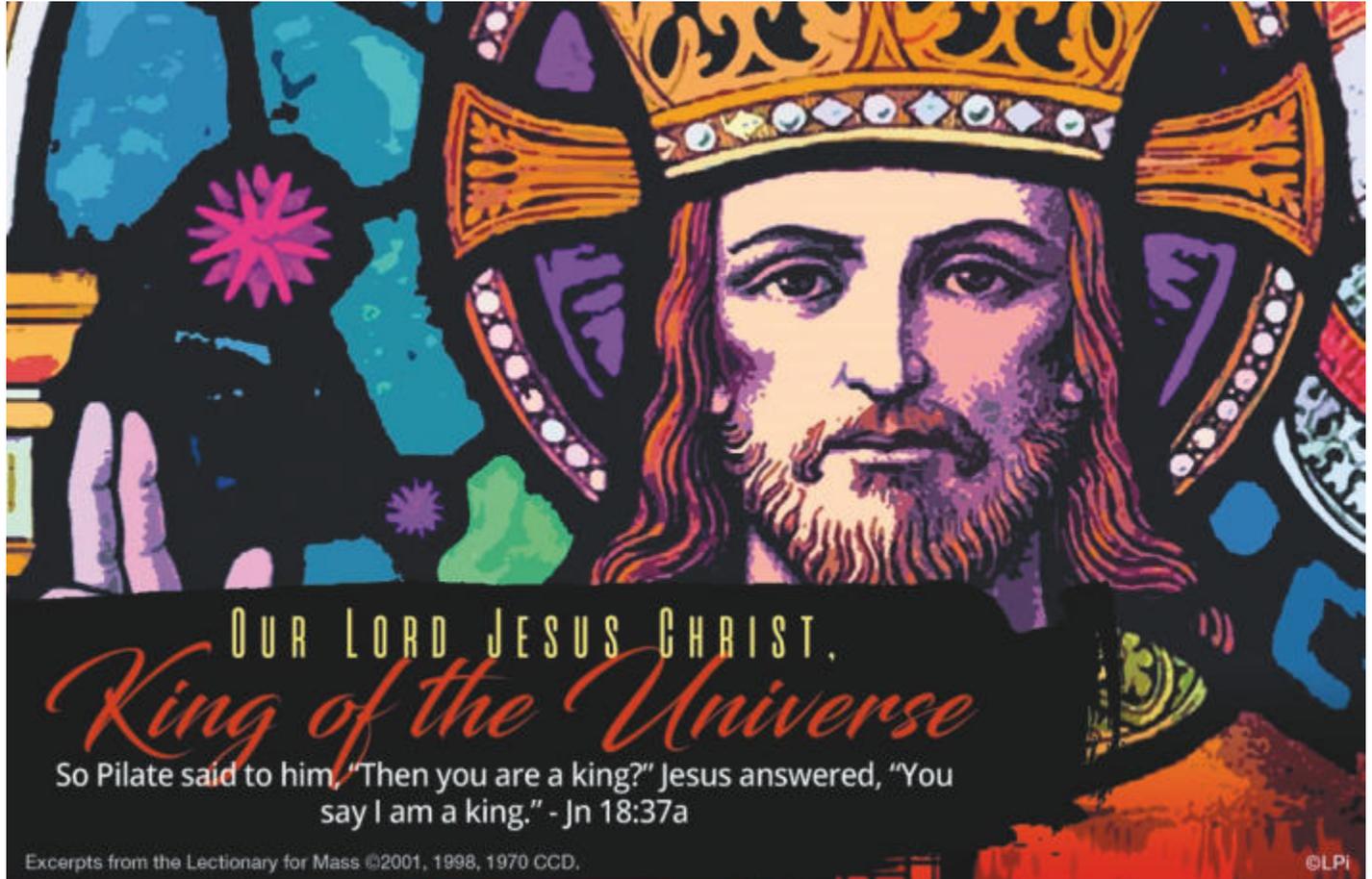




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MASS SCHEDULE

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

Question:

What is the First Station of the Cross?

Answer: Jesus is condemned to death.

