

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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Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary



Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

137 West Upper Ferry Road, West Trenton, NJ

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Our Lady of Good Counsel

Mass

8:30 AM

Intentions

SATURDAY. **NOVEMBER 4, 2023 FIRST SATURDAY** 5:00 PM

Janina Sliwinski r/o Family Healing Intentions r/o Marie Grimm

NOVEMBER 5, 2023 VOCATION WEEK SUNDAY,

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Lois P. Trave r/o Peter Gaeta

For the People of the Parish

10:30 AM Michael Bergamo r/o Joe Massone

MONDAY, **NOVEMBER 6, 2023**

7:30 AM Teresa Munoz r/o Josephine Chianese

NOVEMBER 7, 2023 TUESDAY. 7:30 AM Christine Carballera

r/o Claude & Mary Anne LeGall

WEDNESDAY, **NOVEMBER 8, 2023** 7:30 AM Irven & Hazel Brown

r/o Grandson & Wife

THURSDAY. **NOVEMBER 9, 2023**

7:30 AM Dominick lavarone r/o Josephine Chianese

FRIDAY. **NOVEMBER 10. 2023**

7:30 AM Dolores Mattis r/o Mary Arcadipane

SATURDAY. **NOVEMBER 11, 2023**

8:00 AM Priest's Intention 5:00 PM Philomena Muscente

r/o Donna & David Collins

Marie Muscente

r/o Donna & David Collins

SUNDAY, **NOVEMBER 12. 2023**

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mario DiFiore r/o Nino & Angela Como 8:30 AM

For the People of the Parish

10:30 AM Carole Minotti r/o Dot Prunetti

Fielding & Janusz Family

r/o Judy Fielding

CHURCH SUPPORT

COLLECTION REPORT

Registered Parish Families 688 Parishioners using envelopes 109 **Envelope Contributions** \$2,189.00 Average Contribution \$20.08 Loose Cash \$600.00 Total Contributions October 29th \$2,789.00

Thank you for your generosity!





Readers

SATURDAY, **NOVEMBER 11** 5:00 PM Mary Anne LeGall SUNDAY, **NOVEMBER 12** 8:30 AM Keri Wilkes 10:30 AM Relia Ed Student

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY. **NOVEMBER 11** 5:00 PM Ginny Evans SUNDAY, **NOVEMBER 12** 8:30 AM Dennis Hice 10:30 AM **Danny Morales**

Altar Servers

NOVEMBER 11 SATURDAY, 5:00 PM James Gummel SUNDAY, **NOVEMBER 12**

8:30 AM Brayden Spina, Daniel Wilkes, Elizabeth Baron

10:30 AM Dylan Rutkowski, Ryan Spina

News & Events

11/5 Sunday - RCIA Session 11:30am in Parish Hall. Religious ED Classes GR 8 at 7PM in the Parish Hall. 11/6 Monday - Religious ED Grades 1-7 Classes are 6pm to 7:15pm in the Parish Hall.

11/7 Tuesday - Ewing Knights of Columbus will meet in the Parish Hall at 7pm.

11/8 Wednesday-Delaware Valley Radio Assoc. will meet in the Parish Hall at 6:30pm and on Saturday at 10-12pm in the Parish Hall.

11/9 Thursday—Good News Sunday 7pm Opdenacker Room of Parish Hall and Friday morning at 10am. 11/10 Friday—Parish Office is closed for the Veterans

Day Holiday.

11/11 Saturday - Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass. Reconciliation 4:00-4:30 pm.



Pray for our Sick:

Kevin Baker, Erin Barbato, Col. Gabriel Beck, Christina Beck, Rosemarie Buker, Richard Cook, Steve Dill, Sarah Dowd, John Finn, Al Gatto, Leo Genovesi, Brian Gershon, Phil Glaser, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Theresa Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Eileen and James A. Keenan, IV, Henry Louis Kopruckim Mary Lou Kramli, Carol Lake, Laura Lynch, Kevin McBride, Keith Mello, Joan Moore, Marie Muscente, Kim Nash, Angelika Niranjan, Carol Perrine, Lucy Saganowski, Vincent Schnell, G. Welly Samuels, Debbie Sattler, Gregory Schafer, Steve Schmierer, Dolores Sebasto, Kristy Shanahan, Linda Solinski, Ann Szostak, Brenda Thornley, Stanley Wrobel and all parishioners who are sick or homebound. Please call the parish office at 609-882-3277 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.

