

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • OCTOBER 4, 2020 137 West Upper Ferry Road • West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

Rev. Ariel Robles, Pastor Email: FrAriel@olgcc.net Deacon Steven Szmutko Brenda O'Callaghan, CRE

MASSES

Weekdays: Monday thru Friday 7:30 AM Saturday 8:00 AM Weekends: Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Sunday 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Holy Days: 7:30 AM, Noon & 7:00 PM Reconciliation: Thursdays 6:30 to 8:00 PM Inside front church doors mask must be worn, social distancing observed Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament –Suspended

Infant Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays at Noon with prior arrangements made at least three months in advance with the Infant Baptism Ministry. Parents are required to attend a parish preparation program. Godparents must be practicing Catholics in good standing with their local parish. See the ministry brochure in parish Literature Racks.

Marriages: Arrangements should be made at least one year in advance. Couples are required to participate in a parish marriage preparation program and to attend a pre-marital conference sponsored by the Diocese. Weddings must be scheduled before 2:00 PM on Saturdays.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound: To arrange for the spiritual needs of the homebound or sick, contact the Rectory Office and see the ministry brochure in parish Literature Racks. Urgent sick calls at any time.

Registration: All parishioners should be registered. Forms are available in the parish office and on the website. Please contact the Rectory Office when entering or leaving the parish.

Parish Ministries & Services				
Parish Rectory & Office	609-882-3277			
Office Hours: 9:00 AM to 3:00 P				
Monday thru Friday	Website: olgcc.net nail: rectoryoffice@olgcc.net			
Religious Education	nan. rectoryonice@olgcc.net			
Brenda O'Callaghan, CRE	609-883-9005			
	E-mail: olgc.re.wt@gmail.com			
Adoration of the Blessed Sacr				
Rectory Office	609-882-3277			
Adult Faith Formation Deacon Steve Szmutko	609-947-0587			
Consolation Ministry Rectory Office	609-882-3277			
Homebound Out Reach Rectory Office	609-882-3277			
Infant Baptism Mary Szmutko	609-847-0796			
Knights of Columbus Frank Ferdetta, Grand Knight George Steward, Church Director	609-883-1559 609-883-9173			
Liturgical Ministers Rectory Office	609-882-3277			
Music Ministry Deirdre Hindley, Organist	609-882-3215			
RCIA Deacon Steve Szmutko	609-947-0587			
Senior's Club Mary Pat Voorhees, President Dolores Sebasto, Vice President	570-290-2373 609-882-5085			
Social Services James Gambino	609-818-1708			
Youth Ministry				
Web Master/Bulletin Debbie Smith	609-882-3277			

Our Lady of Good Counsel



- SATURDAY. **OCTOBER 3, 2020** Pasquale Muscente 5:00 PM r/o Philomena Muscente People of the Parish
- SUNDAY, **OCTOBER 4, 2020** 27TH Sunday in Ordinary Time Rabati Family r/o Mary Arcadipane 8:30 AM Carol Golden r/o Carol Golden Przechacki 10:30 AM Laura DeLellis r/o Children Joseph A. Gambino, Sr. r/o Bob & Dulcy Ricciani
- MONDAY. **OCTOBER 5. 2020** 7:30 AM **Rosemary Abrams** r/o Deacon Steve & Mary Szmutko

TUESDAY. **OCTOBER 6. 2020** Margaret A. Smith 7:30 AM r/o Bob & Debbie & Family

WEDNESDAY, **OCTOBER 7, 2020** Donald Geoghan 7:30 AM r/o Ken & Janice Ellsworth

THURSDAY. **OCTOBER 8. 2020** 7:30 AM Catherine Paci r/o Dan & Nina Gowaty

FRIDAY, **OCTOBER 9, 2020** 7:30 AM **Special Intention**

SATURDAY, **OCTOBER 10, 2020 Special Intention** 8:00 AM William A. Doyle 5:00 PM r/o Wife Eileen Doyle & Daughter, Nan Joan Shaw r/o Carol Dziedzic