MASS INTENTIONS

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CHURCH

SATURDAY, November 20th - Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00AM Mary Kavanaugh †
5:00PM Edward Dubiel † Jamie Dela Cruz †

SUNDAY, November 21st - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00AM Elizabeth Bradley †
9:30AM People of the Parish †
11:15AM Therese Sabbath † Thomas Bulger † 1st Anniversary
7:00PM People of the Parish †

MONDAY, November 22nd - St. Cecilia

8:00AM People of the Parish †

TUESDAY, November 23rd

8:00AM Mary Jean Anello †

WEDNESDAY, November 24th - St. Andrew Dung-Lac

8:00AM Mary Claire Boyle †

THURSDAY, November 25th

8:00AM William Daly † Wesley Purves †

FRIDAY, November 26th

8:00AM People of the Parish †

SATURDAY, November 27th - Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00AM People of the Parish †
5:00PM Mary Jean Anello †

SUNDAY, November 28th - First Sunday of Advent

8:00AM Frank Majuri †
11:15AM Therese Sabbath † Antonio S. Rogue Sr. †

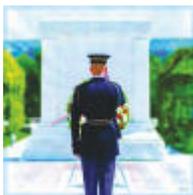
PRAYER REQUESTS

FOR THE SICK

Luca Ataide	Adelaide Elliott	Jim Mackin, Jr.
Sandra Bellomo	Debbie Golabek	Thomas J. McCloughy
Marilyn Beneventine	Kathleen Hart	Maureen McIntosh
Ben Beneventine	Lydia Hartford	Deanna Melone
Doug Billitz	Vince Herald	Bill Michaels
Tricia Billitz	James Horvath	Maryann Miksits
Anastasia Borovskis	Maureen Karsen	Geraldine Moore
Gavin Brady	Eileen Kapotes	Jesse Morella
Evelina Capelli	Nancy Klein	Maureen Morella
Dina Conforti	Therese Knight	Beth Newman
Yolanda Chavez	Jennifer Kraft	Fr. John Pierce
Patricia Cheff	Bob LoFaro	Constance Quarantino
Mary DeWitt	Den. Alan Lucibello	Jeanne Sabido
Kira Dillely	Roger Lynch	Emily Sanczyk



Kara Skafalstad
Julien Ste Marie
Edward Thomson



FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

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

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...

St. Cecilia

(ca. Third Century) November 22

Though St. Cecilia has long enjoyed a popular cult, the first account of her life dates only from the fifth century. According to this story she was born to a patrician family in Rome and raised as a Christian. Although she wished to consecrate her life to God, she was betrothed to marry a young man named Valerian. On their wedding night she related to her husband that an angel watched over her and that if he “touched her in the way of marriage” the angel would be angry and cause him suffering. When Valerian asked to see this angel, Cecilia told him that if he received baptism he too would see the angel. Remarkably, Valerian consented. The couple dedicated themselves to good works, particularly the perilous task of burying the bodies of martyrs. As a result they were eventually arrested and ordered to make sacrifices to the gods. Upon their refusal they were both executed. The soldier assigned to behead Cecilia botched the job. Left for dead, she lingered for three days. Cecilia is depicted in art with a musical instrument. Her designation as patron of music apparently owes itself to a line in her biography that describes her on her wedding day “singing to the Lord in her heart.”

May God Bless,

Fr. Slawomir



First Reading:

His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed. (Dn 7:14)

Psalm:

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty. (Ps 93)

Second Reading:

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. (Rv 1:5-6)

Gospel:

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?"
Jesus answered, "You say I am a king." (Jn 18:37)



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WEEKLY COLLECTION:

November 14, 2021: \$5,667.00
Pennies for the Poor: \$8.00

DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

Our Goal: \$89,118.00
Collected to Date: \$3,639.00
Balance Needed: \$85,479.00
Next Collection: Dec. 11th & 12th

There is only one collection *next* weekend
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question:

Why do we make changes in the Mass? Some seem so small and unimportant. Are they really necessary?

Answer:

The celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of our identity as Catholics. Our purpose as a Church community revolves around the Eucharist. Everything we are and everything we do is measured not only by how well we celebrate, but also by how well we live the sacrament. If that is so, then we as a community will always strive to celebrate the Mass as best we can. The reasons for some changes might seem more obvious than others, but there is a reason behind each one. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal is the introduction to the Missal that contains all the prayers for the celebration of the Mass. The Order of Mass we use now was issued in 1975 and, as often happens over the course of years, some questions have come up about the proper way of doing some things and whether or not other practices are acceptable. These changes clarify some things and make the celebration of the Mass more meaningful for everyone. The opportunity is presented to us to better learn and understand each part of the Mass, which in turn should help us deepen our appreciation for its beauty and meaning. We will be a better Church if we have a clearer understanding and knowledge of Who and what we celebrate.

