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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:

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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary



Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

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Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025
 5:00 PM Rev. Leon Collins
 r/o Dave & Donna Collins
 Special Intentions

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025
 8:30 AM **The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 Carmen Armenti r/o Family
 Henrietta & Ted Thomas
 r/o Elaine Palatine

10:30 AM Barbara Comaty r/o Dina Zangrilli
 People of the Parish

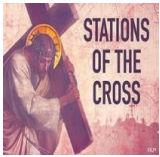
MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025
 7:30 AM Joseph Angelo D'Errico r/o Family
 Intentions of Daniel Voorhees r/o Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025
 7:30 AM Emilio DeBlasio r/o Dolores DeBlasio

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025 ASH WEDNESDAY
 7:30 AM Minnie Rabatie r/o Mary Arcadipane
 12 Noon Prayer Service and Ashes
 7:00 PM Healing of John & Lenore Adamski
 r/o Deacon Steve and Mary Szmuto

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025
 7:30 AM Poor Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2025 FIRST FRIDAY



7:30 AM John E. Kane III r/o Susan Kane

Adoration 8 am-5:00 pm

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025
 8:00 AM Priest's Intention

5:00 PM Damian Zenchak
 r/o David & Donna Collins
 Meriann Destribats r/o Elaine Palatine
 Jean Trainor r/o Daughters

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025
 8:30 AM **First Sunday of Lent**
 Tricia Elizabeth Parziale r/o Mom
 People of the Parish

10:30 AM Domenico Bernardi r/o Dina Zangrilli
 Jean Muscente r/o Barbara Kent

COLLECTION REPORT

Registered Parish Families	698
Parishioners using envelopes	118
Envelope Contributions	\$3,456.00
Average Contribution	\$29.29
Loose Cash	\$560.00
Total Contributions February 23:	\$4,016.00

The Collection for the Churches in Eastern Europe amounted to \$584.00. Thank you!

Readers

ASH WED, MARCH 5
 7:30 AM Mary Ann LeGall
 7:00 PM Maeve Cannon

SATURDAY, MARCH 8
 5:00 PM Chaya Colazzo

SUNDAY, MARCH 9
 8:30 AM Laura Shea
 10:30 AM Religious Education Students

Eucharistic Ministers

ASH WED, MARCH 5
 7:30 AM Laura Shea
 7:00 PM Mary Szmuto

SATURDAY, MARCH 8
 5:00 PM Jackie Crane

SUNDAY, MARCH 9
 8:30 AM Tom Voorhees
 10:30 AM Brenda O'Callaghan

Altar Servers

ASH WED, MARCH 5
 7:00 PM Ryan Spina

FRIDAY, MARCH 7 STATIONS
 7:00 PM Ryan Spina

SATURDAY, MARCH 8
 5:00 PM Alan Colazzo, James Gummel

SUNDAY, MARCH 8
 8:30 AM Brayden Spina
 10:30 AM Dylan Rutkowski, Ryan Spina

News & Events

March 1-2 is Coins for Charity Weekend.
Sunday, March 2, Adult Faith Formation will meet in the Parish Hall from 6-8:00 pm.
Monday, March 3, Religious Education Classes 6-7:15 PM in the Parish Hall. First Penance Practice Tuesday-Friday 5pm in Parish Hall. First Penance Saturday, March 8 at 10 am in Church.
Wednesday, March 5 Ash Wednesday. The Seniors Club will meet in the Parish Hall at 11:00 a.m. All seniors are welcome.
Masses: 7:30 am (bagels follow in Parish Hall) 7:00 pm.
 Noon Prayer Service with Ashes

Friday, March 6
 Adoration 8 am to 5 pm.
 Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm
 Community Coffee Club at 7:15 pm in the Parish Hall.

Saturday, March 8, Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass. First Penance at 10 am.
Reconciliation 4-4:30 PM.



Reflection ~ Eleonore Stump

Reading I: Sirach 27:4-7

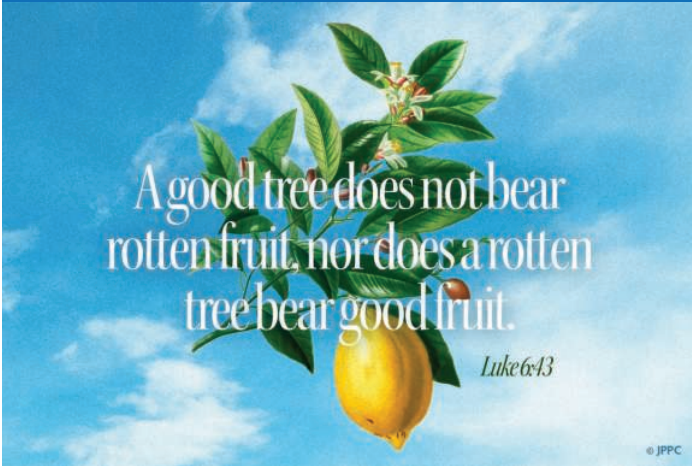
Responsorial Psalm: 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

A Good Tree is Known by Its Fruits

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus says that every tree is known by its fruit. You can tell the difference between the good and the rotten trees by their fruits, he says; but he is really talking about us. But what are the good fruits that you have to bring forth to count as a good tree?



