



Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish Community

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June 28, 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

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PARISH WEB SITE:

<http://www.OMGCPARISH.ORG>

REACH OUT AND TOUCH THE POWER OF CHRIST

In today's Gospel, (Mark 5:21-43) Mark told one story inside the other to allow both to make their point more vividly. There are a number of interesting points of similarity between the two miracle accounts here. Both of the people in need were women, both were called "daughter." One was 12 years old, just on the verge of womanhood and the ability to give life. The other had been suffering for 12 years, unable to give life because of her affliction. In both cases, coming into physical contact with them would have made Jesus ritually unclean, and in neither case did that seem to make any difference to *him*.

Jairus' story goes through a multi-step unfolding. As it opens, we see him, a person of religious importance, plead humbly with Jesus to save his dying daughter. Jesus has hardly set off with him when they are unexpectedly interrupted by Jesus' response to the secretly healed woman. By the time that was concluded, the messengers arrived with the announcement of the girl's death. We hear nothing about what Jairus thought or felt. Mark only tells us that Jesus utterly ignored the messages of doom and encouraged Jairus to do the same, abandoning fear and holding onto faith as they continued going toward his home.

When they got to the house, where funeral rituals were already in full swing, Jesus took over as if he were the householder and shooed away the wailers who were snickering snidely at the fact that he didn't admit he had come too late to help. Not wanting a crowd of witnesses, Jesus allowed only the three prime disciples to accompany him and the girl's parents into the house, but not until he had told the grievors that the girl had not died but was sleeping.

In both miracles, Jesus' only concern was for the ones whose lives were restored. If he wanted attention, it was attention to the life God offers those who have the faith to seek it. When he called the woman out of anonymity, he accomplished two things: He highlighted her faith and their shared unconcern for restrictive rules; and he publicized the restoration of her health, thereby changing her status from outcast to celebrity. With the young girl, the crowd had seen the results of his call for faith over fear. Jesus' concern for her was that she return to normal life.

Of course, there are additional layers of meaning in these accounts. On one level, we can read both incidents as reflections on how to pray with faith. The woman gives witness to audacious prayer, and Jairus to the value and necessity of prayer for others. This Gospel leads us to reflect on every aspect of our mortality as transitory rather than definitive. In the end, today's scripture readings call us to reflect on how much our faith leads us beyond our fears.

PRAYER REQUESTS

In our prayers, we have been asked to remember:

Margaret Simyak, Salvatore Petroccia,
Judy Brown, Pat Dobson and
Alexandria Goldstein.

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 Martin J. Gillan IV and Nelda McFadden and for the consolation of their families.

New Members: We welcome to our parish community Michael Ladson and Mr. & Mrs. Adrienne & Brian Reilly who recently registered with us.

Baptisms: We welcome to our faith community James Dauer, child of Eric & Diana, Cecilia Cooper, child of Adam & Andrea, and Morgan Storck, child of Robert & Andrea who were baptized in our church recently.

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.



SUMMER READING

Dear Friends,

For years now, I have made a summer reading list and I urge others to do so, too. My list always includes rereading a classic that I read in high school or college. This summer, I think it will be Gulliver's Travels. I also include something that is current and will make me look hip on the beach! My list always includes something from American history. I am always open to suggestions. Last year, one of you lent me A Team of Rivals, an in depth study of Abraham Lincoln and his presidency. I loved it. And, my summer reading list always includes a selection from the Bible.

Last year, I urged you to go through the Gospels and read Jesus' parables. This summer, I suggest the Book of Psalms. One of the Psalms is proclaimed almost every day at Mass. Many of us know and love several of the Psalms. The words of Psalm 23, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." can bring great comfort.

There are 150 psalms. Originally, they were religious hymns. We no longer know what musical instruments were used nor what the hymns sounded like. However, they cover every human emotion and circumstance that humanity has ever experienced. Traditionally, King David is named the author of the Psalms. However, scholars are certain that they were written by many individuals over a long period of time.

Take your time. Read and reflect on just a few each day. Share your favorites with your family and friends. Ask them to read some also so that you can share your thoughts. Don't be scandalized, some of the Psalms are curses. We don't sing those ones at Mass! Tell me your favorites and I'll share mine.

I hope that your summer is off to a good start and just keeps getting better.

Happy Reading!
Father Denny

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for June 21, 2015

Today's reading from S. Paul explains the "divine economy" of stewardship—"The relief of others ought not to impoverish you; there should be a certain equality. Your plenty at the present time should supply their need so that their surplus may in turn one day supply your need."

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| Envelope Contributions | \$6,866.00 |
| Loose Contributions..... | \$518.00 |
| Mailed in | \$1,600.00 |
| Total Offertory Collection | \$8,984.00 |
| Offering this time last year | \$9,112.00 |
| Parish giving | \$795.00 |

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



FOURTH OF JULY Saturday's Parish Schedule

**On this holiday, we will have
one Mass celebrated at 9:00 a.m.
The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)
will NOT be celebrated that day.**

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.

THE TRAGEDY IN CHARLESTON, SC
Statement of Archbishop Chaput

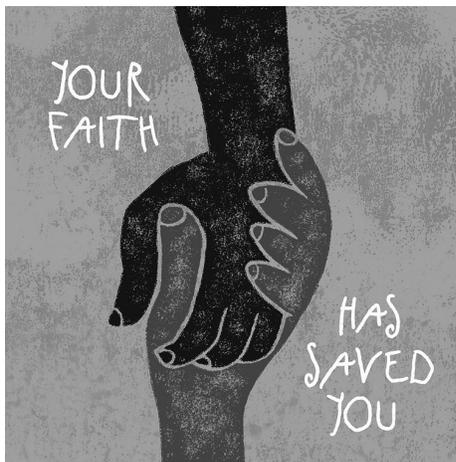
I am deeply saddened by the mass murder that occurred at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina last week. All life matters and when life is taken in such a violent way, all people of good will are devastated. The fact that nine people were shot to death as their pastor led Bible Study in their Church led me to prayer throughout the day.

