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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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PARISH WEB SITE:

<http://www.OMGCPARISH.ORG>

THE RADICAL NATURE OF JESUS' TEACHING

"His face fell, and he went away sad." With these few words in today's Gospel (Mark 10:17-30), Mark has delivered a touching commentary on the cost of discipleship and the challenge of valuing Jesus above all else. In the face of Jesus' invitation to "sell all, give to the poor, come follow me," the man's initial enthusiasm evaporated and he went away. This story about discipleship leads into an instruction on the Christian attitude toward and use of wealth, always a challenge for believers in Jesus.

In response to the man's initial question, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus recommended that he follow the law. When the man pledged his strict observance of the law, Jesus told him to go further. Christian discipleship presumes the law as a requisite. Beyond the normative demands of the natural law, believers in Jesus are called to renunciation as a means of being generous to the poor.

The saying in today's Gospel about the camel passing through the needle's eye and the seemingly impossible situation it presents serves to underscore the radical quality of Jesus' call to discipleship. Various possible explanations have been offered regarding the camel and needle imagery. Some have suggested that the "needle" referred to a small gate of the city or temple through which a camel could only have passed with great difficulty.

The final section of the Gospel enumerates the rewards of authentic discipleship: the faithful will be blessed in the present age with the unquantifiable gifts of family and friends and union with God in the age to come. Ever the realist, Mark included among the inheritance of Jesus' followers the harsh fact of persecution. Suffering was an inherent aspect of Jesus' saving mission, and his disciples could not expect to follow a different path.

Despite the struggles we will face, we can take great comfort from Jesus' assurance that "for human beings it is impossible but not for God. All things are possible for God."

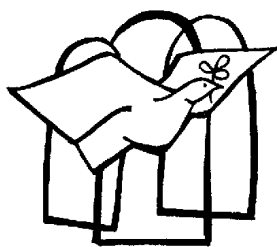
PRAYER REQUESTS

In our prayers, we have been asked to remember:

Margaret Simyak, Evanille Walker,
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,
Mike Snow, Christopher Browne
Evan Macrone and Kathy Morley.

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 souls of Barbara Petrocelli, Carla Ianieri, and Mary O'Dea Cryan and for the consolation of their families.



Peace
be with
you

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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 x234.

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.

Seniors

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SENIOR COMMUNITY GATHERING

The Senior Community will gather once again on **Friday, October 23 at 12 noon**. Please join us for an afternoon of community-building and enjoyment. Bring a sandwich or your usual lunch nourishment. Desserts and beverages will be provided.



WISDOM AND PRUDENCE

Dear Friends,

This Sunday, the 28th in Ordinary Time, the First Reading is from the seventh chapter of the Book of Wisdom. “Wisdom” was written, originally in Greek, some two hundred years before Jesus was born. In this Old Testament book, wisdom is clearly presented as an attribute of God, as something to be desired and sought after. To experience wisdom is to encounter the divine. Wisdom and prudence are intimately linked.

The First Reading begins, “I prayed and prudence was given me; I pleaded and the spirit of wisdom came to me.” Wisdom, by definition, is the quality of having good judgment. Prudence is discreet and thoughtful. Prudence enables us to exercise wisdom.

It seems to me that our times could use a powerful infusion of wisdom and prudence. Both individuals and all the diverse communities that share this one earth would benefit from such an infusion. Increased wisdom and prudence would undoubtedly lead to greater civility, charity and inclusion. The author of the Book of Wisdom tells us that the path to wisdom and prudence begins with praying for these gifts. Let’s take a moment and pledge to do just that, for ourselves and for those who exercise roles of leadership in our church, our nation and our world.

God bless
Father Denny



Come,
Spirit of Wisdom

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for October 4, 2015

In today’s Gospel, Jesus asks the rich young man to give away all that he has in order to have treasure in heaven. But he is unable to free himself from his possessions, and so he goes sadly away. Does what I own keep *me* from following Jesus.

Envelope Contributions	\$9,678.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$637.00
Mailed in	\$2,270.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$12,585.00
Offering this time last year	\$12,799.00
Parish giving of	\$745.00

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

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Adults and children, grade 4 and above, are graciously invited to join our team of altar servers. It is an opportunity to give back and be of service to our Lord. If you are interested, please come and join us on **Sunday, October 11**, immediately following the 11:15 mass for a training session. The training will last about 30 minutes and we would appreciate your help.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Week of Hosting: Our parish will be hosting the IHN families once again during the **Week of November 1 – 8**. If you can help in any of the following ways, please give us a call:

1. If you can help **set-up** the Social Center on **Saturday, October 31 at 10:00 a.m.** or **take-down** and pack away equipment on **Sunday, November 8 at 12:15 p.m.**, please call Sr. Anne at 610-525-0147 (ext. 234) or email her at awoodeshick@omgcp parish.net.
2. If you can **prepare a meal** one evening of that week, please call Toni Betz at 610-525-4499.
3. If you can serve as an **evening host**, during the evening from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. or as an **overnight host** from 8:30 p.m. – 6:30 a.m. once during the week, please call Lilibet Barrett at 610-649-4921.