You have mildness when you put up with a neighbor who is troublesome. They are the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Every person in whom the Holy Spirit dwells has the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Scripture lists nine fruits (see Galatians 5:22-23), but traditionally the Church has listed twelve. Here is that list:

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|----------|--------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| Love | Joy | Peace | Patience | Longsuffering |
| Goodness | Benevolence | Mildness | Fidelity | |
| Modesty | Continenence | Chastity | | |

You'll see that I have divided the twelve into three unequal parts.

The first part has five fruits that have to do with your relation to the Lord. When you are a good tree, you have the Holy Spirit indwelling in you. With the indwelling Holy Spirit, you are your beloved Lord's, and he is yours in love and joy and peace. In that loving relationship, you can also bear better the troubles of this life, and so patience and long-suffering are on the list too.

The next four fruits have to do with your attitude towards your neighbor. When you are inclined to wish the good for your neighbor, you have goodness; and when you are inclined actually to help your neighbor in good ways, you have benevolence. You have mildness when you put up with a neighbor who is troublesome, and you have fidelity when you are inclined to forego getting revenge on him when he has been unjust to you. Finally, the last three fruits have to do with your attitudes about yourself. You have modesty when you are inclined to be content even if you are not the center of everyone's attention. You have continence if you are inclined to discipline yourself with regard to morally acceptable things. You manage to get your exercise in because you got yourself to turn the TV off, for example. And you have chastity if you are inclined to discipline yourself about those things that tempt you but that are not morally acceptable.

If you have all these good fruits of the Spirit, it will be easy to recognize you as the good tree that you are!

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 Geno-vesi, Brian Gershon, Phil Glaser, Sandra Goeke, Eliza-beth Gonzalez, Theresa Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Ei-leen 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 Niranjana, Debbie Paterson, Carol Perrine, Dominic Petito, Jennifer Andres, Gadiel Qui-roga, Lucy Saganowski, Vincent Schnell, G. Welly Samuels, Debbie Sattler, Gregory Schafer, Steve and Pamela Schmierer, Dolores Sebasto, Kristy Sha-nahan, Linda Solinski, Dorothy Stanley, Brenda Thorn-ley, Erin Cahill Wetzal, Peter Wojciechowski, Stanley Wrobel and all parishioners who are sick or home-bound.

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.



Our Lady of Good
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Ash Wednesday
March 5, 2025

Schedule

7:30 am Mass

**12:00 Noon Prayer
Service with
distribution of Ashes**

7:00 pm Mass



**March 7 ~ First Friday
Adoration
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Sign-up sheets are available at all church entrances for you to choose a time to attend. Alternatively, you can register online at olgcc.net by selecting "Adoration" from the top menu bar. Click on the flyer, and you'll be directed to the sign-up area. Just select your preferred time slot and provide your information. If you prefer not to sign up online, feel free to call our Chairperson, Tom Hankinson, at 609-731-4542, and he will be happy to assist you.

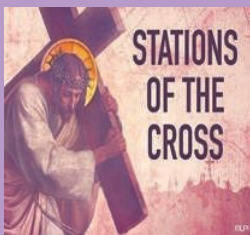
***Come aside and rest a while with the Lord.
He is truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.***



**The Community
C.O.F.F.E.E. Club**

Adults, 19 and older, are welcome to join in for conversation, faith fellowship and group activities consistent with living your faith in Christ! Come check out "**The Community C.O.F.F.E.E. Club**" **Friday, March 7th at 7:15 PM** in the Parish Hall.

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



**Starting on Friday,
March 7th, 7:00 p.m.,
we will meet every
Friday throughout Lent
for Stations of the
Cross.**

Blessings To You



**On Your First
Reconciliation**

**First Penance
March 8th 10:00 a.m.**

Our prayerful Congratulation to the young people of the parish who will receive their Sacrament of First Penance this Saturday.



March 8-9 at the 5PM & 10:30 AM Mass, we will celebrate the Rites of Calling to Continued Conversion.

Similar to what happens during the Rite of Election, parish representatives present the candidates – wishing to complete their Christian initiation and to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church. The candidates' sponsors attest that the individuals have listened to the apostles' instruction proclaimed by the Church, have come to a deeper appreciation of their baptism, have reflected sufficiently on the traditions of the Church, and have advanced in a life of love and service to others. The assembly then acknowledges they will support the candidates on their journeys, after which the Church, formally recognizes their desire to receive the sacraments.