OCTOBER 11. 2020 SUNDAY. 28TH Sunday in Ordinary Time Edward Halvey 8:30 AM r/o Dorothy, Anne & John Stanley People of the Parish 10:30 AM Betty Kiernan r/o Family



WEEKLY COLLECTION

Parishioners using envelopes	63
Envelope Contributions	\$1,880.00
Average Contribution	\$29.84
Loose Cash	\$151.00
Contributions for September 27 th	\$2,031.00

Thank you for your generosity during the pandemic.

Readers

SATURDAY,	OCTOBER 10
5:00 PM	Mary Anne Le
SUNDAY,	OCTOBER 11
8:30 AM	Laura Shea
10:30 AM	Trish Williams

CTOBER 10 lary Anne LeGall CTOBER 11 aura Shea

Prayfor The Sick

Pray for our Sick:

Margaret Babecki, Michael Babick, Rosemarie Buker, Dianne Claire, Richard Cook, Sara Cooper, Elizabeth Gervasoni, Nick Gregorio, Theresa Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Marie Hegyi, Frank Maske, Kevin McBride, Dolores Megesy, Keith Mello, Lorraine Metzgar, Joan Moore, Marie Muscente, Kim Nash, Angelika Niranjan, Rita Obed, Vincent O'Dell, Joan Pachuta, Michael Palumbo, Germaine Ryan, Lucy Saganowski, Kristy Shanahan, Suzanne Sibley, Paul Sollami, Frances Zenchak, 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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are Thursday Evenings inside the front doors of the church from 6:30-8:00. Please be mindful of social distancing and please wear a mask.



Ш Christopher McDonald and Grace Tuvera

lass LIVESTREAM Visit our parish website and celebrate the liturgy with our parish community

Go to our website: olgcc.net Click on the Facebook Icon Or

Go to our Face Book Page for

Live Streaming at:

https://www.facebook.com/OlgcWestTrenton

Daily Masses Monday through Saturday Live Streamed at the regular Mass times. Sunday Mass Streamed 10:30 A.M.

Important Notice – Charitable Donations There is a need now more than ever!



Please leave your charitable donations on the tables inside the Rectory garage. Donations may include non-perishable food, gently used clothing and accessories, baby, small household, and personal care items. There is a

freezer for frozen items. Follow the sidewalk between the Rectory and Garage and enter the garage side door.

Thank you for your cooperation & continued generosity!

Our Lady of Good Counsel



Religious Education Classes will be Virtual for the 2020-2021 School Year. We are in need of volunteers to teach! Share your faith with the youth of our Parish.

Please contact Brenda O'Callaghan: 609-883-9005 or email: olgc.re.wt@gmail.com

NOTE: Religious Educations Classes will start on Monday, October 12th.



Annual Rosary Rally

Our parish Annual Rosary Rally will take place at the Fatima Statue at the entrance to our church on Saturday, October 10th from Noon to 1:30 PM.

Please join us in prayer. If inclement weather we will be in Church.

Any questions call: Marge Stanford at 609-882-6555

GUILD

The Guild's virtual Gala, "1920-2020 and Beyond" is on Friday, October 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Be our Guest. You could form a viewing party at the Parish! Night Out! To RSVP visit us at www.mtcarmelguild.org for additional program information for the Gala to RSVP, sponsor or purchase a chance for our Raffle. Information is also available for our programs, the Community Support Program which distributes healthy nutritious food daily, and our Home Health Nursing Program, for our older adults to remain independently, as they desire. All parishioners are invited to be our Guest (no cost, RSVP) and to join us to view our virtual Gala, which has been held annually for the past 25 years! We will visit the past, as we look pivot to the future, and Beyond!

