



# Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish Community

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**June 14, 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>

## OUR LIVES ARE LIVING PARABLES

Jesus spoke in parables to teach about the ever-growing and developing kingdom or reign of God. Parables lay something that is familiar to the intended audience (sowing, harvest, mustard seeds) alongside something unfamiliar or new (the reign of God) in order to teach a lesson about the latter. In the first parable, that of the seed ripening for the harvest, several elements about God's reign are clarified. First, there is no shadow of a doubt that the seed will grow. Even though the seed grows slowly, the harvest will surely come. Second, there is a distinct contrast between the routine and apparent inactivity of the sower and the certainty of the harvest. Why? Because it is God who gives the growth and ensures the harvest.

Through this parable and many others like it, Jesus hoped to provoke thought and challenge his listeners to take moral and decisive action. Moral growth and ethical maturity may begin "small," like a seed that is planted, but almost imperceptibly, these qualities become evident in a harvest of faith-filled words and works. We need patience and hope to deal with setbacks like the thorns of discouragement and the drought of laziness or discouragement.

In the second parable, that of the mustard seed, the smallness of the seed is contrasted with its end result: a mighty shrub. So it is with the reign of God. Great results can occur from seemingly insignificant beginnings. A modern version of Jesus' teaching might be: "Even mighty oaks from little acorns grow!" What could have been more insignificant in the eyes of the world than a gentle man without crown or armies, wealth or fame? What could have been less significant than a small group of unsure, unfunded and unknown disciples preaching an unwelcome message to a disinterested populace? Yet, the seeds of God's reign, planted by Jesus and nourished by his disciples, would grow to immeasurable proportions.

The community of Mark of the 60s was undergoing a persecution that threatened their survival, and so the imagery of the seed growing slowly but surely must have offered them great encouragement. More challenging, perhaps, was the community's growing awareness that Jesus' mission was universal and that the mighty shrub of the reign of God had nesting places for *all* gentiles as well as Jews. Today, we continue to be challenged by the all-inclusive love that God lavishes on – and expects from – every believer.

### 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 yourself or 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 souls of Marian Keily, Stephen Wojdak, and Mary Patrick and for the consolation of their families.

**Marriage:** Congratulations to Katie Daily and Alfio Casella who were married in our Church last week. May you continue to grow in God's love for you through each other.

### 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 Shelley Preston at 484-412-8309 or Sr. Anne at 610-525-0147, ext 234.

### 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.



**PARISH COUNCIL  
Thank you**

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the entire parish, I thank the members of our Parish Council for another year of faithful service. I especially note the many years that Miriam Blimm has served. Over the span of four decades, she has been a member of the Parish Council for twenty four years! She has also contributed her time and talents to a host of other parish committees and causes. Miriam has helped to make our parish a vibrant and welcoming community.

The Parish Council includes a representative for each of the parish committees: Religious Education, Liturgy, Spirituality, Finance, Stewardship, RCIA, Youth Group, Communication, Ministry Team and the Parish Staff. There are also Members-at-Large which, in consultation with as many parishioners as possible, I appoint.

I ask your assistance in identifying a few individuals that might be willing to serve. Council considers the priorities for our parish life and assists in the all-important process of parish-wide communications. The Council meets on the first Monday of each month from September through June. The only requirement to become a Parish Council member is that one be a registered parishioner who is at least 18 years old. Please consider nominating yourself or another to serve on the Council. To do so, you could: put a note in the offertory basket, send me an email, leave me a voicemail or have a word with me after Mass. Thanks for your consideration of this important parish ministry.

I hope that everyone's summer gets off to a good start and just keeps getting better!

God bless,  
Father Denny



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**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE  
for June 7, 2015**

Like the sower in today's Gospel, I scatter as seed my gifts of time, talent, and resources; and I trust that, by God's grace and in God's time, these small gifts of myself may grow and flourish and help to bring about the Reign of God.