GIFT Classes in Person!

Our next classes are on Monday 11/29, Wednesday 12/1, and Sunday 12/5. Visit our website for information about our schedule of classes and Covid guidelines: [GIFT Ministry - Our Lady of Good Counsel - Pompton Plains, NJ](https://www.goodcounsel.org)

Confirmation Mass & Class 11/21

Our next Confirmation Mass and Class is Sunday, November 21st. Serve at Mass and earn 1 service hour! Sign up here: <https://goodcounsel.flocknote.com/signup/72958>

Share the faith!

We are in need of catechists for the following grades for in-person classes: Grade 1 on Sunday mornings from 10-11am; Grade 7 on Wednesdays from 7-8:15pm and Grade 10 on Sunday nights from 7-9pm. All volunteers must complete an online background check and provide proof of Covid vaccination. Please contact Laura for more information: youthministry@goodcounsel.org

Did You Know?

Our GIFT classes spend time each session learning our Catholic Prayers? Families can reinforce these lessons by saying prayers together at home. All our textbooks have a section of prayers at the back, discover which ones your child has heard before!

Kids Corner

READ THE
GOSPEL &
COLOR



Everyone who belongs to the truth knows God's voice. When you turn your head and put your hands over your ears, you will not hear God's voice. You will say unkind words. You will do mean things. When you listen to God's voice, you will choose to follow the commandments. You will do for others what you would want them to do for you. Then, God will welcome you to his kingdom in heaven.

PRAYER

Lord, help me recognize your voice and do your will.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

God takes sins away. I will take the trash away for my family.

SAVE THE DATE

Sun., Nov. 21st - Thanksgiving Food Drive Sorting event, 12:30pm in the Gathering Area. Many hands make light work! Please join us in sorting and packing meals for those in need. Register at <https://goodcounsel.flocknote.com/signup/73514>

Thurs., Nov. 25th - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
Please note, the parish office will be closed on Thursday, 11/25 and Friday, 11/26.

Fri., Nov. 26th - Blood Drive, 12pm - 6pm in the school gym. To schedule an appointment visit: nybc.org/njdrive use SPONSOR CODE: 71196. You will also be entered into a sweepstakes!

Sun., Nov. 28th - First Sunday of Advent!

Rosarians Poinsettia Sale

The Rosarians will be taking orders for beautiful, florist-grade poinsettias after each mass this weekend and the weekend of November 27.

Orders may also be submitted on-line through our parish website (*just click on the QR code below to go directly to the online order page*) or pickup an order form in the gathering area.

Choose a 6.5" pink, white or red poinsettia for \$10 each, or a large specialty combo red & white plant, \$20 each.



Flowers will be ready for pick-up on Sunday, December 5th from 9-12:30 at the school gym.

Please support this worthwhile fundraising event!

Our heartfelt thanks to all who made our mum sale so successful!



STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIFE

Long Live the King

Did you know that you can become royalty, for the right price? It's true — for the low, low cost of \$50, you, too, can purchase a 12-square-inch souvenir plot of Scottish land and call yourself "Laird So-and-so." Now, this lordship or ladyship doesn't come with the ability to boss anyone around, but maybe your friends will be impressed enough to bend the knee.

My point is, we've all got our own little fiefdoms — folks or communities for which we have a feeling of responsibility. Maybe we're not their "king," but most of us have those we think of as "our people."

Now, in this world, people lay themselves down for their kings. History is riddled with the bodies of men, young and old — and plenty of women and children, too — who were casualties of wars waged by men in power, men who never had to shed their own blood. But in the next world, the King dies for his people. This is leadership par excellence — the leadership of someone whose love is greater than his ambition.

We are all leaders of a sort. On the parish level, you have the obvious roles — serving on pastoral council, spearheading the capital campaign, leading the Altar Guild. But you also have the quiet ones who lead from the wings — the janitor who can always be relied upon to do his job, or the volunteer librarian who puts in extra hours on the weekends.

