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August 9, 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>

BEING DRAWN EVER DEEPER INTO THE PROCESS OF BELIEVING

Have you ever thought, “If only I had been there to see Jesus, to hear him speak, to eat the bread he gave to so many in Capernaum...I surely would have believed?” But believing is more than seeing, hearing and eating. As is evidenced in today’s Gospel (John 6:41-51), many who saw Jesus, heard him and ate the bread he gave did not believe. These actions of Jesus were not proof of his identity and origins. On the contrary, the signs worked by Jesus were, and continue to be, challenges that are accepted by some, rejected or ignored by others. Some did not believe because they thought Jesus was too familiar to be the long-awaited messiah. He was the son of Joseph and Mary, they argued. How could he be from God or claim to come down from heaven as the bread of life?

This excerpt from the Bread of Life discourse symbolizes the experience of the desert wanderers who grumbled against Moses and God even after being fed daily with manna and quail. In today’s Gospel, the grumbling was prompted not by the bread but by Jesus’ claim to have come from God in heaven with bread that far surpassed the wilderness food. As was his custom, Jesus did not dignify their grumbling with an answer; rather, he attempted to draw their attention to matters of greater significance, namely their refusal to believe and accept the gift of eternal life.

As the incarnate love of God come to live among us, Jesus intended to draw-in all God’s beloved children. As is made clear in this Gospel, drawing near to Jesus or having faith in him is not merely a human choice but a combination of free will and the divine initiative. It follows, then, that those who refuse the overtures of God are, in effect, closing themselves off from God. In that unreachable and unteachable state, they also refuse the bread that will feed them unto eternal life. That bread, in this part of the discourse, refers to the teachings of Jesus and the revelation of God in him and through him.

The rabbis also referred to the words of the Torah (the first five books of the Hebrew Scriptures) in this manner: as bread that feeds, gives life and reveals God. When Jesus, in John’s Gospel, offered himself and his teaching as life-giving bread, he was declaring that his teachings were greater than those of the Torah. It is not surprising that many reacted vehemently to this declaration and turned away. Jesus aroused even greater vehemence when he declared, “The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”

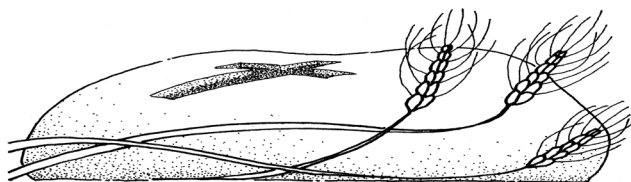
While this Sunday’s Gospel emphasizes the *wisdom* character of the bread of life, next Sunday’s Gospel will center on the *sacramental* aspect of Jesus’ life. Then the challenge to believe will become even greater. For that reason, we will have to lean even more heavily on God, who will draw us to Jesus and grace us in our believing.

PRAYER REQUESTS

In our prayers, we have been asked to remember:

Margaret Simyak, Salvatore Petroccia,
Michael & Andrew McCaughey,
Michael McGee 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.



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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.

FEAST OF MARY’S ASSUMPTION

Saturday, August 15

The Feast of Mary’s Assumption into Heaven falls on a Saturday this year. Therefore, it is NOT a Holyday of Obligation. The Feast will be celebrated on Saturday morning at the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Please join us if you would like to celebrate this special feast of Mary.

The Saturday Vigil Mass for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time will occur as usual at 5:00 p.m. later that day.

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FATHER DENNIS
Thank You and Godspeed!

Dear Friends,

After eight years here at Our Mother of Good Counsel, Fr. Dennis McGowan left us on August 3rd to begin his new ministry as Prior of St. Thomas of Villanova Monastery on the campus of Villanova University. With 52 friars in residence, the Villanova Monastery is the largest Augustinian community in the world. It is also a state-of-the-art healthcare facility. Fr. Dennis' humility wouldn't allow him to mention what an important and prestigious position he now occupies in the life of our Province. Nor did he mention that many a Prior of the Villanova Monastery has been elected Provincial!

We will miss his friendship and care, his preaching and his stand-up comic routines! We wish him well and promise him our prayers. Fr. Dennis has graciously offered to help cover the Mass schedule while I am away next week on vacation.

