



Our Lady of Good Counsel

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March 16, 2025

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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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Second Sunday of Lent



Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

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Parish Rectory & Office

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M–F 9AM to 3PM

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609-883-9005

Adoration Tom Hankinson

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

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609-882-3277x3

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609-883-7620

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609-882-3215

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570-290-2373

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	MARCH 15, 2025 Daniel DeFrancesco r/o Donna & Dave Collins Marie Wehr r/o Phil & Cathy Marchetti
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	MARCH 16, 2025 Second Sunday of Lent Sharon Zuccarello r/o Family People of the Parish Meriann G. Destribats r/o Family James A. Keenan, III r/o Keenan Family
MONDAY 7:30 AM	MARCH 17, 2025 Intentions of Deacon Steve Szmuto r/o Family Intentions of M/M Tom Voorhees r/o Family
TUESDAY 7:30 AM	MARCH 18, 2025 Poor Souls in Purgatory
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM	MARCH 19, 2025 Feast of St. Joseph Poor Souls in Purgatory
6:00 PM MERCER CO. STATION CHURCH MASS	
THURSDAY, 7:30 AM	MARCH 20, 2025 Poor Souls in Purgatory
FRIDAY, 7:30 AM	MARCH 21, 2025 Poor Souls in Purgatory
7:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
SATURDAY, 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	MARCH 22, 2025 Priest's Intention M/M James Russell r/o M/M Mike Giglio Family Special Intentions
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	MARCH 23, 2025 Third Sunday of Lent Jill Haggerty r/o Nancy Finn Edward V. Holland, Jr. r/o Hope People of the Parish Shirley O'Dowd r/o Judy Fielding r/o Keenan Family Joan Muscente r/o Aunt Marie & Family

COLLECTION REPORT

Registered Parish Families	698
Parishioners using envelopes	113
Envelope Contributions	\$2,952.00
Average Contribution	\$26.13
Loose Cash	\$829.00
Total Contributions March 9:	\$3,781.00

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Readers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	MARCH 22 Jackie Crane
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	MARCH 23 Fran Golinski Maggie Masterson

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	MARCH 22 Joyce Christensen
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	MARCH 23 Dennis Hice Tony Jones

Altar Servers

FRIDAY, 7:00 PM	MARCH 21 STATIONS of the CROSS Ryan Spina
SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	MARCH 22 Alan Colazzo, James Gummel
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	MARCH 23 Brayden Spina, Daniel Wilkes MacKaylah Yung, Sebastian Reyes

News & Events

March 15-16 Ewing Knights Diaper Drive begins.

Sunday, March 16, Adult Faith Formation will meet in the Parish Hall from 6-8:00 pm.

Monday, March 17, Religious Education Classes from 6-7:15 PM in the Parish Hall.

Tuesday, March 18 Ewing Knights of Columbus will meet in the Parish Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 19 OLGC will host the Mercer County Station Church at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, March 21 Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 22, 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, Rosalie Baldanzi, Erin Barba-to, Col. Gabriel Beck, Rosemarie Buker, Richard Cook, Marilyn Dablewski, Jack Devlin, 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, Mary Leary, Laura Lynch, Kevin Mattis, Kevin McBride, Keith Mello, Joan Moore, Marie Muscente, Kim Nash, Angelika Niranjani, Debbie Paterson, Carol Perrine, Dominic Petito, Jennifer Andres, Gadiel Quiriga, Lucy Saganowski, Vincent Schnell, G. Welly Samuels, Debbie Sattler, Gregory Schafer, Steve and Pamela Schmierer, Dolores Sebasto, Kristy Shanahan, Linda Solinski, Dorothy Stanley, Brenda Thornley, Erin Cahill Wetzell, Peter Wojciechowski, 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.

Reflection

Reading I: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Responsorial Psalm: 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14

Reading II: Philippians 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

*"And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of [Jesus'] exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem."
(Luke 9: 30-31)*



Jerusalem. There could be no resurrection without passion and death, no glory without sacrifice, no salvation without Jesus' submission to our Heavenly Father.

The entirety of Luke's Gospel points to Jesus' departure in Jerusalem; his entire life – teachings, healings, ministry – are given shape and meaning through his redemptive sacrifice. Were Jesus to turn aside from that path to Jerusalem, there would be no salvation; his ultimate sacrifice of Good Friday gave shape to the manifestation of his Easter glory. As he submitted to the Father, so we are called to submission in the Gospel message.