Our featured guests for the evening:

Bishop David M. O'Connell and our State of New Jersey, Health Commissioner, Mrs. Judith Persichelli

All Gala Guests and attendees MUST RSVP online. If not, please call at 609.433.4816 and the Office will be happy to contact you personally. In order to attend our event ALL registrants will receive a private link via text and/or email on the day of the virtual recorded event, Friday, October 16, 2020, with instructions to view the festivities which begin at 7:00 pm. Don't be late! Questions during the Gala event, please contact Patricia @ 609.433.4816.

Bishop extends Mass dispensation

Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., issued the following message July 30. 2020:

Given all current public health and safety reports, I am extending the dispensation from Sunday obligation to attend Mass beyond the aforementioned OCTOBER 7 date listed in our Diocesan Directives "until further notice."

The faithful are certainly encouraged, but not required, to attend Sunday Mass in their parishes whenever possible or to participate in outdoor or live-streamed parish Masses offered online until the dispensation ceases "to keep holy, the Lord's Day." Please continue to remember one another in prayer, especially the sick, the departed and all those providing care for them at this time.

Respectfully in the Lord, Bishop O'Connell

Catholic Charities News

You are invited to the Catholic Charities inaugural Guardian Angel Benefit of Hope virtual Catholic Charities event on Wednesday, OCTOBER



30, 2020 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. This fun and entertaining virtual fund raiser, hosted by comedian Joe Piscopo, will feature entertainment, a silent auction, basket raffles, giveaways and a Super 50/50 raffle. Catholic Charities Diocese of Trenton, inspired by our Catholic faith, provides trauma - focused specialized counseling, addiction treatment, domestic violence services and help meeting basic needs for over 100,000 people each year, regardless of their religion. The celebration is an opportunity to hear stories of the transforming impact Catholic Charities makes on our community. There is no charge to attend the event but, we ask that register you at www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org/GABOH2020.

Hope you can tune in.

Ways to Give:

 $\sqrt{\text{Online}}$:

You can give safely and securely through Parish Giving on our website. Visit:

https://www.olgcc.net.

 $\sqrt{\text{Drop Off}}$:

Drop off your donation in the mail slot in the Rectory Office door. Go into the enclosed porch facing church. Open the screen

door to the front door at the bottom part of the door you will see towards the bottom door the metal mail slot. Drop in your envelopes.

 $\sqrt{\text{Mail}}$ to: 137 West Upper Ferry Road, West Trenton, 08628.

 $\sqrt{\text{Drop}}$ in the Collection Basket: located at each open entrance after Weekend Masses. Thank you! This is a challenging time for all of us and we thank you for your continued support.

Visit our parish website to sign up for online giving with Parish Giving[™].





Van Gogh,- The Green Vineyard. 1888

There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a tower. Reflection on the Sunday Readings 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time <u>Reading I: Isaiah 5:1-7</u> <u>Responsorial Psalm 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20</u> <u>Reading II: Philippians 4:6-9</u> <u>Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43</u>

He leased his vineyard to other farmers. (Mt 21:33).

Basil the Great

You need only to look at the vine to be reminded of your own nature, that is, if you observe it intelligently.

No doubt you remember the image used by the Lord in which he says that he is the vine and the Father the vinedresser. Each of us who have been grafted onto the Church by faith he calls branches, and he urges us to bear much fruit so as not to be rejected as useless and thrown onto the fire.

Throughout the Scriptures the Lord continually likens human souls to vines. He says for instance: "My beloved had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; and again: I planted a vineyard and put a hedge round it." Clearly it is human souls that he calls his vineyard, and the hedge he has put round them is the security of his commandments and the protection of the angels; "for the angel of the Lord will encamp around those who fear him."

Moreover, by establishing in the Church apostles in the first place, prophets in the second, and teachers firmly planted palisade.

in the third, he has surrounded us as though by a firmly planted palisade.