There is a saying — find your people. I say, find your people, and find a way to lay yourself down for them, in imitation of the greatest King that ever was.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Thanksgiving Food Drive!

There's still time to help those in need this holiday season.

Please donate non-perishable items, all the fixings of a traditional Thanksgiving dinner are needed, consider:

- Canned fruits or vegetables
- Cranberry Sauce
- Stuffing mix
- Rice dishes
- Potatoes, boxed
- Pie crusts & fillings
- Cake mix & frosting
- Crackers
- Pudding or Jello cups
- Juice boxes
- Foil roasting pans

Donations will be accepted through 2pm on Sunday, Nov. 21st

If you are able to donate a FROZEN TURKEY

Please bring it to the church on Sat. Nov. 20th or Sun. Nov. 21st
Do not bring it sooner as we cannot store them.

Thank you for your generosity!

YOUTH MINISTRY TIP:

Do you have any Sacramentals in your home? Share with a young person in your life the story of your Sacramental and why it is important to you! Want to know more? Visit: [List of Catholic Sacramentals](#) | [Everything about catholic](#)

HELP WANTED

*OLGC's Garden Club
Is Back!*

Parishioners of all ages, who are willing to share their creative talents in keeping our church a beautiful and special place to worship, are needed! Join us for the Advent & Christmas seasons.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Larry Treuer at treuer@nvnet.org or Call 973-519-3272.

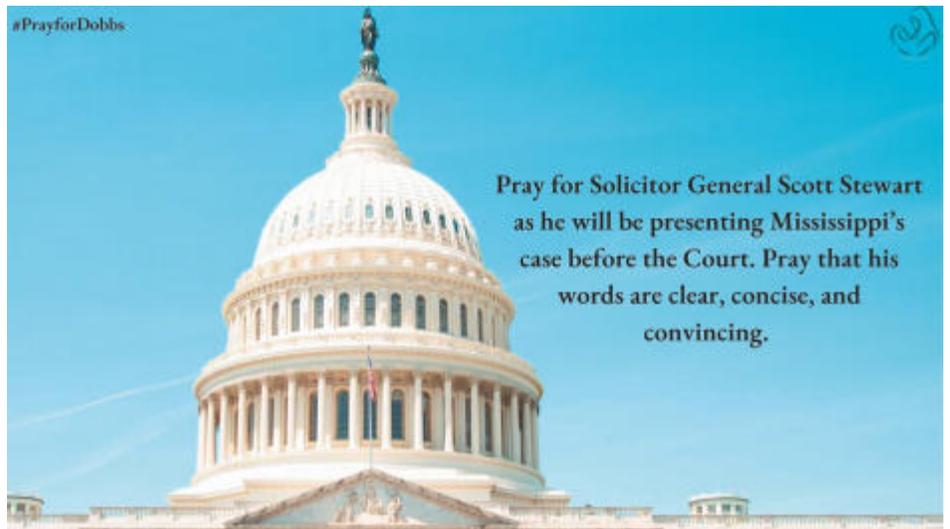
Diocesan Ministries Appeal 2021

Let Your Light Shine

This time of year, as we plan to celebrate Thanksgiving, please consider making a gift to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal. Each year, tens of thousands of people in profound need seek out the services of our Catholic Charities and, with the help for the Diocesan Ministries Appeal, they find an open door and a compassionate response.

For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2021appeal.org.

LIFE! WHAT A BEAUTIFUL CHOICE



Thank You

The Bishop Navagh Columbiette's Fish Fry was a huge success!

A BIG Thank You goes out to all those who supported us by buying Fish & Chicken dinners! Your support enables us to continue to help local charities.

BLOOD DRIVE

WIN A \$1,500 SHOPPING SPREE AT TARGET OR WALMART!

PLUS 2ND & 3RD PRIZES TO GIVE AWAY! MORE INFO AT NYBC.ORG/SWEEPSTAKES

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

12 PM – 6 PM

Our Lady of Good Counsel – Gymnasium
155 West Parkway, Pompton Plains



To schedule an appointment visit: nybc.org/njdrive
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All donors will be automatically entered into the November sweepstakes and will also receive a \$10 Tango e-gift card!

Gift cards can be redeemed at stores such as Target, Amazon, Dunkin', Best Buy, Panera, etc.

Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits.
Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo.
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