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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>

VISION IS POSSIBLE EVEN IN DARKNESS

In today's Gospel (Mark 10:46-52), Mark introduces us to Bartimaeus sitting by the road that Jesus was taking to Jerusalem and the events of his passion. While roadsides, markets and the temple area were great locations for beggars, there is more to this placement; it is symbolic of being near but not quite on the same path as Jesus. As he just sat there, his blindness determined Bartimaeus' identity.

Unexpectedly, Bartimaeus would be transformed from ordinary blind beggar into a model of discipleship. Unlike others whose hearts were hardened or whose ears were closed, Bartimaeus heard about Jesus of Nazareth and began to call to him for help. Rather than addressing him by name, Bartimaeus shouted out a title that would call Jesus forth as a savior. Identifying him as "Son of David," Bartimaeus was acknowledging Jesus as a man as wise and kind as Solomon. Just as likely, he was confessing faith in Jesus with a messianic title that would soon be picked up by the crowds who acclaimed him as he made his entry into Jerusalem.

Bartimaeus, like various others who were persistent in seeking Jesus' help, got Jesus' attention. In the next two sentences, Mark uses the word "call" three times as Jesus tells his disciples or the crowd in general to *call* him; as they actually *call* him; and as they tell Bartimaeus, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is *calling* you." Bartimaeus' immediate response was to spring up. The detail that he left behind his cloak indicates his enthusiasm while it also suggests willingness to abandon the old and take on a new identity.

Finally, after all those details, Mark describes the encounter between Jesus and Bartimaeus. Jesus had called and Bartimaeus had come to him. Then Jesus asks the all-important, pivotal, incomparable question: "What do you want me to do for you?" Bartimaeus, the model for disciples, responds, "Master, I want to see." That is the one thing that the disciples had not asked of Jesus. They had asked him to avoid his suffering; they had asked him for places of honor; they had asked him for many things, but they had never begged him for such understanding. Therefore, Jesus could respond to Bartimaeus, "Your faith has saved you," and he received his sight.

What Bartimaeus saw is clear from the last line of the story: "He followed Jesus down the road." Bartimaeus had asked the Son of David to have pity on him, and because of his faith-filled request, he was able to perceive who Jesus was and gain the courage to follow him.

PRAYER REQUESTS

In our prayers, we have been asked to remember:

Margaret Simyak, Evanille Wilson,
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,
Mike Snow, Christopher Browne,
Kathy Morley, Evan Macrone.
Mike Snow, Pat Dobson, and
Judy Brown.

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 Patricia N. Carson and Marguerite L. Spinelli and for the consolation of their families.

Baptism: We welcome to our faith community Niko Nathaniel Muego, son of Karl Muego and Melissa Pangan, who was baptized in our church recently.

H.O.P.E.

If you need a trip to the doctor, shopping, etc., call Joanne Bramley at 610-457-6638 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 Ron Hicks at 610-449-2748.



ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS

Dear Friends,

We commend the dead to the mercy of God every time we celebrate the Mass. In the month of November, however, the Church has invited us, for over 1,000 years, in a special way “to remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest.” (Eucharistic Prayer II). The month begins with two ancient feasts. On Sunday, November 1, we celebrate All Saints and on Monday, November 2, All Souls.

Christians have celebrated the feast of All Saints since the 4th century. Originally, the day honored only the martyrs. In time, it came to honor all the saints. November 1st has been the date for this feast for over 1,200 years. The saints we honor are not those who are publicly remembered on the liturgical calendar. Rather, we honor the countless men and women who throughout history have, by their words and actions, made God present in the world. We also honor those men and women in our own lives who have loved us in ways that make us certain that they are now with God.

All Souls’ proper name is the “Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed.” This feast was first celebrated in the year 988. In many parts of the world, Christians spend the day visiting the graves of their loved ones. Here at Our Mother of Good Counsel, it is our tradition to celebrate a special Mass at 7:30pm on November 2nd to remember our family and friends who “have gone to their rest.” All are welcome. We will remember, by name, all those whose funerals were celebrated in our church in the past year. Please enroll the names of your loved ones in the Book of the Dead which will be by the baptismal font until the First Sunday of Advent. “In Baptism they died with Christ, may they also share His resurrection.” (Funeral ritual)

I realize that this letter may seem a week early. However, the older I get, there are more and more of my loved ones that I want to honor on these holy days. The feasts can mean so much more when we have had the time to prayerfully recall their sacred memories and are able to bring those memories to our celebrations.

God Bless!
Father Denny

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For October 18, 2015

Today’s Psalm says, “The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.” Good stewards demonstrate by their living and giving that they understand God as the Source of all they are and have.

