



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

10:30 am

Confession Saturdays: 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.

Parish Secretary:
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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary



Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
137 West Upper Ferry Road, West Trenton, NJ

Parish Ministries & Services

Parish Rectory & Office	609-882-3277
Office Hours: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM	Fax: 609-882-4375
Monday thru Friday	
Religious Education—Brenda O'Callaghan, CRE	
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Mary's of Mary~Mary Arcadipane	609-883-7620
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Social Services James Gambino	609-818-1708

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	OCTOBER 14, 2023 Richard L. Palatine r/o Wife, Gail Louis R. Palatine r/o Elaine Palatine
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	OCTOBER 15, 2023 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Intentions of Eva Mary Szmuto r/o Mom and Dad
10:30 AM	For the People of the Parish Respect for Life & an End to Abortion r/o Mary Arcadipane
MONDAY, 7:30 AM	OCTOBER 16, 2023 Bill Timlen r/o Anne Smith
TUESDAY, 7:30 AM	OCTOBER 17, 2023 Intentions of Bobby r/o Mom
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM	OCTOBER 18, 2023 Intentions of David McMyne r/o Mom Dec'd Fekete & Walley Family r/o Family
THURSDAY, 7:30 AM	OCTOBER 19, 2023 Special Intention
FRIDAY, 7:30 AM	OCTOBER 20, 2023 Special Intention
SATURDAY, 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	OCTOBER 21, 2023 Priest's Intention Dec'd DeBlasio Family r/o Dolores DeBlasio
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	OCTOBER 22, 2023 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Respect for Life & an End to Abortion r/o Mary Arcadipane
10:30 AM	Richard Ranucci r/o Mary Arcadipane For the People of the Parish

Readers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	OCTOBER 21 Jackie Crane
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	OCTOBER 22 Fran Golinski Maggie Masterson

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	OCTOBER 21 Joyce Christensen
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	OCTOBER 22 Dennis Hice

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	OCTOBER 21 Nathan Stankus
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	OCTOBER 22 Brayden Spina, Daniel Wilkes, Elizabeth Baron Dylan Rutkowski, Ryan Spina

News & Events

10/15 Sunday - RCIA Session 11:30am in Parish Hall.
Religious ED Classes GR 8 7PM in the Church Hall.
10/16 Monday—Religious ED Classes will take place
from 6pm to 7:15pm in the Church Hall.
10/17 Tuesday - Ewing Knights of Columbus will
meet in the Parish Hall at 7pm. Knights **Chapter
Meeting** will be 10/18 in the Parish Hall at 7pm.
10/19 Thursday—Good News Sunday 7pm Opdenack-
er Room of Parish Hall and Friday morning at 10am.
All are invited to attend.
10/21 Saturday - Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the
Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass.
Reconciliation 4:00-4:30 pm.

CHURCH SUPPORT

COLLECTION REPORT

Registered Parish Families	688
Parishioners using envelopes	124
Envelope Contributions	\$2,896.00
Average Contribution	\$23.35
Loose Cash	\$444.00
Total Contributions October 8th	\$3,340.00
Parish Giving Total for September	\$4,162.00
World Mission Sunday Collection is October 22nd.	

Thank you for your generosity!



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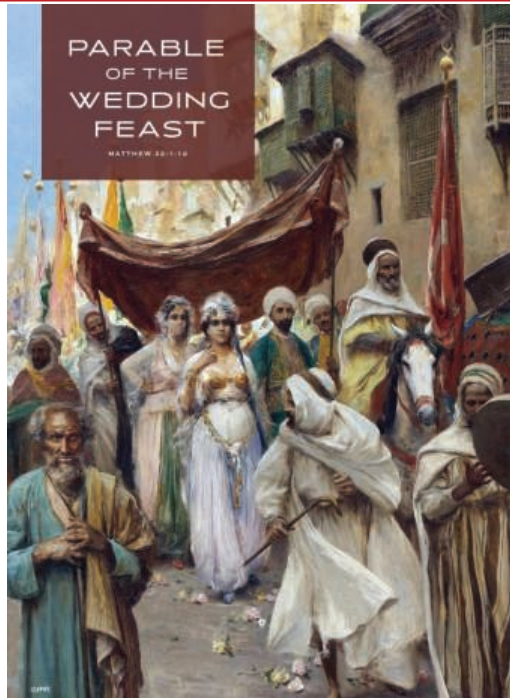
Pray for our Sick:

Kevin Baker, Erin Barbato, Col. Gabriel Beck, Christina Beck, Rose-
marie Buker, Richard Cook, Helen Marie Dolton, Sarah Dowd,
John Finn, Al Gatto, Leo Genovesi, Brian Gershon, Phil Glaser, Eliz-
abeth 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 Niranjana, Carol Perrine, Lucy Saganowski, Vincent
Schnell, G. Welly Samuels, Debbie Sattler, Gregory Schafer, Steve
Schmierer, Dolores Sebasto, Kristy Shanahan, Linda Solinski,
Brenda Thornley, Stanley Wrobel, Rocco Zangrilli and all parishion-
ers 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.

