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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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PARISH WEB SITE:

<http://www.OMGCPARISH.ORG>

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD AND SHARE IT BY OUR LIVES

As he pondered Jesus' healing of the deaf man, the evangelist Mark in today's Gospel (Mark 7:31-37), surely had in mind the vision of Isaiah that is presented in today's first reading. To that end, he used the same word as the ancient prophet to describe the man's condition, referring to someone who stammered or had a speech impediment due to deafness. Not only does Mark's narrative echo the Isaian vision, it also affirms that the prophet's vision was being realized in Jesus.

Jesus' action of taking the man off by himself in private was a Marcan literary signal that what followed would be a significant manifestation of Jesus' power and his message. In this instance, Jesus' cure of the deaf-mute man was a revelation of his messiahship and the beginning of the long-awaited era of salvation. Jesus' use of traditional gestures of healing (putting his fingers in the man's ears and touching his tongue with spittle) was purely sacramental; that is, they were not the *means* of the healing in themselves but were merely the outward, visible signs of his messianic authority. By looking up to the heavens, Jesus affirmed his intimacy with God as well as the fact that his power to heal or cast out demons came from God.

In the healing power of Jesus and in the person of the deaf man, the world received its sign and the proclamation of the good news of universal salvation. Nevertheless, Jesus ordered the man and those aware of his healing not to tell anyone. Since the beginning of the 20th Christian century, scholars have suggested that such commands for silence in the Marcan Gospel are better understood as a literary device employed by the evangelist to reserve the moment of Jesus' full revelation for the centurion gazing up at him on the cross (Mark 15:39); and to explain why Jesus was not recognized and acclaimed as the Savior during his ministry. This technique found often in Mark is known as the "messianic secret."

Mark tells us that the good news was proclaimed despite the command for silence. His use of the word "proclaim" was ordinarily used to refer to the proclamation of the Gospel. In their witness to all that Jesus had done for the deaf man, those who told of his blessings were, in effect, proclaiming the good news of salvation. With the comment "He has done all things well" Mark puts Jesus' actions on par with the creative action of God. How could anyone keep silent about that?

PRAYER REQUESTS

In our prayers, we have been asked to remember:

Margaret Simyak, Evaline Walker,
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,
Jordan Wintrode and Axel Grabowsky.

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 soul of Ms. Dara Vogel and for the consolation of her family.

Baptism: We welcome to our faith community Flora Minx Sams, daughter of Troy and Kirsten who was baptized in our Church recently.

New members: We welcome to our parish community Mr. and Mrs. William Anthony Romero who recently registered with us.

H.O.P.E.

If you need a trip to the doctor, shopping, etc., call Sr. Anne at 610-525-0147, ext. 234.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Meeting: The Parish Council will meet again on **Monday, September 14 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Parish Center. Parishioners are always welcome and encouraged to attend these monthly meetings. If you plan to do so, please call President Phil Ahr at 610-527-5679 or email him at AHRPM@yahoo.com.

Parish Council Contact: If there is anything you would like to bring to the attention of the Council by way of ideas, suggestions or concerns, please call Dominic DiMartino at 610-525-6442.

A LETTER
from Fr. Jim McBurney, O.S.A.

Dear Parishioners,

With the sudden transfer of Fr. Dennis McGowan to the Villanova Monastery, many have been wondering who is going to replace him as Parochial Vicar? Given the diminishing number of actively working Augustinians, the Parish Staff could not presume that an Augustinian would readily be available to take Fr. Dennis' place.

I was assigned to Our Mother of Counsel in July, 2014, not to be a member of the Parish Staff, but rather, to be a resident in the Augustinian Community. At that time, I was given the opportunity by our Provincial, Very Rev. Michael Di Gregorio, O.S.A., to explore and develop retreat ministry. In addition, I have continued to offer spiritual direction to lay people and novices and postulants in formation in various religious communities, something I have been doing for almost 15 years. I have presided at the Eucharist at OMGC on both weekdays and weekends during the past year, as my schedule has allowed me to do so. All in all, the various ministerial opportunities that evolved for me in the past twelve months have been personally enriching, making it a good year.

Shortly after the announcement of the transfer of Fr. Dennis was made, our Provincial asked me to assume the role of Parochial Vicar. He wants me to continue my retreat work, as much as possible, offering a not so subtle hint that he would see me using these gifts and abilities in some other ministry in our province in the future! What could that mean? In any event, he asked me to serve as Parochial Vicar for one year. In accepting the position, I made it clear to the Provincial and to Fr. Denny, our Pastor, that I do have some previous commitments on my calendar, including two weekend retreats scheduled in the spring of 2016. Another commitment happens to be this coming week. From September 8 – 16, I will be at St. Frances Cabrini Parish in Piscataway, New Jersey, where I will be offering two Evenings of Recollection and covering Masses for a priest who is away.

I received a letter on August 8, 2015 from Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M.Cap., Archbishop of Philadelphia, appointing me

Parochial Vicar, effective immediately. I have embraced many transitions in my 31 years of ordained ministry. God now invites me to embrace one more. I ask for your prayers for me and the parish in this time of transition.