In addition, the Lord has raised our thoughts to heaven by the examples of saints of past ages. He has kept them from sinking to the earth where they would deserve to be trampled on, and he wills that the bonds of love, like the tendrils of a vine, should attach us to our neighbors and make us rest on them, so that always climbing upward like vines growing on trees, we may reach the loftiest heights.

lt is h	uman s	souls	that	
<mark>he calls</mark>	his vin	eyard,	, and	
<mark>the he</mark>	dge he	has	put	
round	them	is	the	
security		of	his	
<mark>commandments</mark>				

He also requires that we allow ourselves to be weeded. To be spiritually weeded means to have renounced the worldly ambitions that burdened our hearts.

Anyone who has renounced the love of material things and attachment to possessions, or who has come to regard as despicable and deserving of contempt the poor, wretched glory of this world, is like a weeded vine. Freed from the profitless burden of earthly aspirations, that person can breathe again.

Finally, following out the implications of the comparison, we must not run to wood, or, in other words, show off or seek the praise of outsiders. Instead, we must bear fruit by reserving the display of our good works for the true vinedresser.

Homilies on the Hexaemeron, 5: SC 27, 304-307



5,000 HAIL MARY's

Bishop David O' Connell is earnestly requesting us to pray the Rosary this October, the month of the Holy Rosary. In response, our parish is launching a project entitled

5,000 Haíl Mary's To End The Pandemíc.

Our goal is to offer 5,000 Hail Mary's to the Blessed Mother for peace and healing of the world. Let us work together to achieve this goal. May I encourage everybody to pray the Rosary until we reach the goal of 5,000 Hail Mary's (100 Rosary recitations). To monitor our progress, may I request that you hang a Rosary located by the Altar of the Blessed Virgin Mary in church for each Rosary you have completed. Each Rosary will represents 50 Hail Mary's. You may pray the Rosary at home, in the car or in your workplace. Then hang the Rosary beads when you come to church later.

-Fr.Ariel



ANNUAL

Coins for Charity Containers are placed at all entrances to the Church this weekend, October 3/4 for your donations. Also, please continue to place your Marrazzo's receipts in the baskets a the three entrances to the church. Your generosity is appreciated

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal - PARISH GOAL - \$33,000.00 OLGCC total pledged to date: \$20,119.20 Total Collected: \$19,602.20





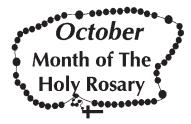




We are \$12,880.80 away from goal. If you are able to help by making a contribution/pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal it would be a blessing to the campaign. When we reach goal the parish will receive a percentage back for parish needs. Please prayerfully consider making a donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal we need you. Your donation is important in building up our Church. For more information contact the Department of Development at 609-403-7197. Check or money order made payable to Annual Catholic Appeal: Diocese of Trenton, Department of Development, PO Box 70170, Newark, NJ 07101



Have you visited our **FORMED** link yet? If not, we encourage you to check it out! **FORMED** features the best Catholic videos, audio talks, eBooks and movies. You have 24/7 access from your computer, smartphone and tablet with internet access. Log In! You will love it!
Register for Free at our Custom Parish
URL: <u>OLGCC.Formed.org</u>



October is the month of the Most Holy Rosary and Our Lady under her title "Our Lady of the Rosary." Pope Pius V in 1571 asked Catholics to pray to the Rosary for a Victory of Christian Forces against the Ottoman Turks who were sweeping across Europe to suppress Christianity. On Oct. 7, 1571 the Christian Forces were victorious at the Battle of Lepanto. Pope Pius V instituted the Feast of Our Lady of Victory to be celebrated every Oct. 7, Pope Gregory XIII in 1573 changed the Feast to "Our Lady of the Rosary" to be held on the First Sunday of October. Henceforth, October has been dedicated to Our Lady and her Rosary. Saint Pope John XXIII

was fond of the Feast and the Rosary. Pope Francis and our Bishop, David O'Connell has asked all Catholics to pray the Rosary daily during the Month of October. Our Pastor, Father Ariel invites you to say a Rosary and add your rosary beads to the altar of the Our Lady of Good Counsel. Rosary beads are provided by the statue for you to add. Please pray the Rosary to end the Pandemic and help us reach 5,000 Hail Mary's.



