



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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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

137 West Upper Ferry Road, West Trenton, NJ

Parish Ministries & Services

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	OCTOBER 21, 2023 Dec'd DeBlasio Family r/o Dolores DeBlasio
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	OCTOBER 22, 2023 29th 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
MONDAY, 7:30 AM	OCTOBER 23, 2023 Healing Intentions of Chris Sr. and Annette Cales r/o Hope Holland
TUESDAY, 7:30 AM	OCTOBER 24, 2023 Rose Gallagher r/o Deacon Steve & Mary Szmuto
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM	OCTOBER 25, 2023 Intentions of Bobby r/o Mom
THURSDAY, 7:30 AM	OCTOBER 26, 2023 Intentions of Bobby r/o Mom
FRIDAY, 7:30 AM	OCTOBER 27, 2023 M/M Anthony Giglio r/o Eileen & Michael Giglio William Timlen r/o Hope Holland
SATURDAY, 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	OCTOBER 28, 2023 Priest's Intention Mary & Joseph Dolton r/o Helen Marie Dolton
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	OCTOBER 29, 2023 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Respect for Life & an End to Abortion r/o Mary Arcadipane
10:30 AM	Intentions of Msgr. Ralph Stansley r/o Judy Fielding For the People of the Parish

Readers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	OCTOBER 28 Jackie Crane
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	OCTOBER 29 Laura Shea
10:30 AM	Maeve Cannon

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	OCTOBER 28 Joyce Christensen
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	OCTOBER 29 Dennis Hice
10:30 AM	Tony Jones

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	OCTOBER 28 Nathan Stankus
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	OCTOBER 29 Brayden Spina, Daniel Wilkes, Elizabeth Baron
10:30 AM	Dylan Rutkowski, Ryan Spina

News & Events

- 10/22 Sunday** - RCIA Session 11:30am in Parish Hall. Religious ED Classes GR 8 7PM in the Parish Hall.
- 10/23 Monday**—Religious ED Grades 1-7 Classes will take place from 6pm to 7:15pm in the Parish Hall.
- 10/24 Tuesday** - Aux. Board Children's Home Society will meet in the Parish Hall at 7pm.
- 10/26 Thursday**—Good News Sunday 7pm Opdenacker Room of Parish Hall and Friday morning at 10am. All are invited to attend.
- 10/28 Saturday** - Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass. **Reconciliation** 4:00-4:30 pm.
- 10/29 Sunday**—**TRUNK OR TREAT** 3-5PM. Starts in Parish Hall then out to Parking Lot for Trick or Treating. Join the Fun!

Pray for our Sick:

Kevin Baker, Erin Barbato, Col. Gabriel Beck, Christina Beck, Rosemarie Buker, Richard Cook, Helen Marie Dolton, Sarah Dowd, John Finn, Al Gatto, Leo Genovesi, Brian Ger-shon, Phil Glaser, Elizabeth 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 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, Rocco Zangrilli 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.



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.

CHURCH SUPPORT

COLLECTION REPORT

Registered Parish Families	688
Parishioners using envelopes	109
Envelope Contributions	\$2,744.00
Average Contribution	\$25.17
Loose Cash	\$600.00
Total Contributions October 15th	\$3,344.00

This weekend is World Mission Sunday.

Thank you for your generosity!



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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Responsorial Psalm 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

We live in a highly politicized nation, where every event, man-made or natural, is dissected, probed, and analyzed from a political perspective. Our 24/7 news coverage and commentary showcase hordes of self-appointed pundits, men and women of dubious credentials who voyeuristically scrutinize and parse every word, inflection, and gesture until we no longer know what a person actually said, but only what these “experts” have inferred. Even innocuous statements are deemed to be subtle and manipulative expressions, especially when spoken by rivals and opponents.

It was no different in Jesus’ time, when Israel was under Roman rule. The Romans ruled, as did all successful conquerors, through a deft combination of military might, and collaboration with ambitious sycophants. While some chafed under the yoke of oppression and taxation, others sought accommodation and even prospered under the occupation. Many fomented rebellion; still others merely wanted to be left alone.

