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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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<http://www.OMGCPARISH.ORG>

IT'S ALL ABOUT COMMUNION

At this stage of the Bread of Life discourse, we are faced with what can sound like the crudest image scripture has to offer: eating and drinking the flesh and blood of Jesus. When we hear this, many of us identify with the crowd and want to respond with a resounding “Yuck!” To get beyond that, we need to understand something of the mindset of the people who heard Jesus and the experience of the community for whom John wrote.

As today’s Gospel (John 6:51-58) opens, Jesus has just reenacted a key moment of the Exodus by providing bread for the mass of people who left home to find and listen to him. When Jesus saw the traveling crowd, his first response was to provide a way for them to eat as much as they needed. Then he began to teach them. Jesus situated his teaching in the context of the Exodus, the event that constituted Israel as the people of God, and taught them about God’s providence. Jesus wanted his followers to see beyond the momentary miracle of the bread to the far more amazing things God was doing among them. Just as it had been God who provided food for the Israelites in the desert, so Jesus claimed that God was sending him as the bread of life.

Jesus, who had been described as the Lamb of God and later said that he could give living water, now describes himself as the Bread of Life. Jesus says that he is the source, not of bread that sustains life for a day but of bread that leads to everlasting life. At the same time, Jesus does not claim this for himself. Just as the bread in the desert was sent by God, Jesus identifies himself as the living bread come down from God, the one sent by God for the life of the world.

That is the heart of the scandal. It is not that Jesus speaks of himself as food; he had already spoken figuratively about food by saying that doing God’s will was more nourishing than ordinary bread. The scandal here is what Jesus says about himself. He was telling the people that God was acting in their midst, that they were being offered eternal life right then and there. As he had done at Nazareth, Jesus was telling them that God was coming to them through him in that very moment. That was the scandal of the Incarnation: God invading the present moment through what seemed like very ordinary means. That was too much for them.

Jesus then made it more specific: “Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.” At this point, our understanding of the text demands that we remember John was writing for communities who celebrated the Eucharist, disciples who recognized the presence of Christ in the meal they shared in his memory. To his Eucharistic people, the body and blood were symbols of Jesus’ person and life. Separated, they symbolize his death; or, rather, his life given for others. Just as Jesus had life from God, just as his food was to do the will of God, so, too, the one who feeds on him will share in his life and thus in the life of God. Sharing Christ’s life, we will share his self-sacrifice and the life that can only spring from it. It’s that simple.

PRAYER REQUESTS

In our prayers, we have been asked to remember:

Margaret Simyak, Salvatore Petroccia,
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,
Michael McGee, Evaline Walker
and Jordan Wintrode.

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.



Father Denny’s 25th
ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION
Please join in Celebrating
Fr. Denny’s Silver Anniversary
at 11:15 a.m. Mass
Next Sunday, August 23, 2015
Reception in the Gym following Mass

25 YEARS!

Dear Friends,

On August 18th, I celebrate the 25th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. Before arriving here in February, 2011, I have served as a teacher and administrator at Msgr. Bonner High School in Drexel Hill, as the Vocation Director for the Augustinian Province, as a teacher and the Chaplain of the Law School at Villanova University and as the Pastor of St. Margaret of Scotland Parish in Maggie Valley, North Carolina.

Over the past 25 years, my ministry has varied greatly from high school administration to tiny mission churches in the Great Smoky Mountains. Those whom I have served have been quite diverse, from law students to the elderly living at Bryn Mawr Terrace. Through it all, the one constant has been the priesthood.

There is much that is attached to the priesthood that frankly makes no sense to me. I pray for the day when we priests are not spending so much of our time overseeing finances, personnel and facilities. None of us entered the seminary in the hopes of being immersed in such concerns. There is, on the other hand, much to priesthood that gives my life such rich purpose and meaning. It remains an awesome privilege to preside over the sacramental life of the church. The rituals of Mass, baptism, burials, weddings, reconciliation, anointings and blessings allow us to properly note the sacred moments and seasons that make up the tapestry of our lives. I love teaching about the Scriptures, the history and the theology of our faith. Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ constantly challenges and renews me.

As an anniversary gift, I ask for your prayers. Pray for priests. Pray for more priests. Pray for a church where priests serve, first and foremost, as priests.

God Bless!
Father Denny



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

for August 9, 2015

“Those who seek the Lord want for no good thing,” says today’s Psalm. But in the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that, thus blessed by the Lord, the good steward should “give thanks to God always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

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**Thank you for your Stewardship to your Parish.
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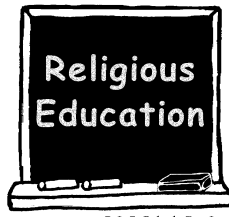
If you need a trip to the doctor, shopping, etc., call Shelley Preston at 484-412-8309 or Sr. Anne at 610-525-0147, ext. 234.



SENIOR COMMUNITY GATHERING

The Senior Community members will gather again on **Friday, August 28 at 12 noon** in the Social Center of the school building for an enjoyable lunch and afternoon activity. Please bring your usual lunch sandwich with you. We will provide dessert and beverages for the occasion. Looking forward to seeing you there.





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. 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.

FALL FESTIVAL NEWS

Our **raffle items** have begun coming in !!! Make sure you put our Fall Festival on your calendar! October 16, 17, 18! Come and bid on our two night stay at the Embassy Suites, or the 29 piece Titanium Drill Bit Set! There is something for everyone!!

HELP!! We are still in need of committee people to help make this happen! If you are able to spend a few hours helping with the preparation of any area of the festival - food, games, raffles, prizes - please let us know by contacting Karen at kcarey@omgcp parish.net.