As with matters of everyday life, the Transfiguration account reminds us that any journey requires sacrifice; just as Jesus had to travel the road to Jerusalem, so too we must share in that journey. And so, in Lent, we prepare for Easter glory by doing the things that we must: prayer, repentance and preparation. Each time we share in the Eucharistic celebration, we join in intimate relationship with God and take the journey of faith that we must in order to share in the loving embrace of Christ's resurrected glory.

"This is my chosen Son; listen to him." (Luke 9: 35b)

Deacon Steve Szmuto



**March 19th is the
Feast of
Saint Joseph—Spouse of
the Blessed Virgin Mary**

A humble carpenter from Nazareth was the support and guardian of the divine Child and His Virgin Mother on earth.

He is now honored above all other men as the personification of the dignity of the manual laborer and the provident guardian of the worker's family.

Happy Feast Day St. Joseph

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 609-882-3277x3 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.

**Candles at the Blessed Mother Altar
March 15–22**

For the Intentions of: Marie Muscente
r/o Daughter, Carol

For the Intentions of: Marie Grimm





Penitential Rite (Second Sunday of Lent – March 15)
Amanda, March 16 Leah, Thomas)

The Penitential Rite serves to mark the Lenten purification of baptized but uncatechized adults who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist, or to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church. It is similar to, but separate from, the three Scrutinies for catechumens. Its celebration is part of the final preparation for the sacrament and presumes that the candidates are approaching the maturity of faith and understanding requisite or fuller life in the community.

Please keep our Candidates, **Leah Alabrè, Thomas O'Neal, and Amanda Nicole Duspiva** in your prayers that they experience love and mercy as they continue on their journey to the fullness of faith. Deacon Steve



Ewing Knights of Columbus Diaper Drive to benefit Choice One, March 15-16 and March 22-23.

You may bring your gifts to any mass those two weekends. **Please leave items in the Parish Hall on or under the tables marked "Diaper Drive."** Diapers, wipes, onesies and gift cards are most needed. New baby items, Bibs, Blankets, bottles, pacifiers, shampoo, brushes and combs are also requested. Gifts do not need to be wrapped. Gift Cards may be placed in the weekly collection basket in an envelope marked "Diaper Drive" or you may drop them off to the Rectory during business hours M-F 9-3:00. **Thank you for support!**

MERCER COUNTY LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

Every year, the Churches in Mercer County offer a Mass for the county and invite all to participate. As we move from church to church we can imagine the thousands of people who have journeyed to these churches and made holy the ground on which they are rooted. Journey with us this week:

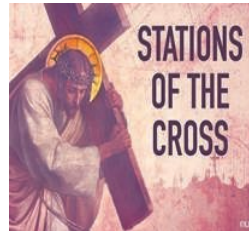
Monday, March 17 ~ St. Raphael (7:00 PM)~ 3500
 South Broad Street Hamilton

Wednesday, March 19 ~ Our Lady of Good Counsel (6:00 PM)

Thursday, March 20 ~ St. Anthony (7:00 PM)
 626 S Olden Ave, Trenton Confessions 6:30

For a complete schedule go to olgcc.net and select LENT from top menu then click on Station Churches.

We are the host parish this Wednesday!



Friday 7:00 p.m.

We will meet every Friday throughout Lent for Stations of the Cross.



Calling all Youth!
 We are in search of volunteers who would like to lead a Station of the Cross on Friday, **April 4th at 7 pm.**

Open to all parish youth. We will pray the Stations with The Way of the Cross for Children.

If you can help -
Please RVSP to
nfinn1121@gmail.com



**FRIDAY
 APRIL 4,
 7:00PM**

Come pray with us.



**HELP IS NEEDED!
 FRIDAY, APRIL 4TH**

Friday evening following our Youth Stations of the Cross we will meet in the Parish Hall to stuff the Easter Eggs for our Parish Easter Egg Hunt. This is the perfect opportunity for Confirmation Students to earn their necessary service hours. Adults are most welcome. For more information please contact Joyce Christensen at **609-651-0466.**



The Community of Parishes
Lenten Penance Service
Saturday, April 5
10:00 AM
Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

Priest from all three parishes
will be available for
Confessions.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2025

Your Gift Makes a Difference

Our Parish Goal & How We Can Reach It

The Diocese has set parish goals reflecting both overall needs and the offertory income of each parish. For Our Lady of Good Counsel, our goal for 2025 is \$24,000. We are optimistic about meeting this challenge, as we have consistently witnessed our parish community demonstrating faith and generosity to support the Church's needs.

