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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

Saturday5:00 pmSunday8:30 am10:30 amConfession:6:30 to 7:30 pmThursdays ~ Mask are still required.

Holy Days

7:30 AM, 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.

Secretary: Monday-Wednesday Debbie Smith Email: Dsmith@olgcc.net

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June 27, 2021

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Lady of Good Counsel Church 137 West Upper Ferry Road, West Trenton, N 08628

Parish Ministries & Services

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Frank Ferdetta, Grand Knight	609-883-1559	
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Our Lady of Good Counsel



SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	JUNE 26, 2021 Gloria Buttaci r/o Norman V. Buttaci Papszycki Family r/o Lorraine Papszycki
SUNDAY,	JUNE 27, 2021
8:30 AM	Mario DiFiore r/o Fred & Mary Como
10:30 AM	Frank McGraw r/o Ewing Knights of Columbus For the People of the Parish
MONDAY, 7:30 AM	JUNE 28, 2021 For the Intentions of Paul Elliott Medwick r/o Paul A. Medwick
TUESDAY, 7:30 AM	JUNE 29, 2021 Santina Lopena r/o Gabriel Calingo
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM	JUNE 30, 2021 Frank Mattis r/o Mary Arcadipane For the Intention of Monique LeGall r/o Claude & Mary Anne LeGall
THURSDAY, 7:30 AM	JULY 1, 2021 Gertrude & John Dolton r/o Helen Marie Dolton For Intention of Bob Paci r/o Bob Paci
FRIDAY, 7:30 AM	JULY 2, 2021 Special Intention
SATURDAY, 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	JULY 3, 2021 Special Intention People of the Parish
SUNDAY,	
8:30 AM	Robert W. Cook
10:30 AM	Carmine Armenti r/o Linda & Bob Spalinski



Registered Parishioners	788 families			
Parishioners using envelopes	101			
Envelope Contributions	\$2,705.00			
Average Contribution	\$26.78			
Loose Cash	\$428.00			
Contributions for June 20 th	\$3,133.00			
This weekend is the annual collection for the Holy Father.				
Please place both envelopes in the one basket.				
Thank you for your generosity.				





CALLING ALL USHERS! USHERS ARE NEEDED!

It's time to return to your ministry helping to take up the collection. We would also encourage parishioners to consider joining this ministry. Please call the rectory office to let us know if you are willing to return or join this important ministry, 609-882-3277. Leave a message with your name, phone number and the Mass time you would like to usher. Thank you!



Fr. Caesar Rubiano Farewell Mass

Sunday, June 27th the 10:30 a.m. Mass will be Father Caesar's Farewell Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Fr. Caesar reports to Holy Innocents Parish as Parochial Vicar and Chaplain at Jersey Shore Medical Center, July 1st, 2021.

Please wish Father well and pray for him as he moves to his new parish to continue his work in the Lord's vineyard. An **outside Reception will follow** under the shade trees after Mass. Thank you Fr. Caesar!

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY,	JULY 3
5:00 PM	Mary Ann LeGall
SUNDAY,	JULY 4
8:30 AM	Tom McGuire
10:30 AM	Tony Jones
	Readers
SATURDAY,	JULY 3
5:00 PM	Jackie Crane
SUNDAY,	JULY 4
8:30 AM	Laura Shea
10:30 AM	Maeve Cannon
	Altar Servers
SATURDAY	JULY 3
5:00 PM	James Gummel
SUNDAY,	JULY 4
10:30 AM	Dylan Rutkowski
	Drow

For The Sick

Pray for our Sick: Rosemarie Buker, Richard Cook, Roger Cook, Kaley Crawford, Al Gatto, Elizabeth Gervasoni, Theresa Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Marie Hegyi, Carol Lake, Kevin McBride, Keith Mello, Lorraine Metzgar, Joan Moore, Marie Muscente, Kim Nash, Angelika Niranjan, Joan Pachuta, Carol Perrine, Lucy Saganowski, Kristy Shanahan, Steve Schmierer, Lauren Szmutko, Linda Solinski, Paul Sollami 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.

The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ June 27, 2021



Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." (<u>Gospel</u>)

Edwin Longsden Long.

Deacon Steve's Reflection on the Sunday Readings June 27, 2021 – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 Responsorial Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 Reading II: 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15 Gospel: Mark 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

It has been some time since I have written my spiritual reflections for the bulletin. I would like to say that it was because of my busy schedule and other responsibilities. Since Fall 2020, it had been my privilege to teach confirmation preparation class for the young men and women in the parish as well as my normal participation in all of the Sunday masses. I could also blame the COVID 19 Pandemic and the impact on my full-time job at Drexel University. Although I did not have my normal commute to and from Philadelphia, the transition to a virtual format for all advising, events and activities took a lot more time than originally expected. After a full day at work, it was a struggle to sit in front of the screen without losing focus.

I could blame it on many things, but when it came down to it all, I had a classic case of writer's block: neither for the first time, nor probably for the last, but it certainly has been more protracted than ever before. Whenever I sat down to put

pen to paper, even after I prayed over the readings, the words either sounded as if I had written them before or just did not flow. Perhaps the Good Lord was testing my patience – a constant struggle in my life. So, rather than write something with which I was not happy, I decided to take a break, to step back from formal writing to refresh and rejuvenate my thought process and prayer life. However, there was never a time in which I did not ponder the Word of God in my heart, and with prayer and listening to the Lord, I have come to the realization that it is time to begin anew. It may take a while to realize on paper the thoughts that I form (or rather, God forms) in my heart, but one must always begin the journey with a single step and with the grace of God. Faith, and a deepening relationship with God, is always a work in progress. God is the potter; we are the clay. We must pray for each other.