GOSPEL IN ACTION

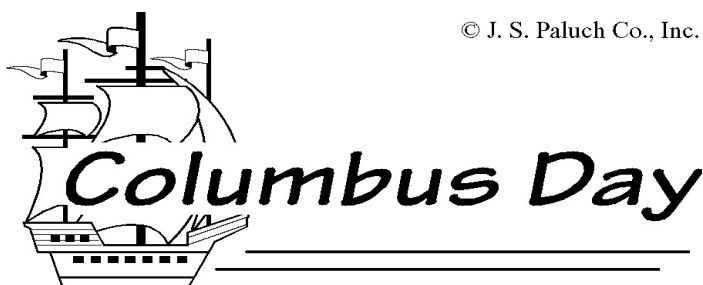
Hope Partnership for Education

Hope Partnership for Education is an independent middle school and adult education center administered by the Society of the Holy Child Jesus and the Sisters of Mercy. Their mission is to break the cycle of poverty through education. Although most students enter their middle school several grade levels behind, each student is required to demonstrate a high level of motivation and commitment to learning, and each student must be supported by at least one adult in his/her family. In order to offer students the support they need, Hope Partnership operates on an extended day/extended year model: 9 hours a day, 11 months a year. In turn, students are expected to maintain high levels of academic achievement, attendance, punctuality, conduct and respect for others. Their curriculum is designed to meet the needs of a range of abilities. Once their students move on to high school, Hope Partnership continues to give them the support they need to succeed.

Hope Partnership has many community partners who encourage the students through tutoring, health and arts programs, and community service. These programs are designed to help all their students make wise choices in a neighborhood where wise choices are not easily found. More information is available on their website, www.hopepartnershipforeducation.org. On the weekend of **October 17/18**, S. Rose Martin, RSM, Executive Director of Hope Partnership, will speak at all of our Masses to more fully explain their mission.

SENIORS' PLANNING GROUP

The Seniors' Planning Committee will meet again on **Wednesday, October 14 at 10:00 a.m.** in OMGC's Parish Center.



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Fall Festival

THE TIME HAS COME!

Ladies, gentlemen and children...our Annual Fall Festival is upon us! Please plan on coming to our fun-filled Festival next **Friday and Saturday from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.** or **Sunday from 10:30am to 2:00pm.** Look what is in store for you:

Games: Plinko, Shuffleboard, BeanBag Toss, Ring Toss, Balloon Darts, Face Painting, Prizes and More!

Raffle Items: Overnight stay at Marriott, Beats headphones, City Tavern Gift Package including a \$100 gift certificate, Overnight stay at Embassy Suites, Hot Dog Vendor Basket, Rainy Day Games Basket, Admission passes to Longwood Gardens, Philadelphia Zoo, Constitution Center and much more!

Food: Chic-Fil-A, Sun Valley Pizza...need we say more?

Vendors: Watch Your Budget, Cushing Gemstones, Stella and Dot, Pampered Chef, Hazel and Ash Organics, Thirty-One Bags and much more!

AND OUR MAIN ATTRACTION...THE HAUNTED MAZE! Bigger and better than ever! Do you have the guts to go through????

Fall Festival Help Still Needed! We are still in need of many hands to help make the Fall Festival successful! If you can spare an hour or two to help out, please use the following link to sign up! It is easy and loads of fun! We need your help!

To sign up, go to:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4EA5AE22A57-fall2>

Sign Up Today!

PEACE AND JUSTICE MEETING

The Peace and Justice Committee will meet on **Tuesday, October 20 at 7:30 p.m.** at St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Center in Rosemont. New members are always welcome to join the committee. At our meeting on October 20, we will have a guest speaker, Maja van Rossum, who will inform us of her role as The Delaware River Keeper.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

At Daylesford Abbey

November 14 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Given by Fr. Jim McBurney, OSA

*“By paths unknown I will guide them.**I will turn darkness into light before them.”*

(Isaiah 42:16)

The Theme of this day of prayer is: **Light in The Darkness: Finding our Way through Life’s Challenges.** The Christian journey is one of movement...that calls us from darkness to light. Darkness reveals itself at different times in our lives and often in moments of loss and transition. What is the “dark night?” How have you experienced it? What has it taught you? What do Scripture and St. John of the Cross offer us on darkness and loss? As we bring the church year to an end and look ahead to the Advent season of hope and longing, we pause to ponder the darkness within and around us. Come... and be renewed in spirit...as we seek to discover inner wisdom in learning to embrace darkness.

