



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:
Monday-Wednesday Debbie Smith
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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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	
E-mail: olgc.re.wt@gmail.com	609-883-9005
Adoration Denise Hayes	908-242-2183
Adult Faith Formation/RCIA	
Deacon Steve Szmuto	609-947-0587
Altar Society Mary Pat Voorhees	570-290-2373
Consolation Ministry Mary Szmuto	609-882-3277
Infant Baptism Mary Szmuto	609-847-0796
Knights of Columbus—	
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Marys of Mary~Mary Arcadipane	609-883-7620
Music Ministry Deirdre Hindley	609-882-3215
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Dolores Sebasto, Vice President	609-882-5085
Social Services James Gambino	609-818-1708

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	SEPTEMBER 23, 2023 Bill Timlen r/o Terry Evanko For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time William Dill r/o Jack & Mary Innocenzi Don Smith (Anniv) r/o Family Reynaldo Obed (Anniv) r/o Gaudyterry Albano
10:30 AM	Mary Bernadette Faherty r/o Nick & Deborah Solimando Geraldine Stanton r/o Gayle Demeter
MONDAY, 7:30 AM	SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 Dec'd Fekete & Walley Family r/o Family
TUESDAY, 7:30 AM	SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 Robert DePula r/o Castiello Family
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM	SEPTEMBER 27, 2023 Eva Ungrady r/o Ungrady Family
THURSDAY, 7:30 AM	SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 Christine Carballera r/o Claude & Mary Anne LeGall
FRIDAY, 7:30 AM	SEPTEMBER 29, 2023 Dominick & Bernadine Trusky r/o Daughters
SATURDAY, 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 Special Intention Mary B. Faherty r/o Judy & Fred Totten
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	OCTOBER 1, 2023 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Respect Life and an end to abortion r/o Mary Arcadipane
10:30 AM	Matthew Loren Medwick r/o Brother, Paul For the People of the Parish

Readers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	SEPTEMBER 30 Mary Anne LeGall
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	OCTOBER 1 Keri Wilkes
10:30 AM	Maggie Masterson

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	SEPTEMBER 30 Ginny Evans
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	OCTOBER 1 Dennis Hice
10:30 AM	Tony Jones

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	SEPTEMBER 30 James Gummel
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	OCTOBER 1 Brayden Spina, Daniel Wilkes
10:30 AM	Dylan Rutkowski, Ryan Spina

News & Events

Religious Education Sept. 24 & 25 Classes are closed.
Sunday, September 24 11:30 AM RCIA Session in the Parish Hall.
Tuesday, September 26 The Children's Home Society Auxiliary Brd will meet in the Parish Hall at 7 PM.
Thursday, September 28 Good News Sunday 7 PM Opdenacker Room of Parish Hall and on Friday morning at 10:00 AM. Com join us.
Saturday, September 30, Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass. **Reconciliation** 4:00-4:30 p.m.

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 Gershon, Phil Glaser, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Theresa Gregorio, Leslie Hall, 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, Erin Cahill Wetzel, 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	114
Envelope Contributions	\$2,369.00
Average Contribution	\$20.78
Loose Cash	\$452.00
Total Contributions Sept. 17th	\$2,821.00

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25TH Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Isaiah 55: 6-9 Psalm 145: 2-3, 8-9, 7-18
 Philippians 1: 20c-24, 27a
 Matthew 20: 1-16a

It is safe to say that union contracts are not predicated on the parable told by Jesus in today's reading from the Gospel Matthew. At first hearing, it sounds horribly unfair: the workers who labored in the heat of the entire day were given the same wage as those who came an hour before quitting time. And, by our own sense of justice, it is unfair, even if the early workers had agreed to the wage before going out into the vineyard.

However, Jesus is not talking about the simple justice of men, whose lives in society are governed by accepted laws and obligations; rather, his parable illustrates the unlimited generosity of God and a place in His Heavenly Kingdom for those who accept Christ's invitation to go forth into the vineyard. And this is how it should be! If seniority were the only basis for salvation, then we would be in deep difficulty indeed. No, eternal life is offered to each of us today; it is an invitation which is not arbitrarily withdrawn, nor is it denied based on age or stage of life. The parable of the workers in the vineyard is not about earthly notions of justice, but rather of eternal mercy of Our Heavenly Father.

The Prophet Isaiah reminds us of this different perspective: *"As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts."* (Isaiah 55: 9) We approach notions of justice and fairness from our limited human perspective; God's way is based on the light of eternity and perfect divine love. The psalmist proclaims: *"The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works."* (Psalm 145: 8-9).

When you really think about, eternal salvation is perfect and everlasting bliss. With the peace and grace that comes to us through Jesus Christ, we can allow generosity to all men and women. As we gather to celebrate the great gift of Christ's Precious Body and Blood, let us open our hearts to God's generosity and mercy, and in that same spirit, go forth in tenderness and compassion to all whom we encounter as we go about our daily lives.

Deacon Steve Szmuto



Blessing of the Animals October 7, 9:00 AM

Blessing of The Animals to commemorate St. Francis Feast day. We meet at the Church side door (rectory side). Please leash all dogs or put in crates, cats or smaller critters. Please clean up any critter mistakes if someone gets too excited. Any questions: Marge Stanford at 609-882-6555.

America Needs Fatima (ANF) Rosary Rally Saturday, October 14th 12 noon - 1PM

We will gather in front of the Our Lady of Fatima statue. Inclement weather we will be in Church. Please join us in prayer.



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



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**OCTOBER 1, 2023
10:30 MASS**

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50th

Msgr. Ralph will be the
Main Celebrant
October 1st at 10:30 AM

Reception will follow
Mass in the Parish Hall

2023 Annual Loaves and Fishes Event October 28, 2023



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Although it is only September, 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 keep-



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"You Are the World" Unity Concert - Sunday, October 4, 8689 at 9:66pm. Celebrate how we are all responsible for each other in creating an equitable world and support two Trenton charities which help serve the basic needs of food and shelter in the Trenton area. All proceeds will go to these organizations.

Better Community Housing of Trenton (BCHT) builds, rehabs, and finances houses for very low-income families to buy and is currently helping redevelop a blighted block in Trenton with low-income housing.

Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK) provides meals and wrap-around services that encourage self-sufficiency and improve quality of life in Trenton and beyond.

Participants: St. David the King Choir, TASK's FunkTaskTiks, Sacred Heart/Holy Cross Gospel Choir, Capital Singers of Trenton Women's Ensemble, St. Gregory the Great Academy Choir, Trenton soloists Barbara Thompson and Rev. Crystal Hodges, and more.

Tickets: Donation \$15 per adult, \$25 for a family of 2-5, \$10 for additional children under age 18 and seniors. **PLUS** – bring a **nonperishable food item for the Sacred Heart Food Pantry.** More info at BCHTrenton.org – Books/Concerts.

The new book *You Are the World*, by BCHT's founder, Fr. Brian McCormick and Linda Smythe Oliaro of SSDK will be released at the concert (\$20 donation).

Place: Sacred Heart Church, 343 S. Broad Street, Trenton, NJ

Free parking on street and at CURE arena lot 2 blocks south of church.



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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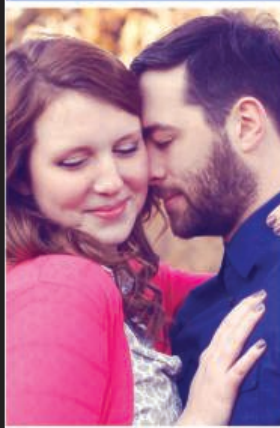
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