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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 LIMITED ARE OUR EXPECTATIONS OF GOD?

Today's Gospel (Mark 6:1-6) marks the end of Jesus' Galilean mission and signals a new direction in his public ministry. A turning point in Mark's Gospel, the rejection of Jesus by his hometown crowd, was immediately preceded by several miracle stories in which Jesus' authority, power and wisdom were revealed. Initially, Jesus' words and works evoked wonder and amazement. But when Jesus' humble beginnings at Nazareth were known, those who had sought a wonder worker were filled with contempt at what they regarded as pretentiousness in the carpenter's son.

The statement "they took offense at him" or, literally translated, "he was too much for them," is a fine example of Mark's irony. Indeed, Jesus' person and salvific mission were far greater than the expectations of his contemporaries. In a word, they were scandalized; that is to say, they found him to be a "stumbling block."

By the time Mark's Gospel appeared in written form in the late 60s, "stumbling block" had become the technical term for describing the obstacle to faith that many found in Jesus, in his ministry and in the manner of his death. In his narrative about Jesus, Mark colored the scene with the problems of his own times to offer encouragement to those who struggled to accept Jesus as well as for those who found themselves rejected by family and friends because of their faith.

The reputation of Jesus by some Israelites stood out in sharp contrast to the growing acceptance of Jesus among the Gentiles. The importance of faith as a requisite for the working of miracles is consonant with Mark's theology, as enunciated in the cures of the woman with a hemorrhage and Jairus' daughter. Jesus was no mere wonder worker. His cures and mighty deeds were to be understood as a response to faith.

The family of Jesus, incidentally, also questioned his methods and motives. There are a variety of views as to their actual relationship to Jesus. Who were James, Joses, Judas, Simon and his unnamed sisters? St Jerome, citing the fact that elsewhere in the Gospel, James and Joses are said to be sons of another Mary, regarded those named in Mark 6 to be cousins of Jesus. According to the concept of the extended family in the ancient Near Eastern world, cousins were regarded as and were called "brothers" and "sisters." Still others adhere to the traditional view that Jesus was the sole child of his mother.

In any event, Jesus' sad commentary on the events in his native place challenges our willingness to discern and accept God's word however it might be mediated. Instead of accepting that our hometown prophets will be rejected, let us recognize the powerful presence of prophecy even in the routine and familiar.

PRAYER REQUESTS

In our prayers, we have been asked to remember:

Margaret Simyak, Salvatore Petroccia,
Judy Brown, Pat Dobson,
Alexandria Goldstein, Phyllis Conlin,
and Evaline Walker.

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.

Baptisms: We welcome to our faith community Lucas Ryan, child of David & Kelly and Adeline Ingrassia, child of Roy & Erin who were baptized in our Church recently.

Deceased: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Mary Ann Quinn and for the consolation of her family.

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.

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.

A Message



HOBBIES

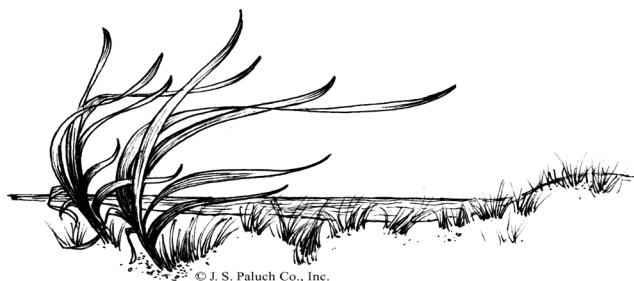
Dear Friends,

After I was ordained, several seasoned priests gave me some good advice. But it was my own Mom, wife and mother of eight, who gave me what I consider some of the best advice. She encouraged me to “develop some interests that I’d enjoy doing alone.” She suggested that often, while engaged in enjoyable hobbies, we also do some worthwhile self-reflection. When she made the suggestion, I was already an avid gardener. I tried a number of other interests. Some I decided were not a fit for me, but others did just as Mom said they would.

For some time now, gardening, birding and visiting national historical sites have been my principal hobbies. They have provided me with many pleasurable hours. My hobbies have relaxed me, given me insights about myself, others and nature. They have enriched my prayer life and preaching and enabled me to answer correctly whole categories while watching Jeopardy!

I am an extrovert. I love being in the company of others. I never want to be lonely. But, I also have learned the immeasurable value of “alone time.” Worthwhile hobbies allow us to lose ourselves in our own thoughts while in a relaxed and creative atmosphere. No matter your age or your life’s circumstances, perhaps this summer, you could take some time to consider developing an enriching hobby.

