



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

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

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary



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

Dolores Sebasto, Vice President

609-882-5085

Social Services James Gambino

609-818-1708

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2023
5:00 PM Daniel N. DeFrancesco
& Intentions of Pat Vetter
r/o David & Donna Collins

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023
8:30 AM **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

MONDAY, JULY 31, 2023
7:30 AM John & Margaret Chadwick

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023
7:30 AM Robert Arcadipane (Anniv)
r/o Wife, Mary

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2023
7:30 AM Intentions of Philip
r/o Claude & Mary Anne Le Gall

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2023
7:30 AM For the People of the Parish

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 2023 First Friday
7:30 AM Healing Intentions of Kathleen Siskin
r/o Holly Taburas
Adoration 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2023 First Saturday
8:00 AM Special Intention
5:00 PM Intentions of Steven Francis Frederick Szmuto
r/o Mom and Dad
Joseph Sliwinski r/o Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023
8:30 AM **18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
M/M William Meagher r/o Faherty Family

10:30 AM Frederick Baker r/o Family
Intentions of Diane H. Medwick r/o Husband, Paul

Readers

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5
5:00 PM Jackie Crane
SUNDAY, AUGUST 6
8:30 AM Keri Wilkes
10:30 AM Maggie Masterson

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5
5:00 PM Joyce Christensen
SUNDAY, AUGUST 6
8:30 AM Laura Shea
10:30 AM Tony Jones

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5
5:00 PM James Gummel
SUNDAY, AUGUST 6
8:30 AM Brayden Spina, Daniel Wilkes
10:30 AM Dylan Rutkowski, Ryan Spina

News & Events

Wednesday, Aug 2, The **Senior Club** will have its **annual picnic** at **11 am** in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$5 each for members. Please remember to bring the side dish that you signed up for or call Mary Pat Voorhees if you forgot what it was at 570-290-2373. See you there!



Saturday, Aug 5, Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass. **Reconciliation** 4:00-4:30 p.m.



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, Phil Glaser, 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 Niranjana, 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.

COLLECTION REPORT

Registered Parish Families	688
Parishioners using envelopes	119
Envelope Contributions	\$2,755.00
Average Contribution	\$23.15
Loose Cash	\$500.00
Total Contributions July 16th	\$3,255.00

Thank you for your generosity!



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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 3:5,7-12; Ps 119:57,72,76-77,127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

*Give your servant, therefore,
an understanding heart
to judge your people and
to distinguish right from wrong. (1 Kgs 3:9a)*

King Solomon was a just a boy, when God chose him to succeed David as King of Israel. Recognizing his own human limitations, Solomon asked God for wisdom so that he could rule well. The Lord, pleased with this, granted his request. Despite Solomon's later imperfections, I believe that we would wish that leaders today would follow this noble example and desire, rather than use their offices to further selfish aims.

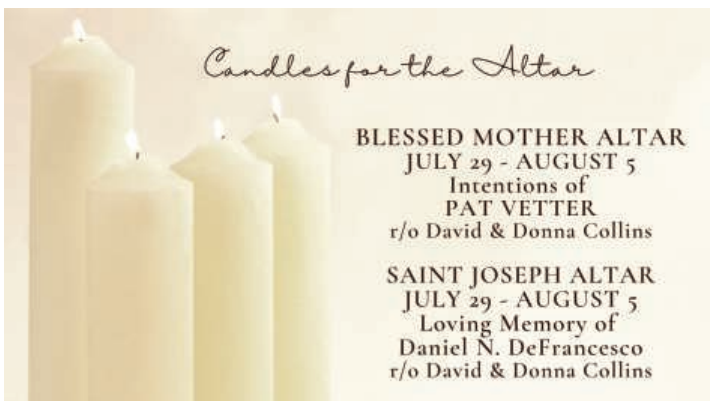
What do we desire in life? Do we yearn for leisure and material gain: the big mansion, the fancy car, or unbridled wealth to satisfy our every whim? Or do we seek the wisdom to lead lives of faith, integrity, honor, justice, and compassion?