NOVEMBER 5TH ~ THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



us by entering humbly into our deepest soul.

Spirituality of the Readings-John Foley, SJ

Reading I: Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10
Responsorial Psalm: 131:1, 2, 3
Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13
Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

Humble Contradictions

Jesus faces us with a highly controversial statement this Sunday. And then he makes a remark which seems completely contradictory. But it all boils down to humility.

Do I have your attention?

First the controversy. "Call no one on earth your father. You have but one Father in heaven" (Gospel). What can this mean? In another chapter, Matthew 6:9, he teaches us to say precisely "Our Father, who art in heaven...": Are we now supposed to cease using this very name that Jesus taught us? It is the way we address our dad (or, less formally, daddy, pa,

pop, papa, and in Ireland, da, etc.). Also, the normal address for a priest is "Father." Some take scandal at using this title because of the present Gospel passage. Let's look at it.

"You have but one Father in heaven." This is profoundly accurate. Next to God's beautiful, tender parental love (<u>Second Reading</u>), you and I, as father or mother or priest, are just pale imitations. Who do we think we are?

But there is another meaning. Suppose we are not meant to compete with God's love but to share it and be vessels from which it is poured. Could we not be called "father" just because we humbly accept the outflow of God's own fatherhood and motherhood, which he wants to share with us? In this understanding, it all depends on our attitude.

Why didn't Jesus just say it this way? Well, maybe he was using what we in English have called hyperbole*, or exaggeration. As a speaker he had to use not only a very loud voice but also strong emphasis, in order to reach the "crowds and ... his disciples" to whom he was preaching.

Second, the contradiction. Jesus says, "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." (Matthew 23:12). What kind of sense does this make? If I humble myself, I should end up being humble, not exalted. If I exalt myself the result would seem to be, quite simply, that I am exalted and not humble. Our Gospel reverses this logic and presents instead an enigma.

Agreed. But again there is a way to understand. Suppose you have a water-glass that you fill with concrete, and let it harden. Are you now able to pour water into it? Certainly nol. Same thing for your soul. If it is filled already, then not much else can go in. Maybe you do perform all your works in order to be seen. Maybe you do want the places of honor. Maybe you are very fond of being greeted in "the marketplace." These are not such bad or evil desires, but, like the concrete, they can harden into a way of life that has no room left for the cooling spring-water of God's presence. But if we humble ourselves instead, refusing to build our life out of honor and praise, then there is room. God can "exalt"

What am I talking about? Look at Sunday's Responsorial Psalm. It is only three lines long but its mild words describe what it is like to be "exalted" by God. We become "like a weaned child on its mother's lap." Why not open your bible and take time with this beautiful <u>psalm</u>.

The answer to the puzzle we started with and the contradiction? That riches, honor and pride fill up our souls. Weaned humility lets us be where we belong: open to receive.

John Foley, SJ

2023 Annual Loaves and Fishes

THANK YOU Incarnation St. James AND Our Lady of Good Council





The Loaves and Fishes Committee would like to thank all those who volunteered in any way to make this year's event so successful. Over 150 guests were fed a hot meatball sandwich served with potato salad and chips, with a slice of sheet cake for dessert. Prior to the meal donuts, bagels and muffins were served along with coffee, tea, and other drinks. Many thanks to the students from Princeton University, STEMCivics, and the many parishioners from ISJ and OLGC for their time and generosity. All of this could not have been achieved without the donations received over the last several weeks totaling over \$4,000 from our parishioners.

It was extremely rewarding to hear so many positive comments from the Loaves and Fishes staff about the energy and spirit brought to the Cathedral by our parishioners. The atmosphere was welcoming as guests intermingled with many volunteers throughout the morning. Hopefully, many of you will be motivated to join us in 2024 and become "Doers of the Word." The rewards are immeasurable.

