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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.

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Fourth Sunday of Lent



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M–F 9AM to 3PM

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Deacon Steve Szmuto

609-947-0587

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570-290-2373

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609-882-3277x3

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609-847-0796

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609-883-7620

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MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	MARCH 29, 2025 Barbara Ann Gusz r/o Jane & Larry Kammer Antonio Muscente r/o Dave & Donna Collins John & Anna Jarembak r/o John JoAnn Jarembak
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	MARCH 30, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Lent Joan Muscente r/o Aunt Marie & Fam. Frank Mattis r/o Mary Arcadipane Donna J. Morello r/o Joseph Massone People of the Parish
MONDAY 7:30 AM	MARCH 31, 2025 Intentions of Mary Pat Voorhees
TUESDAY 7:30 AM	APRIL 1, 2025 Intentions of Kate Cahill r/o Elaine Palatine
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM	APRIL 2, 2025 A. Joseph Dempster r/o Deacon Steve and Mary
THURSDAY, 7:30 AM	APRIL 3, 2025 Intentions of Maggie McMyne r/o Fam.
FRIDAY, 7:30 AM	APRIL 4, 2025 FIRST FRIDAY Roger Cook r/o Nancy Milano Family <i>Adoration 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.</i> 7:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
SATURDAY, 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	APRIL 5, 2025 FIRST SATURDAY Priest's Intention Fekete & Walley Family r/o Family Maria Wehr r/o Phil & Cathy Marchetti
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	APRIL 6, 2025 Fifth Sunday of Lent Emilio DeBlasio r/o Dolores DeBlasio People of the Parish Donna J. Morello r/o Holly Massone Donald Vosburgh r/o Judy Fielding <i>Easter Egg Hunt after Mass ! Ages 10 & under</i>



COLLECTION REPORT

Registered Parish Families	698
Parishioners using envelopes	111
Envelope Contributions	\$2,964.00
Average Contribution	\$26.70
Loose Cash	\$547.00
Total Contributions March 23:	\$3,511.00

Thank you for your ongoing Catholic Stewardship and generosity! Nothing can be done without you and your financial support.

Readers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	APRIL 5 Jackie Crane
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	APRIL 6 Keri Wilkes Maggie Masterson

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	APRIL 5 Ginny Evans
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	APRIL 6 Laura Shea Tony Jones

Altar Servers

FRIDAY, 7:00 PM	APRIL 4 Children's STATIONS of the CROSS Ryan Spina
SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	APRIL 5 Alan Colazzo, Nathan Stankus
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	APRIL 6 Daniel Wilkes, Brayden Spina MacKaylah Yung, Sebastian Reyes

News & Events

Collection for Catholic Relief March 29-30

- Sunday, March 30,** Adult Faith Formation will meet in the Parish Hall from 6-8:00 pm.
- Monday, March 31,** Religious Education Classes are closed.
- Wednesday, April 2,** The Seniors Club will meet in the Parish Hall at 11:00 a.m. All seniors welcome!
- Friday, April 4, First Friday Adoration 8 am 5 pm.**
- * Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. with our children.
 - * Easter Egg Prep.— We will be filling the Easter Eggs after Stations in the Parish Hall.
 - * Community Coffee Club will meet in the Openacker Room at 7:15 p.m.
- Saturday, April 5,**
- * Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass.
 - * Cohort 9 Community of Parishes **Penance Service** at 10:00 a.m. in Church.
 - * First Communion Retreat Day in Parish Hall at 10:00 a.m.
 - * Reconciliation 4-4:30 PM

Coins for Charity Weekend

Containers will be available at each Church entrance, April 4/5. Don't forget your Marrazzo receipts. Thanks for your support!



