



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 7:00 pm

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

Parish Secretary:

Monday-Wednesday Debbie Smith

Webmaster/Bulletin 609-882-3277x3

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Thursday-Friday Mary Szmuto

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary time



Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

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Parish Ministries & Services

Parish Rectory & Office

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M–F 9AM to 3PM

Religious Education—Brenda O'Callaghan, CRE

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Adoration Tom Hankinson

609-731-4542

Adult Faith Formation/RCIA

Deacon Steve Szmuto

609-947-0587

Altar Mary Pat Voorhees

570-290-2373

Consolation Ministry Mary Szmuto

609-882-3277x3

Infant Baptism Mary Szmuto

609-847-0796

Liturgical Ministers Mary Szmuto

609-882-3277x3

Mary's of Mary-Mary Arcadipane

609-883-7620

Music Ministry Deirdre Hindley

609-882-3215

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570-290-2373

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609-882-5085

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	AUGUST 31, 2024 Nicole Lenyo r/o John & JoAnn Jaremback Healing of Grandson, Jackson Grimm r/o Grandmom, Marie
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Anthony Jr., Stephen & Michael Thoma r/o Susan Kane People of the Parish
10:30 AM	Barbara Dutko r/o Dianna Semonik Margaret C. Baker r/o Family
MONDAY, 8:30 AM	SEPTEMBER 2, 2024 Labor Day Intentions of Bobby Arcadipane r/o Mary Arcadipane Lorraine Ryba Tysiak r/o Sister & Brother in law
TUESDAY, 7:30 AM	SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 Intentions of Suzanne Sibley, and David & Maggie McMyne r/o Mom
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM	SEPTEMBER 4, 2024 Bernadine Medwick r/o Elaine Palatine Raffaele Chiappetta r/o Family
THURSDAY, 7:30 AM	SEPTEMBER 5, 2024 Intentions of Bobby & Ariel Arcadipane r/o Mary Arcadipane
FRIDAY, 7:30 AM	SEPTEMBER 6, 2024 James Morlock r/o Debi & Kevin Baker Poor Souls in Purgatory r/o Mary Arcadipane
SATURDAY, 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	SEPTEMBER 7, 2024 Priest's Intention Marie & Wm Dolton r/o Helen Marie Dolton Healing of Grandson Jackson Grimm r/o Grandmom, Marie Grimm
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time M/M Richard Russell r/o M/M Mike Giglio Intentions of Jim & Nancy Hranck
10:30 AM	Helen Medvic r/o Paul A. Medwick People of the Parish

Readers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	SEPTEMBER 7 Chaya Colazzo
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	SEPTEMBER 8 Laura Shea
10:30 AM	Catherine Ard

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	SEPTEMBER 7 Joyce Christensen
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	SEPTEMBER 8 Dennis Hice
10:30 AM	Wendy Reading

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	SEPTEMBER 7 Nathan Stankus, Alana Colazzo
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	SEPTEMBER 8 Brayden Spina, Daniel Wilkes
10:30 AM	MacKaylah Yung, Sebastian Reyes

News & Events

Wednesday, September 4, Seniors Club meeting in the Parish Hall at 11:00 AM. Welcome Back!

Friday, September 6, First Friday **Adoration** will be from 8 am to 7 pm.

Friday, September 6, The **Community Coffee Club** will meet in the Parish Hall at 7:15 pm.

Saturday, September 7, Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass. **Reconciliation** 4-4:30 PM.

Next weekend will be the annual collection for **Catholic University**. Please place both envelopes in the one collection. Thank you for your generosity.



Pray for our Sick:

Kevin Baker, Mitzi Baker, Erin Barbato, Col. Gabriel Beck, Christina Beck, Rosemarie Buker, Richard Cook, Joseph and Marilyn Dablewski, Sarah Dowd, Al Gatto, Leo Genovesi, Brian Gershon, Phil Glaser, Sandra Goeke, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Theresa Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Eileen and James A. Keenan, IV, Mary Lou Kramli, Carol Lake, 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 Quiroga, Lucy Saganowski, Vincent Schnell, G. Welly Samuels, Debbie Sattler, Gregory Schafer, Steve Schmierer, Dolores Sebasto, Kristy Shanahan, Linda Solinski, Brenda Thornley, Erin Cahill Wetzels, Stanley Wrobel and all parishioners who are sick or home-bound.

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.

CHURCH SUPPORT

COLLECTION REPORT

Registered Parish Families	688
Parishioners using envelopes	110
Envelope Contributions	\$2,603.00
Average Contribution	\$23.66
Loose Cash	\$397.00
Total Contributions August 25:	\$3,000.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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Reflections

Reading I: [Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5](#)

Reading II: [James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27](#)

Gospel: [Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23](#)

□ *Nothing that enters from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.* □ (Mark 7: 15)

I often wonder what it would take to convince the Pharisees and scribes of the true nature of Jesus. The Lord and his disciples traveled about the countryside, healing people in the towns and villages. Before that, Jesus had fed the five thousand with just five loaves of bread and two fish. One would think that even the dimmest of bystanders would notice something special about Jesus. But, not the Pharisees and scribes!