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 Eu-
charistic 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.



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Isaiah 25:6-10

Responsorial Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Reading II: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

All believers are familiar with the story of the wedding of the king's son and the banquet that followed it, and of how the Lord's table was thrown open to all comers. When everyone was seated *the master of the house came in to see his guests, and among them he noticed one without a wedding garment. So he said to him, My friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?*

Now what precisely does this mean? Let us try to find out what it is that some believers have, but which the wicked lack, for that will be what the wedding garment is. Can it be one of the sacraments? Hardly, for these, as we know, are common to good and bad alike. Take baptism for example. It is true that no one comes to God except through baptism, but not every baptized person comes to him.

We cannot take this sacrament as the wedding garment, then, for it is a robe worn not only by good people but also by wicked people. Perhaps, then, it is our altar that is meant, or at least what we receive from it. But we know that many who approach the altar eat and drink to their own damnation. Well, then, maybe it is fasting? The wicked can fast too. What about going to church? Some bad people also go to church.

Whatever can this wedding garment be, then? For an answer we must go to the Apostle, who says: *The purpose of our command is to arouse the love that springs from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and a genuine faith.* There is your wedding garment. It is not love of just any kind. Many people of bad conscience appear to love one another, but you will not find in them *the love that springs from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and a genuine faith.* Only that kind of love is the wedding garment.

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, says the Apostle, but have no love, I am nothing but a booming gong or a clashing cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy, if I have all knowledge and understand all mysteries, if I have faith strong enough to move mountains, but have no love, I am nothing.

In other words, even with all these gifts I am nothing without Christ. Does that mean that prophecy has no value and that knowledge of mysteries is worthless? No, they are not worthless but I am, if I possess them but have no love. But can the lack of one good thing rob so many others of their value? Yes, without love my confession of the name of Christ even by shedding my blood or offering my body to be burnt will avail me nothing, for I may do this out of a desire for glory.

That such things can be endured for the sake of empty show without any real love for God the Apostle also declares. Listen to him: *If I give away all I have to the poor, if I hand over my body to be burnt, but have no love, it will avail me nothing.* So this is what the wedding garment is.

Examine yourselves to see whether you possess it. If you do, your place at the Lord's table is secure.

Augustine (354-430)



St. Michael Church 1106 Brunswick Ave. Solemn St Jude Novena October 20th to 28th

- 10/20 9am Mass and Novena, 6pm Novena & Benediction
- 10/21 9am Mass and Novena, 6pm Novena & Benediction
- 10/22 8:30am Mass and Novena no evening prayers
- 10/23 9am Mass and Novena, 6pm Novena & Benediction
- 10/24 9am Mass and Novena, 6pm Novena & Benediction
- 10/25 9am Mass and Novena, 6pm Novena & Benediction
- 10/26 9am Mass and Novena, 6pm Novena & Benediction
- 10/27 9am Mass and Novena, 6pm Novena & Benediction
- 10/28 9am Mass and Novena and Papal Blessing, 6pm Novena & Benediction and Papal Blessing - Feast Day

Bring your Intentions to St. Jude Novena



The Ewing Knights of Columbus will be donating warm winter coats to children in need in our area.

If you would like to help the Knights provide as many coats as possible you can send a donation to the following address:

**Knights of Columbus
Coats for Kids
Post Office Box 7647
Ewing NJ 08628**

The cost of each coat is approximately \$ 25.00.

2023 Annual Loaves and Fishes Event October 28, 2023



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Although it is only OCTOBER, it is not too early for the parishioners of Incarnation St. James in cooperation with the parishioners of Our Lady of Good Counsel, to begin thinking about the commitment to our annual Loaves and Fishes Event, which takes place every year in the fall. This year, our serving date is **Saturday, October 28, 2023.**

Again, we plan to continue to do something like last year's event – a hoagie, potato salad or macaroni and cheese, a bag of chips, a package of cookies and a drink. In addition, we have been asked to continue to provide a take home lunch – peanut butter and jelly sandwich, a package of cheese crackers, cookies/protein bar, and a juice carton. Volunteers are needed on Friday morning, October 27th, to prepare the bag lunches.

We are also asking for volunteers to help serve at this year's event, as we will be feeding our guests at tables. As in the past few years, we need your financial support, so that the Committee members can begin to get the ball rolling and purchase what is needed for this event. The average number of people that are fed on the 3rd and 4th weekend of every month is 200 sit-down meals and 200 take-home meals, and 200 take-home lunches.

We are asking you to please consider putting a **personal envelope in the collection basket marked "Loaves and Fishes."** We will continue to accept donations through the week of October 22nd. You can also stop by the rectory to drop off your donation.

