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

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

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Sunday ---- 8:00, 10:00 am & 12:00 noon **Saturday** ----- 5:00 pm

Weekdays *(Monday - Saturday)*----------8:00 am Mass

Holy Days ---------- 8:00 am, 12:00 & 7:30 pm

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Sacramental Life

Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance. Please contact Carla Troast at 973-839-2447 or ministries@goodcounsel.org.

Baptism: The Sacrament is celebrated on the 1st & 3rd weekends each month - Sundays immediately after the Noon Mass, Saturdays at Noon. A baptism preparation class is available, parents will be notified if they are required to attend. For more information contact Carla Troast at 973-839-2447 or via email at: ministries@goodcounsel.org

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

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

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

"Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you have learned it, and from infancy you have known the sacred scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scriptures is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction and for training in righteousness, so that those who belong to Jesus may be competent, quipped for every good work."

When is the last time you opened your bible at home, or listened with great attention as the scriptures were proclaimed at mass? When did you reflect on God's word, during the week after hearing it at liturgy, or heard a text which was familiar to you? When did you think it might be helpful to attend a bible study?

The words above which Paul wrote to Timothy are invitations to us, so we can grow in our faith. The teaching reminds us of growing after first communion, confirmation or our marriage. We continue to grow older, are we growing in holiness? Pope Francis' exhortation offers us the beatitudes as the path for holiness. The bible in your living room has allergies. It is allergic to dust. Please open it, read it and heed it!

Remember Your Loved Ones

This November OLGC will again remember all those who have gone before us during each Mass. Please bring in photos or memorial cards of your deceased loved ones and place them in the basket provided in the gathering area. They will be prayed for at every Mass in November.

Annual Memorial Mass

Our Memorial Mass will be held on All Soul's Day, **Saturday, November 2nd at the 5pm Mass**. If you lost a loved one this past year and would like them to be remembered at this Mass, please contact the parish office.

Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, October 19th - Mem. Sts. John De Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues

8:00AM	People of the Parish †
5:00PM	Bernice Kennelly † Gerald Hallisey †

SUNDAY, October 20th

8:00AM	Desort Family †
10:00AM	Frieda Mercier †
12:00PM	Gerald Hallisey † Frank Carluccio †

MONDAY, October 21st

8:00AM	Josephine & Giovanni Rovetto †

TUESDAY, October 22nd

8:00AM	Vanessa Ramos †

WEDNESDAY, October 23rd

8:00AM	Betty Kossman †

THURSDAY, October 24th

8:00AM	Catherine Giove †

FRIDAY, October 25th

8:00AM	Nancy Werth †

SATURDAY, October 26th

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

SUNDAY, October 27th

8:00AM	Frank Lucibello †
10:00AM	Angelina Alves † Peter & Maura Barrett †
12:00PM	Emil Diek †

Sanctuary Candle Memorial

This week the Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of …

Betsy Moltane
Frank Moltane
Gerald Comiskey
Maura & Peter Barrett
Kay Raczko

We Are A Parish Family

Save the Date

October 23rd - Healing Mass, 7:30pm - Fr. Joseph Vadakkel will celebrate. All are welcome!

November 1st - Feast of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation, Masses at 8am, 12 Noon and 7:30pm.

November 2nd - All Soul's Day - We will celebrate our Annual Memorial Mass at 5pm.

THIS WEEK AT OLGC:

Monday, October 21, 2019

08:00 AM	Mass	Church
	Holy Hour begins immediately after the Mass.	
02:30 PM	AA Mtg.	Holy Family Room
06:15 PM	GIFT Classes, 1-5	School

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

08:00 AM	Mass	Chapel
	Holy Hour begins immediately after the Mass.	

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

08:00 AM	Mass	Chapel
	Holy Hour begins immediately after the Mass.	
10:00 AM	Liturgy Meeting	Fr. Darwin's Office
11:00 AM	Bible Study	Holy Family Room
06:00 PM	Teen Singers	Choir Room
07:00 PM	Bible Study	Holy Family Room
07:00 PM	GIFT Classes, 6-8	School
07:30 PM	Mass & Healing Svce.	Church

Thursday, October 24, 2019

08:00 AM	Mass	Church
	Holy Hour begins immediately after the Mass.	
02:30 PM	AA Mtg.	Holy Family Room
07:00 PM	Altar Server Training	Church
07:30 PM	Celebration Choir	Church