Please greet our Candidates, **Leah Alabre, Thomas O'Neal and Amanda Nicole Duspiva** warmly and welcome them to our faith community whenever you see them! Above all, please accompany them with your prayers that they may continue to know and be transformed by the Lord's grace already at work within them.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC 2025 Appeal *Your Gift Makes a Difference*

Faith Formation

The 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal is now underway. Your support enables comprehensive faith formation programs across the diocese, nurturing spiritual growth for individuals of all ages—from children in religious education to adults seeking deeper understanding. These initiatives help our community explore, learn, and strengthen their relationship with Christ through dynamic educational opportunities. Give generously to help our entire faith community learn, grow, and develop a more profound connection with God. Make your gift online at giveaca.org

2025 Annual Catholic Appeal 1st Progress Report:

- Goal: \$24,000.00
- Pledged: \$4,162.00 (17%)
- Paid: \$2,512.00 (10%)
- Total Donors: 25
- Total Gifts: 30
- Average Gift: \$138.73



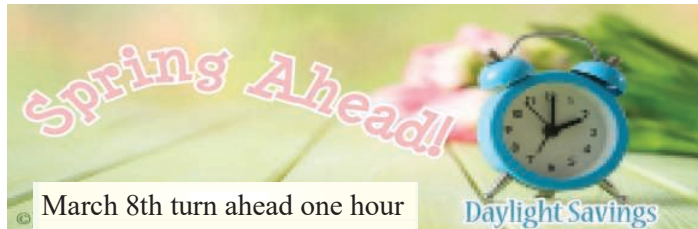
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Our Social Services Committee invites everyone to participate in this outreach program throughout the Lenten season. Instead of giving up something for Lent, consider giving out something. As Jesus fasted for 40 days and nights, we will be collecting and delivering canned goods to Mt. Carmel Guild to help with the nutritional needs of needy families in the Trenton area. The idea is to donate one canned food item for each day of Lent, or 40 cans.

Please leave your donated cans of fruit, or **low-sodium** soup, vegetables and meat (chicken, salmon, tuna), in the designated area of the Parish Hall, which we will deliver to Mount Carmel Guild after Easter.

You don't have to wait until the end of Lent to bring your donation to the Church. You may donate as often as you would like; one-can-per-day, once a week, or whenever you visit the Church. Whatever you can give is greatly appreciated. Gift cards and monetary donations are also accepted. Please place gift card in an envelope in the collection basket marked "40 Cans for Lent" or take to the Rectory Office during the week M-F from 9 AM-3:00 PM. *Thank you for your generous support!*



March 8th turn ahead one hour

Daylight Savings


FAMILY SUNDAY AND CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD—CLOW MARCH 9TH at 10:30 AM MASS.

The 2nd Sunday of the month, is dedicated to **Family Sunday** and **CLOW**. The CLOW program is designed for **children up to 7 years old**. Before the first reading, children along with a parent or adult will depart from mass to attend a class in the hall, returning after the Homily. The session will feature:

- Listening to a children's version of the Gospel
- Engaging in prayer
- Enjoying a story, song, or even acting out a skit
- Participating in a coloring page or craft activity

Family Sunday ~ Refreshments will follow in the Parish Hall. Then stay for our **FREE Family Bingo!**

Villa Victoria Academy is pleased to announce our Spring Musical 2025 is...
Once Upon A Mattress
 The shows will be performed in the VVA Theatre located at 376 W. Upper Ferry Road in Ewing, NJ.


 Friday, March 7, 2025 @ 7pm
 Saturday, March 8, 2025 @ 7pm
 Sunday, March 9, 2025 @ 2pm

Tickets are \$16. They are available at the door or online on the Villa website homepage: www.villavictoria.org

PARISH Free Bingo Day
 MARCH 9TH ~ 12:00 PM

Join us for our Bingo Extravaganza after the 10:30 Family Sunday Mass! Enjoy a delicious Continental Breakfast and then dive into an afternoon of Bingo fun with prizes and trivia. Great company and laughs await. Don't miss your chance to shout "Bingo!"
 No Shenanigans everyone is welcome!



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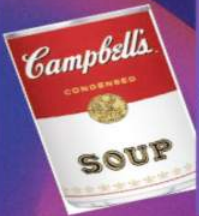
First round of bingo to be called at 12 Noon

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



RELIGIOUS ED STUDENTS

The students and catechists of the OLGC Religious Education Program extend their heartfelt gratitude for your generous donations to our "Soup-er Bowl" soup collection. We successfully gathered 768 cans of soup, exceeding last year's total by 98 cans! Thank you, parish family, for your support in helping us feed those in need!



Diaper Drive

Most Needed: Diapers, wipes, onesies and Gift Cards (take to the rectory)
Bibs, receiving blankets, bottles, pacifiers, shampoo, brushes and combs are also requested.
Gifts do not need to be wrapped.

Thank you for your support!

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March
15-16 and
22-23



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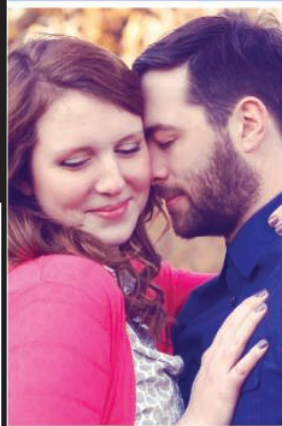
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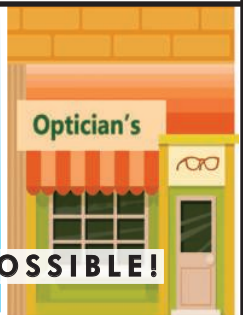
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