



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

**Our Parish
COMMUNITY**

April 27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter / Sunday of Divine Mercy (C)

Acts 5:12-16 / Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 / John 20:19-31



Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

Eucharistic Services

- 7:00 pm Wednesday -
Word & Communion Service
- 5:00 pm Saturday - Holy Cross in Jackson,
Vigil Mass
- 11:30 am Sunday - Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday after Mass; other times by appointment.

Office Hours: Wed - Friday 10 am to 5 pm

Ministers for next Sunday,

Sacramental Minister : Rev. John Callan

Lector : Michael Oghia

Ministers at MGC

Lori Helfrich, Parish Life Director

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Mother of Good Counsel Prayer

by B.J. Ewen

Holy Mary, our heavenly mother,
keep us in your care.

Give us your good counsel

as we strive to be disciples of your son Jesus
and help us to grow in faith and in our love for God.

Bless our parish which is named in your honor.

Help us in our lives as we humbly pray and help
us be attentive to the needs of our families and our
community.

Amen

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Parish Mission Statement

Inspired and sustained in our Catholic faith through life-giving worship, we Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community, have as our mission to bring Christ and the teachings of the Catholic faith to one another and the larger community in a ways that draw us together as a supportive family, yet reaches out with a genuine concern for all people, so that we can be authentic witnesses in an area where Catholics are few in number.

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Becoming Catholic

Pray for our Neophytes David Bolling, Chase Patrick, Don Stacy, Cameron Bradford, Nik Block, and Kristi Watts and welcome them to our community. We will continue our formation on Tuesday April 29, 2025 at 7pm. If you are interested in knowing more about the Becoming Catholic talk with Lori Helfrich.

Parish Office Closed

This week the parish office will be closed. If there is an emergency please call or text 606.233.3012.

Rosary & Communion Service

This week the Rosary will take place on Tuesday at 6:40 pm with Communion service to follow. There won't be Rosary and Communion Service this week on Wednesday.

Rice Bowl Lenten Program –

The Rice Bowl Lenten Program has come to a conclusion Please return your rice bowls to the parish as soon as you are able. You may still make a contribution to this program, as . 75% of the money raised goes to Catholic Relief Services and 25% stays within the Diocese. Please return your rice bowls with your contributions.

Feast of Mother of Good Counsel

Our feast day lands this year on Saturday April 26, which is in the Octave of Easter. We will celebrate as a parish on Sunday April 27 with brunch following Mass and an egg hunt for the children of the parish. We will also be raffling off a Carpenter Star Quilt on the feast of Pentecost. The quilt chances will be available beginning on Easter Sunday May 4. The funds from this quilt raffle will go towards helping the parish and its operations.

One in Christ 2024

The Diocesan Annual Appeal officially has ended. Thank you to all who contributed toward this appeal. We raised \$7209 of our \$9500 goal. Sadly we didn't reach our parish financial goal but you can still make a contribution that would count toward this goal if it is before the end of June 2025. Please ask Lori if you have any questions.



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

April 26th

Our Lady of Good Counsel's feast day is April 26th but you can pray the Our Lady of Good Counsel Novena for any reason that you want, so go ahead and start praying!

Our Lady of Good Counsel is one of the many titles given to Mary. Titles like Our Lady of Lourdes and Our Lady of Fatima were given as the result of a Marian apparition. Our Lady of Good Counsel was a title given after a Marian miracle that took place in Italy during the 15th century. While this title was given to Mary after a single event, the novena prayers will focus on how Mary has been our counselor throughout history.

About Our Lady of Good Counsel

The miracle of Our Lady of Good Counsel took place in Italy in a town south of Rome called Genazzano. The church where the miracle took place, Santa Maria, was already a pilgrimage site where miracles were reported to have happened.

In 1467 on the Feast of St. Mark, the people of the town heard "exquisite music." They said that a cloud came down and destroyed an unfinished wall of the church. When the cloud had disappeared, it left behind a fresco on a very thin piece of plaster of Mary holding the infant Jesus. It is thought that the fresco had been miraculously relocated from Scutari, Albania.

Several popes have visited the site and have had devotion to Our Lady of Good Counsel, including Pope Urban VIII, Pope Pius IX, Pope Benedict XIV, Pope Leo XIII, and Pope Pius XII. Pope Pius XII wrote a different novena to Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Read more at: <https://www.praymorenovenas.com/lady-good-counsel-novena>



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Let us ask ourselves: at home, in my family, at work, in my community, do I foster fellowship, am I a weaver of reconciliation? Do I commit myself to defusing conflict, to bringing forgiveness in place of hatred, and peace in place of resentment? Do I avoid hurting others by not gossiping, which always kills?

