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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>

## HOW DEEP IS OUR HUNGER FOR THE WORD OF GOD?

In today's Gospel (Mark 6:30-34), Mark opens this scene with the apostles reporting back to Jesus about their missionary experience. Just as he himself was accustomed to slip away for time in private prayer, Jesus wanted his disciples to do the same. They needed rest and he wanted to be with them – by themselves and in a deserted place.

Jesus' hometown neighbors refused to believe that he could be anyone special as we see earlier in the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of Mark's Gospel (vs.3). Now, we have people thronging to him to such an extent that the text says "they had no opportunity even to eat." That phrase may be part of the preparation for the sharing of bread to come. It could also indicate that there were gentiles among the crowds, and that therefore, Jesus and friends couldn't eat because Jews ate only with other Jews, the people whose faith they shared and with whom they could therefore pray. Jesus is portrayed as so popular that even eating is difficult, and restful solitude has become impossible. If he wants to take time with his disciples, they have to escape the crowds.

Mark tells us that Jesus recognized the futility of their flight when he was confronted by the people's determination to be with him. Our text says he was moved with pity for them; other translations say he had compassion on them. The word being translated in those ways comes from a Greek word referring to one's innards – even to the womb. What Jesus saw in those people caused a profound response, a gut reaction.

Mark gives us an insight into Jesus' imagination, indicating that he received the persistent crowd as "sheep without a shepherd." He could have looked at them differently. Those people could have represented never-ending demands on him. The temptation also had to be great to see them as ego-boosters, proofs of his popularity and the answer to his critics. But rather than that, what Jesus saw was their hunger for what he alone could give them.

The opening reflection looks at today's hunger for pastoral leaders who see and respond to the needs of their sheep. Call to mind the Archbishop of El Salvador, Oscar Romero, who was a good shepherd of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Romero did not set out to be a controversial figure or to engender the enmity of the powerful. What he did was listen to the cries of his people, respond from his gut, and deal with the consequences. Blessed Oscar Romero's life reminds us that being a shepherd to people in need may not be a safe profession, but it does promise that its practitioners will be in good company.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

In our prayers, we have been asked to remember:

Margaret Simyak, Judy Brown, Pat Dobson,  
Alexandria Goldstein, Evaline Walker and  
Michael and Andrew McCaughey.

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 repose of the souls of Nicholas Falcone and Alphier Silverio and for the consolation of their families.

Christ is



our Peace

### 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.

### SENIOR COMMUNITY GATHERING

The Senior members of our parish and neighboring parishes will meet again on **Friday, July 24 at 12 noon**. At this Gathering, we will enjoy an activity called, "Crazy Bingo." You are asked to bring an inexpensive, wrapped gift to be used as prizes for our Bingo winners.

Please bring your usual lunch fare. A special dessert will be enjoyed by all as we celebrate the special birthday of Mrs. Anne Shea, a long-time member of our Senior Community to this very day! There is no stopping this woman! Looking forward to seeing you at this July 24 Gathering.



## SUMMER VACATION

Dear Friends,

Thank you to all who gave me suggestions for my summer reading. I have compiled quite a list. Someone recommended one of this summer's best sellers, All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr. So, for the first time in my life, I downloaded something to my iBooks on my iPad. Ah, the twenty first century!

I will be able to get started on my reading this week when I sneak down to the shore for a few days. I have scheduled a longer vacation in mid-August. I am planning to spend a few days at a friend's farm in western Maryland, and then, a few days at our Augustinian house in Ocean City. I can't wait!

I believe that going on vacation is one of life's great joys and gives us a hint of what heaven will be like! "Vacation" – the word evokes happy memories and the desire to create new ones. Vacation comes from a Latin word meaning "freedom" or "exemption." It is defined as a "scheduled period during which activity is suspended. A period of exemption from work for rest and relaxation."

I urge you to take the opportunity this summer to enjoy some vacation. We don't need to go very far. We just need to exempt ourselves from work and routine. Study after study has shown that we are happier and more productive when we take the time to just rest and relax. So, enjoy yourselves. I look forward to hearing about the church you visited for Mass while on your vacation.

God Bless!  
Father Denny

*Come away  
by yourselves  
and rest  
a while*



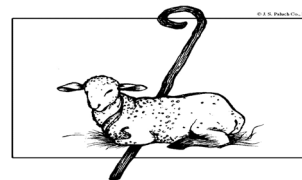
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## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for July 12, 2015

In today's Gospel, Jesus had planned to slip away from the crowds for a few moments of peace and a little rest. When He saw the people gathered, however, He put His needs aside to meet the needs of others. Sometimes, as good stewards, we are called to do the same.

