



Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish Community

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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>

TO BE THE GREATEST, BECOME THE SERVANT OF ALL

In today's Gospel (Mark 9:30-37), we hear the second of Jesus' three predictions of his passion. When he spoke the first, Peter seemed to grasp it well enough to reject it immediately and then try to correct Jesus' unspeakable misperception of his role. That led Jesus to order Peter to fall back into line as a follower and cease trying to tempt him away from what lay ahead of him: the cross! Now Mark sets a scene in which Jesus is going away with his disciples, taking time to instruct them in private. Mark gives us the sense that Jesus planned a long walk-and-talk journey, giving the disciples the time they would need to plod through what he was trying to bring home to them.

Mark paints an exceptionally unflattering portrait of the disciples in this incident. As Jesus talks about his fate, they clam up. Jesus uses scriptural language to indicate that he is not in charge of what will happen, but that he will "be handed over;" a phrase that can also mean "be betrayed." When the disciples hear this, like toddlers who cover their eyes to eradicate the outside world, they remain silent, afraid to ask what it means or how he feels about it.

Mark's narrative portrays Jesus continuing along the way in silence, a bit ahead of them, unable to break through their denial of reality. Fore-shadowing the very events he was predicting, they leave Jesus alone with his suffering. In the meantime, they get into their own apparently heated discussion. Then, when they reach their destination, Jesus finally turns to them for a response. "What were you talking about?" At that, the disciples become dumb, showing at least enough good sense to be ashamed.

In response, Jesus performs a living parable. Mark is very clear about the setting here: Jesus sits down, taking the position of formal teaching. He calls the Twelve, highlighting them as the inner circle of the larger group of disciples present. He tells them that the most important among them are the servants. Then, into the very center of the gathering of the core representatives of the new chosen people, Jesus puts one of the family's children. Holding that little girl, he identifies himself with her, the most powerless, vulnerable one in the room. It was a picture they would ponder for years to come.

There may be more than one reason that the disciples were afraid to ask Jesus what his talk of the passion meant. Certainly there was the fact that they would lose him and would likely be called to share his suffering. In addition, and even more frightening, he was offering them a different vision of God. The God he spoke of was not the victorious warrior but the suffering shepherd, one who calls rather than coerces. In the end, adhering to a God like that is far more demanding than obeying one who is always ready to punish the strays.

PRAYER REQUESTS

In our prayers, we have been asked to remember:

Margaret Simyak, Axel Grabowsky,
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,
Evaline Walker, and Mike Snow.

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.

New Members: We welcome to our parish community Ms. Carleen Johnston and Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Kristen Urso who recently registered with us.

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 x234.

A REMINDER

Now that July and August have come to an end, the Parish Office will be open again on Fridays. Remember that the Friday time frame is from **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Thank you.

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 Susan Sessa at 610-527-6703 or ssessa@aol.com.

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THANK YOU, CATECHISTS!

Dear Friends,

Our Bishops have designated September 20th for the nation’s annual celebration of “Catechetical Sunday.” At the 9:30am Mass, we will commission our parish’s catechists. The words, “catechist” and “catechism” come from a Greek word meaning “instruction”. Catechetical Sunday acknowledges, in every parish across the nation, those who instruct others in our faith.

Our parish catechists include both the members of the RCIA team and those who assist with the Religious Education of our children. Under the direction of Mrs. Karen Carey, adult parishioners instruct our Religious Education children in the tenets of our faith and prepare them to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) team is led by Sr. Anne Woodshick, RSM. The RCIA program invites those who are considering joining the Catholic Church to learn more. It also serves adult Catholics who desire to better understand their faith.

One of the Eucharistic Prayers reminds us to give thanks that others have “handed on to us” the faith. We have the same obligation to do so. We are blessed here at Our Mother of Good Counsel to have such dedicated catechists. In the name of the entire parish, I thank all of you.

If anyone is able to assist, in any way, with our catechetical programs or has any questions about RCIA, please either email Karen Carey or Sr. Anne or give them a call here at the Parish Office.

God bless!
Father Denny



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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for September 13, 2015

Today’s second reading warns that a heart consumed with avarice and envy leads to jealousy, strife, conflicts and disputes. A giving heart, in contrast, can sing instead with the Psalmist, “Freely will I offer you sacrifice, I will praise your name, O God for its goodness.”