At this time, there is a real urgency to feed the needy in the Trenton area and we are looking forward to keeping our tradition of assistance going strong as we do God's work.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Peter Brennan

Parish Outreach for Q3 2023

Thanks to your continued generosity, our Social Services Committee volunteers delivered the following items to Mount Carmel Guild during July, August and September: 147 frozen food tray meals, 21 other frozen items, 86 bags/boxes of non-perishable food, 55 bags/boxes of clothes, 11 bags/boxes of personal care items, 4 bags/boxes of baby items, 27 bags/boxes of household items and 150 bags/boxes of miscellaneous items, which includes school supplies.



Note: Frozen items can be placed in the donations freezer adjacent to the kitchen area in the Church Hall. Food trays and instructions are available next to the freezer. Please consider sharing your leftovers with those in need.

Parishioners should know that in our weekly deliveries to these charities we regularly hear sincere expressions of appreciation for your continued generosity. Their thanks for all of our food and meal donations always get special mention. Thanks for all you do for parish outreach to help those in need!



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

2 NOVEMBER, 2023
7:00 PM

WE WILL HONOR ALL THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY IN THE LAST YEAR FROM OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL WITH A **MASS OF REMEMBRANCE** A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE DECEASED WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE MASS.

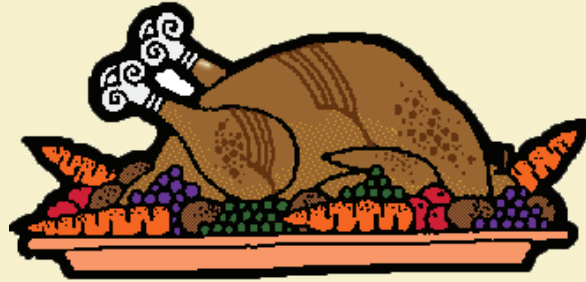
COFFEE AND CAKE WILL BE SERVED IN THE CHURCH HALL AFTER MASS.



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:

- Turkeys: small and medium-sized (12-16 lbs.) Please - No large turkeys.
- Gift Cards: Shop Rite or Stop & Shop (please leave with Rectory Office).
- Monetary Donations: make checks out to Catholic Charities or Mount Carmel Guild (please leave with Rectory Office) or donate online at www.catholiccharities.org 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 & Pumpkin Filling & Evaporated Milk, Cake Mix & Icing, Tea, Coffee, OR Cocoa

Please: 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.

TRUNK OR TREAT



Sunday, October 29
Festivities begin at 3 pm in the Parish Hall

How to join in the fun:

Bring your children/grandchildren in costume
Decorate your car and bring treats for the kids
Volunteer to assist with logistics

Start planning now!

Watch the bulletin/parish website for more details.
To RSVP or for more information contact Nancy Finn at 732-735-5492.

Sponsored by the Pastoral Council Youth Involvement Committee.

What exactly is Trunk-or-Treat? The idea is simple: Individuals and groups bring their cars to a designated parking lot. The drivers decorate their cars for Halloween, sometimes creating elaborate scenes out of their trunks. Participating children then walk from vehicle to vehicle, collecting candy the way they would during a normal trick-or-treating outing.

How will it work at OLGC? The safety of our children is our top priority, therefore certain parking lot entrances will be closed off during the event. (Please follow signs and parking attendants.)

Families can participate in two ways: Bringing your children and/or decorating your car & providing treats.

Parents/grandparents can bring children dressed in their costumes at 3:00 pm in the Parish Hall for games and a costume parade. You can stay with your children or go outside and decorate your car! All children should arrive in the Parish Hall by 3:30 pm so they can assemble in an organized and safe way before we proceed outside.

Meanwhile, families and organizations will assemble in the parking lot, decorate their cars, fill their trunks with candy and/or other Halloween trinkets.

At 3:30 pm the children will be led into the parking lot to parade around visiting all the cars and collecting their treats.

The afternoon will conclude with prizes for the Best Decorated cars.

All parishioners are invited to join in and simply watch and enjoy the fun!

Please complete the following registration and return to the Parish Office to join the fun!

We will participate by decorating a car for Trunk or Treat

We will be bringing children to join in the fun.

Number of Children: _____

Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

This is a rain or shine event. In case of rain, the entire event will take place in the Parish Hall with tables set aside for "trunk displays".



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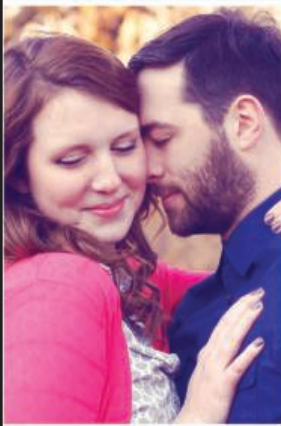
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