



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:

Monday-Wednesday Debbie Smith

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14th Sunday in Ordinary time



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M–F 9AM to 3PM

Religious Education—Brenda O'Callaghan, CRE

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609-883-9005

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609-731-4542

Adult Faith Formation/RCIA

Deacon Steve Szmuto

609-947-0587

Altar Mary Pat Voorhees

570-290-2373

Consolation Ministry Mary Szmuto

609-882-3277x3

Infant Baptism Mary Szmuto

609-847-0796

Liturgical Ministers Mary Szmuto

609-882-3277x3

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609-883-7620

Music Ministry Deirdre Hindley

609-882-3215

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570-290-2373

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609-882-5085

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	JULY 6, 2024 Gertrude & John Dolton r/o Helen Marie Bernadine Medwick r/o M/M Nick Solimando
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	JULY 7, 2024 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Robert W. Cook r/o Wife, Patricia Rocco Zangrilli r/o Cristina Zeppieri & Family
10:30 AM	Intentions of Joanne Sebetic r/o Elaine Palatine People of the Parish
MONDAY, 7:30 AM	JULY 8, 2024 Angelo Lucidi r/o M/M Michael Coiante Bernadine Medwick r/o Rose Ferri
TUESDAY, 7:30 AM	JULY 9, 2024 Intentions of Bobbie & Ariel Arcadipane r/o Mom
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM	JULY 10, 2024 Mary Ann Hranek r/o Nancy & James Hranek For deliverance of Souls in Purgatory
THURSDAY, 7:30 AM	JULY 11, 2024 Michael Dempster r/o Deacon Steve & Mary Szmuto
FRIDAY, 7:30 AM	JULY 12, 2024 John "Jack" Devenney r/o Matt & Deidre Gordon
SATURDAY, 8:00 AM	JULY 13, 2024 Priest's Intention
5:00 PM	Joanne Ragazzo Fraytak r/o John & JoAnn Jaremback Michael Wilk r/o Mom & Dad
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	JULY 14, 2024 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time People of the Parish Barbara Dutko r/o Eileen Kovalsky
10:30 AM	Renato & Matilda Carabelli r/o John & JoAnn Jaremback Michael Kelly (Anniv) r/o Wife & family

NO COLLECTION REPORT—Early deadline for holiday.
See you next week. *Thank you for your generosity!*



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Readers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	JULY 13 Jackie Crane
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	JULY 14 Keri Wilkes
10:30 AM	Maggie Masterson

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	JULY 13 Ginny Evans
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	JULY 14 Laura Shea
10:30 AM	Tony Jones

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	JULY 13 Alana Collazo, James Gummel
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	JULY 14 Brayden Spina, Daniel Wilkes
10:30 AM	Ryan Spina, Sebastian Reyes

News & Events



Containers are at each door this week-end, July 6-7 for Coins for Charity.
Thanks for your support.

Wednesday, July 10 The Delaware Valley Radio Assoc. will meet in the Parish Hall at 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 13 The Delaware Valley Radio Assoc. will meet in the Parish Hall at 9:30 a.m.
Saturday, July 14, 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, Erin Barbato, Col. Gabriel Beck, Christina Beck, Rosemarie Buker, Richard Cook, Joseph and Marilyn Dablewski, Sarah Dowd, 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, Wayne Lecato, Laura Lynch, Kevin Mattis, Kevin McBride, Keith Mello, Joan Moore, Marie Muscente, Kim Nash, Angelika Niranjan, Debbie Paterson, Carol Perrine, Dominic Petito, Jennifer Andres, Gadiel Quiroga, Lucy Saganowski, Vincent Schnell, G. Welly Samuels, Debbie Sattler, Gregory Schafer, Steve Schmierer, Dolores Sebasto, Kristy Shanahan, Linda Solinski, Brenda Thornley, Erin Cahill Wetzell, Stanley Wrobel and all parishioners who are sick or homebound.

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.

Do not doubt
the Prophet.

Reflections

July 7, 2024 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 2: 2-5

2 Corinthians 12: 7-10

Mark 6: 1-6

"Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you."

(Ezekiel 2: 4a)

Pity the poor prophets! Sent by God to challenge His people, they were met with derision, ridicule and even bodily harm. Why? Perhaps because they were neither tactful nor diplomatic, posing a threat to the established order. They told people not what they wanted to hear, but what they *needed* to hear. Perhaps too, the prophets did not fit the image of one who had the "right" to challenge the people to greater holiness.

Consider the response to Jesus as he taught in his own synagogue. The audience took offense, "Is he not the carpenter . . . ?" It was as if his message was less valid simply because they knew him as the son of Mary, one of their own who grew up in their midst. Does the message depend upon the nature of the messenger? Apparently it does! After all, what good could come from the lips of a carpenter? Once a carpenter, always a carpenter! To them, perception was reality; Jesus' words were lost upon them.

This phenomenon is not unique to biblical times. Consider today how we are drawn to the exotic or mysterious, how often we place more credence in those we do not know. The cult of celebrity trumps the virtues of honor, decency and integrity. Image is everything; perception is reality; and nothing is truly real.