Along with me, the other Augustinians who continue to live here are Brother Richard Ekmann, Fr. Jim McBurney, and on the weekends, Brother Bill Harkin. Once things settle down a bit for Fr. Dennis at Villanova, he hopes to become, like Fr. David Cregan, a regular Presider here at Mass. Lucky us! It has certainly been an interesting summer so far.

God bless,
 Father Denny



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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
for August 2, 2015

The gifts of God that the angel brought to Elijah—food, water, rest and encouragement—were given not for his own good alone, but to strengthen him for service. How am I using my gifts to serve others?

Envelope Contributions	\$7,179.00
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Total Offertory Collection	\$10,870.00
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Parish giving	\$825.00

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

MONTHLY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

We have made a change from a monthly to a bi-monthly schedule for Offertory Envelopes being sent to our parishioners. With the next mailing, you will be receiving Offertory Envelopes for the months of August and September. You will receive your envelopes six (6) times a year instead of 12. This will allow a significant saving in postage.

Thank you for your continued support of your parish. Your generosity is appreciated.



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CLOTHING DRIVE

The St. Vincent DePaul Society, through the services of GreenDrop, will be here on **Saturday, August 22 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** to collect donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing which must be brought in plastic bags or boxes to be distributed to those in need. Please take all donations to the GreenDrop truck which will be parked in the rear parking lot near Barrett Avenue. They will also accept kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CDs and videos. To learn more about GreenDrop, visit their website: www.gogreendrop.com.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registrations are now being taken for the 2015 – 2016 Religious Education Year. Classes are held for students ages 4 years through 6th grade. Classes are held on Sunday mornings from 9:45 to 11:00 am. Registration packets will be mailed to those enrolled in the program last year. Anyone **new** to the parish or the program is asked to contact Karen Carey at 610-525-0147, ext. 258, for information and for a registration packet.



YOUTH GROUP

All parish students in grades 6 through 12 are invited to participate in Youth Group Activities unless specifically directed to certain grades. If you are interested in being part of our mailing list, please email Karen at kcarey@omgcp parish.net to be added to the email list and therefore you won't miss out on any activities. There is no obligation to participate in any activities. Fall Festival and Haunted Maze are coming up quickly and we will need your help!



FALL FESTIVAL

Plans are already underway for our Annual Fall Festival! This year, our Festival will take place on **Friday, October 16, Saturday, October 17** and conclude on **Sunday, October 17**. Please mark your calendars to join us for this a-MAZE-ing event!

HELP!! We are still in need of committee people to work with us in the various areas of our Fall Festival. If you can help and serve on a committee, either food, games, prizes, raffle...please contact Karen at 610-525-0147 ext. 258 or email her at kcarey@omgcp parish.net.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Thank you to all who have volunteered your time, energy and hospitality to the families in the IHN program who will be joining us today, **August 9**, for a week-long stay here in the parish. We ask your prayers for the families in particular, but also that their time with us will be a safe, healthy and profitable one for these families who are temporarily without homes.

Important IHN Phone Numbers: Because of our phone system here in the parish, it is important that you know the numbers to call if you are trying to reach someone helping with the IHN families during the week of August 9 - 16. These numbers will be necessary to have whenever the Parish Office is closed or after 5:00 p.m. on work days this week.

Parish Phone – 610-525-0147 – Ext. 255
(Social Center - school)

IHN Phone – 610-525-1727 (direct line)

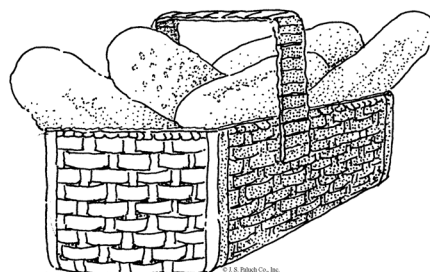


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Father Denny's 25th ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Please join in Celebrating Fr. Denny's
Silver Anniversary
at 11:15 a.m. Mass

Sunday, August 23, 2015
Reception in the Gym following Mass



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CYO 2015 FOOTBALL and CROSS COUNTRY SPORTS SIGNUPS

CYO Fall Sports signups for boys in grades 1 through 8 is now open and will be handled online at: <https://www.leaguelineup.com/formpreview.asp?sid=1032981865&url=skscyo&FormID=92745>

**Registrations are overdue – register asap by
August 10, 2015.**

Cross Country – Co-Ed (Grades 1-8)

Football – Boys

JV Football (Boys, Grades 5-6)

Varsity Football (Boys, Grades 7-8)

OMGC and STV Parishes are merged with St. Katharine's Parish for Football. Students who attend St. Katharine's School, parish members and eligible merged Parishes are invited to register; students who do not attend SKS or other Catholic Schools are required to be enrolled in the Religious Education Program (CCD). If you have any questions, contact Jim Pachioli at coachpach@aol.com.