Friday, October 25, 2019

08:00 AM	Mass	Church
	Holy Hour begins immediately after the Mass.	
06:30 PM	Rosary	Chapel
07:30 PM	Servants of Holy Cross	Chapel

Saturday, October 26, 2019

08:00 AM	Mass	Chapel
03:45 PM	Confession	Reconciliation Rm.
05:00 PM	Mass	Church

Sunday, October 27, 2019

08:00 AM	Mass	Church
10:00 AM	Mass	Church
11:00 AM	Kidz4Christ Choir	Choir Room
12:00 PM	Mass	Church
01:00 PM	Baptism Prep Class	Fr. Darwin's Office

Blood Pressure Screenings will be available after each Mass this weekend.

CALLED TO SERVE

SHARE YOUR TIME & TALENT!

Welcome Committee

OLGC's Pastoral Council is organizing a New Parishioner welcome event and is looking for volunteers to assist. If you have a spirit of hospitality and enjoy meeting new people, please consider joining the team! Events will be held quarterly. No particular expertise is required, just the ability to make others feel welcomed.

Please contact Carla in the Parish Ministry Office at 973-839-2447 or e-mail **ministries@goodcounsel.org**

To learn more about our other ministries, visit our website **www.goodcounsel.org.**

SILVER & GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Were you married in 1969 or 1994?

The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Serratelli will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held: Sunday, November 3rd, 2019 at 3:30 pm.

Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office or visit our website's Special Events section under the "Parish Calendar" tab. **The deadline to register is Tues., October 15th.** You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed.

Congratulations on this joyous occasion!

Blood Pressure Screenings

Blood pressure screenings will take place after each Mass ***next*** weekend, in the Holy Family Room. Please stop by for this FREE service provided by our parish nurses.

The Columbiettes Need You

If you missed us during our Recruitment drive, you still have time to become a Columbiette. If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please contact Membership Chairwoman Marybeth Doyle at 973-872-6371 or mdoyle77@optonline.net

Mass Music for next weekend…

October 26/27

5pm: Teen Singers

10am: Celebration Choir

WE SHARE OUR TIME, TALENT & TREASURE!

STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIFE

Weekly Collection:
Collected (10/13): $7,677.00
Pennies for the Poor (10/13): $222.00
We Share (Sept.): $5,200.00

Diocesan Assessment

Diocesan Assessment:	$81,375.00
Needed monthly:	$ 8,137.50
Collection (10/13):	$ 1,726.00
Collected to date:	$ 3,214.00

Second Collection: This weekend (10/20): There is only one collection
Next Weekend (10/27): World Youth Day

Thank you for your generosity!

Thanksgiving Food Collection

Our annual collection of food for the Thanksgiving baskets for needy families will begin next weekend. All the fixings for a true Thanksgiving dinner are needed! Canned and packaged foods should be placed in the baskets in the gathering area. Please be sure to check the expiration date.

If you are able to donate a frozen turkey - please DO NOT drop them off until the weekend of November 23rd & 24th as we do not have the space to store them properly.

The sorting and packing of the food will take place on Sunday, November 24th after the Noon Mass.

KID'S KORNER

Year C

Gospel Today
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Luke 18:1-8

Jesus tells the Apostles to pray constantly, and never lose faith. Our loving God, who hears the prayers of His people day and night, will answer speedily.

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Never Lose Faith

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

Faith, Parable, Necessity, Pray, Always, Without, Becoming, Weary, Widow, Persistently, Asked, Judge, Render, Just, Decision, Against, Adversary, Request, Finally, Delivered, Jesus, Said, God, Hears, Will, Answer, People, Prayer, Speedily, Day, Night

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GIFT Schedule

Grades K-5 meet on Sunday, 10/20 & Monday, 10/21. Confirmation classes meet on Sunday, 10/20 from 7-9pm. Grades 6-8 meet on Wednesday, 10/23. Please see the GIFT Calendar that can be found on the parish website.

Parent Meeting for grades 9 & 10

On Sunday, October 20th we will have a meeting for parents of students in our Confirmation program. Please join us in the church after you drop off your son or daughter for class to hear about the Confirmation program and Fr. Darwin's vision for the parish. The meeting will start around 7:15pm. "Coffee and..." will be available.

Journey Retreat on 11/24

Our retreat for first year Confirmation candidates will be held on Sunday, November 24th beginning at Noon. Details will be emailed to candidates this month.