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.

SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION

Our Youth Group will be conducting a school supply collection for the Cole Hamels Foundation. The Hamels Foundation is dedicated to enriching the lives of children through the power of education by giving them the tools they need to achieve their goals.

The Hamels Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization founded by Philadelphia Phillies pitcher, Cole Hamels and his wife Heidi. The Hamels Foundation has a dual purpose to provide support for quality education in the United States and establish a school in Malawi, Africa. We will be collecting anything from school bags to pencils to copybooks to folders. When you are doing your shopping, why not pick up something for those who can't afford the supplies they need to work at school. The school supplies collected will be divided between the Namunda Primary School in Africa and the Webster Elementary School in Philadelphia.

For more information about the Hamels Foundation, or the schools it serves, contact Lauren Henderson at 484-383-4710.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY Women of Change

Members of the Gospel in Action team are organizing a group of parishioners to provide dinner for the residents of Women of Change on **Wednesday, September 16**. Women of Change, a ministry of Project Home, is a residence for chronically homeless women, many of whom are medically or emotionally fragile. While their permanent location is undergoing much needed renovation, the women are living at Project Home. Because they have less access to kitchen space, they need extra assistance with meals until they can return home. We are responding by cooking and delivering a hot meal to them. If you would like to help by preparing a portion of the meal, providing beverages or making a monetary donation to underwrite part of the meal, please contact Pat Byrne at pabshamrock@aol.com or 610-804-3227.





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.

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 CYO questions, please contact Beverly Owsik at mbmmj6@verizon.net.

NEEDED: A FRIEND

Do you have one hour a week? Dolphins of Delaware Valley, a local organization, long affiliated with our parish, matches a volunteer with a nearby nursing home resident – not just any resident, but someone experiencing the long term isolation and loneliness which often occur in nursing homes. We always need both women and men visitors. Please learn more about being a volunteer by checking out our website at www.dolphinsofdelawarevalley.org or by calling Marilyn Knox, Volunteer Coordinator at 610-585-7141.

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.

CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE to the Holy Land

Our Lady of Mount Carmel is sponsoring a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from **November 9 – 18, 2015**. Daily Mass will be celebrated at the Holy Sites. Visit Jerusalem, Nazareth, Galilee, Bethlehem, the Dead Sea and more! Includes 3 Meals Daily. Air from Philadelphia.

Cost: \$3,549.00. For a flyer or more information, call Cathie or Mike Milano at 1-800-773-2660.



MORE THAN ONCE**May I receive communion more than once a day?**

A key insight that the church has recovered since Vatican Council II (1962-1965) is that participation in the Mass reaches a high point in the sharing of communion, an action that Christians should consider normal and commonplace rather than secondary and rare.

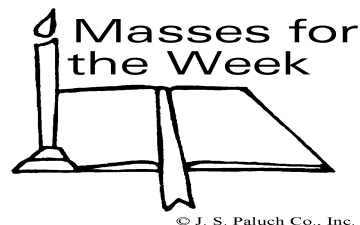
This vital connection between one's presence at Mass and the reception of communion is expressed in several ways, including the understanding of Mass as a sacrificial meal in which we are fed with the Lord's body and blood, the procession with the gifts and the distribution of bread consecrated at the Mass rather than bread that has been reserved in the tabernacle.

As the interconnections between the reception of communion and participation in the Mass became clearer, people began to wonder why individuals should be prevented from receiving communion at a Mass simply because they might have received communion earlier that same day. In the early 1970s, Rome changed a long-standing practice and explicitly permitted those who were present at a special Mass, such as Masses in which sacraments were conferred or similar special occasions, to receive communion, even if they had already communicated earlier that day.

This revised practice has been included in a more general form in the 1983 Code of Canon Law. There is no longer any mention of the second Mass being in any way related to a special occasion. Thus, current church custom permits anyone to receive communion a second time on any day, as long as the second reception of communion occurs during Mass.

The scriptures record that, at the Last Supper, Jesus said, "All of you, take and eat...Take and drink." On those occasions when a person attends a second Mass on the same day, either by obligation or by devotion, he or she should never hesitate about fully participating in the celebration of the eucharist by receiving communion a second time.

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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 16**

- 7:30 ALVERTA SCOTT VAN DUSEN LEWIS
(100TH BIRTHDAY)
9:30 LOUIS CARITA
11:15 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

- 6:30 FRANCIS MC GOWAN, JR.
8:00 CHRISTOPHER SEARS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

- 6:30
8:00 CHARLES E. DAGIT

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

- 6:30 NANCY ALDEN
8:00 JOHN PHILLIPS, JR.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

- 6:30
8:00 DOMINICK LUCENTE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

- 6:30
8:00 ROBIN MC LOUGHLIN

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

- 8:00 ROBERT VALENTINE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
9:30 SPECIAL INTENTION
11:15 JOHN C. CASEY

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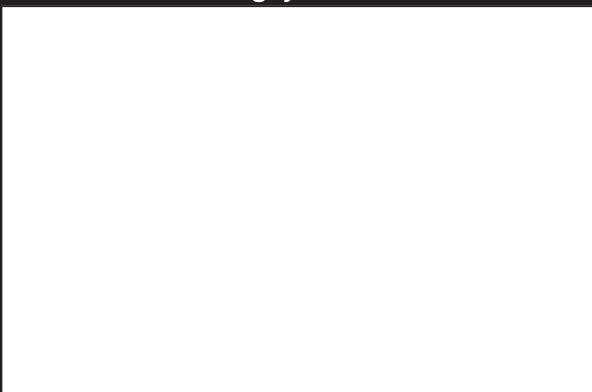
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