Cross Country (STV or OMGC) signups are still open as well for Boys and Girls in Grades 1 – 8. Also use St Katharine's Program to sign up.

Teams will start practice in August and early September.

If you have any questions about CYO football or cross country, please contact Beverly Owsik at mbmmbj6@verizon.net.



COACHING JOBS AVAILABLE

Merion Mercy Academy, an independent, all girls Catholic High School sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, is seeking to hire coaches for Field Hockey Head Varsity, JV and assistant coaches. Please contact Barbara Clarke, Athletic Director, at bclarke@merion-mercy.com.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS of Thomas Merton at Villanova University

The Mission and Ministry Department of Villanova University will begin its celebration of Thomas Merton with an exhibit of art work in Connelly Center from **August 20 – September 24**. This exhibit is entitled: "The Zen Photography of Thomas Merton: A Hidden Wholeness." A talk will be given by Dr. Paul Pearson.

On **August 28 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Art Gallery of Connelly Center, there will be an Exhibit Reception.

On **September 9 at 4:30 p.m.** a cinema will be shown also in the Connelly Center, entitled "Drinking Tea: Thomas Merton's Legacy on Living, Learning and Loving," facilitated by Dr. Virginia Kalb Ratigan.

Savio Boy Choir Auditions

Do you know a boy who loves to sing? The Savio Boy Choir offers a rich musical and spiritual experience for boys in grades 2 – 8. Under the patronage of St. Dominic Savio, this world-class choir will tour locally in the U.S., and abroad in Europe.

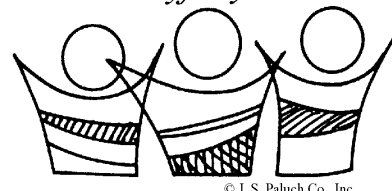
They sing many traditional hymns and choral pieces in a variety of languages, including Latin, German, French and English. The choir is directed by Tom Windfelder, the former 25-year director of the Archdiocesan Boy Choir of Philadelphia.

**The choir will be holding auditions on
Saturday, September 12.**

To schedule an audition, please call Director Tom Windfelder at 215-425-6995 or assistants: Diana Boyle at 610-636-6060 or Amy Roat at 215-768-8479.

For more information on the choir, or to make a contribution, please visit our website at www.savioboychoir.org.

Shout Joyfully to God



THE MAGNIFICAT

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for God looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day, all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

God has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

God has shown the strength of his arm;
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

God has cast down the mighty from their thrones;
he has lifted up the lowly.

God has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he sent away empty.

God has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our parents,
to Abraham and Sarah and their children for ever.



Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

MASSSES for the **WEEK**

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

- 7:30 ELIZABETH AND JOSEPH CASSIDY, JR.
(FOR A HAPPY MARRIAGE)
9:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
11:15 MARY BORMAN & CAMILLO
PORRECA

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

- 6:30 JAMES COWAN, JR.
8:00 CAROL KUC MIKSIS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

- 6:30 GLORIA M. RUSH
8:00 JOHN HELTON

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

- 6:30 NICOLA GENTILE
8:00 JOHN AND JANET PHILLIPS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

- 6:30 MARGARET BROOKS GOODENOUGH
VAN DUSEN AND DANIEL
GOODENOUGH
8:00 LIVING AND DECEASED MEMBERS
AND BENEFACTORS OSA

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

- 6:30 DOROTHY ANN MINTZ
8:00 WILLIAM G. CUNNINGHAM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

- 8:00 FRANK AND MARY CORR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

- 7:30 ALVERTA SCOTT VAN DUSEN LEWIS
(99TH BIRTHDAY)
9:30 LOUIS CARITA
11:15 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS

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