It is a beautiful late spring afternoon as I sit on my deck overlooking the back forty, contemplating God's blessings and marveling at the simple beauty of His creation as I write these words. We just returned from a vacation to Dallas Texas for my nephew (my Brother Larry's son) Carl's wedding to his beloved Alexandra (Alex). Mary and I were joined by our younger daughter Eva, and our son Steven. We had not seen Steven since he relocated to Las Vegas last August to take a new position with Amazon. I was on the altar as Carl and Alex declared their love and commitment for each other. It was the first time we had met Alex in person, and she proved to be a delightful young woman. Their love for each other was obvious in their joyful anticipation, excitement, and nervousness as they begin a new chapter of their lives together as husband and wife. The gathering of friends and family reminded me of my own wedding forty-four years ago. Time passes so quickly and there have been so many changes. We reflected on family present and family absent, separated by both distance and time. Witnessing the Sacrament of Marriage is a way of renewing and pondering the sanctity of our own lives together. It is also a way of acknowledging the goodness of God's presence in our own relationship. There is a greater appreciation of the preciousness of life when God accompanies us on our journey in marriage. It is our fervent wish that they experience both the joys and the challenges of their marriage with their eyes firmly set upon God as they hold each other in intimate friendship and love. God is the source of all joy and the wellspring of healing.

The readings this weekend, the 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time, speak of the power of the Lord's power and desire to heal us of our afflictions and suffering and to restore joy in the midst of sadness. The reading from Mark's Gospel recounts two instances of suffering and healing: the daughter of Jairus and the healing of the woman afflicted by years of hemorrhages. Both are compelling examples of Jesus' great power: one, the restoration of a young woman to life; the other, the healing of a woman who had suffered from a chronic and painful affliction for years. Both healings demonstrated the power of Christ, who offered compassion in response to great faith, and restoration as a sign of God's unconditional love. What powerful illustrations of the power and compassion of the Savior, even amidst the normal goings-on of human existence! Christ is the dawn of new life. As we heard in the Responsorial Psalm: *"At nightfall, weeping enters in, but with the dawn rejoicing."*

In the first reading from the Book of Wisdom, we hear even more explicitly: "God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living For God formed man to be imperishable; the image of his own nature he made him. But by the envy of the devil, death entered the world, and they who belong to his company experience it." By the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have been saved. For those who accept him and proclaim Christ as their Lord and Savior, eternal life is given.

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As human beings, our lives are limited on this earth. Jairus' daughter, who was raised from the dead, passed from this earth at some unknown future time, as did the woman suffering from hemorrhages. Even Jesus' good friend Lazarus, restored to life after his body had been in the tomb for days, would one day pass from his earthly existence. And yet, the death of the body was not the end for them, neither is it the end for us. Through Christ, we are promised the eternal joy of God's Heavenly Kingdom. However, we do not have to wait for a glimpse of that kingdom; we have a foretaste of the goodness of the Lord and his eternal glory each time we participate in the Sacred Liturgy. Each time we celebrate the Mass, we listen to the Word of God, affirm our faith, and then, in the ultimate gift of the Eucharist, share in Christ's Precious Body and Blood. Enriched and empowered by his grace, let us go forth to bear witness to the Gospel Lord as members of the Church. We must strive to remain disciples of the Lord to all those who seek the promise of eternal life in faith, hope and love.

Deacon Steven K. Szmutko



The Diocese has put together a one-page resource for families, Faith At Home; it connects to the theme of the upcoming Sunday Liturgy. A new resource for families each week can be found on the diocesan webpage at

www.dioceseoftrenton.org/faith-at-home



YOUNG MEN INVITED TO VOCATIONS MASS, BBQ WITH BISHOP

An afternoon of discussion and camaraderie with the Diocese's shepherd and priests will take place June 29 for those discerning a call to the priesthood. Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., will celebrate Mass at 4:30 p.m. in St. John Church, Allentown, followed by a barbecue under tents on the parish property. Men ages 15 to 40 are invited to attend.

"The aim of this event is to connect with potential new discerners, as well as to foster community among our current discerners," said Father Jason Parzynski, diocesan director of vocations. "It's a great low-key event to invite someone who is hesitant or just beginning to think about the priesthood." Those seeking more information, men currently in formation and ordained clergy of the vocations team will be present at the barbecue.

"This is for those who ... want to see what it's all about – an opportunity to connect, ask questions," Father Parzynski said. "The ultimate aim is to discern God's will and to help them have the confidence to make the next choice – whether it's to enter seminary or to go another direction."

Registration is required and can be made at www.GodlsCallingYou.org, or by emailing <u>vocations@dioceseoftrenton.org</u>. St. John Church is located at 1282 Yardville Allentown Rd., Allentown.



Go to our Face Book Page for Live Streaming at: https://www.facebook.com/OlgcWestTrenton

Go to our YouTube Channel for Live Streaming at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC202YAQ0JaxQFe-biSrb5Zg

Daily Masses Monday through Saturday Live Streamed at the regular Mass times. Sunday Mass Live Stream at **10:30 A.M**.



Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles June 29, 2021



Coins for Charity Containers will be placed at all open entrances to the Church this coming weekend, July 3/4 for your donations.

Also, please continue to place your Marrazzo's receipts in the baskets at the entrances to the church. Your generosity is appreciated!

Independence Day is a Federal holiday. If July 4 is a Sunday, it is observed on Monday July 5.

Monday July 5th The Church Office is Closed.







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