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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.

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<http://www.OMGCPARISH.ORG>

HOW STRONG IS OUR FAITH?

Today's account (Mark 4:35-41) of Jesus calming the storm at sea demonstrates Mark's unique ability to tell a succinct and profound story. We will understand it better by standing alongside Mark's original audience as we hear it. Mark wrote for a community that was in distress because Christ's second coming had not yet occurred, and instead of the great and final victory of God, they were undergoing persecution and witnessing the martyrdom of their leaders. There was also the great struggle of combining Jews and gentiles in the new Christian community. In Mark's day, Christian life was far from calm.

As Mark sets this scene, Jesus has been preaching in parables and explaining the details to his disciples. Then he makes the odd suggestion that he and the in-group cross over to foreign territory. We don't hear any reaction from the disciples, but the trip turned out to be far more harrowing than they expected. While the hurricane-like storm threatened to engulf them, most disturbing of all was the fact that Jesus, far from sharing their distress, was peacefully napping. With a reproachful tone, they awakened Jesus with the accusation that their safety meant nothing to him.

Jesus made no reply to their indictment. Instead, using the language of exorcism, he "rebuked" the storm and ordered the waves to settle down. Wind and water immediately obeyed his command. Seeing that, the disciples were more frightened by his power than they had been by the storm itself. They must have been hoping that he would lend a hand, or at least be conscious with them as they breathed their last. But Jesus addressed the storm itself. That shifted their attention from themselves and the boat to him. Once he had controlled the tempest, Jesus took up his own reproach. The disciples accused him of not being concerned about them, while Jesus chided them for failing to have faith in the God whose reign was appearing in their midst.

We ought not be too hard on the disciples. With good reason, they wanted some sign that Jesus was with them in their terrifying crossing. What they didn't expect was a show of care that revealed him to be as much at one with the Creator as with creation. Their question "Who then is this?" could not have been more genuine, and no other question could have provided more fertile ground for faith. They were overwhelmed and yet willing to venture further in their understanding. Today's Gospel invites us to stand with the disciples, asking, "Who is our God?" and "How strong is our faith?"

PRAYER REQUESTS

In our prayers, we have been asked to remember:

Evaline Walker, Margaret Simyak and
Salvatore Petroccia.

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 Stephen Wojdak and Mary Patrick and for the consolation of their families.



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A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

**Being celebrated by a
Special Parishioner**

Mrs. Anne Shea will celebrate her 100th Birthday on July 20th. On **Saturday, July 18 at the 5:00 p.m. Mass**, Anne's daughter, Julianne, has asked that a special remembrance be offered for her mother. After Mass, you are welcome to come to the Social Center of the school building for refreshments.

Please respond to Julianne at jshea@brynmawr.edu or 610-526-5282 no later than July 10 if you are able to join in the festivities after Mass.

H.O.P.E.

If you need a trip to the doctor, shopping, etc., call Joanne Bramley at 610-457-6638 or Sr. Anne at 610-525-0147, ext 234.

Pastor's Notes

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Dear Friends,

This Sunday, on the Church calendar, is the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time. On our nation's calendar, we celebrate Father's Day. A woman gave birth to "Father's Day." In 1908, Grace Clayton organized the first celebration in Fairmont, West Virginia. She wanted to honor 210 fathers who had died earlier in a mining disaster. Two years later in Spokane, another woman, Sonora Smart Dodd, promoted the celebration of Father's Day. She believed there should be a complement to Mother's Day. Her father, William Jackson Smart, was a single parent who had raised six children. She chose June, the month of her father's birthday, for Father's Day. It is Mrs. Dodd's celebration that quickly caught on in the United States and around the world.

Despite the support of several Presidents, Congress twice defeated proposals to elevate Father's Day to the status of a national holiday. Only in 1966 did President Johnson issue the first presidential proclamation designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Congress finally passed a resolution in 1972 making it a permanent national holiday which President Nixon signed into law.

Father's Day always falls in "Ordinary Time." "Ordinary Time" strikes me as the perfect season to celebrate Father's Day. Much of what is expected of good and caring Dads might be considered ordinary or routine. Good Dads mow the lawn, change the light bulbs, stack the wood by the fireplace, coach little league, get the family to Mass, grill the burgers and dogs, and wash the car. Good Dads teach their children life's most important lessons by loving and respecting their wives in everyday, ordinary ways. Like many of you, I was blessed with an ordinary Dad.

Along with the entire parish staff and my Augustinian brothers, I wish a Happy Father's Day to all our Dads. We pray that your day is extraordinary.

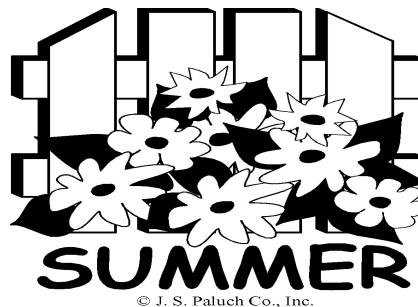
God Bless!
Father Denny

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for June 14, 2015

St. Paul reminds us in the second reading that Christ died "so that those who live might live no longer for themselves." What we give to and do for others, we give to and do for Jesus!

Registered Households.....	1024
Envelope Contributions	\$11,514.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$482.00
Mailed in	\$950.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$12,946.00
Offering this time last year	\$9,321.00
Electronic giving of 6/15/15.....	\$4,222.00
Parish Giving.....	\$775.00

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



SUMMER SCHEDULE for the Parish Office

The Parish Office will be **closed** on the Fridays during July and August, beginning on **Friday, July 3 through Friday, September 4**, the beginning of the Labor Day weekend.