Peter Brennan, Committee Facilitator



FAMILY SUNDAY ~ CHILDREN'S LITURGY ~ NOVEMBER 12TH at 10:30 AM MASS

On the 2nd Sunday of each month our parish religious education children will take part in serving at the 10:30 AM Mass. The children will serve as Greeters, Ushers and Readers. All children of the parish are welcome to participate! For information please email:

Brenda O'Callahan CRE: olgc.re.wt@gmail.com

Family Sunday ~ Refreshments will follow the 10:30 Mass in the Parish Hall. Join us for some hot brewed coffee and treats.

Candles for the Blessed Mother Altar

November 4-11 For Healing Intentions r/o Marie Grimm



Don't forget Saturday night November 4th turn your clocks back as Daylights Savings Time Ends.

EUCHARIST FOR THE HOMEBOUND

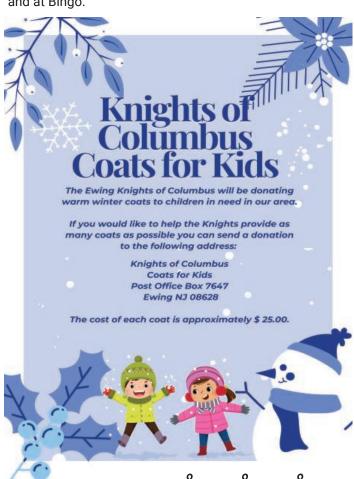
If you or someone you know is unable to come to Mass because of significant illness or long-term disability, Fr. Ariel and our Eucharistic Ministers will visit area homes to bring the Blessed

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.



The Ewing Knights of Columbus will be selling Super 50/50 Raffle Tickets after all Masses the weekend of November 4 and 5. Funds raised from the raffle will help support Knights of Columbus charities. Tickets are \$5.00. Draw-

ing will be held on Saturday, December 9 at the Cash Bingo being held at Incarnation Church. Last year's prize was over \$2,000. Winner need not be present to win. This is your last chance to buy tickets at mass, but they will be available at the Farmers Market on November 18 and at Bingo.





Send a Hero Home for the Holidays – Fundraiser Wednesday November 8 th Firkin Tavern

Clip this coupon!

Ewing Knights of Columbus Council 3756 is once again hosting a "Send a Hero Home for the Holidays" fundraiser at the Firkin Tavern, 1400 Parkway Ave, Ewing. This year's event will be held on Wednesday November 8th from 5:00pm to 10:00pm. The "Send a Hero Home for the Holidays" program is sponsored by the Trenton Diocesan Federation of the New Jersey Knights of

Columbus and pays the transportation costs for local active military personnel to return home for Christmas. Firkins will be donating a 10% of the of the cost of your meal (dine in or takeout) to this worthy cause. Please consider patronizing

Firkins on November 8th to help "Send a Hero Home for the Holidays". You must present a copy of this coupon or an-

nouncement. If you cannot make it that evening you can donate by sending a check to:

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





Trunk or Treat THANKS!

Despite cloudy skies and even a few downpours, our first ever Trunk or Treat was a great success. More than 30 children in fabulous costumes

enjoyed an afternoon of fun and games. 17 parishioners elaborately decorated their cars and filled their trunks with candy and other goodies for the children.

I would like to thank the OLGC Parish Council Youth Ministry for their hard work on this event. A special thanks to Darren Christensen, Brian Stankus and the Knights of Columbus for assisting with traffic and parking lot logistics and to Brayden Spina, one of our Confirmation students, for helping with set-up and coordinating games.

Fr. Ariel

Our Lady of Good Counsel Social Services Outreach

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE Now Through Monday, November 6

Please shop early and help if you can!