HOMILY, ROME, APRIL 24, 2022



From Anger to Peace

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

At this point in history, we are a nation filled with much anger. Given all that is taking place, one might conclude that it comes from a fear of losing control—fears due to the waves of immigrants seeking asylum, to a changing economy, to political alliances, to artificial intelligence, resulting in our inability to sort truth from untruth. Fears also due to strained relationships with non-Western nations, to urban violence and the abundance of guns, to the conflict between pro-life and pro-choice allegiances, and, for some, to what is perceived as conflicted thinking within the Catholic Church. There is no shortage of what may be fueling our anger. How can faith help us respond in a life-giving way?

Saint John writes that “whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith” (1 John 5:4). This is not to say that we can easily make the world respond in ways we want, but rather that the world has no power over the person who places all trust in God’s presence among us. It was the risen Lord who once brought peace to the disciples behind doors locked out of fear. Might not our faith help us who have locked ourselves behind doors of mistrust and anger? If only we allow ourselves to trust God. Yet, we should not simply shrug off all cares or involvement in life; on the contrary, with faith and trust, we recognize we are not the only players in shaping the events of the world. ●

Reflect

Do I bring my faith to the news of the day; do I pray for peace?



[Jesus] said to [the disciples] again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

JOHN 20:21-22

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Monday
April 28
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:23-31
Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday
April 29
St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Acts 4:32-37
Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday
April 30
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:17-26
Jn 3:16-21

Thursday
May 1
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:27-33
Jn 3:31-36

Friday
May 2
St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Acts 5:34-42
Jn 6:1-15

Saturday
May 3
Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
1 Cor 15:1-8
Jn 14:6-14

Sunday
May 4
Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41
Rv 5:11-14
Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14



Dear Padre,

How do we maintain our faith in a world that shames religion and creates doubt in our beliefs?

I would respond to your question with one of my own: "When has it ever been different?" In what place has there been universal praise and acceptance of the practices of faith and belief? When has there been a time when there is no doubt? This is a good question for this Sunday, when we hear about St. Thomas, the doubting disciple.

Many years ago, unanimity might have been understood as the norm in a tight-knit neighborhood community of people with the same experience and belief. However, in the wide world today that is so connected and disconnected at the same time, sameness and uniformity cannot be assumed. It may cause unease, or even fear, to learn that someone disagrees with you, perhaps even someone you love, but it should no longer be a surprise or considered out of the ordinary.

Doubt can help a person grow in faith and belief. Even though doubt is challenging, it is often a necessary experience in order to be strengthened and to persevere. Doubt is not something that should cause us to quiver in fear, but rather to rejoice in hope, in the confidence that what we believe is worth living and has something to teach us. ●



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Our Weekly Offering

Holy Thursday

Loose: \$135

Envelopes : \$325

Good Friday Holy Land Collection: \$223

Easter Flowers: \$150

Holy Saturday

Loose: \$242

Envelopes: \$100

Easter Sunday - 4/20/2025

Loose: \$ 159

Envelopes : \$1410

Online: \$200

Total Weekly Offering: \$2944



If you would like to make an online donation to our offertory follow the QR code:

Birthdays

4/28 : Russel Oliver

5/3 : Waylon Roberts

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for April

For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.



Prayer List

Joey Napier, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Charles McDaniel, Jon Latunik, Deb Night, Harvey Richardson, Delois McIntosh, Karen Davis, Zachary Hollan, Deedee Wells, Sherrian & Amose Noble, Stephanie Welch, David Napier, Martha Huggins, Roger Noyes, Willow Brockman, Tina Dawhare Fields, Mark Fields, Valarie Maggard Dye, Marleen Combs, Robert Caldwell, Janet Kuss, The Rice Family, Neal Boggs, Jackson Varela, Julie and Jonah Spencer, Jace Combs, Mandi Dishner, Brandon Robinson, Michael Whitaker, Thomas Stidham, Roy Pulliam Quentin Davis, Nancy Kelly, Bobby Muncy, Grayson & Kaitlin Baker, Chuck Brunty, Al Pratt, Joe Vogel Sr., Margie Fields, Kim & shane Sparkman, Neph & Annie Catemeo, Dana Roy, Cordis Bishop, Randy Damron, Myla Atienza, Maria Brama, Ronnie Hurt, Sandy & Phillip Craft Jaranda Brunty, Kazmir Sparkman, and Abby Turk. If you know of someone who needs a pastoral visit or is in the hospital and would appreciate a visit contact the parish and let Lori know about the request.

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Prayer Family

Russel Oliver