Maximizing Our Parish Benefits

By working together to reach and surpass our goal, we not only support the vital ministries of the Diocese but also receive direct benefits for our parish:
100% Rebate on all funds raised beyond our goal
5% Rebate of the goal (\$1,200) if we increase our donor participation by 5% (just 9 more donors than last year)

5% Rebate of the goal (\$1,200) if we meet our pledge goal by July 31, 2025

While the rebate structure has changed, our collective generosity ensures that Our Lady of Good Counsel remains a thriving parish, strengthened by the blessings we share with others.

Your Gift Makes a Difference

Through the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal, we answer Christ's call to "love one another as I have loved you" (John 13:34). Your support brings hope, care, and Christ's love to thousands across the Diocese of Trenton. Together, we can reach those in need, strengthen families, and transform lives.

2025 Annual Catholic Appeal Progress Report:

Goal: \$24,000.00

Pledged: \$6,932.00 (29% of goal)

Paid: \$6,444.50 (27% to goal)

Total Donors: 40

Total Gifts: 46

Average Gift: \$150.70

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John Villella

*Eternal rest grant unto
him, O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine
upon him. Amen.*

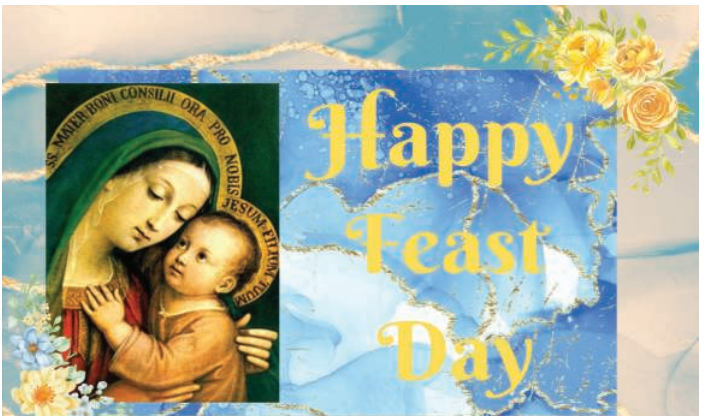
40 Cans for Lent

Our Social Services Committee invites everyone to participate. Please leave your donated cans of fruit, low-salt soup, or vegetables in the designated area in our Church Hall. Thank you for your generosity.



DAY OF PRAYER FOR WOMEN ~ OASIS ~

sponsored by the Religious Teachers Filippini, will take place on **Saturday, April 5th** between 9:30 AM and 3:00 PM at Villa Walsh. Please send a Registration Fee of \$15 p.p., payable to Villa Walsh. Mail Payment to: Sr. Patricia Martin, MPF, Villa Walsh, 455 Western Ave. Morristown, NJ 07960 include your name, address, phone. For more information, call Sr. Alice at 732-238-9222. Includes: Mass, Reconciliation, Rosary/Stations & Adoration. (Outdoor Stations) bring your own brown bag lunch, drinks provided, Handicapped accessible. Gift Shop onsite. *Come aside and rest with the Lord.*



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Parish Feast Day ~ April 28, 2025

10:30 Mass

Marian Procession

Catered Dinner (by Sal deForte) Parish Hall

**You may begin donating items to the Tricky Tray
in the Parish Hall on the designated table.**

**Tickets will be sold after all Masses beginning
March 22-23 through April 12-13**

**\$15 adult, \$5 ages 6-18
5 & under Free**



**FAMILY DAY
FUN!**



FAMILY MASS & EASTER EGG HUNT

**THE OLGC ANNUAL EASTER EGG
HUNT WILL BEGIN WITH
A SPECIAL BLESSING OF THE
CHILDREN AT
10:30 MASS**

DATE: APRIL 6, 2025

**ALL FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN 10
AND UNDER ARE ENCOURAGED
TO JOIN US AT MASS
FOLLOWED BY
THE EASTER EGG HUNT
ON THE PARISH GROUNDS**

**Volunteers are needed
Contact Joyce Christensen
609-651-0466**

**Inclement weather the
hunt will be held in the
Church Hall.**



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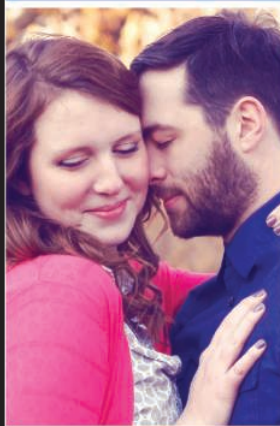
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