



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
registered. Please contact the Rectory
Office when entering or leaving the
parish.

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Third Sunday of Lent



Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	MARCH 2, 2024 Healing of Kendall Grimm r/o Marie Helen Marie Dolton r/o Stan & Joanne Sliwinski
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	MARCH 3, 2024 Third Sunday of Lent Carmen Armenti r/o Family Maureen Neville Family r/o Jack Flanagan
10:30 AM	Rocco Zangrilli r/o Dot Prunetti People of the Parish
MONDAY, 7:30 AM	MARCH 4, 2024 Intentions of Ariel & Bobbie Arcadipane r/o Mom, Mary Arcadipane
TUESDAY, 7:30 AM	MARCH 5, 2024 Minnie Rabati r/o Mary Arcadipane
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM	MARCH 6, 2024 John Hartmann r/o Dolores DeBlasio
THURSDAY, 7:30 AM	MARCH 7, 2024 Ilene Black r/o Anna Smith & Family John E. Kane, III r/o Susan T. Kane
FRIDAY, 7:30 AM 7:00 PM	MARCH 8, 2024 Karen McTamney r/o Nancy Finn Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY, 8:00 AM	MARCH 9 2024 Priest's Intention
5:00 PM	Helen Marie Dolton r/o Elaine Palatine Healing of Kendall Grimm r/o Marie Grimm
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	MARCH 10, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Lent Tricia Elizabeth Cook Parziale r/o Mom Maureen Neville r/o Jack Flanagan
10:30 AM	Jean Trainor r/o Family Charles P. Chianese r/o Judy Fielding People of the Parish



Readers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	MARCH 9 Catherine Ard
SUNDAY, 8:30AM	MARCH 10 Keri Wilkes
10:30 AM	Maeve Cannon

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	MARCH 9 Joyce Christensen, Jackie Crane
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	MARCH 10 Dennis Hice, Laura Shea
10:30 AM	Wendy Reading, Tony Jones

Altar Servers

FRIDAY, 7:00 PM	MARCH 8 Stations of the Cross James Gummel
SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	MARCH 9 Liz Baron, Daniel Wilkes
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	MARCH 10 Dylan Rutkowski, Ryan Spina
10:30 AM	

News & Events

Sunday, March 3, RCIA will meet at 11:30 am in Parish Hall. Religious Ed Gr 8 will meet at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Wednesday, March 6, Seniors Club will meet at 11AM in Parish Hall. All are invited to come see and join in the fun!

Thursday, March 7, First Communion Parent meeting at 7:30 PM in the Church.

Thursday, March 7 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 8, OLGCC will be host for the **Mercer County Mission Church ~ Mass** at 6 PM. **Stations of the Cross** at 7 PM.

Saturday, March 9, Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass.

Co-Hort 9 Community of Parishes - Lenten Penance Service at Incarnation Church at 10:00 AM. Additional Priests will be available for Confession.

First Communion Class Retreat Day in the Church at 10 AM–12 Noon.

Reconciliation 4:00-4:30 PM.

CHURCH SUPPORT

COLLECTION REPORT

Registered Parish Families	688
Parishioners using envelopes	128
Envelope Contributions	\$2,596.00
Average Contribution	\$20.28
Loose Cash	\$576.00
Total Contributions February 25th:	\$3,172.00

The Collection for **Latin America** amounted to \$603.00. Next weekend is the annual collection for **Catholic Relief**. Please place both envelopes in the one collection.

Thank you for your generosity!

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MARCH 3RD ~ THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Reflections on This Sunday's Readings
March 3, 2024 – Third Sunday in Lent
Exodus 20: 1-17 1 Corinthians 1: 22-25
John 2: 13-25

*“Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.”
(John 2: 19b)*

Today's Gospel is John's dramatic account of Jesus' cleansing of the temple. No hint of timidity here, Jesus drives out the moneychangers and others who would make his Father's house a marketplace. The reading is rich in portent, foreshadowing Jesus' death and resurrection, as well as the refocus of faith from the temple in Jerusalem to the person of Jesus Christ. As the Gospel of John was likely written after the destruction of the Jerusalem temple in 70 A.D., the image of Christ as the living Temple must have been a source of

comfort to the Jewish Christian community.

In his First Letter to the Corinthians, Saint Paul reinforces the preeminence of Christ. He contrasts the faith of the Jews, who demand signs, and Greeks, who seek wisdom, with that of Christians who “proclaim Christ crucified.” He sums up: Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

The first reading from Exodus outlines the Ten Commandments – the law by which God established the covenant with His people and the foundation for the Jewish faith ultimately centered in the Jerusalem temple. However, the true focus of the Christian faith is neither in buildings of stone, nor in the academic pursuit of abstract principles. Rather, it is an intensely personal faith, one centered in our Savior, Jesus Christ. He is the fulfillment of the law and the source of our redemption.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us place our lives in the hands of our Heavenly Father through the saving power of Jesus Christ. His love for us is abundant and He desires us to draw near to Him in return.