On behalf of the Catholic faithful in Philadelphia, I offer my deepest sympathies to the families of the victims and to the members of Emanuel AME Church. I especially note that Philadelphia is the home of Mother Bethel AME Church, the first African American Methodist Episcopal Church, founded by Richard Allen in 1794.

As Reverend Martin Luther King said, 'Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that.'

May love be our mission and give us the strength to drive out hate today and always.

Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M.Cap.
 Archbishop of Philadelphia



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.



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 June 28, 2015

You changed my mourning into dancing;
 O LORD, my God,
 forever will I give you thanks.
 — Psalm 30:13

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.

THANKS FROM ST. FRANCIS INN

It was my great pleasure to be able to speak about the ministry of St. Francis Inn to the needy of Philadelphia at your Masses on the weekend of May 16 and May 17. Your generous contributions totaled \$4,908. What a serious commitment your parish has made to the needy! Your interest and support provide us with resources to continue our daily work. May God bless your parish community.

Peace,
 Karen Pushaw
 for St. Francis Inn

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GOD FASHIONED
ALL THINGS

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.

IMPORTANT REQUEST

Allergies

Please do not bring food that contains peanuts, nuts, peanut products or nut products inside the church. Someone sitting near you may have a serious allergy. Thank you for honoring this request.

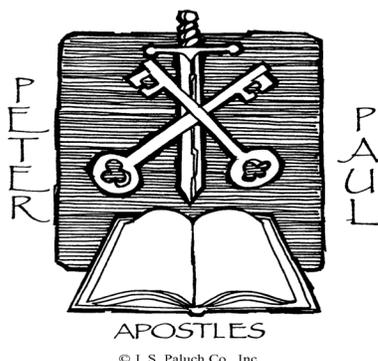
“DAY TRIPPERS”

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 to 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.



CLIMATE CHANGE

Prior to the release of Pope Francis' encyclical on ecology this past week, Cardinal Peter Turkson, President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, gave a lecture in March that outlined four themes of the Pope's teachings on integral ecology:

- ◆ The call to be protectors of the environment is integral and all-embracing;
- ◆ Care for creation and humanity are virtues in their own right;
- ◆ We will – we must – care for what we cherish and revere;
- ◆ A need for dialogue and “a new global solidarity,” where all have a part to play.”



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.

SILENCE

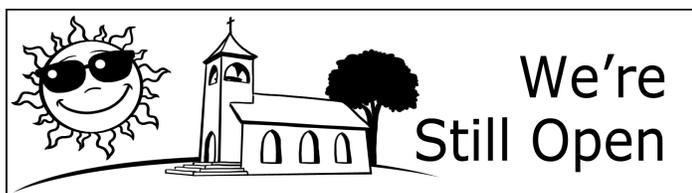
“Be quiet, you’re in church now!” Many of us grew up being reminded regularly that the appropriate behavior for us during Mass was to be silent. Church and the library had that in common. With the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, active participation became the norm. Usually active participation is understood as joining in the singing and saying the responses along with everyone else. Rarely do we expand the definition of participation to include communal silence.

Public silence is frequently very awkward. We assume someone forgot their cue or made an embarrassing mistake. Yet, we also know the heart-gripping impact when a grandstand full of people observes a moment of silence. The liturgy invites us to pray without words several times during Sunday Mass. Before the opening prayer, after the readings and the homily, perhaps during the intercessions and again after communion, we are given the opportunity to call to mind God’s presence in our midst, to offer our personal petitions and express our thanks for God’s continuing blessings.

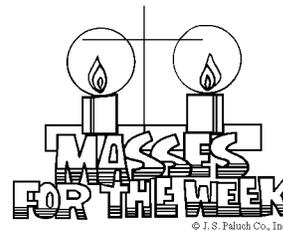
Such silence is not a passive “shutting down” but rather an attentive awareness of our intimate connection with the Lord and with one another. Such awareness requires ample time to develop – ample time not only at a particular liturgy, but Sunday after Sunday after Sunday. Only then will the inevitable coughing, kneeler banging and fussing babies mark the beginning of our silence and not the end of it!

In another, more profound sense, we are always silent at liturgy – even when we speak. We sing psalms and speak prayers that are not our own but rather the words of our ancestors in faith and the words of the church. Our individualistic American culture finds such behavior suspicious or even threatening: “I am my own person!” But it is precisely in that surrender to the power of ritual and the life of the larger community that we discover our true voice.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 28

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

MONDAY, JUNE 29

- 6:30 EILEEN MCGOLDRICK
8:00 JOHN C. CASEY

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

- 6:30 SPECIAL INTENTION
8:00 JIM FINEGAN

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

- 6:30 DR. ALFRED AND OLGA GELLHORN
8:00 HAROLD AND ROSE IRVING

THURSDAY, JULY 2

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

FRIDAY, JULY 3

- 6:30 JOHN GUESSETTO
8:00 OLGA AND VALENTINE MARCOLINA

SATURDAY, JULY 4

9:00

SUNDAY, JULY 5

- 7:30 JAMES SHERIDAN
9:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
11:15 ACHILLE AND MARY BARONE
(WEDDING ANNIVERSARY)