



*Thank her for
the depth
of her love. ...*

*Happy
Mother's Day*

Our Lady of Good Counsel

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER • ASCENSION OF THE LORD • MAY 12, 2024

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Our Lady of Good Counsel

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	MAY 11, 2024 MOTHER'S DAY INTENTIONS	
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	MAY 12, 2024 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY 7th Sunday of Easter—Ascension of the Lord MOTHER'S DAY INTENTIONS	
10:30 AM	MOTHER'S DAY INTENTIONS	
MONDAY, 7:30 AM	MAY 13, 2024 Marie & William Dolton r/o Helen Marie Dolton	
TUESDAY, 7:30 AM	MAY 14, 2024 Russell Lambert r/o Kathleen & Herbert Radeer	
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM	MAY 15, 2024 Christopher Pohren r/o Matt & Deidre Gordon	
THURSDAY, 7:30 AM	MAY 16, 2024 Healing of Kendall r/o Marie Grimm	
FRIDAY, 7:30 AM	MAY 17, 2024 Donna Bielski r/o Debi & Kevin Baker	
SATURDAY, 8:00 AM	MAY 18, 2024 Priest's Intention	
5:00 PM	Sam Marrazzo r/o Bob & Debbie Smith Marquita Sigur r/o M/M Edward Evans	
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	MAY 19, 2024 SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST Peter Miluk r/o Nancy Finn People of the Parish	
10:30 AM	Rocco Zangrilli r/o Cristina Zeppieri & Family Intentions of James Keenan, IV r/o Mom	

CHURCH SUPPORT

COLLECTION REPORT

Registered Parish Families	687
Parishioners using envelopes	126
Envelope Contributions	\$3,926.00
Average Contribution	\$31.16
Loose Cash	\$834.00
Total Contributions May 5:	\$4,760.00

Parish Giving for month of April: \$4,137.00

This weekend is *Catholic Communication Campaign*. Please place both envelopes in the one collection.

Thank you for your generosity!

Readers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	MAY 18 Sherri Calderone
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	MAY 19 Keri Wilkes
10:30 AM	Maeve Cannon

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	MAY 18 Ginny Evans
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	MAY 19 Dennis Hice
10:30 AM	Mike Lake

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	MAY 18 Alan Colazzo, James Gummel
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	MAY 19 Liz Baron, Daniel Wilkes
10:30 AM	MackKaylah Yung, Ryan Spina

News & Events

Thursday, May 16, Confirmation at 6:00 pm.
Thursday, May 16, Good News Sunday Scripture Study will meet in the Opdenacker Room at 7:00 PM and on Friday morning at 10:00 AM. **This is the Last Session for the 23/24 season. See you in the Fall.**
Saturday, May 18, Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass. **Reconciliation 4-4:30 PM.**

*Lord, bless her and keep her
Happy Mother's Day Mom!*



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, Sandra Goeke, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Theresa Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Eileen and James A. Keenan, IV, Mary Lou Kramli, Carol Lake, Wayne Lecato, Laura Lynch, Kevin Mattis, Kevin McBride, Bernadine Medwick, 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.

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7th Sunday of Easter, Ascension of the Lord, May 5, 2024

Reading I: Acts 1:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Reading II: Ephesians 1:17-23 or 4:1-13

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

In today's first reading, St. Luke gives the surprising news that there is more of the story to be told. The story did not end with the empty tomb, or with Jesus' appearances to the Apostles over the course of forty days. Jesus' saving work will have a liturgical consummation. He is the great high priest, and he has still to ascend to the heavenly Jerusalem, there to celebrate the feast in the true Holy of Holies.

The truth of this feast shines forth from the Letter to the Hebrews, where we read of the great high priest's passing through the heavens, the sinless intercessor's sacrifice on our behalf (see [Hebrews 4:14-15](#)).

Indeed, his intercession will lead to the Holy Spirit's descent in fire upon the Church. Luke spells out that promise in the first reading for the feast of the Ascension: "in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" ([Acts 1:5](#)). Ascension is the preliminary feast that directs the Church's attention forward to Pentecost. On that day, salvation will be complete; for salvation is not simply expiation for sins (that would be wonder enough), but it is

something even greater than that. Expiation is itself a necessary precondition of our adoption as God's children. To live that divine life we must receive the Holy Spirit. To receive the Holy Spirit we must be purified through baptism.

The Responsorial Psalm presents the Ascension in terms familiar from the worship of the Jerusalem Temple in the days of King Solomon: "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord" (Psalm 47). The priest-king takes his place at the head of the people, ruling over the nations, establishing peace.