Yet, as today's Gospel reading shows, the chief concern of these two groups was that the disciples ate their meals without the ritual washing (sprinkling actually) of their hands. The chief concern of the Pharisees and the scribes was the tradition of the elders – human tradition – rather than the commandments of God. Jesus rightly pointed out the hypocrisy of their emphasis on human ritual and tradition at the expense of the greater divine good. In declaring all foods clean, he stated that defilement comes from the evil that resides in human hearts: unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentious-

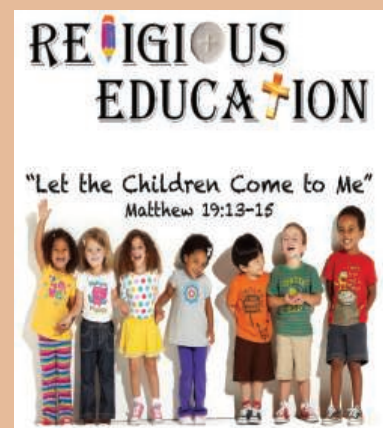
ness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance and folly. These things, sins against God and neighbor, are what defile. They are unclean, not the failure to observe empty human tradition.

Throughout the readings, there is an emphasis on hearing and doing God's will, to observe His commandments without being caught up (in so many words) in minutiae. That which fosters wisdom and understanding is given by God; what is unnecessarily added by man becomes □window-dressing.□

Saint James reminds us that □all good giving and every perfect gift is from above.□ Faith is a gift! It is a gift that we either accept or reject. However, acceptance must come not just with words, but with our entire being. We must become □doers of the word,□putting into practice the Gospel message. We are not called to lip-service piety. We are called to live our faith each day in justice, peace and love, in word, deed, action and inclination. As Saint Paul tells us:

□*Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.*□ (James 1: 27)

Deacon Steve Szmuto



2024-2025 Religious Education School Year

CLASSES BEGIN 9/16 FOR GRADES 1-7 6:00 -7:15 PM ~ Ice Cream Social
9/19 FOR GRADE 8 7:00 -8:00 PM

All Classes are held in the Parish Hall.

All registration are due now. Registrations received after August 31st must add \$25.00 late fee.

The tuition fee is \$100.00 1st child, \$180.00 for two and \$230.00 for 3 or more. Registration forms are available online, in church or email: Brenda O'Callahan, CRE at: olgcre.wt@gmail.com

We are still in need of a few volunteers to be aides for the upcoming year. Think about it. It's easy and is an important ministry to our children. If you are interested in serving as an aide please contact Brenda O'Callahan, CRE at: olgcre.wt@gmail.com



BECOMING CATHOLIC RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation

Have you been called by Jesus Christ to the fullness of the faith – the Catholic Church?

If you or someone you know are interested in becoming Catholic, or completing their Sacraments of Initiation – those never baptized; those baptized in other Christian denominations; or those baptized Catholic, but never confirmed or formed in the faith – call or text

Deacon Steve at 609-947-0587 or email

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to set up an informal and confidential conversation and start the process.

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal Progress: **We're Getting Closer to our Goal!** But we still need your help!

Goal: \$24,500.00

Pledged: \$22,146.00 (90% of goal)

Paid: \$20,231.00 (83% to goal)

Total Donors: 103

Total Gifts: 130

Average Gift: \$170.35



Three Ways to Make Your Donation

► ONLINE: Access our secure website at

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PO Box 70170, Newark, NJ 07101



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, September 6th 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:

Sunday evening

Faith Formation

returning this Fall.

Sessions will begin in mid-October.

Watch the bulletin for upcoming information and registration.



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.

First Friday Adoration ~ September 6 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sign up sheets are in the Church Vestibule to designate a time when you can attend. You may also sign up online at olgcc.net see Adoration on top menu bar, Click on the flyer and you will be in the sign up area. Simply pick a time slot and you will be prompted to fill in your information. Don't like doing things on line then please call our Chairperson, Tom Hankinson 609-731-4542 he will gladly help you sign up.

Come aside and rest a while with the Lord.

He is truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

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 the weekend of October 4 - 6 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.



YOU ARE INVITED TO

Join us in the
Celebration of the
Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary.

Monday,
September 9th
7:30 a.m. Mass

Following Mass in the
Parish Hall we will
pray the Rosary,
offer a Birthday Cake
to Mary, Sing "Happy
Birthday" and
enjoy hot brewed
Coffee and Cake!




A Student's Prayer for a New School Year

Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year. Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me. Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities. Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends. Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year! Amen



Coins for Charity Weekend

Containers are available at each entrance to the Church, September 7/8 for your donations. Also, please continue to place your Marrazzo's receipts in the baskets at the three entrances to the church.

Your generosity is appreciated!



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www.aWeekendForYourMarriage.org

Marriage Encounter

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



You are invited to New Jersey's

Mass for Life

Thursday, September 26, 2024
9:30 a.m.

Cathedral of St. Mary
of the Assumption
151 N. Warren Street, Trenton





CELEBRANT
Cardinal Joseph W.
Tobin, CSsR



HOMILIST
Bishop David M.
O'Connell, C.M.

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For full information, visit: dioceseoftrenton.org/nj-march-for-life





Yum! PICNIC Time!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
12 NOON - 3 PM
PARISH GROUNDS (WILBURTHA SIDE)

Our picnic will be catered with ticket prices for adults at \$10, ages 10-18 at \$5, and 9 & under free. Menu includes hot dogs, burgers, chicken fingers, sausage w/peppers & onions, sides, and drinks. Please bring a dessert to share.

Leave the cooking to us! Bring your family and friends! Games: corn hole, water balloon toss, egg race, Face Painting and more!

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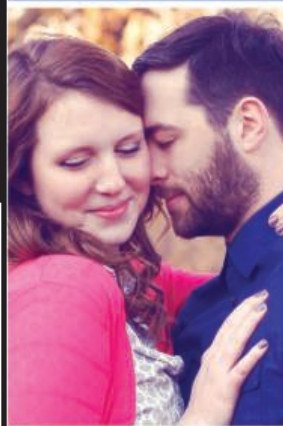
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