God bless!
Father Denny



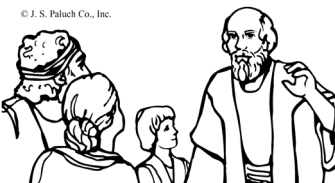
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for June 28, 2015

This week we will do well to echo the Psalmist, saying, “Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.” May we always recognize and use wisely the gifts of freedom and abundance God has showered upon us.

Envelope Contributions	\$6,702.00
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Mailed in	\$785.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$8,392.00
Offering this time last year	\$6,739.00
Electronic giving of July 1	\$5,500.00
Parish giving.....	\$775.00

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



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 5, 2015
My grace is sufficient for you,
for power is made perfect in weakness.
— 2 Corinthians 12:9





A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

being celebrated
on Saturday, July 18

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.

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.

THANK YOU RECEIVED

Our "Almsgiving" collections taken up at Daily Mass during Lent amounted to \$5,651.00. This collection is always designated for those who are in need. From this amount, \$4000 was sent to St. Cyprian Parish in West Philadelphia where our former "Sister-Parish" parishioners now belong.

The pastor of St. Cyprian, Msgr. Fred Britto, sent us the following "thank you" note:

"Thank you very much for your generous check of \$4000.00 from your Parish Lenten Collection. This check will allow us to fulfill some necessary needs around the parish, and with our outreach programs. Please be assured of our continued prayers."

The remainder of this total amount is used for more local needs of those who request assistance for us for food, medicine, etc.

RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE with the Sisters of the Holy Redeemer August 5 – 9, 2015

An extended Come & See Retreat for single Catholic women, ages 18-35, seeking God and interested in learning more about religious life in the midst of our busy world. Stay with the Sisters and join for prayer, meals and community while maintaining your daily schedule. This retreat is offered by the Sisters of the Holy Redeemer, 1600 Huntingdon Pike in Meadowbrook, PA.

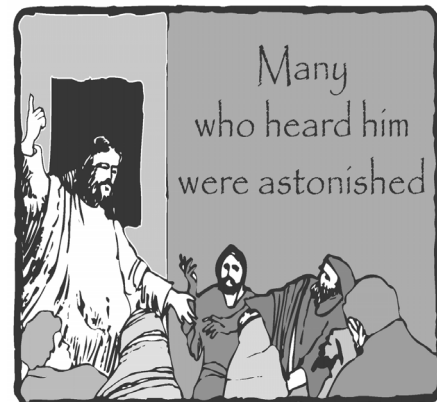
For more information or to participate, please contact Sr. Ana Dura, CSR or Sr. Katharina Maria Pies, CSR at vocations@holyredeemer.com or call 215-914-4109 or 215-914-4010.

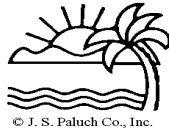
FREE TOURS at Old Saint Thomas and Ivy Mills

Two cornerstones of Pennsylvania Catholic history will be open one Sunday afternoon each month this summer. Founded in 1729, Saint Thomas the Apostle (430 Valleybrook Road in Chester Heights) is Pennsylvania's oldest Catholic parish. Ivy Mills (109 Ivy Mills Road in Glen Mills) is the parish founding site and was home to the colony's third paper mill. Mass was regularly celebrated in St. Mary's chapel there for more than 125 years.

The Friends of Old Saint Thomas will host free guided tours at both sites from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. (last tour begins at 3:45) on the 4th Sunday of each month, June through August and October. September tours will be held on the 20th because of the papal visit the following week.

For more information, visit www.friendsofoldstthomas.org.



Summer

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ORDINARY TIME: SUMMER

The Monday after the celebration of Pentecost Sunday, we found ourselves at daily Mass returning to Ordinary Time in our daily readings. What do the words Ordinary Time mean? Dorothy Day said, "The words 'Ordinary Time' in our prayer books put me in a state of confusion and irritation. To me, no time is ordinary." She was right. The Ordinary in "Ordinary Time" refers to ordinal - counted time - not to a lack of something to celebrate. The celebration of Sunday liturgy during Ordinary Time is devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects.