At other times, the message is rejected because it runs counter to what is convenient, popular, or even what we know inwardly is right and proper. Few are immune to the appeal of sensation. The most telling phrase for many is when we say, "I consider myself to be a good Catholic . . . BUT!" We then go on to disparage the Gospel message of thus and so as written for a different time and place, with no particular relevance in today's "enlightened" society. This is not to deny the importance of a rightly formed personal conscience, but it is incumbent upon each of us – if we are to remain faithful Catholics – to accept the sacred teachings of the Church.

For example, the Church's teaching on abortion is one where many people – particularly politicians seeking to pander to the broadest elements of American culture – parse words carefully, proclaiming personal abhorrence of the practice, while "respecting" the views of abortion advocates under the euphemistic banner of "personal choice." In these and other life issues, choice, and individual freedom at any price, is seen as a worthy end in itself, rather than as the genesis of the freedom to pursue the divinely-ordered moral good.

The prophets of the Scriptures, and the Gospel message of Jesus Christ, point to the eternal truths of salvation. Today, the voice of the Church, carrying on the mission of Our Lord, continues to speak to those eternal realities that transcend the vagaries and whims of contemporary society. Let us pray that the Good News is heard above the din of popular culture so that all men and women can grow forth in faith and fidelity to the promise of the Heavenly Kingdom.

"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own home."
(Mark 6: 4)

Deacon Steve Szmuto

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Parents are asked to reregister their children on or before the last class each year. Re-registration forms are available online or email: Brenda O'Callahan, CRE at: olgcre.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.



*Food Donations ~
Are you able
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Hunger never takes a vacation. All our charities are low on food. Please leave donations in the Parish hall on the tables provided. Donations may include non-perishable food, gently used clothing and accessories, baby, small household, and personal care items. There is a freezer for frozen items and food trays for Freeze-A-Meals next to the Kitchen. Please grab a tray and share a meal with the poor.

Thank you and God Bless you for your support!



BECOMING CATHOLIC

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation

Have you been called by Jesus Christ to the fullness of the faith – the Catholic Church?

If you or someone you know are interested in becoming Catholic, or completing their Sacraments of Initiation – those never baptized; those baptized in other Christian denominations; or those baptized Catholic, but never confirmed or formed in the faith – call or text Deacon Steve at 609-947-0587 or email at deaconstevensmutko@gmail.com to set up an informal and confidential conversation and start the process.



ANNUAL DIOCESAN MISSION CO-OP PLAN

AUGUST 24-25

We will welcome Father PJ Alindogan, Director of Missions, Diocese of Trenton, August, 24-25.

Father PJ will speak to us about the Missionary works

of the diocese and how we may help on the weekend of August 24-25. I know I can count on your generous support.

Sincerely in Christ, Father Ariel



OLGC Back-to-School Drive

*Help a child in need
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During **July and August** we will be collecting donated school supplies and backpacks for children in grades K-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 in the Parish Hall. We will deliver all supplies collected 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!



Day of Prayer for Grandparents & the Elderly ~ July 28

The IV World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated on Sunday 28th of July. Pope Francis has chosen a line from Psalm 71 -- "**Do not cast me off in my old age**" -- as the theme for the 2024 celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Grandparent & Elderly Day of Prayer is celebrated on the Sunday closest to the Feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, the Grandparents of Jesus.

We invite you to:

- ◆ Bring a picture of your deceased Grandparents/ Elderly. Please place your picture on the table in front of St. Joseph 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 28.
- ◆ Before the final Blessing a **Special Blessing** will be offered for all **Elderly and Grandparents** in our parish.
- ◆ Join us in the Parish Hall after both Masses for some hot coffee and treats.

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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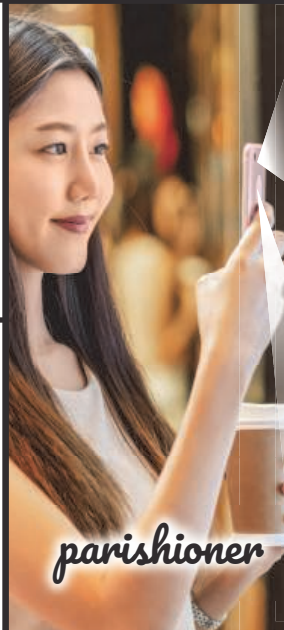


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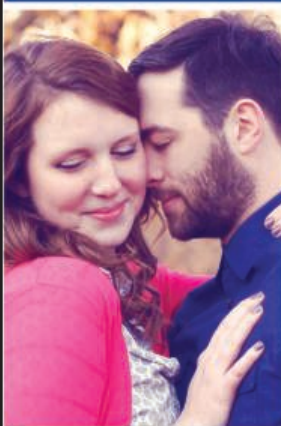
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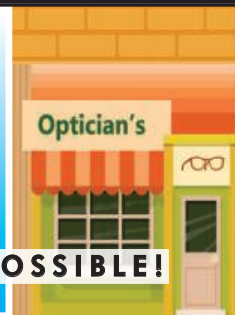
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