



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
7:00 pm

Registration: All parishioners should be
registered. Please contact the Rectory
Office when entering or leaving the
parish.

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First Sunday of Lent



Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

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Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025
 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
First Sunday of Lent
 8:30 AM 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

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025
 7:30 AM Corrado Gigliotti, Jr. r/p Macciocci

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025
 7:30 AM Maxim A. White r/o Ginny & Ed Evans

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025
 7:30 AM Rev. James A. Russell
 r/o M/M Mike Giglio Family

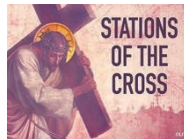
THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025
 7:30 AM Poor Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025
 7:30 AM Michael Wilk r/o Parents
 Rose Macciocca r/o Family

7:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025
 8:00 AM Priest's Intention
 5:00 PM Daniel DeFrancesco
 r/o Donna & Dave Collins
 Marie Wehr r/o Phil & Cathy Marchetti

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025
Second Sunday of Lent
 8:30 AM Sharon Zuccarello r/o Family
 People of the Parish
 10:30 AM Meriann G. Destribats r/o Family
 James A. Keenan, III
 r/o Keenan Family



COLLECTION REPORT

Registered Parish Families	698
Parishioners using envelopes	104
Envelope Contributions	\$2,922.00
Average Contribution	\$28.10
Loose Cash	\$570.00
Total Contributions March 2:	\$3,492.00

Parish Giving For the Month of February amounted to \$4,517.00. Thank you for your generosity!

Black and Indian Mission Collection—March 8-9
 This Collection assists to help local African American and Native American Diocesan Communities throughout the US spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground.

Readers

SATURDAY, MARCH 15
 5:00 PM Sherri Calderone
SUNDAY, MARCH 16
 8:30 AM Maeve Cannon
 10:30 AM Laura Shea

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, MARCH 15
 5:00 PM Jackie Crane
SUNDAY, MARCH 16
 8:30 AM Dennis Hice
 10:30 AM Wendy Reading

Altar Servers

FRIDAY, MARCH 14 STATIONS of the CROSS
 7:00 PM Ryan Spina
SATURDAY, MARCH 15
 5:00 PM Alan Colazzo, Nathan Stankus
SUNDAY, MARCH 16
 8:30 AM Brayden Spina
 10:30 AM MacKaylah Yung, Ryan Spina

News & Events

March 8-9 is the Black and Indian Mission Annual Collection. Thank you for your support.

Sunday, March 9, Adult Faith Formation will meet in the Parish Hall from 6-8:00 pm.

Monday, March 10, Religious Education Classes 6-7:15 PM in the Parish Hall.

Wednesday, March 12 Delaware Valley Radio Assoc. will meet in the Parish Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 13 ➤**First Communion** Parent Meeting in Church at 7:30 PM.

Friday, March 14 Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 15, Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass. Reconciliation 4-4:30 PM.

March 15-16 Ewing Knights Diaper Drive begins.

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 Genovesi, Brian Gershon, Phil Glaser, Sandra Goeke, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Theresa Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Eileen 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 Niranjan, Debbie Paterson, Carol Perrine, Dominic Petito, Jennifer Andres, Gadiel Quiroga, Lucy Saganowski, Vincent Schnell, G. Welly Samuels, Debbie Sattler, Gregory Schafer, Steve and Pamela Schmierer, Dolores Sebasto, Kristy Shanahan, Linda Solinski, Dorothy Stanley, Brenda Thornley, Erin Cahill Wetzal, 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.



Reflection First Sunday of Lent

Reading I: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Responsorial Psalm: 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15

Reading II: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

*“Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.”
(Responsorial Psalm)*

This past Wednesday, we received ashes on our foreheads, an ancient tradition reminding us of the fragility of human existence. As the ashes were placed upon us in the sign of the cross, the priest or deacon said either: *“Remember man, you are dust and to dust you will return,”* or, *“Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel.”*

The first phrase, taken from Genesis 3:19, is a stark reminder of the fall of humanity through original sin. These words remind us of the transitory nature of temporal existence. The latter phrase, occurring in Mark 1: 15, echo Jesus’ words at the beginning of his Galilean ministry. In proclaiming the fulfillment of God’s kingdom, Jesus tells us that the time for discipleship and fidelity is now. The words of Genesis show the emptiness of our life without God; Mark’s Gospel shows the promise of redemption fulfilled through discipleship in Christ.

In today’s Gospel reading, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days to be tempted by Satan. Following his baptism in the Jordan, the desert experience was one that allowed Jesus to be strengthened for his salvific mission. Although, as fully divine, Christ was immune from evil, in his humanity, Jesus was subject to hunger and exhaustion as are all men and women. After all, if he could not experience pain and suffering, his death would have had no meaning. His temptation, the recognition of the fullness of his humanity, clearly shows that the devil is ever-present in the world, has no respect for goodness and truth, and seeks to ensnare us for his vile purposes, awaiting only the slightest opportunity to prey upon us.

By ourselves, we are ill equipped to resist the power of darkness; only when we trust in the Lord and allow him to watch over us, can we withstand the trials and temptations of evil. God watches over us unceasingly. He is our refuge and fortress, the God in whom we trust. The psalmist writes: *No evil shall befall you, nor shall affliction come near your tent, for to his angels he has given command about you, that they guard you in all your ways.*

Let us use this season of Lent to prepare for the great Solemnity of Easter, the celebration of Christ’s triumph over death and evil -- the assurance that while our bodies may be ashes, one day destined to return to the earth, our souls will share in the eternal kingdom of Our Heavenly Father.

Deacon Steve Szmuto

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

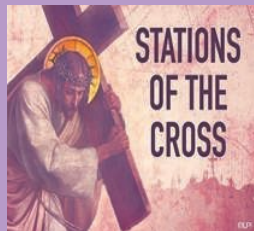


PARISH FREE BINGO DAY MARCH 9TH 12:00 PM

Join us for our Free Family Bingo after the 10:30 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 invited!

First round of Bingo to be called at 12 Noon.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday 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 **Congratulations** to the young people of the parish who receive d their Sacrament of First Penance Saturday, March 8.

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| August Bush | Benjamin Crannage |
| Alexander Kuzmicki | Jaxon Madriz |
| Dashton Reed | Mairin Rocconi |
| Mackenzie Rogers | Victoria Spina |
| Sloane Stewart | |

Please keep our children and their families in your prayers as they continue on their faith journey toward First Eucharist in May.



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Candle
Blessed Mother Altar
March 15–22

For the Intentions of:
Marie Muscente
r/o Daughter, Carol



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

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Every person belongs to a family. Families are the foundation of the Catholic parish. In the midst of the family and the parish community, people encounter Christ and learn to be his disciples. Family and Parish are the primary environments in which evangelization takes place. Together in Mission is a tool to support these evangelization efforts. Your gift promotes individuals and family life. Youth events and service opportunities, young adult gatherings, Marriage prep, Baptismal prep, Ministry to separated and divorced persons are just a few of the services offered.

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2025 Annual Catholic Appeal Progress Report:

Goal: \$24,000.00
Pledged: \$6,932.00 (29% of goal)
Paid: \$6,444.50 (27% to goal)
Total Donors: 40
Total Gifts: 46
Average Gift: \$150.70

Make your pledge/donation today.
We depend on you!





**Ewing Knights of Columbus
Diaper Drive to benefit Choice One,
March 15-16 and
March 22-23.**

You may bring your gifts to any mass those two weekends. **Please leave items in the Parish Hall on or under the tables marked "Diaper Drive."** Diapers, wipes, onesies and gift cards are most needed. New baby items, Bibs, Blankets, bottles, pacifiers, shampoo, brushes and combs are also requested. Gifts do not need to be wrapped. Gift Cards may be placed in the weekly collection basket in an envelope marked "Diaper Drive" or you may drop them off to the Rectory during business hours M-F 9-3:00.
Thank you for support!

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.



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.*



Calling all Youth!
We are in search of volunteers who would like to lead a Station of the Cross on Friday, **April 4th 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
APRIL 4,
7:00PM**



Come pray with us.



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.

EASTER EGG HUNT ~ SAVE THE DATE!
APRIL 6—10:30 MASS AND BLESSING
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OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Parish Feast Day ~ April 28, 2025
10:30 Mass
Marian Procession
Catered Dinner (by Sal deForte) Parish Hall
You may begin donating items to the Tricky Tray in the Parish Hall on the designated table.
Tickets will be sold after all Masses beginning **March 22-23 through April 12-13**
\$15 adult, \$5 ages 6-18
5 & under Free



LENT ~ 2025
MERCER COUNTY LENTEN PILGRIMAGE
STATION CHURCHES

Thursday, March 6 ~ St. Anthony (7:00 PM) ~ 626 S Olden Ave, Trenton
Confessions 6:30

Monday, March 10 ~ St. Joachim (6:30 PM) ~ 19 Bayard Street, Trenton

Tuesday, March 11 ~ St. James (7:00 PM) ~ 115 E Delaware Ave, Pennington

Thursday, March 13 ~ St. Anthony (7:00 PM) ~ 626 S Olden Ave, Trenton,
Confessions 6:30

Monday, March 17 ~ St. Raphael (7:00 PM) ~ 3500 South Broad Street Hamilton

Wednesday, March 19 ~ Our Lady of Good Counsel (6:00 PM) ~ 137 W. Upper Ferry Road, West Trenton

Thursday, March 13 ~ St. Anthony (7:00 PM) ~ 626 S Olden Ave, Trenton
Confessions 6:30

Monday, March 24 ~ St. Gregory the Great (7:00) ~ 4620 Nottingham Way, Hamilton Square

Tuesday, March 25 ~ St. Ann (7:00 PM) ~ 1253 Lawrence Road, Lawrenceville

Wednesday, March 26 ~ Sacred Heart (7:00 PM) ~ 343 South Broad Street, Trenton

Thursday, March 27 ~ St. Anthony (7:00 PM) ~ 626 S Olden Ave, Trenton
Confessions 6:30

Monday, March 31 ~ St. Paul (7:00 PM) ~ 216 Nassau Street, 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

Monday, April 7, ~ St. David the King (7:00 PM) ~ 1 New Village Road, Princeton Junction

Thursday, April 10 ~ St. Anthony (7:00 PM) ~ 626 S Olden Ave, Trenton
Confessions 6:30

Monday, April 14 ~ St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral, (7:30PM)~61 Georgia Rd, Freehold

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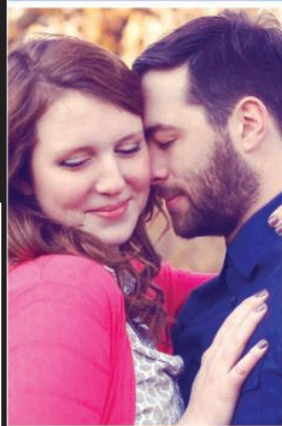
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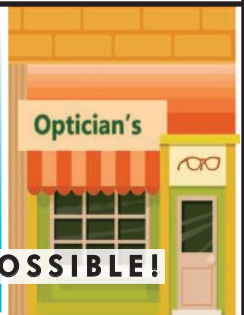
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