parents are asked to re-register their children on or before the last class each year. Re-registration forms are available online or email: Brenda O'Callahan, CRE at: olgc.re.wt@gmail.com
The tuition fee is \$100.00 1st child, \$180.00 for two and \$230.00 for 3 or more.

NEW REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED

Parents who have children beginning their Religious Education are asked to register as soon as possible. You can obtain the form on our web page (Religious Education tab) or by calling the parish office. Deadline is August 31st after deadline a \$25.00 late fee is added.



Flowers for the Altar and Candles at St. Joseph Altar July 23-July 29 are:

In Loving Memory of:

Michael Golinski
r/o Wife, Fran and
Sherry and Steve Hanlon



ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Serving at the altar is a great experience of faith and participation for young members of the parish. We are in need of more altar servers to fill out our roster. The only requirement is that they be a member (male or female) of the parish who has received the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist and have a desire to serve the Lord.

Deacon Steve will hold a training session in the Fall for anyone interested in becoming an altar server. We work around school and sports schedules as much as possible.

Please phone the rectory (609)882-3277 with your name, age and phone number or email Deacon Steve at:

Deaconstevenszmuto@gmail.com



Catholic Charities Diocese of Trenton

Will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets for their 34th Annual Guardian Angel Dinner Dance after all masses on July 29th and 30th. The 50/50 tickets are \$10 each or \$90 for a

book of 10.

The *Guardian Angel Dinner Dance* will be held Thursday, September 21st, 2023 at The Merion in Cinnaminson. Tickets are available

at: www.CatholicCharitiesTrenton.org/GADD2023



RCIA – BECOMING CATHOLIC

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? The desire to draw closer to God is in all of us, for we are his creation. Do you know an adult who would like to find out about what we believe? Do you know anyone who has not completed the Sacraments of Communion and

Confirmation, and would like to? Please prayerfully consider who might be interested in entering more fully into the Catholic faith and invite them to join us for our Inquiry session scheduled to begin in September. Please contact Deacon Steve at:

Deaconstevenszmuto@gmail.com



OLGC Back-to-School Back Pack Drive

Help a child in need kick off the new school year in a positive way!

During July and August we will be collecting donated **school supplies and backpacks**

for children in grades K to 12 for the upcoming school year. Donated items may include: backpacks, 2-pocket folders, subject & composition notebooks, 3-ring binders, loose leaf paper, erasers, pens/pencils, pencil boxes, crayons, markers, glue sticks, rulers, protractors, scissors, sharpeners, calculators, dictionaries, or gift certificates.

Please save and clip this ad to your donations bag which you may leave on the donations table downstairs in the **Parish Hall**.

We will deliver all supplies to Catholic Charities of Trenton and Mount Carmel Guild at the end of August. The OLGC Social Services Committee members thank you in advance for your help with this effort!

Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary on the granting of Plenary Indulgence on the occasion of the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

DECREE

The Apostolic Penitentiary, in order to increase the devotion of the faithful and procure the salvation of souls, by virtue of the faculties attributed to it by the Supreme Pontiff Francis, Pope by Divine Providence, accepting the recent request presented by the Most Eminent Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church Kevin Joseph Farrell, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life, on the occasion of the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, already instituted by the Supreme Pontiff on the fourth Sunday of the month of July and which this year will be held on the theme "His mercy is from age to age" (Lk 1:50) graciously grants from the heavenly treasures of the Church the Plenary Indulgence, under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff) to grandparents, the elderly and all the faithful who, motivated by a true spirit of penance and charity, participate on 23 July 2023, on the occasion of the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, at the solemn celebration over which the Most Holy Father Francis will preside in the Vatican Papal Basilica, or at the various functions that will be held throughout the world, a Plenary Indulgence that may also be applied as a suffrage to the souls in Purgatory.

This Court of Mercy also grants the Plenary Indulgence on this same day to the faithful who devote adequate time to visiting, in person or virtually, through the communications media, their elderly brothers and sisters in need or in difficulty (such as the sick, the abandoned, the disabled...).

The Plenary Indulgence may also be granted, provided that they free themselves from any sin and intend to fulfill the three usual conditions as soon as possible, to the sick elderly and to all those who, unable to leave their homes for a serious reason, will unite spiritually with the sacred services of World Youth Day, offering to the Merciful God their prayers, their sorrows and the sufferings of their lives, especially while the words of the Supreme Pontiff and the various celebrations are broadcast through the media.

In order, therefore, that this opportunity to obtain divine grace through the power of the Keys of the Church may be more easily realized through pastoral charity, this Penitentiary firmly requests priests, equipped with the appropriate faculties to hear confessions, to make themselves available, with a ready and generous spirit, for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance.

This Decree is valid for the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary.

Given in Rome, at the Seat of the Apostolic Penitentiary, on 15 June 2023.

Mauro Card. Piacenza
Major Penitentiary



Day of Prayer for Grandparents & the Elderly July 23rd at 8:30 & 10:30 Masses

This year our annual celebration on the Sunday closest to the Feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, the Grandparents of Jesus is July 23rd.

We invite you to:

- ◆ Bring a picture of your deceased Grandparents/ Elderly. Please place your picture on the table in front of St. Joseph Altar and remember to take it home with you after mass.
- ◆ Grandchildren invite your Grandparents or elderly mentors to the Sunday 8:30 or 10:30 Mass July 23.
- ◆ Before the final Blessing a **Special Blessing** will be offered for all **Elderly and Grandparents** in our parish.
- ◆ Join us after both Masses for refreshments. Please check out the link below for the Novena of Sts. Anne & Joachim for Faith and Perseverance.

<https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/upload/nfp-sts-anne-joachim-novena.pdf>

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PUBLIC VIEWING TIMES The exhibit is open to the public. Bring your family and friends!

DATES TIMES

Sun July 23—7:30am - 5:30pm

Mon July 24 through Sat July 29—7:00am—7:00pm

Sun July 30—7:30am - 5:30pm

Mon July 31 through Sat August 5—7:00am - 7:00pm

First Friday, August 4 following the 7:30 am Daily Mass the Monstrance will be placed on the Main Altar in Church with the Most Blessed Sacrament exposed from 8am– 7pm. Adorers are needed, please sign up, using the parish website OLGCC.net. Click on the Home Page [Adoration tab](#).

All other times visiting the Exhibit we invite you to end your Eucharistic Miracles experience with a visit upstairs to the Church to be with the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle.

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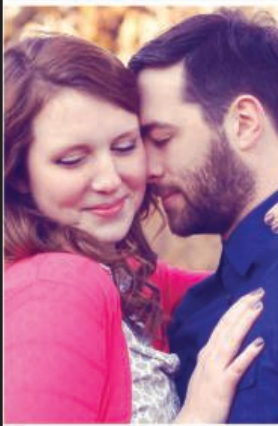
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