The Epistle strikes a distinctively Paschal note. In the early Church, as today, Easter was the normal time for the baptism of adult converts. The sacrament was often called "illumination" or "enlightenment" (see, for example, [Hebrews 10:32](#)) because of the light that came with God's saving grace. Saint Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, speaks in terms of glory that leads to greater glories still, as Ascension leads to Pentecost: "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened," he writes, as he looks to the divinization of the believers. Their "hope" is "his inheritance among the holy ones," the saints who have been adopted into God's family and now rule with him at the Father's right hand.

This is the "good news" the Apostles are commissioned to spread—to the whole world, to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem—at the first Ascension. It's the good news we must spread today.

Dr. Scott Hahn



Our new Adult Group the **Community C.O.F.F.E.E. Club** is inviting anyone who would like to join us on **Sunday, May 12th after 10:30 Mass** to go out to Sunday Brunch. Just meet in front of Church after Mass.

We would also like to invite anyone who would like to join us on **Friday, May 24th, 5:30 pm** for dinner at a local restaurant. Again, please meet us in front of the Church at 5:30 pm.

To let us know you'll be joining us for dinner or for more information, please leave a message with your name and number at: **856-248-0747**. One of us will call you back.

Thanks and God bless, Brenda Rascher



Villa Victoria Academy 90th Anniversary Party

Please join us for a party to celebrate **Sr. Lillian Harrington's 90th birthday** and the 90th anniversary of VVA!

The party will be held on campus from **3-5 pm on Sunday, June 2, 2024**.

The address is 376 W. Upper Ferry Road, Ewing, NJ 08628. No tickets required and no fee but please RSVP: cwhite@villavictoria.org with the number in your party.

A MOTHER'S *Love*

There's no love like a mother's,
Her heart is filled with care.
With Christ as her example,
Her Savior's love she'll share.
A mother's love is endless,
Not changing for all time.
When needed by her children,
A mother's love will shine.
God bless these special mothers,
God bless them every one.
For all their tears and heartaches,
And special work they've done.
When days on earth are over,
A mother's love lives on,
Through many generations,
God's blessings on each one.
Be thankful for our mothers,
Who love with higher love,
From power God has given,
And strength from up above.

May is the month dedicated to Mary Mother of God and the Church

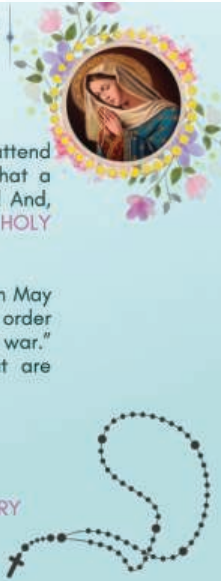
OLGCC - ROSARY GROUP

We have a small group of parishioners who attend mass daily and pray the rosary after mass. What a beautiful and meaningful way to start your day! And, May is the month to praise and honor **OUR HOLY MOTHER**.

At Fatima, Our Lady ended her initial message in May with the direction, "Pray the Rosary every day in order to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war." What better way to fight the evil forces that are everywhere in our world today.

Please consider joining our group when you can. We are finished by 8:30am.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY
PRAY FOR US.



NEXT SUNDAY IS THE EWING COLUMBIETTE'S TEA

You are all invited to attend...
May 19th 10:30am Mass
Tea follows Mass in the Parish Hall.

Finger foods, treats, tea, music, spiritual talk
A lovely get-together has been prepared for you by the ladies of the Ewing Columbiettes. (Ladies auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus)
Please RSVP so we may plan quantities:
Loretta Ennis 609-963-7121
Cathy Ferdetta 609-883-1559 or
Gae Santiago 609-532-2113
Flyers are available in the Church vesti-



EUCCHARIST 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 609-882-3277x3 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.

May is the month dedicated to Our Blessed Mother A PRAYER TO OUR LADY

O Virgin of courage, may your spiritual strength and trust in God inspire us so that we may know how to overcome all the obstacles that we encounter. O Virgin Mother, guide and sustain us so that we may always live as true sons and daughters of the Church.

O clement, O pious,
O sweet Virgin Mary!



Say the
Rosary
every day
to obtain
peace for
the world.



Confirmation
Thursday,
May, 16, 2024
6:00 PM

Candles for the Altar

BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR

Month of May

In Thanksgiving and In loving remembrance of
my husband and our wedding anniversary

r/o Marie Grimm

Mother's Day



2024 CONFIRMATION CLASS

MESSAGE FROM FR. ARIEL

With great joy and honor, I present to our parish community the four candidates who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation which will be conferred by our Pastor Father Ariel on May 16th at 6:00PM.

