



Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish Community

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September 13, 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>

YOU ARE THE CHRIST, THE ANOINTED OF GOD

During the Second World War, when Winston Churchill became prime minister of England, he declared that as their leader, all he had to offer his fellow Brits was “blood, toil, tears and sweat.” When the great Italian patriot, Giuseppe Garibaldi, appealed for recruits, he said, “I offer neither pay, nor quarters, nor provisions; I offer hunger, thirst, forced marches, battles and death. Let him who loves his country in his heart, and not with his lips only, follow me.” Similarly blunt and truthful, Jesus told his disciples that those who would follow him could do so only if they were willing to deny themselves, take up their crosses and lose their lives for his sake and the sake of the Gospel. But just as Churchill and Garibaldi did not ask anything of their compatriots that they were not also willing to endure, so did Jesus strike the path for his disciples. His saving mission and his role as the Christ or Messiah would be defined by and expressed through suffering.

Judging from Peter’s reaction to him, it is clear that Jesus’ contemporaries did not expect their long-awaited messiah to be anything but a regal, powerful and strong leader. Their hopes rested on an end to foreign occupation and restoration of Israel’s political freedom and prestige. They were thinking, as the Marcan Jesus has pointed out, not as God does but as human beings do. And who could fault them for that? Who would want to suffer? Most of our lives are spent avoiding suffering or doing whatever is necessary to get through a period of struggle and to make it only an unpleasant memory.

Nevertheless, despite the onus attached to suffering, Jesus challenged his followers to choose it as a means of redemption. It does not mean stoically accepting the difficulties of life, as in “Arthritis is my cross to bear” or “This or that person is my cross.” Rather, to take up one’s cross is a voluntary choice that calls for desire and resolve, not passive acceptance or mere miserable tolerance.

If this voluntary choosing of the cross sounds masochistic, the reason for such a choice is enunciated by Jesus: “for my sake and for that of the Gospel.” Those who willingly accept the suffering that results from their belonging to Jesus, those who accept the hardships that come from preaching and living the Gospel – these are the ones who are truly Jesus’ followers. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a true and faithful disciple of Jesus, understood full well the cost of discipleship. In his book by the same name, he stated quite clearly, “When Jesus calls us, he bids us “Come and die.” Discipleship means allegiance to the suffering Christ and it is therefore not at all surprising that Christians should be called upon to suffer.” We, for our part, are to remain mindful that whatever we endure, it is for Jesus’ sake and that of the Gospel; only then will our suffering have redemptive significance.

PRAYER REQUESTS

In our prayers, we have been asked to remember:

Margaret Simyak, Jordan Wintrode
Michael and Andrew McCaughey, 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.



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H.O.P.E.

If you need a trip to the doctor, shopping, etc., call Joanne Bramley at 610-457-6638.

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 Ron Hicks at 610-449-2748.



WELCOME FATHER MICHAEL!

Dear Friends,

I am happy and honored to welcome to the parish The Very Reverend Michael DiGregorio, OSA, the Prior Provincial of the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova – “Father Michael” for short! We Augustinians usually refer to him simply as “the Provincial.” He’s the one who just transferred Fr. Dennis to the Villanova Monastery. And ironically, Fr. Dennis is the one who originally extended the invitation to the Provincial to visit and preach here at Our Mother of Good Counsel. Father Michael will preach at all of our Masses this weekend and preside at the 9:30 am Mass.

Since the fifth century, Religious orders of both men and women have flourished in the Church. Once a Religious Order is recognized by Rome, that community is self-governing. The manner in which a Religious order self-governs varies quite a bit from community to community. Beginning in the thirteenth century, we Augustinians have ministered in many places around the world. We organize ourselves into “Provinces” which are generally determined by geography. There are three American Provinces. Provinces have great autonomy from each other.

All of us who have served here since the 1890s have belonged to the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova. There are 200 or so “Friars” (Brothers and Priests) presently in the Province. We staff schools and parishes in eight dioceses along the east coast from Massachusetts to Florida. Every four years we elect one of our own to serve as “Prior Provincial.” We invest in him great authority over us. He may be reelected for a second term but after that he must again join the ranks. I think that process is a wonderful part of who we are.

If you happen to speak to the Provincial be sure to extend a warm welcome and then tell him what a good job the Pastor is doing!

God bless,
 Father Denny

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
for September 6, 2015

In the second reading today, St. James has harsh words for those who do not put their faith into action. May we be such good stewards of God’s gifts to us that we can never be accused of having “faith that does nothing in practice.”

Envelope Contributions	\$7,115.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$716.00
Mailed in	\$1,045.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$8,876.00
Offering this time last year	\$12,976.00
Parish giving.....	\$775.00

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

THE POPE’S MASS
Televised at the Parish

Please let us know by Monday, September 21 if you would like to attend the viewing of Pope Francis’ Mass, celebrated at Benjamin Franklin Parkway. This Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday, September 27 at 4:00 p.m.**, and we will be able to view it on a large screen TV in our Parish Gym.

In his letter to parishioners in the Bulletin of August 30, Fr. Denny invited us to arrive around 3:30 p.m. in the Gym to prepare ourselves for this wonderful experience of viewing the Mass with other members of our parish community. All are welcome.



SENIOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS

The Senior Group will meet on **Friday, September 25 at 12 noon** in the Social Center of our school building. On this occasion, we will enjoy a “Penny Auction”. Those attending are asked to bring one or several items from your home that are barely used or not used at all. Bring these items which you no longer have any use or need for, **unwrapped**, and enjoy watching your friends and neighbors bid on them. It’s always a fun afternoon. Come and join us for lunch. Bring a sandwich or your usual lunch nourishment and we will provide beverages and desserts.



COMMUNAL ANOINTING MASS

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on **Saturday evening, October 3 at the 5:00 p.m. Mass.** The name of the Sacrament, Anointing of the Sick, tells us that the sacrament is for those who are sick, not just for the dying. It is a sacrament of healing, and the Church wants us to ask for this sacrament before we are at the point of death. It instructs all those who minister to the sick that great care and concern should be taken to see that those of the faithful whose health is impaired by sickness or old age receive this sacrament.

If you are in need of transportation for this Mass on Saturday, October 3, please call the Parish Office at 610-525-0147. Please come to church in plenty of time to be registered for the sacrament and helped to be seated in special places for the priests to anoint you. People will be on hand by 4:30 p.m. to welcome you to this special celebration.

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 Ciferri, O.Praem.)

Jo-Ann Stigliano DMM



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

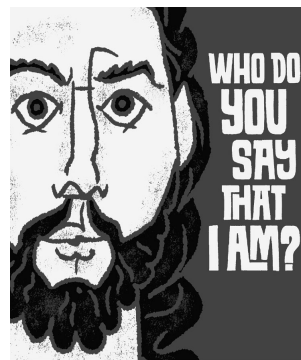
Our Youth Group will be collecting school supplies for the Hamel's Foundation up until September 30th. These supplies will be divided between a school in Africa and a local Philadelphia school. Please drop your donations off at the parish office or the back of church. Thank you.

PEACE AND JUSTICE MEETING

The Peace and Justice Committee will resume its monthly meetings on **Tuesday evening, September 22 at 7:30 p.m.** at OMGC's Parish Center. As we begin this new year of gatherings, new members are welcome to "come and see" the work of this committee and maybe consider becoming a member of the committee.

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.



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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS R.C.I.A. INQUIRY NIGHT

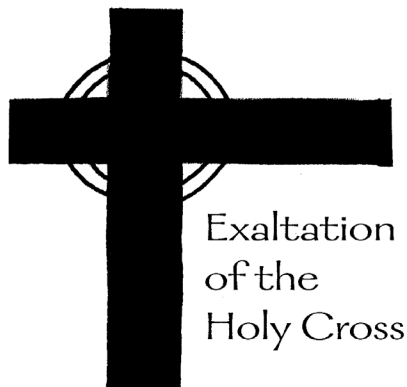
On **Tuesday evening, September 29 at 7:30 p.m.**, a new series of RCIA Inquiry sessions will begin for anyone who may be considering becoming a member of the Catholic Church or who may be interested in learning more about the Catholic Church. If you or anyone you know may be interested in becoming a part of this initial step of Inquiry about the Catholic faith, please call S. Anne Woodeshick at 610-525-0147 (ext. 234) or email her at awoodeshick@omgcp parish.net for more information or to register for this opening session.

Brochures are available in the pamphlet rack at the entrance of the Church for you to take and share with someone who may be interested in attending the initial "Inquiry Session."

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.



Exaltation
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September 14

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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.

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.

ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE Request For Supplies

St. John's Hospice desperately needs donations of men's denim jeans and khaki pants in all sizes, **(except sizes 40 and 44)**, and toiletries such as soap, razors, powder, body wash, lotion, toothpaste and deodorant for our residents and day services guests. If you have toiletries and/or gently used pants that you no longer need, or wish to purchase new jeans or khakis for our clothing room, please contact Kris Jaeger, Director, Development and Community Relations for SJH at kjaeger@chs-adphila.org or call 215-563-7763.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Saint John's Hospice and its mission to provide life-sustaining services to homeless men of our city, Philadelphia. Visit us at www.saintjohnshospice.org.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD MINISTRIES

"...at the Heart of the Church"

Cardinal Justin Rigali

Rachel's Vineyard retreats are for anyone hurting from the spiritual and emotional pain of an abortion. The weekend will help you experience the mercy and compassion of God; grieve your loss; and forgive yourself and others.

The Retreat Dates: **October 2, 3, 4** at the Spirituality Center in Frazer, PA. Call 215-906-6337 or 610-399-0890 for more information or to register. All contacts are confidential. National website: www.rachelsvineyard.org.



Our Lady of Sorrows
September 15th

Mass Intentions For The Week



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- 6:30
8:00 BILLY FERRY
(20TH ANNIVERSARY)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- 6:30 LIVING AND DECEASED MEMBERS
AND BENEFACTORS, OSA
8:00 HOPE M. HAYES
(18TH ANNIVERSARY)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- 6:30 MICHAEL J. MC GEE, SR.
8:00 JOHN PHILLIPS, JR.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- 6:30
8:00 NICOLE FALCONE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 6:30
8:00 PEGGY AND ED MC CARTHY
(50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- 8:00 MILLIE MATTIOLI

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- 7:30 CIRO IANNOTTA
9:30 FILOMENA AND AMEDEO CARLINO
(51ST WEDDING ANNIVERSARY)
11:15 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS