



# 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  
3:00 pm

Registration: All parishioners should be  
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## Fifth Sunday of Lent



**Our Lady of Good Counsel Church**  
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## Mass Intentions

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>MARCH 16, 2024</b> Mary DeCandido r/o Debbie & Family Intentions of Mary Pat Voorhees r/o Family
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM	<b>MARCH 17, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> Sharon Zuccarello r/o Family People of the Parish
10:30 AM	Intentions of Deacon Steve Szmuto r/o Family Mary Ann Prunetti r/o Gail Palatine
<b>MONDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>MARCH 18 2024</b> Joseph Carret r/o Claude & Mary Anne LeGall
<b>TUESDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>MARCH 19, 2024 St. Joseph</b> Intentions of Mary & Frank Pinto r/o Hope Holland
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>MARCH 20, 2024</b> Eva Ungrady r/o Ungrady Family
<b>THURSDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>MARCH 21, 2024</b> M/M James Russell r/o Eileen & Michael Giglio Emory & Joan Ungrady r/o Family
<b>FRIDAY,</b> 7:30 AM 7:00 PM	<b>MARCH 22, 2024</b> Intentions of Mary Szmuto r/o Family <b>Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>SATURDAY,</b> 8:00 AM	<b>MARCH 23, 2024</b> Priest's Intention
5:00 PM	Marie & William Dolton r/o Helen Marie Dolton
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM	<b>MARCH 24, 2024 Palm Sunday</b> John Robert Hartmann, Sr. r/o Evelyn Miraglia People of the Parish
10:30 AM	Rocco Zangrilli r/o M/M Achille DiLiberio

## Readers

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>MARCH 23</b> Sherri Calderone, Jackie Crane
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30AM 10:30 AM	<b>MARCH 24</b> Laura Shea, Keri Wilkes Maggie Masterson, Maeve Cannon

## Eucharistic Ministers

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>MARCH 23</b> Joyce Christensen, Ginny Evans
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	<b>MARCH 24</b> Danny Morales, Dennis Hice Tony Jones, Mary Anne LeGall

## Altar Servers

<b>FRIDAY,</b> 7:00 PM	<b>MARCH 22 Stations of the Cross</b> Daniel Wilkes, Liz Baron
<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>MARCH 23</b> James Gummel
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	<b>MARCH 24</b> Daniel Wilkes, Liz Baron Dylan Rutkowski

## News & Events

**Sunday, March 17,** RCIA will meet at 11:30 am in Parish Hall. Religious Ed Gr 8 will meet at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

**Monday, March 18,** Religious Education Classes Lenten Confessions 6-7:15 pm.

**Tuesday, March 19,** Ewing Knights of Columbus will meet in Parish Hall at 7:00 PM.

**Thursday, March 21,** Good News Sunday Scripture Study. We meet in the Opdenacker Room at 7:00 PM and on Friday morning at 10:00 AM. All are welcome.

**Friday, March 22,** 5:30 pm **Soup**, 6 pm **Spiritual Talk** 7 pm **Stations of the Cross**.

**Saturday, March 23,** Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass. **Reconciliation** 4:00-4:30 PM. Last opportunity before Lent for confession.

## CHURCH SUPPORT

### COLLECTION REPORT

Registered Parish Families	688
Parishioners using envelopes	111
Envelope Contributions	\$2,287.00
Average Contribution	\$20.60
Loose Cash	\$595.00
Total Contributions March 10th:	\$2,882.00

The annual **collection for Catholic Relief** amounted to \$443.00. **Thank you for your generosity.**

### Pray for our Sick:

Kevin Baker, Mitzi Baker, Erin Barbato, Col. Gabriel Beck, Christina Beck, Rosemarie Buker, Richard Cook, Sarah Dowd, Al Gatto, Leo Genovesi, Brian Gershon, Phil Glaser, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Theresa Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Eileen and 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, 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, Deacon Steve Szmuto, Brenda Thornley, Erin Cahill Wetzal, Cherylann Wilson, 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.

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**Reflections on This Sunday's Readings**  
**March 17, 2024 – Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
Jeremiah 31: 31-34   Psalms 51   Hebrews 5: 7-9  
John 12: 20-33

*"A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me."  
 (Psalm 51: 12)*

As our Lenten journey enters its final weeks, the promise of a new covenant with God, one written upon the hearts of His people, foreshadows the Paschal Mystery of forgiveness and we pray for renewal and restoration.

Our Lord Jesus Christ. God reaches out to us in love and

The first reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah reminds us that God's law will be imprinted upon the hearts of men and women. The change of heart will manifest itself in a new covenant of love and obedience. Tradition has held that this prophecy is fulfilled through the personal sacrifice of the spotless lamb; through the blood of Christ, man's sins are forgiven and the Holy Spirit enters the hearts of all believers, all those who proclaim Christ as their Lord and Redeemer.

Jesus Christ ever remains the focus of our history. In John's Gospel, Jesus tells of the time of fulfillment and of what must occur to establish this new covenant:

*"Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."  
 (John 12: 23b-24)*

Throughout the Gospel reading, the theme of the cross and resurrection remind us of the need for Christ's ultimate sacrifice to establish the new covenant. The time has come!

*"Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself."  
 (John 12: 31-32)*

Salvation comes not from our own efforts, but as a gift from God, paid with the blood of the cross. By his death and resurrection, Christ conquered sin. By his obedience to the will of the Father, Jesus became the source of eternal salvation for all who accept him as their savior. As we journey toward the bright promise of Easter, let us follow Jesus in humble obedience, so that we too might have eternal life in the new covenant of faith.

Deacon Steven K. Szmuto



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**  
**OUR BISHOP IS COMING!**

We are pleased to share we will welcome our Bishop, **MOST REVEREND DAVID M. O'CONNELL, C.M.** to OLGCC to celebrate the **Easter Vigil Mass.**

**7:30 PM, Easter Vigil Mass, March 30th**

We encourage all parishioners to come and join in the Easter Vigil Liturgy commemorating The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ with our Bishop. Our Religious Education Students will move the rock of the tomb away to show all that Christ is not there, He is Risen!

**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.

## MARCH 17TH ~ FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



### LENTEN STATION CHURCHES

**A Lenten pilgrimage takes us to Holy Ground**, the Station Churches, are located here in our County. Join fellow pilgrims by visiting the designated Churches for a Lenten evening Mass. For the complete schedule please go to our webpage [www.OLGCC.net](http://www.OLGCC.net) click on **Lent** on the top menu bar. Come to all or as many as you are able to attend.

#### This week's Churches:

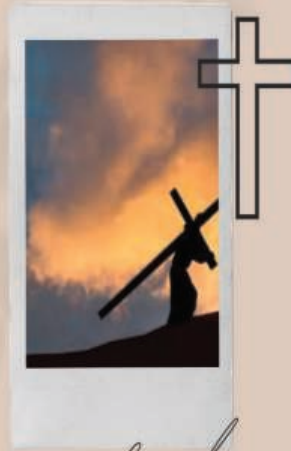
The purpose of the Station Churches is to provide an opportunity to visit some of the beautiful Churches in our area and to worship with other Catholics of Mercer County. Make this a pilgrimage part of your Lenten Journey.

**Tuesday, March 19**, Sacred Heart (7:00 PM) ~  
343 South Broad Street, Trenton

**Thursday, March 21**, St. Ann (7:00 PM) ~  
1253 Lawrence Road Lawrenceville

**Friday, March 22**, St. Raphael (7:00 PM) ~  
3500 South Broad Street, Hamilton

**Monday, March 25**, Chrism Mass (7:30 PM)  
St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral 61 Georgia Rd, Freehold



March 22nd a Special Spiritual Evening of Prayer will take place at OLGCC.

**Adult Parish**  
Volunteers are needed to Lead one Station of the Cross. Please call the Parish Office to volunteer.

*Lead a Station*  
**MARCH 22ND 7:00PM**

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### GREETERS MINISTRY

## Hello & Welcome

Would you like to say these words to fellow parishioners coming to weekend Masses?

It sounds pretty easy but it sure makes a big difference!

We need volunteers to be Greeters!

Simply come to Mass 10-15 minutes early.

Pick a door and share a smile and welcome to all.

Depending on the number of volunteers we get this could be a once a month commitment.

The Greeter Ministry is part of our Hospitality Committee.