Don't Worry – Retire Happy

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus - NJ State Council and General Agents Wednesday, October 14, 2020 - 7:00pm

Tom Hegna, CLU, ChFC, CASt, is an award-winning author, speaker, and economist. He is an industry leader and is considered by many as "The Retirement Income Expert." Tom has presented at over 5,000 seminars, helping seniors and

baby boomers build lasting retirement plans. We will cover: Have a PLAN for Retirement, Maximize Social Security Benefits, Consider a Hybrid Retirement, Protect your Savings from Inflation, Secure More Retirement Income, Have a Plan for Long Term Care, Use your Home Equity Wisely.

Date: October 14, 2020 Time: 7:00 pm For video preview and registration, please visit: <u>https://www.njkofc.org/retire/</u> If registrant is not yet associated with a Council, just enter 00000



0533olgc



IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Ewing Council #3756 P.O. Box 7647 Ewing, NJ 08628

Knights Korner,

As Catholic men, we are called to do more. The *Ewing Knights of Columbus Council* 3756 can help you answer that call. Your membership connects you with opportunities to make an impact in your community and gives you access to resources to help you grow deeper in faith and stay informed about the issues Catholics care about. You will also have exclusive access to insurance and financial planning products to help you protect your family.

The *Ewing Knights of Columbus Council* **3756** is associated with the Our Lady of Good Counsel and Incarnation-Saint James parishes. During the recent past working with both parishes the Knights helped support a Consecration to the Holy Family; Mass with the New Icon of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians; Mass for People with Special Needs; promoted Good Friday attendance; and organized a Spiritual Retreat at the Morningstar House of Prayer.

The *Ewing Knights of Columbus Council* 3756 with the help of the parish communities also conducted and provided assistance for charitable fund raising activities that supported: the Christian Refugee Relief Fund; Send a Hero Home for the Holidays program; Peoples with Intellectual Disabilities and Special Olympics programs; Food for Families (Mt Carmel Guild); Coats for Kids (Catholic Charities & HomeFront); Pregnancy Center support and provided backing to our local seminarian.

Please consider joining us today and becoming involved in our faith-based activities. You need only devote the time you have available. There are no time requirements for membership. For more information about the Ewing Council or to join contact Past Grand Knight Eugene Blicharz (phone: 609-462-2689, email: <u>ewsb3@aol.com</u>) or Grand Knight Frank Ferdetta (phone: 609-883-1559, email: <u>Frank.Ferdetta1@verizon.net</u>).



Reminder - Please remember that masks <u>are required</u> at all times while on the church premises. This is for the health and safety of everyone. Thank you for your cooperation. Nurses know! A nurse parishioner has shared that a mask worn properly <u>must cover</u> your <u>nose and mouth</u>. Thanks for your cooperation!

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 4, 2020 2020 Annual Loaves and Fishes Event October 31, 2020



LOAVES

It's Time, time for all of us to get ready because on Saturday, October 31st our Cohort 9 annual Loaves and Fishes Event takes place. Due to Covid-19, we cannot serve our traditional hot meatloaf meal. Instead of asking everyone to make a meatloaf, or brownies, or purchase cookies, or juice or milk, etc., we are asking for and relying on your financial support to fulfill our commitment to our friends in need in the Trenton area.

The Loaves and Fishes Committee has met several times now to plan and prepare for our annual Loaves & Fishes Meal serving.

Basically, all meals are curbside service. We are still working out the details of what to serve – possibly something similar to last year's event – a hoagie, some sides and a drink. In addition, we have been asked to continue to provide a take home lunch – peanut butter and jelly sandwich with fruit or a fruit cup. Again we are still working out the details.

