

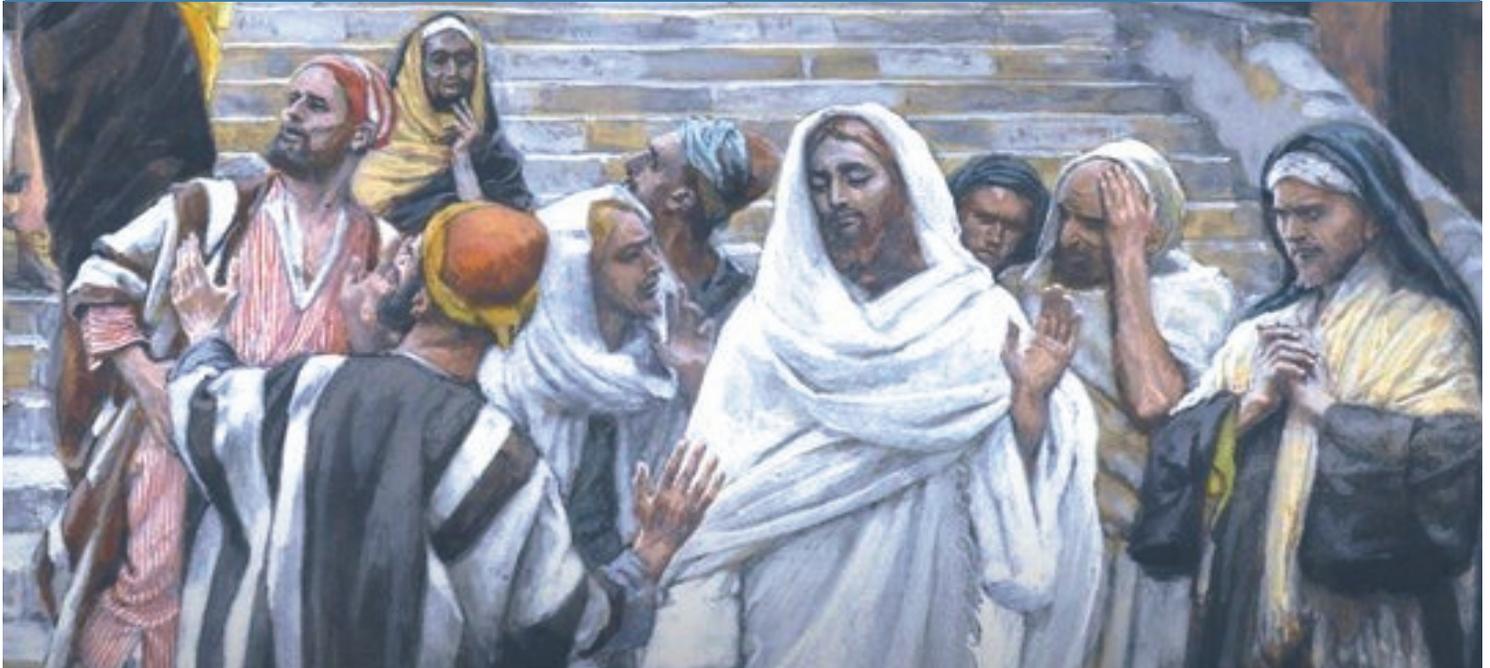


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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

8:00am, 11:15am

WEEKDAYS

8:00am

SATURDAY

5:00pm Vigil

HOLY DAYS

8:00am, 12:00 & 7:00pm

OUR MISSION

"We, the Roman Catholic Community of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, endeavor to create an environment of peace, joy and hospitality.

We are nurtured by the Word of God and the Eucharist.

We welcome each and every person to walk in our mission for the Father, as Disciples of Christ.

We celebrate God's mercy and compassion for all and honor His will as inspired by the Holy Spirit."

PRAYER & WORSHIP

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SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Please contact Carla Troast
973-839-2447 or
ministries@goodcounsel.org

Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance.

Baptism: Celebrated on the first and third weekends each month. Saturday or Sunday at 12:30 pm. Requests for other dates and/or times will be honored as possible.