Registered Households.....	1028
Envelope Contributions .....	\$7,705.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$624.00
Mailed in .....	\$5,346.00
Total Offertory Collection .....	\$13,675.00
Offering this time last year .....	\$12,593.00
Parish giving of .....	\$975.00

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

**MORE ABOUT  
the Parish Council**

Since the Parish Council will not be meeting over the summer months, the feature in our Sunday Bulletin, entitled, "Contact Person" will not appear. Any contact you wish to have with the parish can be directed to any member of the Parish Staff whose names and extension numbers can be found on the front of the Bulletin.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to all the families and children who made Religious Education such a successful year! We give a very special SHOUT OUT to the following who gave of their time, talent and treasure in serving as catechists for our children:

- Jamie Scardecchio
- Jennifer Webster
- Sara Boyes
- MaryAnn Gallagher
- Danica Campanale
- Amy Wroblewski
- Erin Dries
- Mikki Boyle

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.





## SUMMER CAMPS

G.O.O.D. Stewards Camp and Kids Care Camp acceptance letters have been mailed. If you did not receive a letter and believe you have signed up for either of the camps, please contact Karen at 610-525-0147.

## VACATION BIBLE CAMP

There are still openings in our Vacation Bible Camp for children ages 4 to 10. If you are interested in registering your child, please contact Karen Carey at 610-525-0147. This summer we will see how God's Power helps us overcome any challenges! Camp runs from June 29 to July 3 – 9:00 a.m. to noon.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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!

## SEARCHING FOR STILL WATERS

Are you struggling with the loss of a loved one? Grief is a journey fraught with complex feelings, thoughts and behaviors. Join us on the 2nd Saturday of every month from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. for conversation and compassionate support in navigating the turbulent waters of grief. Meetings will take place in the Ministries Center at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. Call 610-525-0766 for more information.

## SUMMER FILM SERIES

**Theme: *Caring for God's Creation***

Please join us for the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> film is entitled, *The Wisdom to Survive* which offers an inspiring and practical overview of the spiritual dimensions of climate change.

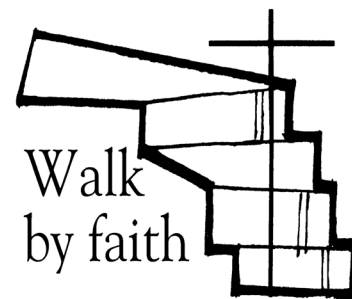
The 2<sup>nd</sup> film to be shown is entitled, "Years of Living Dangerously." This will take place on **Wednesday evening, July 1st** at the same time and place as listed above. The segment to be shown, "Dry Season," focuses on the human impact of climate change.

Beverages and desserts will be provided. Please plan to join us for this educational and behavior-challenging experience.

## BREAD FOR THE WORLD

**Letter-Writing Campaign**

**Thank you** to all who continue to participate in our letter-writing campaign on behalf of Bread for the World's efforts this year to "Feed Our Children." To date, we have received and will send 430 letters total, half to Senator Bob Casey and half to Patrick Toomey. Thank you so much for being a part of this campaign.



## NEED FOR H.O.P.E. GROUP LEADERS

Several of our Group Leaders for HOPE (Helping Other People in Emergency) have had to resign from this ministry for various reasons. A group leader for HOPE is an adult woman or man who is home often enough that you are able to receive phone calls from parishioners who need a ride to the doctor's office, hospital or shopping. You then call a driver on your list of drivers to see if he/she is able to meet this request. Group leaders (two assigned each week) can be non-drivers because you will not be asked to do the driving. Your task, one week out of three, will be to make the connection between the volunteer driver and the person in need of a local ride. If you would like more information about this particular ministry, please call Sr. Anne at 610-525-0147 (ext. 234). Thank you for considering this parish need.

## H.O.P.E. DRIVERS NEEDED

We would ask you to consider offering your driving skills for parishioners who need a ride to local doctors' offices, shopping, etc. Your group would be assigned every third week. The group leader will contact you if she receives a request for transportation. If you are available, a "yes" always makes a group leader very grateful. But if you are not available at the day or time needed, your group leader will also be grateful that you returned her call, telling her that it is not a good time for you. If you need to talk about this commitment, please call Sr. Anne at 610-525-0147 (ext. 234).

## SUMMER SPORTS CAMP

Geared toward students grades K-6, **M&M Sports Camp** is located at St. Katharine of Siena School at 104 S. Aberdeen Avenue in Wayne. Our aim is to create an organized fun summer sports camp with a variety of activities for all skill levels. From 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon, camps will run through the weeks of **June 29 to July 3<sup>rd</sup> and July 27<sup>th</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>**, Monday through Friday and the cost is only \$100 per week, or just \$25 per day. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. For further information and registration, contact Mike McConomy at [mmcconomy@skssschool.org](mailto:mmcconomy@skssschool.org).

