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OF THE  
*Lord's*  
PASSION

TRIDUUM

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PALM SUNDAY • MARCH 24, 2024

*Our Lady of Good Counsel*

Rev. Fr. Ariel Robles, Pastor

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# Our Lady of Good Counsel

## Mass Intentions

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>MARCH 23, 2024</b> 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 DiLibero
<b>MONDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>MARCH 25, 2024</b> Joseph Carret r/o Claude & Mary Anne LeGall
<b>TUESDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>MARCH 26, 2024</b> Gertrude Arcadipane r/o Mary Arcadipane
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>MARCH 27, 2024</b> Anna Adomaitis r/o Rose Cowell
 <b>THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024 Holy Thursday</b> No Morning Mass permitted 7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper Church open for reflection until 10 PM	
 <b>FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024 Good Friday</b> No Morning Mass permitted 3:00 PM Good Friday of the Lord's Passion 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross	
 <b>SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024 Holy Saturday</b> No Morning Mass permitted 7:30 PM Vigil Mass of Easter with our Bishop For the People of the Parish	
 <b>SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024 Easter Sunday</b> 8:30 AM Intentions of Kyle Lang r/o Elaine Palatine Marjorie Lynam r/o Nancy Finn 10:30 AM Helen Marie Dolton r/o Judy Fielding Nicholas Muscente, Sr. and for the Intentions of Marie Muscente r/o Daughter, Carol	

## Readers

<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> 7:30 PM	<b>MARCH 28</b> Mary Anne LeGall
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 3:00 PM	<b>MARCH 29</b> Maeve Cannon
<b>HOLY SATURDAY,</b> 7:30 PM	<b>MARCH 30 EASTER VIGIL</b> Elise Stankus
<b>EASTER SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM	<b>MARCH 31</b> Laura Shea
10:30 AM	Carol Lake

## Eucharistic Ministers

<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> 7:30 PM	<b>MARCH 28</b> Laura Shea
<b>HOLY SATURDAY,</b> 7:30 PM	<b>MARCH 30 EASTER VIGIL</b> Daniel Morales, Janet Stankus
<b>EASTER SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM	<b>MARCH 31</b> Dennis Hice, Donna Collins
10:30 AM	Tony Jones, Michael Lake

## Altar Servers

<b>HOLY THURSDAY,</b> 7:30 PM	<b>MARCH 28</b> Brayden Spina, Ryan Spina
<b>GOOD FRIDAY,</b> 3:00 PM	<b>MARCH 29 Passion of the Lord</b> Dylan Rutkowski, Brayden & Ryan Spina
<b>GOOD FRIDAY,</b> 7:00 PM	<b>MARCH 29 Stations of the Cross</b> Liz Baron, Daniel Wilkes
<b>HOLY SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>MARCH 30 EASTER VIGIL</b> Brayden Spina, Nathan Stankus, James Gummel
<b>EASTER SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM	<b>MARCH 31</b> Liz Baron, Daniel Wilkes
10:30 AM	Dylan Rutkowski, Ryan Spina

## News & Events

**Sunday, March 24,** Grade 8 Classes are closed.  
**Tuesday, March 26,** Children's Home Society Auxiliary will meet in the Parish Hall at 7:00 PM.  
**Thursday, March 28,** Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 PM. Church open for reflection until 10:00 PM.  
**Friday, March 29, Good Friday** Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 pm with Communion. Solemn Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm.  
**Saturday, March 29, Holy Saturday** Vigil Mass at 7:30 pm with Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M. There are no Confessions on Holy Saturday.

## CHURCH SUPPORT

Early bulletin deadline for Easter no collection report.  
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 is closed  
 March 28 to  
 April 1  
 For Easter



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### 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 Wetzell, 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.

**Reflections on This Sunday's Readings**

**March 24, 2024 – Palm Sunday**

**Isaiah 50: 4-7    Philippians 2: 6-11**

**Mark 14: 1 – 15:47**



"All of you will have your faith shaken, for it is written: I will strike the shepherd and the sheep will be dispersed. But after I have been raised up, I shall go before you to Galilee." (Mk 14: 27-28)

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again! In these words, we proclaim the essence of our faith. Our Lord Jesus Christ is the center of our existence: past, present and future. Yet our core beliefs can be proved neither by scientific evidence, nor by historical analysis. They are matters of faith, based upon Sacred Scripture, Tradition and the living witness of the Church.

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, a time of prayer, reflection, and commemoration of the Paschal Mystery – when the One without sin suffered and died so that all men and women might be saved. Saint Paul, in his letter to the Philippians, reminds us that salvation came not through earthly conquest, but rather through submission to the will of the Father. Jesus "humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." Redemption comes to those who accept the will of the Father through Jesus Christ.

Yet faith is not a simple thing. In Mark's dramatic account of the passion of Our Lord, Jesus warns the apostles of the challenges to their faith. Although he is the Son of God, Jesus is not spared suffering. In the garden, he prayed with the earnest passion of any man faced with the most dire threat to his existence – but ultimately, he obediently submits to the will of his Father.

"Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what you will."

(Mk 14: 36)

Faith is not easy! It is wondrous and ennobling – but it is not easy. In Jesus' darkest hour, those closest to him were scattered. And in our time, we too will witness those who fall away from the faith. Still, Jesus was not abandoned. Others – Simon of Cyrene, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, Joses and Salome, other women unnamed, and Joseph of Arimathea – stayed true to our Lord in his darkest hour. Ultimately, the apostles, all but Judas, returned to the faith and devoted their lives to Christ – testimony to his saving power. That, however, is a story for another day. The passion narrative closes with the burial of Jesus and the sealing of the tomb.