SUMMER FILM SERIES

Theme: *Caring for God's Creation*

Join us for the 2nd of our three-part Summer Film Series. The 2nd film to be shown is entitled, "Years of Living Dangerously." This will take place on **Wednesday evening, July 1st at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Rosemont Auditorium, 1229 E. Lancaster Ave. in Rosemont. 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.

THANK YOU

We had an overwhelming response to our Manna Food Drive. Over 150 bags were handed out and collected for the Patrician Society in Norristown. The Patrician Society is so very grateful for our support as they do not often receive foods in the “off” months of the summer.

We are looking for your support again in August, when the Patrician Society food supply will once again go way down. We are so grateful to be helping those in our own back yard.

BLOODMOBILE

A Success

On Tuesday, June 9th, the Red Cross Bloodmobile scheduled 59 pledges. There were 54 presenting and 53 productive pints of blood collected. The goal had been 51 so the Red Cross was pleased with the result.

Many thanks to the 54 presenting and to the conscientious phone recruiters: Mary Somers, Frank Quinn, Laura Piantini, Kathy Dougherty and Joe Betz.

The next OMGC Bloodmobile will be **Thursday, December 17 from 1:00-7:00 p.m.** in our Gym. Please plan on a Christmastime donation with us!

CLIMATE CHANGE

You have heard by this point that Pope Francis will soon release an important teaching document about ecology and Creation that is expected to address climate change as “one symptom of an unsustainable consumption and wasteful use of resources.” With this document, Pope Francis is creating a beautiful opportunity; while meant for Catholics particularly, his instruction also opens space for all of us to reflect on climate justice, our values and the teachings of our faiths – to hear the ways in which our diverse traditions speak in harmony and in unison on care of Creation. In this space, we have an opportunity to stand shoulder-to-shoulder, linked by our shared calls to care for the earth, care for the most vulnerable, and look together for solutions.



VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Our Vacation Bible Camp still has openings and all children ages 4 through 10 are welcome to attend this awesome camp! There will be singing, and crafting, and acting...and always learning about the mighty power of God! Camp is held from 9:00 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, the week of June 29 – July 3. Cost is \$30 but scholarship is available for those who need it. Invite your friends and neighbors...all are welcome! For registration information, contact Karen at 610-525-0147.

PHILLIES

There are still some tickets available for the Phillies game on June 29. A number of our Youth Group are attending and we still have space. If interested, please contact Karen Carey at 610-525-0147. The tickets are \$10 thanks to a very generous donation.

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.



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 3rd and July 27th to July 31st**, 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 mmconomy@sksschool.org.

EVENING OF REFLECTION

For Grieving Parents

Malvern Retreat House, 315 S. Warren Avenue in Malvern, PA, is holding an Evening of Peace and Reflection for Parents Who Have Lost a Child on **Wednesday, July 1st from 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.** Mass will be celebrated and parents will be provided with candles on which they can inscribe the name of their child. These candles will be brought forward during Mass and then carried to **The Shrine for Children** near the Family Life Center.

The Director of the evening will be Deacon David Schaffer. Deacon David has a personal perspective on the grieving process since early in his marriage, he lost a child before birth, and in 2012 he lost his wife and adult son. Cost of the evening is \$35.00, including dinner.

To register visit: malvernretreat.com/retreats/register or call 610-644-0400 for more information.



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Soup Kitchen at Our Mother of Sorrows Church needs volunteers for serving lunch for over 125 men and women on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Volunteers would arrive at 11:00 a.m. and cleanup is typically finished by 1:30 p.m. **Volunteers are especially needed for Tuesdays during the summer months.**

Our Mother of Sorrows Church is in West Philadelphia, at the corner of N. 48th St. and Lancaster Ave., approximately a 20 minute drive from our parish. The address is 1030 N. 48th St. If you can help, please contact the outreach coordinator, Karimah Gillard at 267-776-3375 or email at rimah122483@gmail.com.

“BURRS AT THE BEACH”

The 28th 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.

“DAY TRIPPERS”

Are Ready to Go!

Join St. Thomas of Villanova parishioners on a trip from **Monday, September 28th to Friday, October 2nd** to Asheville, North Carolina to see the Biltmore Estate, then to stop at the Naval Academy in Annapolis. Returning home, we stop at Charlottesville, VA, home of James Monroe and Monticello, VA, home of Thomas Jefferson.

The trip includes 4 night accommodations, 4 deluxe continental breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners. Cost of the trip: Single = \$1,075 per person; Double = \$815; Triple = \$735.

Checks are payable to St. Thomas of Villanova Parish. Please mail to: Thomas J. Seidner, 1501 Ashton Road in Havertown, PA 19083. For questions, call Thom at 610-853-1776.

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).

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.

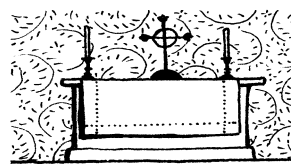
MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER CLUB

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.



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Mass Intentions

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SUNDAY, JUNE 21

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

MONDAY, JUNE 22

- 6:30 SPECIAL INTENTION
 8:00 DOMENICO CONICELLO
 DOMENIC DI MARTINO, SR.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

- 6:30 ANGELA FORLANO
 8:00 THOMAS GILMARTIN

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

- 6:30 SPECIAL INTENTION
 8:00 MARK & MICHELLE CONNOR

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

- 6:30 BETTE AND MAJ. GEN. HENRY S.
 MURPHEY
 8:00 GLORIA C. VADAPALAS

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

- 6:30 SPECIAL INTENTION
 8:00 PATRICK BRENNAN

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

- 8:00 JAMES W. FINEGAN

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
 PARISHIONERS
 9:30 JIM SCHIMMINGER
 11:15 JACK MINUTELLA

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