Envelope Contributions	\$7,009.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$872.00
Mailed in	\$2,635.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$10,516.00
Offering this time last year	\$9,511.00
Parish Giving.....	\$745.00
Electronic Giving of 9/15/15.....	\$4,222.00

**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 **tomorrow**, 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.

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.

SPIRITUALITY COMMITTEE

The Spirituality Committee will meet on **Wednesday afternoon, September 30 at 4:00 p.m.** to begin planning and preparing for enrichment experiences of deepening one's relationship with Christ and his Church. If you would like to be a part of this committee's work, please call Sr. Anne at 610-525-0147, x 234.



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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.



RCIA
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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 x234 or email her at awoodeshick@omgcp parish.net for more information or to register for this opening session.

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

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

October is Respect Life Month. Once again this year, Our Mother of Good Counsel will be sponsoring a Baby Bottle Drive during the month of October for the Mothers' Home in Darby, located in the former convent of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish. The Mothers' Home is a safe, secure place for pregnant women and their babies who are in a crisis situation due to homelessness, domestic violence and/or the absence of family and friend support. The Mothers' Home can house up to 22 women and their babies. The Mothers' Home depends on the generosity of people to continue this life saving mission. Please take a bottle home with you which, hopefully, will be available the weekend of **October 3 – 4**, fill it with coins, cash or checks and return it to Church by the weekend of **October 24 – 25**. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Last year, through your generosity, \$5,064.26 was donated to the work of this very necessary ministry. Hopefully, we will do as well this year.



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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.

MERION MERCY ACADEMY

Open House

You are welcomed to join us at Merion Mercy Academy's Open House to be held on **Sunday, October 4th from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.** The Scholarship and Entrance Exam will be given on **Saturday, October 24th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** The Application/Test Registration should be completed by October 21st and can be completed online at www.merion-mercy.com.

THE VIRTUE-DRIVEN LIFE

Experience a prayerful, reflective exploration of some virtues that enrich our lives and relationships in these challenging times. Presentation given by Sr. Catherine Kaporch, IHM at the IHM Retreat Center on 401 Bryn Mawr Avenue in Bryn Mawr on **Tuesday, October 6 from 9:30 to 2:30**. Light breakfast, dinner and Mass included. Stipend: \$40.00. To register, please call 610-581-0120 or by email: ihmconference@verizon.net. Come and Bring a Friend.



Feast of St. Matthew
Monday, September 21

St. Matthew

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FRIENDS OF NEWMAN CENTER at West Chester University

The Newman Center at WCU, located at 409 Trinity Drive in West Chester, is a thriving, active center of prayer, learning and community outreach and has been for over 40 years. We'd like to continue all the good work that happens here. To help in that effort, we are hosting our 2nd annual Friends of the Newman Center **Dinner and Silent Auction on Friday, October 16 at 6:00 p.m.** WCU alumni and friends are cordially invited to join us. The cost is \$35 per person.

Tickets may be purchased at the site: <https://sites.google.com/site/ncfallevent/> or by contacting the Newman Center directly at 610-436-0891.



IHM SISTERS OKTOBERFEST

The Camilla Hall Oktoberfest will be held on **Saturday, October 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** on the grounds of Camilla Hall. Join us for “**Something Old, Something New – IHM Spirit through and through**” including delicious food, white elephant sale, entertainment, children’s games, crafts and more! Proceeds benefit Camilla Hall Nursing Home for the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM). Camilla Hall Nursing Home is located 20 miles west of Philadelphia, south of the intersection of Route 30 and 352, between Paoli and Exton.

For more information, contact S. Janet Walters at jwaltersmmop@gmail.com or call 610-692-9430.



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- 6:30 SPECIAL INTENTION
8:00 MICHAEL J. MC GEE, SR.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- 6:30
8:00 NICHOLAS FALCONE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 6:30 DR. RUTH PATRICK HODGE
VAN DUSEN (2ND ANNIVERSARY)
8:00 MARK AND MICHELLE CONNOR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 6:30
8:00 VINCENT BIEG, SENIOR

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 6:30 JOE STOERRLE
8:00 MARGARET STODDER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 8:00 SEAN ALEXANDER KING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 7:30 DR. WILLIAM JAMES ERDMAN AND
BETTY JANE FRICK ERDMAN
9:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
11:15 MARY BARONE (5TH ANNIVERSARY)