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



## INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

**Committee Meeting:** The IHN Parish Committee will meet on **Thursday, July 23 at 4:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center as we begin preparing for our August 9 – 16 Week of Hosting.

**Week of Hosting:** Our parish will be hosting the IHN families once again during the Week of **August 9 - 16**. If you can help in any of the following ways, please give us a call:

a. If you can help **set-up** the Social Center on **Saturday, August 8 at 10:00 a.m.** or **take-down** and pack away equipment on **Sunday, August 16 at 12:15 p.m.**, please call Sr. Anne at 610-525-0147 (ext. 234) or email her at [awoodeshick@omgcp parish.net](mailto:awoodeshick@omgcp parish.net).

b. If you can prepare a meal one evening of that week, please call Toni Betz at 610-525-4499.

c. If you can serve as an **evening host**, during the evening from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. or as an **overnight host** from 8:30 p.m. – 6:30 a.m. once during the week, please call Susan Sessa at 610-527-6703 or email her at [ssessa@aol.com](mailto:ssessa@aol.com).

# Youth Activities

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## YOUTH GROUP – LAST CALL

There are still seats available for our bus trip to Dorney Park on **Tuesday, July 28**. We will leave OMGC at 9:00 a.m. and return to OMGC by 10:00 p.m. There is no cost for the tickets, thanks to the generosity of an anonymous parishioner. Any PARISH students, grades 6 through 12, are invited to join us, however, you must register. To do so, please contact Karen at 610-525-0147 ext. 258 OR [kcarey@omgcp parish.net](mailto:kcarey@omgcp parish.net). You will receive permission slips and information sheet once you register.

## FALL FESTIVAL/HAUNTED MAZE NEWS

Mark your calendars for **October 16, 17, 18!** These are the dates for the Annual OMGC Fall Festival and Haunted Maze. There will be vendors, food, games, prizes, moonbounces, raffles and much more. Please consider becoming part of our team in helping to plan and execute this fund raiser for our Youth. If you can help in any way, either through raffle donations, committee work, monetary donations, food donations, whatever, please contact Karen Carey at 610-525-0147 ext. 258 or [kcarey@omgcp parish.net](mailto:kcarey@omgcp parish.net).

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## RCIA TEAM MEETING

The RCIA Team will meet again on **Tuesday, July 21 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Parish Center. At this meeting, we will begin preparing for a new series of **Inquiry sessions** to begin sometime in late September.

## SUMMER FILM SERIES

### Theme: Caring for God's Creation

Join us for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final film of our three-part Summer Film Series. The 3<sup>rd</sup> film to be shown is entitled, "Chasing Ice" - the story of one man's mission to change the tide of history by gathering evidence of our changing planet. This will take place on **Tuesday evening, August 4th at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Rosemont Auditorium, 1229 E. Lancaster Ave. in Rosemont.

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

## THE AUGUSTINIANS INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE

The friars extend an invitation to parishioners to join them on the campus of Villanova University for a celebration of Consecrated Life on **Saturday, August 1, 2015 from 1:00 -6:00 p.m.**

**1:00 – 3:30 p.m.**

- Start at the Ground Floor of the Connelly Center
  - +Hear the friars' stories
  - + Experience our art and music
  - +Tour our heritage sites
  - + Visit our monastery

**4:00 p.m.** – Mass in the Villanova Church with the Profession of Vows of our four novices  
Supper to follow – RSVP Maria Manna or email: [Maria.Manna@augustinian.org](mailto:Maria.Manna@augustinian.org)  
Auto entry at Ithan Avenue Gate of the University  
Reception desk at the ground floor of the Connelly Center opposite St. Augustine Garage.

## SHORT-TERM SUBSTITUTE NEEDED

Merion Mercy Academy, an independent, all girls Catholic High School, sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, has an opening for a short term substitute position in English for a few weeks at the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year.

Qualified applicants with an English degree and teaching experience are asked to submit a cover letter and resume by Tuesday, July 28, 2015. Send to: Miss Mary Ann Danovich at [madanovich@merion-mercy.com](mailto:madanovich@merion-mercy.com).

## LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR RAFFLE

The little Sisters of the Poor invite you to join in their ministry of caring for the needy elderly by participating in their St. Jeanne Jugan – Pot of Gold Raffle! Besides helping our 97 residents live in a secure and compassionate home, you have a chance to win one of ten prizes, with a grand prize of \$25,000! Only 2,015 tickets will be sold! This year's honorees are Fr. Michael Murphy, pastor of St. Dorothy Parish and Patricia Miniszak. To purchase a ticket, please send your name, address and check for \$100 to: Holy Family Home – Dept. PB, Attn: Sr. Veronica, 5300 Chester Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19143. Or visit our website at [www.littlesistersofthepoorphiladelphia.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoorphiladelphia.org). Thank you for your prayers and support!"