As we enter Holy Week, let us recall our Lord's great sacrifice. Fully human, his suffering and death were very real in all respects. This Thursday, we begin the Easter Triduum, the great liturgy of the Church celebrated over three days: Holy Thursday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper; Good Friday, the celebration of the Lord's Passion; and the Easter Vigil, the joy of Christ's Resurrection. Let us enter the profound depths of our Christian faith and remember the challenges of our own lives. Strengthened by this faith, we will share in the ultimate triumph of Jesus Christ over sin and death – a victory over our own mortal limitations.

*"The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame." (Isa 50: 7)*

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.

Easter Sunday at the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses our Religious Education Students will move the rock of the tomb away to show all that Christ is not there, He is Risen!

**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 609-882-3277 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.

## MARCH 24TH ~ PALM SUNDAY



Dear Parish Family,

Thank you so much for your support of our **Annual Easter Egg Hunt**. Your generosity in donating candy to fill our eggs was amazing! We were thrilled you were heartwarmingly supportive. All the children and families had a great time! Watch the website for pictures of all the fun! We would like to thank the Confirmation students and parishioners who volunteered to prepare the night before and helped during the Hunt. We could not do it without you. Thanks also to the Parish Council Hospitality Committee for the breakfast treats and coffee after 10:30 Mass. God Bless You and Thank you all, Joyce Christensen



### CHRISM MASS & Renewal of Ordination Vows

**Monday, March 25th  
7:30 PM  
St. Robert Bellarmine  
Co-Cathedral  
61 Georgia Road  
Freehold, NJ 07728  
Phone: (732) 462-7429**



Principal Celebrant  
Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.

Bishop David will celebrate Mass, during which he will bless and consecrate the oils, in St. Robert Bellarmine Church the Co-Cathedral of the Diocese of Trenton on **Monday, March 25th at 7:30 PM.**

Service will also be livestreamed on the Diocese of Trenton website: <https://dioceseoftrenton.org>

### March 29th Good Friday Liturgy



Despite Good Friday's central role in the heart of Christianity, attendance at services remains low. In an effort to change this the Ewing Knights of Columbus Council 3756 is asking as many parishioners as possible to join representatives of the Council in attending Good Friday services with their families.

#### Liturgy of the Lords Passion

Solemn Liturgical Service and Holy Communion 3:00 PM  
Solemn Stations of the Cross with Veneration 7:00 PM

*Brothers will also have Prayer Cards for Christian Refugee Relief available.*

### Holy Thursday Disciples Needed

As we draw closer to Holy Thursday, we would like to ask our parishioners to consider serving as a Disciple for Washing of the Feet during Holy Thursday Mass. This is one of the most beautiful Masses on our Liturgical calendar.

If interested, please contact the parish office at 609-882-3277 x3 or email: [olgccbulletin@proton.me](mailto:olgccbulletin@proton.me)  
Thank you for your consideration!

### Holy Week SCHEDULE

<b>Holy Thursday March 28 ~</b> Mass of the Lord's Supper Church will remain open for reflection until 10:00 PM	7:30 PM
<b>Good Friday March 29 ~</b> Solemn Liturgical Service & Holy Communion Solemn Stations of the Cross	3:00 PM 7:00 PM
<b>Holy Saturday March 30 ~</b> Vigil Mass of Easter with our Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.	7:30 PM
<b>Easter Sunday March 31 ~</b>	8:30 AM 10:30 AM



## THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL – IN ACTION!

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal Progress:

Goal: \$24,500.00

Pledged: \$7,875.00 (32% of goal) Paid: \$3,605.00 (15% to goal)

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Or please call the appeal office at: 609-403-7197. Pledge cards are available at all Church doors. Your gift helps to spread the Gospel of Jesus. See below for an example of how your donation serves those in need.

### Catholic Social Services

Diocesan Parish Counseling Services: Parishioners have access to short-term counseling (up to 6 sessions) at locations throughout the Diocese. Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Trenton developed the program. Licensed counseling professionals are available to help parishioners through difficult issues such as marital problems, raising children, eldercare, bereavement or the stress of job loss that can be successfully addressed by brief counseling support. Pastors and parish priests of the Diocese can refer parishioners to the parish counseling services.

With your generous contributions to the Annual Catholic Appeal, we can support youth and family ministries, Catholic education, vocations to the Priesthood and religious life, and the charitable works of our extended diocesan family. Pledge cards are at each Church Door. Thank you for your Pledge!



# Parish Feast Day

APRIL 28TH - 10:30 MASS

Ticket: \$15 p.p. - \$5 children 5-18,  
4 and under are free.

Tickets sold in the Church Vestibule after all  
Masses or at the Rectory until April 20/21.

There will be a Raffle, Prizes & Tricky Tray  
We need your help with donations for our tricky  
tray (please no clothes). Drop off items in  
Parish Hall on the designated table.

Catered by Sal DeForte's.

Our menu is: Garden Salad, Rigatoni Vodka,  
Meatballs, Chicken Marsala, Crab Crusted Tilapia,  
Roasted Potatoes & Green Beans.

Please bring along a dessert to share.  
Chaired by Parish Council Hospitality Committee.  
We need volunteers please call Mary Pat Voorhees  
at 570-290-2373 or Sign-up sheets are  
available at all church doors.

Hope to see you there!

# 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!



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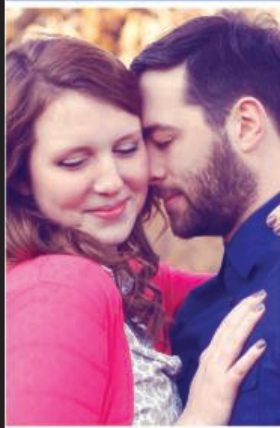


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