## CLIMATE CHANGE

Catholic officials announced earlier this year that a landmark climate change-themed conference was to be hosted at the Vatican on April 28. This was the latest in Pope Francis' faith-rooted campaign to raise awareness about global warming.

The conference entitled, "Protect the Earth, Dignify Humanity; The Moral Dimensions of Climate Change and Sustainable Development," drew together a combination of scientists, global faith leaders and influential conservation advocates, such as Jeffrey Sachs, Director of the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network. UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon was slotted to offer the opening address and organizers say the goal of the conference was to "build a consensus that the values of sustainable development cohere with values of the leading religious traditions, with a special focus on the most vulnerable."

## 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](http://malvernretreat.com) to register or call 610-644-0400 for more information.

## "BURRS AT THE BEACH"

The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual "Burrs at the Beach" celebration, presented by the Alumni and Friends of West Philadelphia Catholic High School, will be held, rain or shine, on **Sunday, June 28 from 1:00 - 7:00 p.m.** at Westy's Irish Pub in North Wildwood, NJ. Proceeds assist needy Catholic students with tuition financial support.

Tickets are \$20.00 in advance (\$25.00 day of affair). For tickets and/or information about bus transportation from the Philadelphia area to North Wildwood, please contact either of the following: Charles 'Bud' Tucker at 610-494-2133 or Peg (Sheffield) Panichelli at 610-420-0987.

## MOTHERS' HOME

### Housing Sought

Mothers' Home is seeking housing for a University student who will be entering her sophomore year in September, 2015. She will also be delivering her baby girl mid-September. Because she has no relatives and a rejection from a former foster mom, she spent holidays alone at her school in the dorm last year.

This 20-year old has survived great abuse and a war when living in her home country in Africa. Despite only two years education before coming to the USA and being educated in a high school here that is not considered positive, she is on scholarship at a prestigious Catholic University in Delaware County and doing well. Her goal is to relinquish her daughter for adoption and continue going to school to become a doctor.

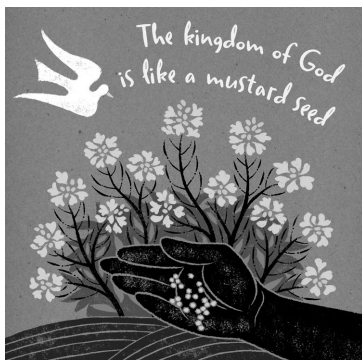
She is gentle, kind, and sweet with great respect for others. She will be spending most time over the next few years at school, but we are looking for a family to house her when she is not in school until she graduates, which would require part of the summer and holidays. She has the long term goal of getting her own apartment.

If you want more information, contact Helen at [lizzieshope@comcast.net](mailto:lizzieshope@comcast.net). Thank you for this consideration!

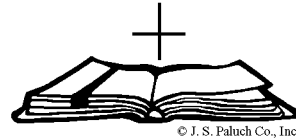
## MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER CLUB

### Ages 52-64

Catholic men and women are cordially invited to join the "Main Line Singles Dinner Club" to share common interests and dine together twice a month. Our next scheduled event is Sunday, June 28th at 6:00 p.m. for a "Summer Sizzler/Italian Fest House Party" at a member's home in Broomall, Pa. More information can be obtained by calling Barb at 610-896-6542.



## Mass Intentions



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

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

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

MONDAY, JUNE 15

- 6:30 STEPHEN APPEL  
8:00 GLORIA C. VADAPALAS

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

- 6:30 SYLVIA TASSONE  
8:00 ANTOINETTE DOMENIC AND  
ANGELO SCHINA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

- 6:30 ANNA BRUNO  
8:00 JOHN PHILLIPS, JR.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

- 6:30 SPECIAL INTENTION  
8:00 JAMES W. FINEGAN

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

- 6:30 MR. & MRS. ANGELO IANNAcone  
8:00 ANTONIO MARSHESANI

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

- 8:00 JEAN RANDAZZO

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

- 7:30 SARITA PEREIRA  
9:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL  
PARISHIONERS  
11:15 ELLEN SOTO