We will be collecting the items listed below for the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday:

- <u>Turkeys:</u> small and medium-sized (12-16 lbs.) Please <u>No</u> large turkeys.
- <u>Gift Cards</u>: Shop Rite or Stop & Shop (please leave with Rectory Office).
- <u>Monetary Donations</u>: make checks out to Catholic Charities or Mount Carmel Guild (please leave with Rectory Office) or donate online at <u>www.catholiccharities.org</u> or www.mtcarmelguild.org

*In an attempt to provide the same foods to everyone, please consider donating a Pre-Made Complete Thanksgiving Dinner Bag that includes the following items:

Canned Goods: Cranberry sauce, Turkey gravy, Yams, Corn OR Green Beans OR Collard Greens, Fruit.

Packaged Goods: Stuffing, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Macaroni & Cheese, Pie Crust Mix & Pumkpkin Filling & Evaporated Milk, Cake Mix & Icing, Tea, Coffee, OR Cocoa

<u>Please</u>: No expired, dented or rusted cans, or opened or expired foods. Also, no glass bottles (breakable), or cellophane bags (crushable). Fresh produce is provided by the Mercer Street Friends Food Bank.

*Please leave your SORTED food in medium sized boxes or bags on the Donations Tables in the Church Hall. Turkeys should be placed in the donations freezer in the Church Hall adjacent to the kitchen area.

Both Catholic Charities and Mount Carmel Guild do a wonderful job of distributing much needed food to the many needy clients in the city of Trenton, and they regularly express their appreciation for the food provided by the kind and generous parishioners of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish. Early Deadlines this year. Thanks for shopping early and for your help! Please call Jim Gambino at 609-818-1708 with any questions.



October—35,000 Hail Mary Project

951 Rosaries or 47,550 Hail Mary's were prayed!

We surpassed our Goal! Our Lady is so joyful about our cascade of Roses for her and all our intentions.

OLGCC is truly a power house of prayer!

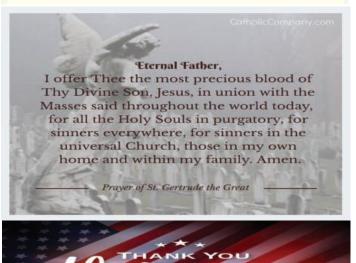
May we who meditate on these mysteries of the most holy

Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise. Amen.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK VOCATION PRAYER

Lord Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, give to our young people the generosity necessary to follow Your call and the courage required to overcome all obstacles to their vocation. Give to parents that faith, love and spirit of sacrifice which will inspire them to offer their children to God's service and to rejoice whenever one of their children is called to the priesthood or religious life. May Your example and that of Your Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph encourage both young people and parents and let Your grace sustain them. Amen.

PRAYER FOR SOULS IN PURGATORY







Help Ukrainian orphans have a voice. It only takes less than 20 seconds.

Act now to help hundreds of Ukrainian children and teens! These kids are orphans who are living in deteriorating and even dangerous conditions throughout Europe. Every day, some face neglect, bullying, physical abuse, and corporal punishment. Some do not receive regular or nutritious meals. Others are denied medical treatments and medicine. There is a lack of supervision, little education, and boredom compounds isolation. Most of these orphans have experienced complex trauma, learning delays, and many have disabilities. 300 of these children and teens have connections with American families who love them and would like to care for them until the war ends. 300 orphans have a better option, but bureaucracy stands in the way. Please sign the online petition to ask US President Joseph Biden and Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to work together to allow these orphans to come to the US to the families who are waiting for them. This petition shows the support of Americans to bring the children home and it's time to listen to the will of the people!

Please scan the QR Code with your smartphone to access the petition.

Touch the yellow tab "petition2congress.com" An application will appear.

Fill out app and touch the blue submit tab.



This is a free service if you receive a message asking if you want a hard copy sent for \$3.00 SELECT NO. A hard copy isn't necessary.

Thank you for your help and prayers.
Please share this with family and friends.

You may also copy and paste link in your browser to go to the petition:

https://www.petition2congress.com/ctas/hello-these-ukrainian-orphans-have-their-voices? fbclid=IwAROuPIyOHx8dD7CXd8qNfbLdLDgUYRr5Jskp-Vs3epImT-bzXeAw5uMBlE_aem_AY4ZuJY2TcncqmJ-FZe9gDY7N1mG2eaDoL4KNZDNNJSOeTv7lDpz_jeoysUY1fp9bM

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