## PRAY, HOPE & DON'T WORRY RETREAT

Malvern Retreat House is hosting a summer retreat for men and women who are looking for ways to alleviate worry and find peace in their lives. The *Pray, Hope & Don't Worry Retreat* with Retreat Director Gary Zimak will be held **August 14 – 16**. Zimak is the author of "A Worrier's Guide to the Bible" and "From Fear to Faith." His presentation topics will include: "What If Mary Said 'No'?" and "You Can't Walk on Water If You're Sitting in the Boat!" To register, please visit [www.malvernretreat.com/retreats/register](http://www.malvernretreat.com/retreats/register) or call 610-644-0400 for more information.

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## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT TRANSPORTATION FOR PAPAL VISIT

Dear Friends,

If you plan on using the Regional Rail during the weekend of September 26-27 during Pope Francis' visit, you must purchase a One Day Regional Rail Pass through Septa. **These passes go on sale Monday, July 20th at 9a.m.** Septa will be selling a limited number of these tickets for each station. I encourage you to buy your tickets, if needed, as soon as possible. Tickets will cost \$10 and will be valid for one passenger. Please also note that only 18 outlying Regional Rail stations of the 150 will be operating during the weekend. To learn more about the passes, please visit [SEPTA.org](http://SEPTA.org). For more information regarding all transportation during the World Meeting of Families, visit [www.worldmeeting2015.org](http://www.worldmeeting2015.org).

Thanks for all of your continued support.

Best,

Donna Crilley Farrell

Executive Director

World Meeting of Families Philadelphia 2015

## SOUND THE BELL OF HOLY FREEDOM OFFICIAL HYMN OF THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

"Sound the Bell of Holy Freedom", composed and written by Philadelphia's Normand Gouin and Fr. Andrew Ciferni, O.Praem, will be presented in our parish as part of the World Celebration of Families. A well written piece and hymn worthy of the event, it is in the pews this summer for us to learn together, and sing with hope and joy.

The texts follow the life of Christ in His Holy Family, traced from the root of Jesse, through His Incarnation, birth and life in Nazareth to the cross of our salvation. It sounds the call to all families of the world to live His love incarnate and proclaim His holy Word as one family at the table of the Lord.

## A SUMMER PRAYER

May you breathe in the beauty of summer  
with its power and transformation.  
May this beauty permeate all that  
feels unbeautiful in you.

May you seek and find spaces of repose  
during these summer months.

May these moments refresh and restore  
the tired places within you.

May you be open to times of celebrations  
and recreation that are so much a part of summer.

May you find happiness  
in these times of play and leisure.

May you feel the energy of summer rains  
penetrating thirsty gardens.

May these rains remind you that  
your inner thirst needs quenching.

May you enjoy the unexpected  
and find surprises of beauty and happiness  
as you travel the roads of summer vacation.  
May your inner self be refreshed, restored and  
renewed.

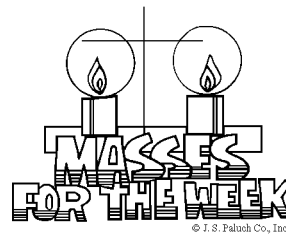
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## PART-TIME NURSE NEEDED

St. Norbert School is looking for a part-time nurse (approximately 18 hours per week). This is a job share position during the school hours of 8-3. License is required. Please send resume to: Mrs. Mary Kay Hennessy, SNS, 6 Greenlawn Road, Paoli, PA 19301 or email at [mkhennessy@stnorbert.org](mailto:mkhennessy@stnorbert.org).



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### SUNDAY, JULY 19

- 7:30 HON. LEWIS H. VAN DUSEN  
139TH ANNIVERSARY  
9:30 THE MATTIOLI FAMILY  
11:15 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL  
PARISHIONERS

### MONDAY, JULY 20

- 6:30 BRIDGET AND JOHN CASSIDY  
8:00 NOELLE SCHRADER

### TUESDAY, JULY 21

- 6:30 JOSEPH MC CORMICK  
8:00 ANNA AND CON HARKIN

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

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

### THURSDAY, JULY 23

- 6:30 JOSEPH AND HELEN KINCADE  
8:00 EDWARD J. DE LUCA  
71ST ANNIVERSARY

### FRIDAY, JULY 24

- 6:30 MR. & MRS. ANGELO IANNAcone  
8:00 BRIDGET SCANLON - ANNIVERSARY

### SATURDAY, JULY 25

- 8:00 ROGER HEINL

### SUNDAY, JULY 26

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL  
PARISHIONERS  
9:30 FILOMENA CARLINO  
1ST ANNIVERSARY  
11:15 THOMAS HUNSICKER



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