In today's Gospel, Jesus likens the kingdom of heaven to the merchant of fine pearls who sells all that he has when he finds that pearl of great price. As true disciples of Christ, do we strive to follow Jesus in all of his teachings? We cannot muddle apathetically as selective adherents to the Word, embracing only those parts of the Gospel that we can accept with comfort and ease.

It is our duty, joy, and privilege, if we truly accept Christ into our hearts, to devote ourselves utterly to his will, to become humble servants, striving to spread the Good News to all. Christianity is not limited to Sunday mornings in the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy — no matter how sacred that time may be. Christianity also means living each day as instruments of Christ's salvific mission — strengthened by the fruits of his Paschal Sacrifice to empower others through the Gospel. Discipleship is not easy, but then, obtaining anything of enduring value is never easy. That is what makes it precious — the pearl of great price. As Saint Paul tells us:

We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. (Rom 8:28)

Deacon Steve Szmuto



II Caitlin Lally (OLGCC) & Richard Deuschle



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.



Coins for Charity



Containers will be placed at all entrances to the Church next weekend, August 5/6 for your donations. Also, please continue to place your Marrazzo receipts in the baskets at the three entrances to the church.

Your generosity is appreciated!



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



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!





GREETERS MINISTRY

...I was a stranger and you welcomed me

Matthew 25:35

The mission of the Greeter Ministry is to make everyone, whether a regular parishioner or a new member, feel like they are part of a warm and welcoming community. All who walk through the doors of our church come with a different background, but we all share a common desire to celebrate the Eucharist and a thirst for God's love. By volunteering for this ministry you will have the important role of sharing the love of God and instilling the thought that "I can be loved and accepted here" into everyone who attends Mass. Please prayerfully consider joining our ministry and help create a more welcoming atmosphere in our church community.

If you are interested in joining our ministry, email: OLGCCHospitality@gmail.com and we will send you a link to sign up for your preferred Mass time via Sign Up Genius.

Peace begins with a smile - Mother Teresa



MARYS OF MARY

Please join The Marys of Mary for Mass at 7:30 am followed by the rosary on the following days in August:

- August 2-Feast of Our Lady of Angels
- August 5- Feast of Dedication of St. Mary Major Basilica
- August 15-Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day)
- August 22-Memorial of the Queenship of Mary

A wonderful way to honor Our Lord's Mother



Eucharistic Adoration

**~ First Friday Adoration ~
August 4th
8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Our First Friday Adoration August 4th falls in conjunction with the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit.

We invite you to be a part of this wonderful spiritual opportunity. Set aside some time to visit the Exhibit and end at the Source and Summit of our faith, the Most Blessed Sacrament, exposed in the Monstrance on our Main Altar in Church.

Adoration—Sign up sheets are in the Church Vestibule to designate a time when you can attend. You may also sign up online at olgcc.net click on Adoration on top menu bar, Click on the flyer and you will be in the sign up area. Simply pick a time slot and you will be prompted to fill in your information. Don't like doing things on line then please call our Chairperson, Denise Hayes at 908-242-2183 she will gladly help you sign up.

Come aside and rest a while with the Lord.

*He is truly present in the
Most Blessed Sacrament.*

Our Lady of Good Counsel—Parish Hall—COME ONE COME ALL!

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DID YOU KNOW?

With a smart phone you can have an audio tour of the Exhibit by scanning the QR code located on each panel.



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

DATES TIMES

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 for Adoration 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.

Come aside and rest with Jesus truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

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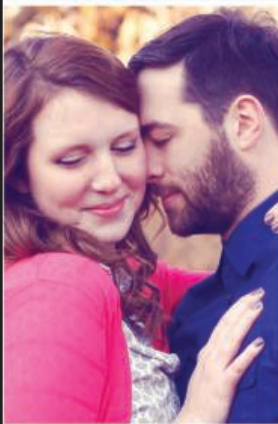
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