Online registration at www.daylesford.org or call 610-647-2590, ext. 133.

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Please be sure to pick up a baby bottle from the **Bassinets** at the entrance of the Church as we participate in this Drive to support Mothers Home in Darby. Donations of loose coins, bills or checks can be placed in the bottles and returned to the Church on or before the weekend of **October 24/25**. Bottles can be brought to the church on any Sunday during October. Thank you for participating in this effort to support young mothers and their new-born, growing babies.

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AUTUMN

AUTUMN CELEBRATION

Wednesday, October 21 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Prayer, Friendship, Light Refreshments

IHM Conference Center

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ihmconference@verizon.net if you are able to join us.

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Whether you are new to CSAs or old pros, fall is a great time to sign up for a CSA. You will enjoy 8 weeks (from November to December) of fresh, local and organic produce delivered right to your neighborhood (a few blocks from OMGC)! The sign up deadline is **October 23rd**.

Lancaster Farm Fresh offers a variety of shares: Try Vegetables, Fruit, Cheese, Meat, Bread, Pantry Items and more!

To sign up, go to: <http://www.lancasterfarmfresh.com/product-category/shares/2015-fall-csa-shares/> (Make sure to choose Bryn Mawr – Coopertown as your pick-up location!) Or feel free to contact your OMGC site hosts: Wade and Elizabeth Becker at ebecker@sju.edu or 215-990-8132.

MAINTENANCE HELP NEEDED

Responsibilities include: painting, carpentry, plumbing, grounds maintenance, custodial tasks, light electrical skills and the ability to use a variety of tools. Must be able to bend, reach, lift (up to 60 pounds) and climb ladders. This is a part-time position, 21 – 25 hours per week. Please send resume and cover letter with salary requirements to St. Thomas of Villanova Parish – Attn: Business Manager 1229 E. Lancaster Ave. Bryn Mawr, PA 19010, fax to 610-525-6041 or email bizmgr@stvparish.org. No phone calls.

MALVERN PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Academic Scholarship/Entrance Exam

Sunday, October 18

or Saturday, November 14

at 8:30 a.m.

To register or for more information,

Go to:

www.malvernprep.org/admissionsevents

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CYO 2015 BASKETBALL SIGNUPS

CYO Fall Sports signups for boys in grades 5 through 12 is now open and will be handled online at www.wagdogs.com.

Registrations are due no later than Nov. 1, 2015

Eligibility: Registered members of OMGC or STV Parish

Grades 5-2: Boys and Girls (If not enough, we will merge with a neighboring school)

Regardless of where you played last year, you must first register at OMGC's site to be considered to play for another parish team.

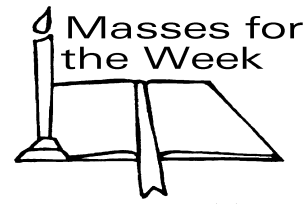
If you have any CYO questions, contact Bev Owsik at mbmmbj6@gmail.com.

ST. COLMAN – JOHN NEUMANN Saints Stomp 2015 – October 17th

The 2015 Saints Stomp is around the corner. To register for the race go to the Bryn Mawr Running Company website www.brynmawrrunningco.com click on Events and Races, scroll down to Saints Stomp 5K. Click on the race and register there. There will also be applications around the school and church. If you have any interest in being a volunteer or sponsor, please contact Katie McCoach at kmccoach4@verizon.net.

POPE FRANCIS COMMEMORATIVE BOOK

Pre-orders are now being accepted for **Pope Francis in America: The Official Photographic Record**. This book chronicles the visit of Pope Francis to Philadelphia, as well as Washington, D.C. and New York City. For each book sold, the World Meeting of Families organization will receive \$8.00 to help defray expenses associated with hosting the Holy Father. For a limited time, pre-ordered books come with a 25% discount. Orders can be placed through the World Meeting of Families website. Go to www.worldmeeting2015.org and click on "Pre-Order Your Keepsake Book."



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

- 7:30 VIRGINIA LEONARDIS
(ANNIVERSARY)
9:30 JOSEPH AND PATRICIA ADCROFT
11:15 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

- 6:30 LEWIS H. VAN DUSEN III
(76TH ANNIVERSARY)
8:00 FRANCIS IANNOTTA

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

- 6:30 BARBARA DAVIS
8:00 RAYMOND J. MURPHY

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

- 6:30 ETHEL CUNNINGHAM
(1ST ANNIVERSARY)
8:00 JOHN AND JANET PHILLIPS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 6:30 JOHN AND JACK FANELLI
8:00 ANTONIO MARCHESANI
(24TH ANNIVERSARY)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 6:30 B.J. RUMLEY DAVIS
8:00 BRIDGET GALLAGHER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 8:00 MIRIAM SULLIVAN

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

- 7:30 RITA C. RYDER
9:30 JOEY PRO
11:15 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
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