This year, Cohort 9 Parishes are not responsible for supplying a host of volunteers. What is needed this year is **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 weekends of every month is 400, so we need to provide a minimum of 400 main meals and 400 take home lunches.

With the guidelines of COVID-19, we cannot provide an envelope marked "Loaves and Fishes," but rather, we are asking you to please consider putting a **personal envelope in the collection basket marked** <u>"Loaves and Fishes."</u> We will continue to accept donations now through the week of October 25th. You can also stop by the rectory to drop off your donation.

At this time, there is a real need 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 within our Cohort.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. Peter Brennan, Chairperson – Cohort 9



FISHES

DIOCESAN ADVISORY

Media reports have indicated significant spikes in coronavirus cases in 21 states that have reopened or relaxed restrictions. As we approach the first weekend of public, in-church Masses, we are reminded of the Diocese of Trenton directions, lest there be any confusion:

COVID-19 is still extremely contagious, 1. especially indoors or in closed settings;

2. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday/Holy Day Masses remains in effect so that all Catholic faithful, in good conscience, are not required to be physically present in church; livestreamed Masses will continue in most parishes;

3. Anyone who is sick or at risk should not come to church; that is not punitive but, rather, common sense and an act of charity toward your neighbors;

All parishes are expected to abide by 4. occupancy and other regulations of the Diocese with care:

5. Masks must be worn (no exceptions), physical contact of any kind must be avoided, social distancing must be practiced, proper sanitation must be observed at all public, in church Masses;

6. Before attending public, in church Masses, the Catholic faithful are asked to consider any possible health and safety risks involved.

Weekend Masses-Directives & Guidelines

The Diocese has limited attendance at weekend Masses to 1/3 of attendance capacity. For Our Lady of Good Counsel this places us at approximately 220 people per Mass. However, in our pews with proper social distancing we are closer to 200. As our normal weekend Mass attendance, in normal circumstances is approximately 200 per mass, we will not place any restrictions on attendance at this

time, but will revisit this if it is needed

The Bishop continues to keep in place a dispensation from Sunday and Holy Day Obligations so that those who need to may "stay home in good conscience."

Those in high risk categories should strongly consider staying home. Those with the symptoms of any respiratory illnesses must stay home.

- All who attend must either enter through the Main front doors or through the elevator entrance. The other doors will be locked. You may exit through any door.
- Seating will only be allowed in un-taped • pews. Any non-cohabiting families must maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet even in the pews that are open. PLEASE **RECOGNIZE THAT YOUR FAVORITE** SEAT MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE.
- Facial masks or coverings must be worn by those who attend the Mass. The Priest and Lector will remove face coverings for the celebration but will wear them at all other times.
- For this initial phase, Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass, not at the usual time. This will happen in both the front and rear of the Church. Please maintain distancing while in line and while exiting the Church. Remove your mask to receive communion and then replace your mask. Communion in the Hand is strongly preferred at this time. If you must receive on the tongue please try to wait until the end of the communion line.
- The Restroom in the Choir stairway is • available for emergency use only.
- Hand hygiene should be maintained and while Sanitizer will be available at the doors of the Church, parishioners are encouraged to bring their own wipes and sanitizer as well.
- No bulletins, books, or handouts are • allowed at this time. Holy Water fonts will be empty.
- There will be no Offertory procession. Collection baskets will be placed near the exits of the Church.
- Due to the danger of the spread of • respiratory droplets: congregational singing is discouraged and hymns will not be announced.
- The continuation of public Masses will be • contingent on volunteers willing to help sanitize the Church following the Masses.
- The Cry Room and the Sacristy are • currently off limits to the public.
- The 10:30AM Mass will be live-streamed and recorded for the time being for those who stay home.



John Patrick Publishing Company, Inc. (800) 333-3166 • www.jppc.net



533 Our Lady of Good Counsel (b)

John Patrick Publishing Company, Inc. (800) 333-3166 • www.jppc.net