

Our Lady of Good Counsel

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January 26, 2025

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The Spirit
of the Lord
is upon me.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

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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
7:00 pm

Registration: All parishioners should be
registered. Please contact the Rectory
Office when entering or leaving the
parish.

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Thursday-Friday Mary Szmuto

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Masses For The Week



SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	JANUARY 25, 2025 Norma Norris r/o Donna Collins Mary Beth Murphy r/o Debbie Smith
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	JANUARY 26, 2025 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Colonel David E. Schorr r/o Paul Shea & Family Healing of Stephanie Salewski r/o Hope Holland People of the Parish
MONDAY, 7:30 AM	JANUARY 27, 2025 Fekete & Walley Family r/o Family
TUESDAY 7:30 AM	JANUARY 28, 2025 Collette "Teddy" Meagher r/o Mary Arcadipane
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM	JANUARY 29, 2025 Dolores Vitani r/o Josephine Chiamonte
THURSDAY, 7:30 AM	JANUARY 30, 2025 Thanksgiving for the life of Helen Marie Dolton r/o Robert Paci
FRIDAY, 7:30 AM 11:00 AM	JANUARY 31, 2025 Intentions of William Cahill r/o Elaine Palatine Marion Vincent Memphin Memorial Mass Celebrated by Bishop Exmilla
SATURDAY, 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	FEBRUARY 1, 2025 First Saturday Priest's Intention Maria Ines Solares r/o David & Donna Collins Ralph T. Patrone, Jr. r/o M/M Nick Solimando
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	FEBRUARY 2, 2025 The Presentation of the Lord Collette "Teddy" Meagher r/o Heenan Family People of the Parish William Venceller r/o Wife, Susan Virginia Hughes r/o Keenan Family

COLLECTION REPORT

Registered Parish Families	698
Parishioners using envelopes	91
Envelope Contributions	\$1,938.00
Average Contribution	\$21.30
Loose Cash	\$633.00
Total Contributions January 19:	\$2,571.00

Thank you for your generosity! This Weekend is the annual collection for Latin America.

Readers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	FEBRUARY 1 Jackie Crane
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	FEBRUARY 2 Keri Wilkes Maggie Masterson

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	FEBRUARY 1 Joyce Christensen
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	FEBRUARY 2 Laura Shea Danny Morales

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	FEBRUARY 1 Alan Colazzo, Nathan Stankus
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	FEBRUARY 2 Brayden Spina, Daniel Wilkes MacKayah Yung, Sebastian Reyes

News & Events

This weekend is the annual collection for LATIN AMERICA. Please be generous.

Monday, January 27 Religious Education Classes will be held in the Parish Hall from 6:00-7:15 pm.
Saturday, February 1, Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass. **Reconciliation 4-4:30 PM.**

Next weekend is COINS for Charity. Thank you for your support.



Pray for our Sick:

Kevin Baker, Mitzi Baker, Rosalie Baldanzi, Erin Barba-to, Col. Gabriel Beck, Rosemarie Buker, Richard Cook, Marilyn Dablewski, Jack Devlin, Al Gatto, Leo Geno-vesi, Brian Gershon, Phil Glaser, Sandra Goeke, Eliza-beth Gonzalez, Theresa Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Ei-leen and James A. Keenan, IV, Mary Lou Kramli, Carol Lake, Mary Leary, Laura Lynch, Kevin Mattis, Kevin McBride, Keith Mello, Joan Moore, Marie Muscente, Kim Nash, Angelika Niranjan, Debbie Paterson, Carol Perrine, Dominic Petito, Jennifer Andres, Gadiel Qui-roga, Lucy Saganowski, Vincent Schnell, G. Welly Samuels, Debbie Sattler, Gregory Schafer, Steve and Pamela Schmierer, Dolores Sebasto, Kristy Sha-nahan, Linda Solinski, Dorothy Stanley, Brenda Thorn-ley, Erin Cahill Wetzell, Stanley Wrobel and all parish-ioners 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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Luke 4:18