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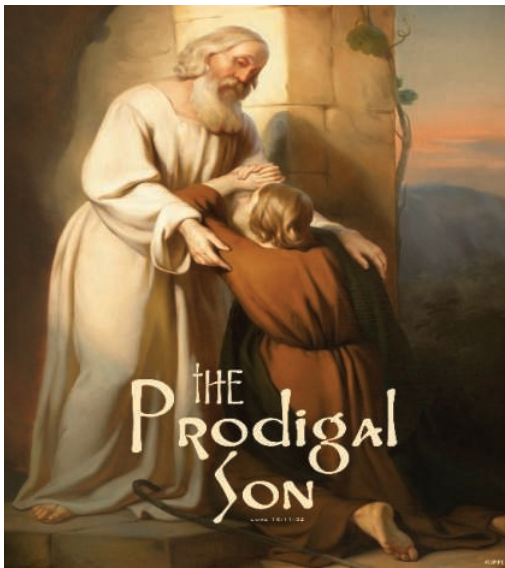


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MARCH 30TH ~ FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Reflection Fourth Sunday of Lent
Joshua 5: 9a, 10-12 Psalms 34: 2-7
2 Corinthians 5: 17-21 Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

"Taste and see the goodness of the Lord." (Responsorial Psalm)

The Fourth Sunday of Lent was traditionally known as *Laetare Sunday*, and represents the approximate mid-point for the penitential season. The word "*Laetare*," means "rejoice" in Latin, and was taken from the opening prayer (Introit) of the mass and entrance antiphon: "*Rejoice, Jerusalem . . .*" As is the case on the Third Sunday of Advent (*Gaudete Sunday*), the theme is joy amidst the solemnity of the season and the hope of the resurrection at Easter. The priest and deacon often wear rose-colored vestments and there may be flowers on the altar, in contrast to the other days of Lent.

Today's readings reflect the joy and hope inherent in the reconciliation of humanity through the paschal sacrifice of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and the mercy and compassion in which God reaches out to His people. The Gospel reading is the Parable of the Prodigal Son. The account from the Gospel of

Luke is the familiar story of the man and his two sons. The younger son demanded to receive his share of his inheritance and then left to live a life of dissipation. After he had squandered his inheritance, he returned home, having come to his senses and was willing to live in his father's house, not as a son, but as a servant. Instead, upon the son's return, the father welcomed him and restored him to his place as his son. The older son, upon seeing the celebration at his brother's return, complained bitterly and refused to enter the house. He complained to his father of the seeming unfairness of it all. The father, in a spirit of compassion and mercy, reminded the elder son: "*My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.*"

The parable was one of three told to the Pharisees and scribes, who were offended that Jesus was associating with both tax collectors and sinners, who were drawn to the Lord by his teachings. It emphasizes the importance of reconciliation and restoration to those who were lost, but also challenges those who deemed themselves "righteous" to exhibit the same degree of compassion to their lost brothers and sisters. In a sense, it reminds us that we must love both God *and* neighbor, if we are to be Disciples of Christ.

The theme of reconciliation can also be seen in the reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians. Paul reminds us that just as Christ was sent by the Father to reunite and reconcile us, who had been estranged by the sin of Adam, so too does he send his disciples into the world so that all of us are reconciled through the grace of the Sacraments. Paul wrote: "*And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and giving us the ministry of reconciliation, namely God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.*"

As we continue our days of prayer and repentance in Lent, let us reach out to others with the same sense of love, grace and compassion so that we are truly reconciled, both with God, and with our brothers and sisters. As did the father in the Parable of the Prodigal Son, let us welcome those who earnestly seek to return to the Lord, as we would our own family, so that we might together walk with Christ and experience the Easter joy of his resurrection.

Deacon Steven Szmuto



Handing on of the Creed
Third Sunday of Lent,
3/23 (Leah, Thomas) | **Fourth Sunday of Lent,** 3/29 (Amanda)

The Rite of Handing On of the Creed takes place at a time after the Penitential Rite. This rite symbolizes the candidates' acceptance of Creed – the summary of what the Church teaches and what the faithful believe.

Remember to pray for our Candidates, **Leah Alabrè, Thomas O'Neal, and Amanda Nicole Duspiva** as they continue to grow in the knowledge and devotion to the faith. Deacon Steve



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 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.



