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June 7, 2015

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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

5:00 P.M. - Saturday evening

7:30, 9:30, 11:15 A.M.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

6:30 A.M. (except Saturdays), 8:00 A.M.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated once a month during a parish Sunday Liturgy. Arrangements are to be made 3 months in advance.

NEW PARISHIONERS:

Our Mother of Good Counsel warmly welcomes new parishioners. We believe in the "Stewardship Program" committed to serving God through offering our gifts of time, talents, and treasure for the good of our parish and those in need. We ask you to register as soon as possible by completing a registration form available in the church office during regular office hours. Parishioners moving should notify the church office of any change in address or phone number.

COMMUNION/HOME VISITS

If you are ill or unable to come to Mass for any period of time, please call the Parish Office (610-525-0147) and we will be happy to visit you and bring Communion to you.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 11:30 - 12:00 Noon

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Friday 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Parish Office and Rectory Phone: (610) 525-0147

FAX NUMBER: (610) 525-0157

PARISH WEB SITE:

<http://www.OMGCPARISH.ORG>

“WE REMEMBER, WE CELEBRATE, WE BELIEVE!”

Despite mounting pressure to end it, 38 states still have the death penalty. Most of these states allow a last meal for condemned prisoners. The “last supper” is a tradition that dates back to ancient Greece. Jesus chose a final meal of bread and wine. It was a meal that changed the world forever. It is a meal that he has shared with everyone. Jesus’ last supper is served at every Mass when the bread and wine become the true body and blood of Jesus, the Lord.

Jesus, observant Jew that he was, took care to plan, prepare and celebrate the Passover with his own. In their celebrating, they remembered the great deeds of God for their people. They recalled how the blood smeared on the doorposts and lintels of their homes spared their lives and how God arranged for their passage from slavery in Egypt to freedom. They called to mind the covenant with God on Sinai and the sealing of that relationship with the blood of the lamb. They also remembered that first Passover meal and all the subsequent Passovers they had celebrated for centuries since. Now, at the final Passover, Jesus would celebrate with his disciples. They would be blessed with a *new* covenant, a *new* meal and a *new* law to believe in, to remember and to celebrate.

In his description of the events surrounding that meal, the evangelist, Mark, took care to affirm the special knowledge of Jesus. His directive regarding a man carrying a water jar is a delightful detail. Men did not usually do the work that was then relegated to women. However, the fact that the disciples were told to tell the man what “the Teacher” desired suggests that he was probably a follower of Jesus. Having been assured of the use of his upper room, the disciples would have procured a lamb and other foods necessary for the Passover meal.

Although it is only later manuscripts that have added the word “new” as a modifier of “covenant,” it is true that Jesus did forge a new bond between God and all of humankind. Just as those who were sprinkled with blood at Sinai became covenantal partners with God, so those who drink of the cup and eat the bread Jesus offers become participants in the very relationship that he shares with God. Cup and cross cannot be separated; both come together at every Eucharist where the saving sacrifice of Calvary is remembered, celebrated and appropriated by faith.

Today’s Gospel (Mark 14:12-16,22-26) also recognizes the final dimensions of the Eucharist. As Jesus’ disciples celebrated their last supper together, they and we, not only remember the covenant and the cross; they, and we, also anticipate the future and the eternal feasting that will accompany the definitive establishment of God’s reign forever.

PRAYER REQUESTS

In our prayers, we have been asked to remember:

Mary Ann Radan, Pat Dobson, Judy Brown,
Evaline Walker and Margaret Simyak.

Please call the Parish Office if you would like to request a family member be put on our prayer list for the next 4 weeks. You can also make a request that the prayers of the community be renewed for another 4 week period.

Deceased: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Marian Kiely and for the consolation of her family.

SENIOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS

The Senior members of our parish and surrounding parishes will gather in our Social Center of the school building on **Friday, June 19 at 12 noon.** Please bring your usual lunch sandwich or whatever you enjoy for lunch, knowing that desserts and beverages will be provided. Looking forward to seeing you there.

H.O.P.E.

If you need a trip to the doctor, shopping, etc., call Carol Way at 610-525-5817 or Sr. Anne at 610-525-0147, ext 234.

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**PASTOR'S
LETTER**

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
for May 31, 2015**

Corpus Christi

Dear Friends,

This weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, (in Latin, "Corpus Christi"). The Liturgy for the Feast focuses on our belief in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Many places will honor the Blessed Sacrament with a traditional Corpus Christi procession. We come to Mass to be reminded that we are the Body of Christ. We come to Mass to be fed by the Body of Christ. And the most important Corpus Christi procession we can take part in is when we go forth from Mass and, by our words and actions, bring Christ to others.