Reflection

January 26, 2025 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Nehemiah 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 Psalms 19: 8-10, 15
1 Corinthians 12: 12-30 Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

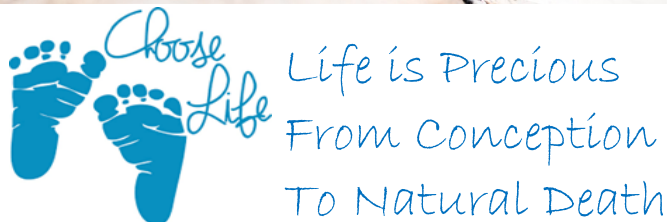
Today’s Liturgy of the Word focuses on the fulfillment of prophecy and the presence of the Lord. In today’s reading from the Gospel of Luke, Jesus is found in the synagogue on the Sabbath in Nazareth at the beginning of his public ministry. On this occasion, he read from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.” (Isaiah 61: 1-2 as referenced in Luke 4: 18-19)

As he closed the book, the eyes of all were upon him. Pausing for a moment, he looked at them, paused, and said: *“Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”* Imagine if you were in the audience on that day! Jesus’ words were most likely as shocking and unexpected as any spoken in that place. He did not just read the scriptures; he interpreted them simply, presenting himself as their fulfillment. In essence, he boldly proclaimed himself as the Messiah, the promised one who would deliver the people from their bondage. As we will discover, not all accepted this revelation with unquestioning faith; rather, as revealed later in the chapter, his proclamation was met with anger and indignation.

Yet, for those who believe, those who have accepted Christ into their hearts, minds and souls as Lord and Savior, the readings are a powerful reminder of his saving presence, both in history and in our lives today. He is a teacher, but more than a teacher. He is the promised one, who has brought and will bring about a great change – a deliverance of the people from the chains of bondage and sin. Through his Spirit, we are saved from our sins and brought to new life. Paradoxically, we are bound forever to the freedom of deliverance by his paschal sacrifice. United in Christ, we are one with him and one with all who profess their faith in him. We are formed in community, joined in love to each other regardless of our earthly origins. As Saint Paul wrote, in his First Letter to the Corinthians: *“For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.” (1 Corinthians 12: 13)*

Deacon Steven Szmuto



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 Cynthia Adrienne Carter
 Joseph Goss
 Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

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.

PLEASE NOTE:

If you have an intention for a loved one on the weekend, you are invited to bring up the gifts. Please see an Usher before Mass.

Family game night

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025
6-8 P.M. - IN THE PARISH HALL
 Come just for the fun of it!

Join us after the 5:00 pm Mass for trivia and some games to test your balance, speed and determination!

Pizza will be served.

Bring a dessert or snack to share.

Which family will take home the **GRAND PRIZE???**

Please RVSP to nfinn1121@gmail.com



February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise

There will be a blessing of the throats after the 7:30 a.m. Mass 2/3/25.

St. Blaise is the patron saint of sore throats because of his miraculous healing of a child who was choking to death on a fishbone. St. Blaise is a Saint that is seen as an example of the power those have, who give themselves, entirely to Jesus. As Jesus told his apostles at the Last Supper, "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want it will be done for you" (John 15:7). With faith, we can follow the lead of the Church in asking for Blaise's protection.



February 7 ~ First Friday Adoration

Sign-up sheets are available at all church entrances for you to choose a time to attend. Alternatively, you can register online at olgcc.net by selecting "Adoration" from the top menu bar. Click on the flyer, and you'll be directed to the sign-up area. Just select your preferred time slot and provide your information. If you prefer not to sign up online, feel free to call our Chairperson, Tom Hankinson, at 609-731-4542, and he will be happy to assist you.

Come aside and rest a while with the Lord. He is truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

THE JOURNEY
 DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

FEB. 1ST 2025 10AM

8th-12th grade
 Notre Dame H.S. Lawrence, NJ
 Advance Registration \$25
 Walk-in Registration \$35
dioceseofrenton.org/dyc

"Those who hope in the Lord will run and not be weary." (Is 40:31)



The Community C.O.F.F.E.E. Club

Adults, 19 and older, are welcome to join in for conversation, faith fellowship and group activities consistent with living your faith in Christ! Come check out **"The Community C.O.F.F.E.E. Club" Friday, February 7th at 7:15 PM** in the Parish Hall.