“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.” (John 3: 16)

Steven K. Szmuto

Annual Catholic Appeal Kick Off Weekend

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL KICK OFF WEEKEND ~ MARCH 2-3, 2024

This weekend is our 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal Kick Off Weekend. Each year the diocese seeks the support of all of the members of the Diocese to further the work of their ministries. Each of us has a vital part in all we do in Christ's name, and each of us can share in all we do with a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. When we make a gift to the appeal we follow the command of Christ to Go Teach with every fiber of our lives.

This year our OLGCC Goal is \$24,500.00

As a reminder last year we reached our Parish Goal! OLGCC parish received a rebate check in the amount of **\$4,995.00**. This rebate represents 15% of donations at Parish Goal & 50% rebate for all donations received over Goal.

We can do it again! Thanks to your generosity!



Blessings To You



Our prayerful **Congratulations** to the young people of the parish who received their Sacrament of First Penance March 2nd

Nina Cifelli
Isadora Madriz
Catalina Martinez
Kennedy Rogers
John Valentine

Paige Kolodziej
Camila Martinez
Sebastian Reyes
Ryan Suggs

Please keep our children and their families in your prayers as they continue their preparation to receive First Holy Communion, May 5th at the 10:30 AM Mass.

The Rosary Altar Society of Incarnation-St. James Invites you to join them at their annual



Spirituali-Tea

**Saturday, March 9
1:00—3:00 ~ Incarnation Auditorium**

Guest Speaker: Sr. Lesley Draper, MPF, Principal of Villa Victoria Academy.

Topic: Mary, Faithful Servant of the Word. RSVP to
Joyce Jammer 609-883-6481 or
Mary Mendola 609-883-1865.



Please bring a small finger food plate to share.

Easter Egg Hunt—Candy needed to fill the eggs!

Donations will be accepted in the Parish Hall on the designated table. Fun or small sized candy is requested so it will fit in the plastic eggs. Deadline is March 10th. Thanks for your help!



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 click on **Lent** on the top menu bar. Come to all or as many as you are able to attend.

Our Lady of Good Counsel will be the Mission Church host Friday, March 8, Join us for a brief presentation about OLGCC and Mass at 6 PM followed by Stations at 7 PM.

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 wor-

Tuesday, March 5, St. David the King (7:00 PM) ~
1 New Village Road, Princeton Junction

Wednesday, March 6, St. James (7:00 PM) ~
11 E Paul Ave, Trenton

Thursday, March 7, Holy Cross Church (7:00 PM) ~
227 Adeline Street, Trenton

Friday, March 8, Our Lady of Good Counsel (6:00 PM) ~ 137 W. Upper Ferry Road, West Trenton

Monday, March 11, St. George (7:00 PM) ~ 1370 River Rd, Titusville

Calling all Youth!
We are in search of volunteers who would like to lead a Station of the Cross on Friday, **March 15th 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
MARCH 15,
7:00PM**



Come pray with us.

The Community of Parishes
**Lenten Penance Service
Saturday, March 9th
10:00 AM**

**Incarnation Church
1545 PENNINGTON ROAD
EWING, NEW JERSEY 08628**

Priest from all three parishes will be available for Confessions.



**HELP IS NEEDED!
FRIDAY,
MARCH 15TH**

Friday evening following the 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 welcome too. For more information please contact

Joyce Christensen at 609-651-0466.



FAMILY SUNDAY MASS BLESSING OF CHILDREN AND EASTER EGG HUNT



**SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH
10:30 A.M.**

The OLGC Annual Easter Egg Hunt

will begin with our parish children taking an active part in Mass serving as; Greeters, Ushers and Readers. There will be a Special Blessing of the Children at Mass

Following Mass we invite you to **Family Sunday refreshments** in the Parish Hall.

Our Easter Egg Hunt for children 10 and under will take place on parish grounds.

**CONTACT JOYCE CHRISTENSEN:
609-651-0466**

Inclement weather the hunt will be held in the Parish Hall. We are looking forward to this fun tradition!



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

VOLUNTEER

ADULT
PARISHIONERS

PLEASE CALL THE
PARISH OFFICE

609-882-3277 X3

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.



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 Wetzel, 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.



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

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



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.



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.

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!

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.

SAVE THE DATE

Parish
Feast
Day



28 APRIL 2024
10:30 MASS

MASS, PROCESSION
OUTSIDE WITH OUR LADY
AND DINNER. YOU MAY
BEGIN DONATING ITEMS
FOR THE TRICKY TRAY
RAFFLE ON THE TABLE
DESIGNATED IN THE
PARISH HALL. THANKS!

Coins for Charity

Coins for Charity is this weekend, March 2-3. Containers will be placed at all entrances to the Church for your donations. Also, basket for your Marrazzo's receipts. Thanks for your generosity.



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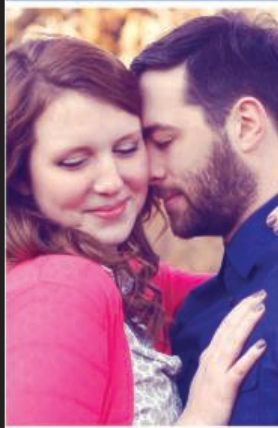
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