It will be a very special day for our Confirmandi. Once again, they will receive the Holy Spirit who will strengthen and help them mature in faith.

Let us remember these young members of our parish community in prayer as they reach this important milestone on their Faith Journey.

Congratulations to our Confirmandi, and to their parents, who raised them so well.

Max Bush
Austin Crannage
Brayden Spina
Logan Turnbull

Understanding

Knowledge
Courage

Wisdom

Right
Judgment

Reverence

Wonder
and Awe



Congratulations and God Bless you!



ROSES FOR LIFE ~ EWING KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Ewing Council #3756 of the Knights of Columbus will have their annual **Roses for Life** drive after all the masses at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish the weekend of:

May 11th and 12th

Collection buckets will be at the doors and lapel roses will be available to those who want them. All proceeds will be donated to local organizations who work with pregnant women in difficult situations who encourage them to choose life.

Thank you for your support.



A Knight out for Charity May 29th, Firkin Tavern

Ewing Knights of Columbus Council #3756 is hosting a fundraiser at the Firkin Tavern, 1400 Parkway Ave, Ewing. This Spring's event will be held on **Wednesday, May 29th from 5:00pm to 10:00pm**. Firkins will be donating 10% of the cost of the food purchased that evening (dine in or takeout) to the Ewing Knights for their charitable work. Please consider patronizing Firkins on May 29th to help the Knights of Columbus in these worthy causes. No bulletin or flyer is needed.

Ewing Knights of Columbus P.O. Box 7647, Ewing, NJ 08628

MAY 5TH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

CONGRATULATIONS!



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Diocese of Trenton
Eucharistic Pilgrimage

TUESDAY – WEDNESDAY – THURSDAY MAY 28, 29, 30, 2024

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION - MAY 28

(151 N WARREN ST, TRENTON, NJ 08608 - (609) 396-8447)
5:00 – 6:00 PM: ARRIVAL AND FOOD
6:00 – 7:00 PM: TALKS FOR VARIOUS GROUPS:
AGES: 4-12 Y/O, 13-18 Y/O (ENGLISH)/ MEN, WOMEN (SPANISH).
7:00 PM: ARRIVAL OF NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL PILGRIMS.
7:15 – 8:15 PM: CELEBRATION OF THE MASS
8:15 PM: ADORATION AND WORSHIP
9:00 PM: CANDLE PROCESSION AROUND THE BLOCK.
9:30 PM: FINAL BLESSING.

SAINT MARY OF THE PINES CHURCH - MAY 29

(100 BISHOP WAY, MANAHAWKIN, NJ 08050 - (609) 698-5531)
MORNING
10:00 AM: EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, PRAISE AND WORSHIP (PARISH CENTER)
10:10 AM: PROCESSION TO CHURCH
10:40 AM: TALK
11:00 AM: MASS
EVENING
6:30 PM: MASS WITH BISHOP DAVID O'CONNELL, C. M.
7:30 PM: PROCESSION TO PARISH CENTER
7:50 PM: ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, PRAISE AND WORSHIP (PARISH CENTER)
8:30 PM BENEDICTION

MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH PARISH - MAY 30

(45 CROSSWICKS ST, BORDENTOWN, NJ 08505 - (609)298-0261)
9:00 AM: MASS
AFTER MASS: PROCESS THROUGH BORDENTOWN-TO-BORDENTOWN HILLTOP PARK –
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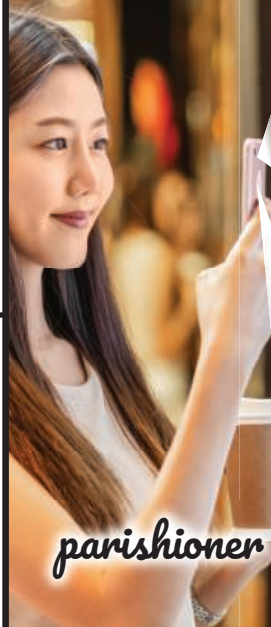


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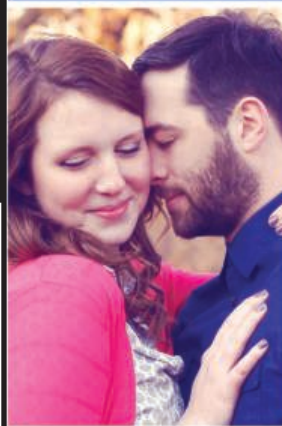
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