Peace and Blessings,
Fr. Jim McBurney, O.S.A.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
for August 30, 2015

The good steward must not show favoritism. The rich may have many material gifts to share, but St. James reminds us in the second reading that God has chosen the world's poor to be rich in faith and inheritors of God's kingdom.

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



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, September 7

as we celebrate the Labor Day Weekend

There will be only one Mass on

Labor Day at 9:00 a.m.

A SPECIAL GUEST COMING

Fr. Michael F. Di Gregorio, OSA, Prior Provincial of the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova, whose friars administer our parish, will be speaking at the homily of each of our Masses on the weekend of **Saturday, September 12 and Sunday, September 13.**

CELEBRATING THE PAPAL VISIT and World Meeting of Families in Song

Anticipating the Papal visit and World Meeting of Families coming to our city, the Cradle of Freedom, we will be singing the hymn composed for this momentous occasion throughout the month of September. This will be a way for our parish community to participate in the celebration. Since we have learned the six verses of "Sound the Bell of Holy Freedom," we can give voice, as one with the whole Archdiocese of Philadelphia and all those gathering from around the entire world. So keep the cards in the pews handy as we "Sound the bell of holy freedom; call all nations of the earth...Come and gather as one family at the table of the Lord."

(text by Andrew Ciferni, O.Praem.)
Jo-Ann Stigliano DMM

SPIRITUAL READING GROUP

Our Spiritual Reading Group will reconvene on **Friday, September 11 at 10:00 a.m.** in our Parish Center's first floor meeting room. We are beginning to read Pope Francis' book, "*The Joy of the Gospel.*" Copies of this book are still available on the table at the entrance of the Church. We welcome new "readers" at this beginning of a new experience of coming to know the heart of Pope Francis as we eagerly await his arrival here in Philadelphia. After his visit, we will be able to connect his words that we will read and the words we have heard as we follow his two-day visit to our city.



FALL FESTIVAL 2015 NEWS

Mark your calendars! **October 16, 17, 18!** Our Annual Fall Festival will be here! We need your help to pull it off! If you can spare an hour or two that weekend to help at either the Photo Booth or our very own TREASURES Table, please contact Karen at kcarey@omgcp parish.net.

FALL FESTIVAL RAFFLE

We are still accepting raffle donations for our annual Fall Festival. Why not team up as a neighborhood and create a theme basket such as family night or sports basket! For more information, contact Karen at kcarey@omgcp parish.net.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Our Youth Group will be collecting school supplies for the Hamel's Foundation up until September 30th. These supplies will be divided between a school in Africa and a local Philadelphia school. Please drop your donations off at the parish office or the back of church. Thank you.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2015

Join us on **Sunday, September 20 at the 9:30 a.m.** liturgy as we commission our catechists and the RCIA Team. We thank and acknowledge those who are called to evangelize in this manner.

SEARCHING FOR STILL WATERS

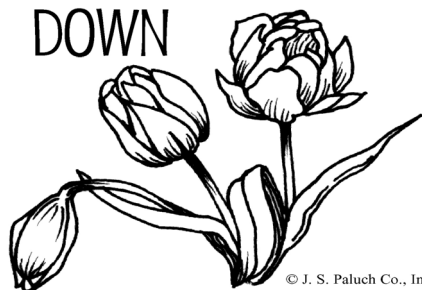
Are you struggling with the loss of a loved one? Grief is a journey fraught with complex feelings, thoughts and behaviors. Join us on the 2nd Saturday of every month from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. for conversation and compassionate support in navigating the turbulent waters of grief. Meetings will take place in the Ministries Center at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. Call 610-525-0766 for more information.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER TUTOR of English (ESL)

An Information Session will be held at St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Center in Rosemont – 1st floor on **Tuesday, September 29 from 10:00-11:00 a.m.** What is required of a tutor? A three day – half day training course and a weekly tutoring session with a student. Join us and see if this ministry is for you!

Please RSVP for this Information Session by calling Anne Murphy at the Parish Center – 610-525-4801 or email: service@stvparish.org.

THE LORD RAISES UP THOSE WHO WERE BOWED DOWN



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MASS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

During the World Meeting of Families
Thursday, September 24, 2015

The annual Archdiocesan Mass honoring the lives and gifts of persons with disabilities will be celebrated during the historic World Meeting of Families. We invite you to join with pilgrims from throughout the world, our country and region. We are joining with National Catholic Organizations who serve the needs of persons with disabilities and the Deaf community at the Shrine of St. John Neumann, 1019 North 5th Street, in Philadelphia. The Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. followed by a reception. The principal celebrant is Bishop Kevin Rhoades from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. There are shrine parking lots on Girard Avenue and Lawrence Street. To RSVP on line go to: www.ncpd.org/events/wmof2155873530 with number attending and accommodations needed.