We encourage and invite you to attend First Friday Adoration for the extended hours of 3 PM - 7 PM in the Church before the meeting.





Coming soon help us make Super Bowl - Souper February 8 AND 9



Are you pumped for Super Bowl Sunday?

Here at Our Lady of Good Counsel, we're not just throwing a football fiesta – it's SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY! Last year, you amazing folks helped our Religious Education Program collect over 670 cans of soup for those in need! Let's rally together and help the kiddos crush that record because when they win, we ALL win!

Bring your cans of soup to Mass on February 8 and 9. We'll have collection bins at every church entrance, and our little helpers will be on standby to lend a hand.



Thanks a million for your generosity –
you're the real MVPs!

Benefiting Mount Carmel Guild Food Pantry

Happy Family Sunday

February 9, 10:30 Mass

FAMILY SUNDAY & Children's Liturgy of the Word ~ CLOW

Each Month on the 2nd Sunday 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'Callaghan CRE: olgc.re.wt@gmail.com

CLOW is designed for children up to 7 years old. Before the first reading, children along with a parent or adult will depart from mass to attend a class in the hall, returning after the Homily.



Refreshments follow in the Parish Hall.
Join in the fun!



Coins for Charity Weekend

Containers are available at each Church entrance February 8/9 for your donations.

Don't forget your Marrazzo Receipts.

Your support is appreciated!



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Central New Jersey

www.aWeekendForYourMarriage.org



Valentine's Day is Every Day

No reason why **Valentine's Day** should be just one day each year. Why not give your spouse a gift that lasts every day?

A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held February 14 - 16. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and info (Tom & Ruth DeFalco).

Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

RETRouvaille: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held February 14 - 16, 2025 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

SCHOLARSHIPS – The Polish Arts Club of Trenton announces the availability of \$1,500 scholarships to qualified high school seniors of Polish descent to assist in their pursuit of a college education.

For details and an application, please visit our website www.trentonpolisharts.org.

Applications must be submitted by February 20, 2025.

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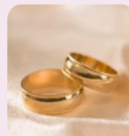
Saturday February 22, 2025

1:30pm - 4:45pm

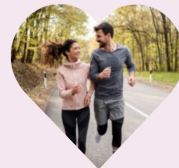
FREE

St. James Parish Center
115 East Delaware Avenue
Pennington, NJ

Followed by 5:00pm Mass and a Marriage blessing!



Discovering the path to
Happiness, Healing and
Harmony in Your Home



All married couples are
invited to this event!



Dynamic Presentation by
Coleen Kelly Mast, M.S. Life Coach,
National Speaker, and EWTN Radio
Talk Show Host of "Mast Appeal"

A Great
Christmas Gift!

REGISTER
NOW!



Babysitting available upon request.
Families can attend Mass together at the end of the event.



WHAT IS A JUBILEE YEAR?

A Holy Year or Jubilee is a time of special graces, pilgrimage, prayer, repentance and acts of mercy, based on the Old Testament tradition of a jubilee of rest, forgiveness, and renewal. (Lev. 25: 10-15) It is also a time to visit designated churches and shrines, recite special prayers, go to confession, and receive Communion to receive a plenary indulgence. The aim of a Holy Year is holiness of life. It is convoked to strengthen faith, encourage works of charity and foster a consistent living of the faith. Pope Boniface VIII proclaimed the first Christian Jubilee in 1300. Since then, there have been twenty-six "ordinary" Holy Years, observed nearly every twenty-five or fifty years, the last being in 2000, proclaimed by St. John Paul II. Since the 16th century, a number of "extraordinary"

Jubilees were proclaimed to commemorate the anniversaries of significant events. In the Diocese of Trenton the Holy Year begins December 24, 2024 and will conclude January 6, 2026.

Source: <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/jubilee-2025>