Penance: Saturdays, 3:45 - 4:30 pm, or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Those of advanced age and those seriously ill should be prepared to receive this Sacrament. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Who was pope during Vatican II?

- A) Pope John Paul II
- B) Pope John XXIII
- C) Pope Benedict XV
- D) Pope Pius IX

Answer: B

MASS INTENTIONS

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CHURCH

SATURDAY, September 25th

8:00AM People of the Parish †
5:00PM People of the Parish †

SUNDAY, September 26th - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM Julia & Joseph Messino † Dao Huu Binh †
11:15AM Evelyn Johannemann † Therese Sabbath † Lou Oberti †
John L. McAloney † Martin Quinn †

MONDAY, September 27th - St. Vincent DePaul

8:00AM Michael Cangelosi †

TUESDAY, September 28th - St. Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions

8:00AM Mary McMahon †

WEDNESDAY, September 29th - Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

8:00AM Kate Flatekvel - Special Intention

THURSDAY, September 30th - St. Jerome

8:00AM Grandpa - Special Intention

FRIDAY, October 1st - St. Therese of the Child Jesus

8:00AM Frank Kavanaugh † Marie Molinari †

SATURDAY, October 2nd - The Holy Guardian Angels

8:00AM Patricia A. Couch †
5:00PM Mary Donofrio † Charles Ambrosio † George Giordanetti †

SUNDAY, October 3rd - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM Patrick Daly †
11:15AM Therese Sabbath † Michael Burgio † Scott DeGraw †

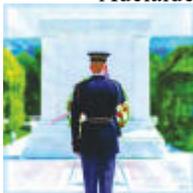
PRAYER REQUESTS

FOR THE SICK

Luca Ataide
Sandra Bellomo
Marilyn Beneventine
Ben Beneventine
Doug Billitz
Tricia Billitz
Anastasia Borovskis
Gavin Brady
Evelina Capelli
Dina Conforti
Yolanda Chavez
Jeanne Cromley
Mary DeWitt
Kira Dille
Adelaide Elliott

Kathleen Hart
Lydia Hartford
Vince Herald
James Horvath
Maureen Karsen
Eileen Kapotes
Nancy Klein
Therese Knight
Jennifer Kraft
Bob LoFaro
Deacon Alan Lucibello
Roger Lynch
Jim Mackin, Jr.
Thomas J. McCloughy
Maureen McIntosh

Deanna Melone
Bill Michaels
Maryann Miksits
Geraldine Moore
Jesse Morella
Maureen Morella
Beth Newman
Fr. John Pierce
Constance Quarantino
Jeanne Sabido
Kara Skafalstad
Julien Ste Marie
Edward Thomson



FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

PFC Christian Baxter MAJ Craig T. Robertson
MAJ Daniel J. Ciccarelli SGT Andrew Tucker
PVT Brandon Janz

HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

When Requested, names will be included on the "Pray for the Sick" list for 4 weeks. If you would like the name added again or, if someone's name can be removed sooner, please let us know. **Also, let us know if you have a loved one serving in the armed forces.** Call 973-839-2447 or email ministries@goodcounsel.org.

FROM THE PAROCHIAL VICAR...

First Friday Devotion at OLG

While some saints referenced the Heart of Jesus in their writings even centuries earlier, in 1673, a French Visitandine (Visitation) nun named Margaret Mary Alacoque had visions of Jesus, wherein he asked the Church to honor His Most Sacred Heart. In particular, Jesus asked the faithful to “receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months.” The request was connected to a specific promise made to all who venerated and promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart. After Margaret Mary’s death, the First Friday practice steadily spread in the Church - endorsed by popes and promoted by saints - but it greatly increased in popularity when Margaret Mary was canonized a saint in 1920 by Pope Benedict XV.

Our Lord Jesus made these promises to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque regarding those who practice the Nine First Fridays and have a deep devotion to His Sacred Heart. The Twelve Promises listed below includes the “Great Promise” (number 12).