Thanksgiving Basket Service Project

Our Thanksgiving food packing event on Sunday, November 24th after the Noon Mass is a great way to serve the less fortunate and get some service hours. Please call the church office to sign up. ***Sophomores only**, this is the same day as Journey Retreat.*

Game on Gavin

OLGC is participating in a fund-raiser to help the Brady Family with Gavin's continued recovery. **Finley the Fox** will be available to purchase after each Mass Nov. 30th & Dec. 1st. They are $25 each and all proceeds will go to the Brady family. If you would like to purchase yours sooner, please contact Beth Fournier at 201-522-6090 or email her at bethpfd@optonline.net, you can also stop by the parish office. Purchase one to keep or donate a fox to a child at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital in Paterson.

Flyers with additional details are in the gathering area.

Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Please remember that the Baby Bottle Fundraiser for Good Counsel Homes concludes this Monday, October 21st. If you have not yet returned the bottle, please do so by 5pm Monday.

Thank you for your generosity!

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

For Those Who Are Sick

Glenn Andrews
Carol Asimou
Lori Beck
Sandra Bellomo
Donald Berard
Anastasia Borovskis
Gavin Brady
Trace Bulger
Evelina Capelli
Juan J. Chavez
Mary Coppa
Joan Cronin
Karen Drada
Adelaide Elliott
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Donna Finnegin
Jean Gormley
Patricia Grant
Dominick J. Gurrieri
James Horvath
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Gary Ragusa
Chris Raiser
Diane Scinto
Kara Skafalstad
Brian Spring
Conrad Spring
Kerri Squires
John Stanton
Vinko Stipanov
JoAnn Suckiel
Eileen Takacs
Charlotte Tomaszewski
Nancy Wiley

The residents of Mountainview Gardens at Cedar Crest

When requested, names will be included on the "Prayers for the Sick" list for 4 weekends. If you would like the name added again or, if someone's name can be removed sooner, please let us know.
Call 973-839-2447 or email ministries@goodcounsel.org

OLGC to Host Fr. Joseph Vadakkel

Fr. Joseph will celebrate a Eucharistic Healing Mass

Wednesday, Oct. 23rd at 7:30pm

The evening will include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Confession, and Veneration of the Relics of St. John Paul II.

All are welcome!

Support Youth Ministry

Tip: Want to support our young people? Donate a case of small waters or snacks for our LOOP meetings! Include a prayer request and we will pray for you; prayer is a part of every youth group event.

For Those Serving Our Country

PFC Christian Baxter
Major Daniel J. Ciccarelli
SPC Andrew V. Tucker
Pvt. Brandon Janz

If you have a loved one currently deployed please contact the parish office so we may include them in our prayers!

LIFE:
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL CHOICE

This past Tuesday, October 15th, Chairmen of the U.S. Bishops' Committees commented on a federal study released on the danger of assisted suicide laws to persons with disabilities:

WASHINGTON—*Last week, the National Council on Disabilities (NCD) released a federal study revealing that assisted suicide laws are dangerous to people with disabilities. In its report, "The Danger of Assisted Suicide Laws," NCD provides several policy recommendations including urging states to not legalize any form of assisted suicide or active euthanasia. The NCD is an independent federal agency charged with advising the president, Congress, and other federal agencies regarding policies, programs, practices, and procedures that affect people with disabilities.*

Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, Chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities and Bishop Frank J. Dewane, Chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development issued the following statement:

"We applaud the National Council on Disabilities for its critical research and report exposing serious risks of abuse, coercion and discrimination posed by assisted suicide laws, specifically for people with disabilities. Every suicide is a human tragedy, regardless of the age, incapacity, or social/economic status of the individual. The legalization of doctor-assisted suicide separates people into two groups: those whose lives we want to protect and those whose deaths we encourage. This is completely unjust and seriously undermines equal protection under the law. The human rights and intrinsic worth of a person do not change with the onset of age, illness, or dis-ability. As Pope Francis said, "True compassion does not marginalize anyone, nor does it humiliate and exclude – much less considers the disappearance of a person as a good thing." We must do what we can to uphold the dignity of life, cherish the lives of all human beings, and work to prevent all suicides. We urge state and federal governments, health care providers, and associations to heed this report's warnings and recommendations, especially its opposition to assisted suicide laws."

A more in-depth article about the study can be found at The National Council on Disability website (ncd.gov). The article is entitled *Federal study finds nation's assisted suicide laws rife with dangers to people with disabilities*.

May God richly bless you!

Heather

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