LAETARE SUNDAY

Rejoice O Jerusalem, and all who love her
Be Joyful, all who were in mourning,
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

REJOICE EASTER IS NEAR



MERCER COUNTY LENTEN PILGRIMAGE STATION CHURCHES

Make a pilgrimage around Mercer County this Lenten Season
Inspired by the Station Churches of Rome

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 31 ~ St. Paul's (7:00 PM)

216 Nassau St. Princeton

Wednesday, April 1 ~ St. James (7:00 PM)

11 E. Paul Ave. Trenton

Thursday, April 3 ~ 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.



**April 4 ~ 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.***

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAY, APRIL 4TH 7:00PM

WE WILL JOURNEY WITH OUR CHILDREN AS THEY
LEAD US THROUGH THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS.
JOIN US IN PRAYER



EASTER EGG HUNT

CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED!

**FUN (SMALL) SIZED CANDY IS NEEDED TO
FILL OUR EGGS!**

**PLEASE DROP OFF DONATIONS
MARCH 22/23 AND MARCH 29/30
TO THE EASTER EGG TABLE
IN THE PARISH HALL. THANKS!**



**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**.

**Candle at the Blessed Mother Altar
March 22-29**

**In Loving Memory of:
Frances Chianese r/o Coyle Family**

**March 29 — April 5
For the Intentions of: Marie Grimm**





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

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The 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal sustains our clergy and religious-dedicated Pilgrims of Hope - who guide our faith journey. Your gift supports essential programs helping men and women discern their calling to priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. Together, we Fan the Flame of Hope by forming spiritual leaders who will serve our community through sacramental ministry and pastoral care. Make your gift online at giveaca.org

2025 Annual Catholic Appeal Progress Report:

Goal: \$24,000.00

Pledged: \$14,313.00 (60% of goal)

Paid: \$12,928. (54% to goal)

Total Donors: 68

Average Gift: \$178.91

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Join our Adult Group -
The Community "C.O.F.F.E.E." Club

All adults, 19 years 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, April 4th at 7:15 PM Opendacker Room Parish Hall.

We encourage and invite you to attend First Friday Adoration any time from 8AM-5PM in the Church before the meeting.

Be inspired! Come and See!

We meet the First Friday of every month. More information will be available at the Meeting!



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.

Pray for our Sick:

Jennifer Andres, Angelo & Mary Lou Arcadipane, Kevin Baker, Rosalie Baldanzi, Erin Barbato, 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 Keenan, Gregory King, Mary Lou Kramli, Carol Lake, Laura Lynch, Maria Matteo, Kevin McBride, Robert & Barbara McDonald, Keith Mello, Joan Moore, Marie Muscente, Kim Nash, Mary Lou Newborg, Angelika Niranjana, Debbie Paterson, Carol Perrine, Dominic Petito, Gadiel Quiroga, Tom Ryan, Lucy Saganowski, Vincent Schnell, G. Welly Samuels, Debbie Sattler, Gregory Schafer, Steve and Pamela Schmierer, Dolores Sebasto, Kristy Shanahan, Linda Solinski, Dorothy Stanley, Barbara Thomas, 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.

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.



Roger Andrew Cook

James A. Keenan, IV

Lenora Panaro

Terry Wesner

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

Soup & Stations of the Cross



April 11, 2025
6:00pm

An evening of fellowship and prayer
as we prepare for Holy Week
We shall start with a simple soup dinner
in the parish hall
And culminate with the Stations of the Cross
in the church.

*Let's journey with Jesus to Calvary as we pray
the Stations of the Cross*

EASTER EGG HUNT

APRIL 6 ~
10:30 MASS & BLESSING OF
THE CHILDREN

EGG HUNT ON PARISH
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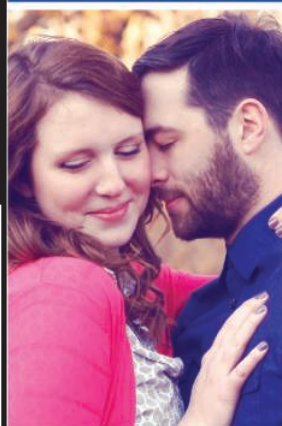
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