The Church teaches that "the Mass is the summit of Catholic worship." This is true because, at Mass, Christ manifests himself in tangible and powerful ways. Jesus assured us that, "wherever two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst." Christ is present because His Body has assembled. Jesus is the Word of God. Christ is present in the proclamation of that Word. Jesus declared, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven." Christ is present in the Sacrament of His Most Holy Body and Blood.

During our Masses this weekend, we will again commission our parish's Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. Eucharistic Ministers assist with the distribution of Holy Communion here at Mass, bring Holy Communion to those in Bryn Mawr Hospital and to fellow parishioners who are homebound. We are in need of men and women willing to assist in this essential parish ministry. If you have any questions or would like to consider becoming a Eucharistic Minister, please contact Fr. Dennis by either calling the parish office (610-525-0147) or sending him an email (dmcgowan@omgcp parish.net). Or perhaps, urge a friend or family member to consider it. Thanks.

God Bless!
Father Denny

The bishops' stewardship pastoral asks, "And what do Christians bring to the eucharistic celebration and join there with Jesus' offering?" The answer: "Their lives as Christian disciples; their personal vocations and the stewardship they have exercised regarding them; their individual contributions to the great work of restoring all things in Christ."

Registered Households.....	1027
Envelope Contributions	\$10,407.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$802.00
Mailed in	\$1,535.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$12,744.00
Offering this time last year	\$10,264.00
Parish giving of	\$800.00

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**Thank you for your Stewardship to your Parish.
Please remember the Church in your will.**

**INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY
NETWORK**

Important IHN Phone Numbers: Because of our phone system here in the parish, it is important that you know the numbers to call if you are trying to reach someone helping with the IHN families during the week of June 7 – 14. These numbers will be necessary to have whenever the Parish Office is closed or after 5:00 p.m. on work days this week.

Parish Phone – 610-525-0147 – Ext. 255
(Social Center - school)
IHN Phone – 610-525-1727 (direct line)

SUMMER FILM SERIES

Theme: *Caring for God's Creation*

Please join us for the 1st of a three-part film series on **Monday evening, June 15 at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Center in Rosemont, 1229 E. Lancaster Avenue. The 1st film is entitled, *The Wisdom to Survive* which offers an inspiring and practical overview of the spiritual dimensions of climate change.

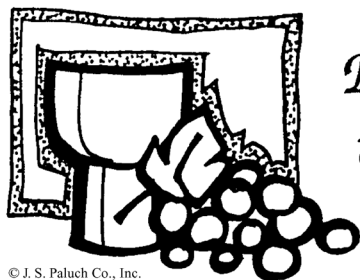
The film lasts approximately 1 hour, leaving some time for follow-up reflection and discussion of what we have just seen and heard. Beverages and desserts will be provided. Please plan to join us for this educational and heart-moving experience.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!

Catholic Charities has teamed up with the Philadelphia Phillies! All are invited to join many from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia on **Friday, June 26 at 7:05** as the Phillies take on the Washington Nationals. A portion of the proceeds from this game will go directly to the Catholic Charities Appeal. To purchase tickets, go to www.phillies.com/catholiccharitiesnight.

Catholic Charities feeds, clothes, shelters and educates more than 200,000 people across our region. Join the Philadelphia Archdiocese in helping to promote this worthy cause.

The Phillies are also sponsoring a Faith and Family Night. Join us as we cheer on our beloved team on **Monday, June 29 at 7:05 pm** as they battle the Milwaukee Brewers. We are looking to get a block of seats together for this fun evening of faith, family and baseball. To be part of our group and buy tickets at a group rate, please contact Karen Carey at kcarey@omgcp parish.net or 610-525-0147. As our church looks to the World Meeting of Families in September, why not make a family outing with your church family!



*Drink from
the cup of
salvation*

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INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Weekend Volunteer Van Driver Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help with the weekend van driving, beginning with June 6-7. The hours include:

Saturday: 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Contact Sue at 610-277-0977 or suewherchek@verizon.net if interested.

PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The Peace and Justice committee will meet on **Wednesday evening, June 17 at 7:30 p.m.** at St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Center in Rosemont.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD Letter-Writing Campaign

We ask those who chose to write or sign the letters to our Senators at home to bring them to church with you no later than the weekend of June 13-14. Baskets will be at the doors of church for you to drop them off as you enter for Mass or for a visit. Thank you.



MANNA BAG DRIVE

Kindly return your filled Manna Bag by **Saturday, June 13 or Sunday, June 14**. Canned food items in greatest need are beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups and pork & beans. Thank you for reaching out to people in emergency situations.

MOTHERHOOD Day of Reflection

Mothers are invited to a special day of reflection at Malvern Retreat House on **Sunday, June 14 from 2:00-7:00 p.m.** Speaker Marie Joseph, Executive Director of Legacy Life Foundation, will focus on the theme *Mother Mary: The Hidden Path to Peace*. The cost is \$30. Please visit malvernretreat.com to register or call 610-644-0400 for more information.



RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE Visits OMGC Gym on Tuesday, June 9

Blood Donors are needed to meet the Red Cross Bloodmobile when it comes to OMGC's Gym on **Tuesday, June 9 from 1:00 – 7:00 p.m.** Please come and bring a friend. If you think you can come, please fill out the pledge form below. Or call or email Frank Quinn at 610-525-7262 (fc.quinn@verizon.net) or Joe Betz at 610-525-4499 or email at (joseph.betz@villanova.edu). Pledging beforehand enables us to put you on the schedule. Or you can sign-up at redcrossblood.org by entering the following sponsor code: our mother of good counsel.

Or deposit this form in the Red Cross box in rear of church.

I will do my best to come and donate a pint of blood at the OMGC Bloodmobile on **Tuesday, June 9** in the parish gym.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Best Time (in 15 min. segments bet. 1:00-7:00pm)

GOSPEL IN ACTION St. Francis Inn Ministries

Our collection for St. Francis Inn Ministries ends this weekend. The Ministry Team thanks everyone for your generous response. In addition to providing dignified meals at the Inn, St. Francis Inn Ministries include a women's center, an urban center, and a thrift shop that make a real difference in the lives of vulnerable people in Kensington. For more information on their ministries please go to their website stfrancisinn.org.

CATHOLIC SINGLES RETREAT

Single women and men of all ages are welcome to gather at Malvern Retreat House from **June 26 – 28** for an inspirational weekend retreat. Directors Msgr. Joseph Marino, Sister Emily Vincent and Denise Rose will focus on the retreat theme *"Have You Heard the Voice of Jesus?"* Conference titles will include: Discipleship in a Secular World and Vocation and the Single Life. Please visit malvernretreat.com to register or call 610-644-0400 for more information.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Later this summer, Pope Francis will release an encyclical or apostolic letter on the environment and human ecology. The highly anticipated teaching document will be the first from a Pope to focus specifically on creation and human relationship with it.

In the two years since his papacy began, Francis, like his predecessors Popes Benedict XVI and John Paul II, has spoken regularly on environmental issues, such as protecting creation, climate change, environmental degradation and natural disasters, water, food and sustainability.



MOTHERS' HOME

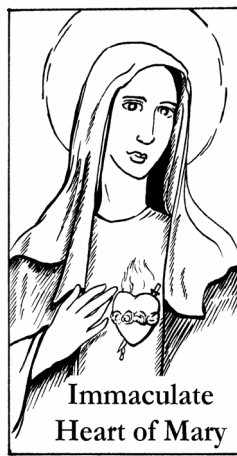
Ad for Executive Director

Mothers' Home, a Maternity shelter located in Darby, PA seeks an Executive Director. College degree preferred and dedication to the sanctity of human life required. Resume and salary requirements should be sent to lizzieshope@comcast.net.

As you are probably aware, Mothers' Home is the only local shelter for homeless pregnant women in suburban Philadelphia, and it is critical to our survival that our outreach activities be noticed by all of the local churches in the western suburbs. We deeply appreciate your assistance and support for this remarkable pro-woman and pro-child ministry. For more information about the Ad or Mothers' Home itself, contact Dennis McAndrews, a member of the Executive Committee of Mothers' Home at 610-420-5792.

HIGH SCHOOL JOB OPPORTUNITY

Merion Mercy Academy, an independent, all girls Catholic High School sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, has one opening for a full-time teaching position in a combined roster of secondary physics and chemistry for the 2015-2016 school year. Degree required. Experience and certification preferred. Qualified applicants asked to email a cover letter and resume by **Monday, June 15th** to Mary Ann Danovich, Vice Principal at madanovich@merion-mercy.com.



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*The Mass Intention book for 2016 is open for
Masses to be scheduled.*

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

- 7:30 ELIZABETH KELLY
9:30 GLORIA VADAPALAS
11:15 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, JUNE 8

- 6:30 JANE QUINN (ANNIVERSARY)
8:00 MARIA DI MARTINO

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

- 6:30 LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS AND
BENEFACTORS, OSA
8:00 MR. JAMES W. FINEGAN

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

- 6:30 EDWARD FANIELLI
8:00 JOHN AND JANET PHILLIPS

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

- 6:30 MARY HURLEY
8:00 MIKE, BEA, AND FRANK PHILBIN

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

- 6:30 STEPHEN APPEL
8:00 JIM KILGALLEN

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

- 8:00 BRUCE MONTGOMERY

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
9:30 DOROTHY GORMLEY
11:15 CHARLES E. DAGIT
(30TH ANNIVERSARY)

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