1. I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their homes.
3. I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.
5. I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
6. Sinners will find in my heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
9. I will bless every place in which an image of my heart is exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in my Heart.
12. I promise you in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

The twelfth promise is perhaps the most well-known of the promises, as Jesus promises to give the gift of final perseverance accompanied by the gift of the sacraments at the time of death. It should be noted that this is not a free ticket to heaven in which one can cease to live a life of faith as long as they have attended nine consecutive First Friday masses. Rather, it is a gift of perseverance, which is the grace to endure trials and suffering even unto death along with the promise of divine assistance in the sacraments. While the twelfth promise may seize our attention, the first promise demonstrates the universal relevance of the devotion, “I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.” Every soul, whether single, married, or religious can be enriched by this devotion. The Heart of Jesus knows the trials of each state and will provide unique graces which will aid His children in their specific situations.

Please join us on the First Friday of every month immediately after the 8:00 am Mass in the Chapel for the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and then Confession. Our first Devotion will be on Friday, October 1st.

May God bless you,

Fr. Slawomir



First Reading:

But Moses answered him,

“Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!” (Nm 11:29)

Psalm:

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart. (Ps 19)

Second Reading:

Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you;

it will devour your flesh like fire.” (Jas 5:3)

Gospel:

“If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire.” (Mk 9:43)



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WEEKLY COLLECTION:

September 19, 2021: \$6,342.00

Pennies for the Poor: \$30.00

DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

Our Goal: \$89,118.00

Collected to Date: \$1,142.00

Balance Needed: \$87,976.00

Next Collection: October 9th & 10th

Next weekend: There is only one collection.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



2021 MISSION TRIP

There's still time to register!

Join us as at Batey Lecheria outside of Santo Domingo and participate in service projects to support the local community.

Depart Sunday morning, 10/31 & return Sunday evening, 11/7.

Total cost is \$800 (\$750 for those who help at our Fish Fry fundraiser or packing events.) Price includes: airfare, food, lodging & transportation. **All participants are required to be vaccinated.**

Safety is our top priority:

if circumstances around COVID change, we will cancel.

Interested? We must hear from you by Wed., Sept. 29th.

Contact Nancy Baran at 908-425-1380
or email: njbaran06@gmail.com



BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Monday, October 4th at
3:15pm

The blessing will take place outside the front doors of the church.

For the safety of everyone's pets, please have your dog on a leash and smaller pets in carriers.

GIFT news on Flocknote!

Make sure you get all relevant information about GIFT classes for your family - update the new grades for your children! Here's how: Log in to Flocknote and click the grey and white person icon in the top left part of the screen. Your profile will pop up on the right side of the screen; click on the groups icon to see the ministries you are getting messages from. Scroll down to the bottom of your list and click on the "Join another group" button, and you can add the specific grade(s) for your family.

Catechists Needed

Our program is growing! We now have so many children in the Kindergarten and first grades that we are in need of additional teachers. If you are available on Sunday mornings and would like to share your faith with the children of our parish, contact Laura at youthministry@goodcounsel.org. You must be vaccinated for COVID to serve in this ministry.

Did You Know?

You can find all kinds of information on our parish website, including the GIFT Calendar for Fall 2021:

<https://goodcounsel.org/gift-ministry>



Pray for missionaries around the world who teach others about Jesus.

SAVE THE DATE

- Sun., Sept. 26th - Parish Picnic! Join us after the 11:15am Mass. Great food, games, activities & more!
- Tues., Sept. 28th - Year of Love Book Club begins! - We hope you will join us for this exciting program, which runs for 5 weeks, concluding on 10/26. Each week we hold 2 sessions, 10am & 7pm - Register for the time that fits your schedule, visit our website at: www.goodcounsel.org/book-club-registration
- Wed., Sept. 29th - Deadline to register for Mission of Hope Trip to the Dominican Republic!
- Fri., Oct. 1st - OLGC's First Friday Devotion! Join us immediately after the 8am Mass in the chapel. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Confession.
- Sat., Oct. 2nd - Eucharistic Adoration, in the Chapel immediately after the 8am Mass until Noon. Come, and spend some time with the Lord!
- Mon., Oct. 4th - Blessing of Animals - Celebrate St. Francis of Assisi, a great lover of animals, by having your pet blessed! Join us in the parking lot at 3:15pm. For the safety of all our pets, dogs must be leashed, carriers are recommended for other small pets.
- Tues., Oct. 5th - Year of Love Book Club continues with sessions at 10am & 7pm in the Holy Family Room. Rosary Altar Society—Monthly meeting at 7pm in the Church. All women of the parish are invited!
- Thurs., Oct. 7th - Women of Faith, Holy Family Room at 7pm. All women of the parish are invited!



FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED

- Ramen noodles - beef please
- Dish detergent
- Laundry detergent
- "Complete" meals (*ready to microwave, no refrigeration*)
- Coffee - regular
- Nuts - unsalted & lightly salted
- Hamburger Helper
- Cranberry sauce
- Jelly (including grape)
- Mayonnaise
- Tissues
- Toothpaste
- Chicken broth and Soup Stock

STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIFE

Breaking the Stewardship Mold

Have you noticed how we always tend to pigeonhole one another - and ourselves? "I could never serve on the Parish Council. That's for Rick and Ellen and that whole group of people who have done it for years." "Greg takes care of faith formation in the parish — he always has. He doesn't need my help." "I can't afford to give the big bucks like those families who sit up front can. My offering wouldn't matter even if I did increase it."

Thinking like this is a good indication that we aren't in conversation with God about what His will is for our lives. If we have already decided what we are and are not meant to do, we aren't likely to pray over it, to discern it.

We have to be open to the spirit of the Lord wherever it leads us, regardless of what we or others have come to expect from us. We human beings come to believe that we are such good judges of what others can offer — or what we ourselves can offer. But God has plans for us to which we aren't privy. God calls everyone to serve Him in the way that pleases Him best, and only He can decide what that is. Everyday Stewardship demands a continual accounting of who we can be, what we can offer — even if it's outside our comfort zone, even if it's something that never occurred to us before.

There's only one Person who can tell us what God wants from us. Do we even think to ask Him?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

YOUTH MINISTRY TIP:

What does it mean to be "stigma-free"?

Help raise mental health awareness at **Pequannock Walks Out Stigma** next Sunday, October 3rd at noon. Sign up to participate & help us be **Pequannock – Proud to Be Stigma-Free!**

Learn more here: [Pequannock PROUD TO BE Stigma-Free \(google.com\)](http://PequannockPROUDTOBEStigma-Free.google.com)



BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT!

A DAY FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Saturday, October 16th
Holy Spirit School Gym
9am - 4pm

Presenter:
Fr. Bill Halbing

Fr. Bill is a well known preacher who is on fire with the Holy Spirit and teaches with power and humor. He is also a Scripture Scholar and has the gift of healing.

This one day program will be filled with talks by Fr. Bill, Silence with the Blessed Sacrament, a healing session, music, lunch, fellowship, personal testimonies, Mass and Door Prizes!

Tickets are \$10
For more information call Liz at 973-615-0780



3K Rosary for Life

Live via computer link and conference call*

Wednesday, October 13, 2021**
at 7:00pm (Eastern Time)

Our goal is 3,000 people praying for the Protection of Babies in the Womb & in Reparation for the Sin of Abortion

**** October 13 is the 104th anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima**

with Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli
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& priests from all over New Jersey

Please sign up by scanning QR Code or visit:
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Link & Phone number will follow after registration.



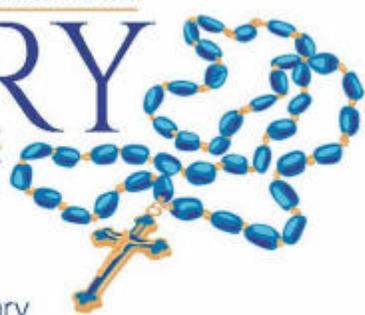

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October 5 at 7:00 PM
in the church. Fr. Darwin will lead a procession and the reciting of the rosary.

Visit www.goodcounsel.org/rosary-altar-society for additional information or contact Jennifer Nardone at 201-467-6807.

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