The Pharisees, who were jealous of Jesus’ growing popularity, discovered what they thought would be a divisive issue. “Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar?” they asked. If Jesus said yes, then he would have been seen as a pawn of the Romans and thus reviled by the people. Conversely, if he replied that it was not lawful, then he could be reported to the Roman authorities as a rebel, subject to arrest and punishment. The Pharisees likely congratulated themselves on their cleverness, thinking, of course, only in political terms.

Jesus, wary of their trap, asked for a coin and inquired as to whose image was engraved upon it. “Caesar’s,” they replied. At that, he turned to them and said:

“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” (Matthew 22: 21)

He reminded the Pharisees that their responsibilities were not limited to the political order, but transcended earthly boundaries to the praise and glory of God. In a sense, he reframed their question and challenged them to be as concerned about their duties toward the Father as they appeared to be toward Caesar.

Where are our priorities? Do we limit our concerns to earthly conflict, or do we seek that which is above, so that our lives may be ordered to the eternal Kingdom of Heaven? To whom, do we offer tribute?

Deacon Steve Szmuto



MINISTRY DAY SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 INCARNATION CHURCH 1:00PM

You are invited to join us at a combined parish
Day of Prayer and Reflection for church
ministries.

This day of Prayer and Reflection is designed
for Deacons, EMs, Lectors, Choir Members,
Cantors, Adult Altar Servers, Catechists,
OCIA/RCIA Teams, Greeters and Ushers, and
those responsible for the Worship
Environment. Spend a day in prayer and
reflection about your ministry in the church.



TO REGISTER
use the QR Code to the left or
call the ISJ Parish Office
@609-882-2860



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



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.



Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids

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:

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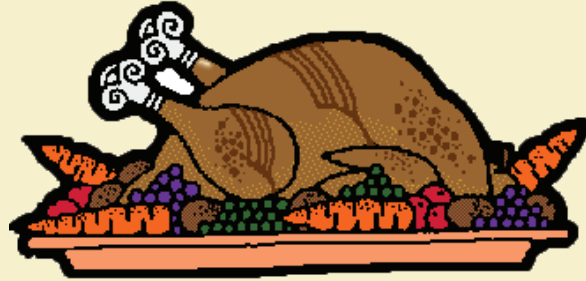
The cost of each coat is approximately \$ 25.00.



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.

A festive poster for 'Santa's Wonderland' at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. The poster features a cartoon Santa Claus in a red suit with white trim and a yellow sash, holding a red gift bag. Below him are four buttons: 'Tickets: 17', 'Tricky Tray', 'Games', and 'Traditional Play'. The event details are in a white box with a red and white striped border: 'Santa's Wonderland, Saturday, November 25th, 9:00 am - 11:00 am, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 137 West Upper Ferry Road - Ewing'. A QR code is in the bottom right. Logos for 'The Auxiliary Board of 60 YEARS' and 'The Children's Home Society OF NEW JERSEY' are at the top. Text at the bottom says 'Follow us on Facebook and IG for event updates and link to purchase tickets. All proceeds benefit the Infant Care program at The Children's Home Society of New Jersey.'



Villa Victoria Academy Open House

Wednesday October 25, 2023, 5-7 pm. ~ Pre-registration required. Register today for the Fall Open House at Villa Victoria Academy at www.villavictoria.org

High School Placement/Scholarship at Villa Victoria Academy

Saturday, October 28, 2023, 8:45 am to 12:15 pm
Saturday, November 11, 2023 8:45 am to 12:15 pm High School Placement Test (HSPT)/ Scholarship Test for incoming freshmen. Cost is \$40. Pre-registration is required for the Scholarship Test. Email cwhite@villavictoria.org. Villa is located at 376 W. Upper Ferry Road, Ewing, NJ



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 the event

To RSVP return form below to Parish Office/CCD Teacher/Drop in collection basket

For more info call Nancy Finn at 732-735-5492

Sponsored by the Parish Council Youth Ministry 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/or simply watch and enjoy the costumes and the fun!

Please complete the following registration 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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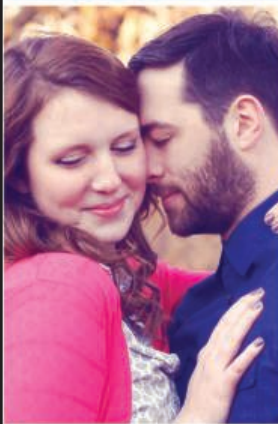
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