For more information please Email  
Joyce Christensen at

[olgechospitality@gmail.com](mailto:olgechospitality@gmail.com)



### *Candles for the Altar*

BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR  
March 16-23

In Thanksgiving

SAINT JOSEPH ALTAR  
For a Special Intention



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## *Soup for the Soul* REFLECTION EVENING

FEATURING THE INFORMATIVE TALK  
**HOPE IN SUFFERING** BY DAN PALMIERI OF  
POPULAR MEDIA TEAM **JMJ MISSIONS**

**5:30 - SOUP AND FELLOWSHIP**

**6:00 - "HOPE IN SUFFERING" PRESENTATION**

**7:00 - STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Friday, March 22nd  
137 West Upper Ferry Rd, West Trenton, NJ

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### 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*



### Holy Thursday— March 28—7:30 PM Volunteers Needed!

Holy Thursday —We commemorate the Last Supper of Jesus Christ, where he washed the feet of his disciples.

Please consider participating in the **Washing of the Feet** at Mass on Holy Thursday. It is a beautiful tradition and a spiritually uplifting opportunity to connect with Our Lord as He enters into His Passion.

We are asking for adult members of the community to Volunteer to represent the Twelve Apostles.

If you can help please call the Parish Office at 609-882-3277 x3 and leave your name.



### Parish Feast Day Dinner Sunday, April 28, 12:30 P.M.

**OLGCC Feast Day Dinner - Tickets** are now on sale for \$15 per person and \$5 for children 5 to 18, 4 and under are free. Tickets will be sold in the Church Vestibule after all the Masses. Tickets may also be purchased at the Rectory. Tickets will be on sale until April 20/21. There will be Raffle, Prizes & a Tricky Tray.

**We need your help with donations for our tricky tray sale (please no clothes). A table is marked for your donations in the Parish Hall.**

Our event will be catered by Sal DeFortes. Our menu is: Garden Salad, Rigatoni Vodka, Meatballs, Chicken Marsala, Crab Crusted Tilapia, Roasted Potatoes & Green Beans.

**Please bring along a dessert to share. Sponsored by the Parish Council Hospitality Committee.**

We need volunteers please call Mary Pat Voorhees at 570-290-2373. Sing-up sheets are at all church doors.

*Hope to see you there!*



### WHY DO WE VEIL THE CRUCIFIX AND STATUES DURING LENT?

*Veils over sacred images keep our minds on the promise of Easter.*

First, The Church uses Veils to alert us of the special time that we are in. When we walk into church and notice everything is covered, we immediately know that something is different. These last two weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum and these veils are a forceful reminder to get ready.

Second, veils focus our attention on the words being said at Mass. When we listen to the Passion narrative, our senses are allowed to focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter into the scene.

Third, the Church uses veils to produce a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter Sunday. This is further actualized when you attend daily Mass and see the veils each day. You don't want them to be there because they are hiding some very beautiful images. And therein lies the whole point: the veils are not meant to be there forever. The images need to be unveiled; it is unnatural for them to be covered.

The unveiling before the Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own life on earth. We live in a "veiled" world, in exile from our true home. It is only through our own death that the veil is lifted and we are finally able to see the beauty of everything in our lives.

This Lent Our Lady of Good Counsel will be veiling the Crucifix and Statues on March 17th, the Fifth Sunday of Lent. How are you doing on your Lenten Journey?

### DAY OF PRAYER FOR WOMEN ~ OASIS ~

sponsored by the Religious Teachers Filippini, will take place on **Saturday, April 20th** 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.*

# OLGCC Has A **New Adult Single's** Group - The Community "C.O.F.F.E.E." Club

Are you an adult, 19 years or older? Single for any reason? Employed? In college? Looking for friends to do group activities consistent with living your faith in Christ?

Come check out "The Community C.O.F.F.E.E. Club" on Friday, April 5th at 7 PM in the Parish Hall.

We encourage and invite you to attend First Friday Adoration from 3 PM - 7 PM in the Church before the meeting.

Be inspired! Come and See!

More information will be available at the First Meeting!



Clip and return



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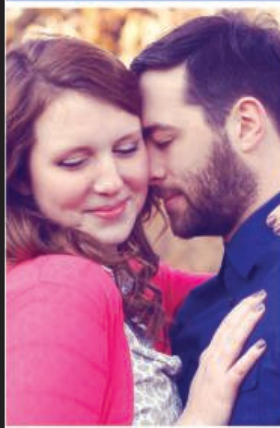


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