How do we celebrate the mystery of Christ in all its aspects? We gather every Sunday. Sunday is our original feast day. Christians have gathered every Sunday - the day of Christ's resurrection, the first day of the week - ever since there were Christians. When we gather on Sundays in Ordinary Time, as always we hear the scriptures proclaimed. The church reads straight through the gospel of the year, concentrating on the public life of Jesus of Nazareth. This year, we are in Cycle B and therefore, we continue to listen to the Gospel of Mark each week, often picking up where we left off last week.

The first reading, from the Hebrew Scriptures, has been chosen for its relationship to the gospel passage. Many voices are heard throughout summer Ordinary Time. We also read through some of the letters of the New Testament, usually from St. Paul, so that the mystery of Christ in all its aspects can unfold for us Sunday after Sunday.

What is the heart of our Sunday celebration? We do our eucharist; that is, we do our thanksgiving. We praise and thank God for all creation; we pray for the whole world, as we remember Christ's life, death and resurrection. We share the bread and wine, Christ's body and blood. We are sent forth to be the body and blood of Christ in our homes, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, our towns, our cities, our country, and our world.

What happens in our churches every Sunday is the fruit of our week. What happens as the fruit of the week past is the beginning of the week to come. Sunday is simultaneously a point of arrival and departure for Christians on their way to the fullness of the kingdom. This is not ordinary at all. This is the fabric of Christian living."

(St. Andrew Bible Missal - Brooklyn: William J. Hirten Co., 1982)



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God
Will Bless
Us With Peace

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed, kindle in the hearts of all the true love of peace and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who make decisions for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility Your kingdom may go forward till the earth be filled with the knowledge of your love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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THE FIFTH OF JULY

by Sister Renee Yann, RSM

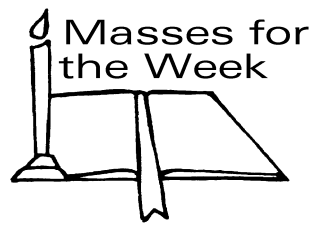
Any fireworks in your neighborhood tonight? Any parades outside your window? Probably not. After all the speeches, sparklers and spectaculars, the “Next Day” dawns. I wonder what it was like for Jefferson, Franklin and Adams on the fifth of July in 1776. Did they wake up thinking, “Declaration of Independence – signed. Now, make it happen!”?

When you get right down to it, most of our days are 5th, 6th, 7th and 8ths of July. They are the days after graduation when we need to get a job. They are the days after the honeymoon when somebody needs to cook dinner and take out the trash. They are the days after the promotion when the first deadline looms and a bunch of faces are looking to you for the plan.

If the 4th of July is Independence Day, the 5th is Dependability Day, a day to celebrate the people we can always count on. They are there for the parades but they are there for the clean up afterward. They light the spark for the fireworks, but they have a hose nearby just in case. They put their “John Hancock” on the brave new dream and they show up the next morning to design its daunting execution.

The 5th of July is a day to celebrate our own sense of responsibility or “Dependability” – to realize that most of us really do try to be good spouses, parents, employees, neighbors, sons, daughters and friends – that we do keep making the effort every day to be someone for others and not just for ourselves. It is a day to look around at the people in our lives and be grateful that most of them are trying to do the same thing. Like Jefferson, Franklin and Adams, we all need to wake up the next day, consider the “dependabilities” in our lives and put our shoulders to the task of making a better world.

Each of our lives is its own small country where the future really depends on how we show up on our “5th of Julys.” The fact that you get up every day and engage that challenge is cause for its own celebration. So if you have a little sparkler left in your back yard, light it for yourself tonight – and for your spouse, your boss, your kids, your co-workers – all who showed up today to do the best they could on the 5th of July.



SUNDAY, JULY 5

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

MONDAY, JULY 6

- 6:30 SALLY WEIL
 8:00 KATHERINE IANNOTTA

TUESDAY, JULY 7

- 6:30
 8:00 BILLY FERRY

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

- 6:30
 8:00 JANET AND JOHN PHILLIPS

THURSDAY, JULY 9

- 6:30 MARY NICHOLA MARCHESANI
 8:00 NAZARIO PALUMBO

FRIDAY, JULY 10

- 6:30 BETTY QUINN
 8:00 ANN GRADY LUCAS

SATURDAY, JULY 11

- 8:00 CATHERINE SOLANO

SUNDAY, JULY 12

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
 PARISHIONERS
 9:30 THOMAS AND ALICE RYAN
 11:15 ROBERT CAMPO (6TH ANNIVERSARY)

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