FILM SCREENING EVENT

Philadelphia Media Network (publisher of The Philadelphia Inquirer, Daily News and Philly.com), along with co-sponsors St. Joseph's University and History Making Production (HMP), will be sponsoring a unique film screening and panel discussion on **Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Wolfington Teletorium at St. Joe's Mandeville Hall. Guests will be able to get a sneak peek at one part of HMP's three-part "Urban Trinity" documentary, which will premier at the World Meeting of Families the following week. This part of the film focuses on The Bible Riots of 1844. After the screening, Executive Producer Sam Katz will moderate a discussion about the impact the riots had on Catholic Philadelphia – prompting the formation of the city's parochial school system and the Philadelphia Police Department, among other developments.

Panelists will include Dr. Margaret McGuinness, Vice President of Mission at LaSalle University; Dr. Katie Oxx, Asst. Prof. of Religious Studies at St. Joe's; and Dr. Elizabeth Hayes Alvarez, Asst. Prof. in Temple University's Department of Religion. It should be a fascinating evening.

Admission to the event is \$65.00, but with the code "EARLY BIRD" guests who register prior to September 1 will pay just \$50.00. Anyone interested can sign up for tickets at www.philly.com/bibleriots, but space is limited.

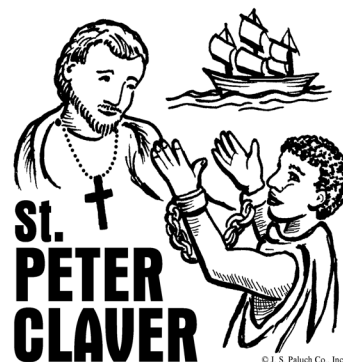
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FEAST OF
ST. PETER CLAVER
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 9



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FREE EVENTS DURING WMOF WEEK at St. Rita Shrine

Sunday, Sept. 20 at 2:00 p.m.: 1st healing Mass in our Novena of Healing Masses

Sunday, Sept. 20 at 7:00 p.m.: "Philharmonic" Concert of Sacred and Contemporary Music.

Monday, Sept. 21 at 7:00 p.m.: Fr. Michael DiGregorio, OSA will speak on "St Rita Witness to Contemporary Christian Life."

Wednesday, Sept. 23: Major Relics of St. Maria Goretti to come to the USA for the 1st time. **Mass at 5:30 p.m.** in her honor.

Thursday, Sept. 24, 9:00-11:00am: Enthronement of the Sacred Heart."

All are welcome! No ticket needed! Free will offering. Free Parking and Elevator. 215-546-8333. 11 blocks south of City Hall on Broad Street between Federal and Ellsworth. Subway/#4Bus. www.SaintRitaShrine.org.

A LABOR DAY BLESSING

May the light of your soul guide you.

May the light of your soul bless the work you do with the secret love and warmth of your heart.

*May you see in what you do,
the beauty of your own soul.*

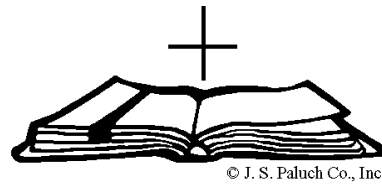
*May the sacredness of your work
bring healing, light and renewal
to those who work with you and
to those who see and receive your work.*

*May your work never weary you.
May it release within you wellsprings of
refreshment,
inspiration and excitement.
May you be present in what you do.*

*May you never become lost in the bland absences.
May the day never burden.
May dawn find you awake and alert,
approaching your new day
with dreams, possibilities and promises.*

*May the evening find you gracious and fulfilled.
May you go into the night blessed,
sheltered and protected.
May your soul calm, console and renew you.
From Anam Cara (Soul Friend)
by John O'Donohue*

Mass Intentions



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- 7:30 MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR DIEM
9:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
11:15 FILOMINA SANTANGELO

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 LABOR DAY

- 9:00 ARTHUR STODDER

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- 6:30 ELEANOR VAN DUSEN LUCAS
(111TH BIRTHDAY)
8:00 JIM SCHIMMINGER

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- 6:30 TOM HUNSICKER
8:00 JOHN AND JANET PHILLIPS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 6:30 FRANCIS MC GOWAN
8:00 NICOLE FALCONE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 6:30 DR. SHELDON HACKNEY
8:00 LOUISE LAMPEREZ

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 8:00 JAMES CORRIGAN

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
9:30 BOB RYAN
11:15 CATHERINE O'DONNELL

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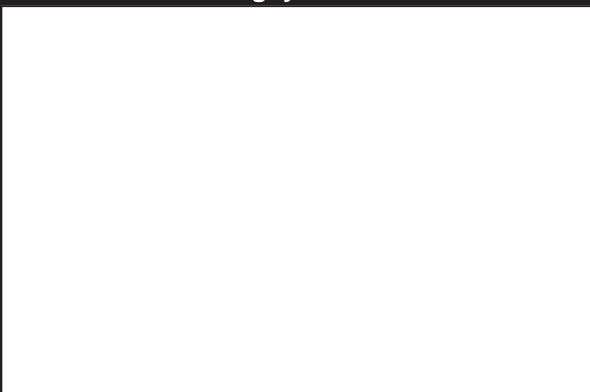
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