Envelope Contributions	\$7,305.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$818.00
Mailed in	\$1,360.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$9,483.00
Offering this time last year	\$8,761.00

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

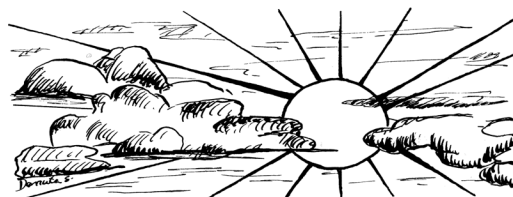
FIRST SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, November 1, we will celebrate our First Sunday Celebration! Join us at the 11:15 a.m. Mass, followed by a delicious pot luck brunch. Bring your favorite Brunch dish. To sign up page, go to: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080D4EA5AE22A57-first1. We look forward to seeing you there!

PROJECT ELF

As we approach the Christmas Holidays, we are very aware that many people right in our own area will struggle to make ends meet and enjoy a holiday with their families. We would like to be able to help out those families that are right here. If you or your family would like to become an ELF and adopt a family, for either a holiday meal or to purchase gifts for the family, please contact Karen Carey at 610-525-0147. You will receive information about your family, **excluding names**, and what their needs may be. We need many “Elves” to make this happen so please consider joining!

If you know of a family that might benefit from the Elves, please contact Karen as well. We are blessed to have many people who want to help.



GOSPEL IN ACTION

Hope Partnership for Education

Thanks you for giving S. Rose Martin, RSM of Hope Partnership for Education a very warm welcome at last weekend's Masses in spite of the chill in the air. Many parishioners have already donated generously with their treasure and with offers of time and talent. If you are interested in learning more about Hope Partnership pamphlets are available at the doors of the church. We will be accepting donations in our blue houses through Sunday, November 8.

THANK YOU

From Sister Rose Martin, RSM

I mentioned last weekend that I had asked Sister Mary Andrea, RSM for a blessing on my time at OMGC. She certainly did come through! I was thoroughly impressed with your worshipping Community. The variety and quality of the music, the outstanding lectors, the hospitality that I experienced, and most of all, your obvious care and concern for each other, as well as causes like Hope Partnership is really moving. Thank you, again, to the Gospel in Action Committee, to Father Denny for welcoming me, and to all of you for your wonderful generosity.

ANOTHER 'THANK YOU'

The Youth Group would like to thank all those who helped make our Fall Festival 2015 such a great success! Over the next few weeks, we would like to acknowledge our sponsors and parishioners who donated so much of their time, talent and treasure to make sure that all who came had a great time! We begin by thanking our core committee who met weekly since July to make this all happen. Thank you to: Joe Carey, Maryann Gallagher, Jason Sutch, Roz Sutch, Phyllis Hart, Jennifer Dean, Jeannie Schultz and Barbara McAndrews. We would also like to begin thanking our donors. Please patronize these businesses to show our gratitude: Wawa, Peterson Kitchens, McConaghy Funeral Home, Embassy Suites, Marriott Corporation, OMGC CYO, Platoon Fitness, Wayne Sporting Goods and Focus Fitness. More to be listed next week. **And a special thank you to Karen Carey who orchestrated this wonderful community-building experience.**

...AND ANOTHER!

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Baby Bottle Drive for Mothers' Home in Darby. Hopefully you have remembered to bring your bottles with your donation to Church with you this weekend. Late-comers can bring your donations anytime this week to the Parish Office or next Sunday to Church. We are grateful for your generous response to this outreach effort.

ANNUAL PARISH THANKGIVING

Sunday, November 22

Evening Prayer at 4:00p.m.

Followed by Dinner in the Gym

You are asked to bring a non-perishable food donation for our food pantry.

Please **respond** no later than **Friday, November 13** by calling the parish office at 610-525-0147 or by email at bbieg@omgcp parish.net or by dropping a note in the collection basket with your name, contact information and the number of people attending.

FOOD COLLECTION

We have been asked by the Patrician Society in Norristown to help stock their cupboard. Their food pantry is running very low and needs some help to make ends meet until the onslaught of the Holiday season. For this reason, we will do a one week collection specifically for the Patrician Society. If you are able to donate some non-perishable items, please drop them off in a bag marked Patrician Society in the basket in the back of church next weekend, **October 24/25**. Karen Carey



CLOTHING DRIVE

Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish will be hosting a clothing drive to benefit the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, on **Saturday, November 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

The Society will be using the services of GreenDrop to support their clothing drive. Look for the GreenDrop truck in the church parking lot near our dumpsters (to allow parking for weddings or funerals), where an attendant will be available to assist you with your donations. Please place your donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as: kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CDs and videos are also accepted. Unfortunately, furniture, large appliances, TVs or computer monitors cannot be accepted. For a full list of acceptable items or to learn more about GreenDrop, visit www.gogreendrop.com.

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)

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

URBAN TRINITY

The Story of Catholic Philadelphia

Tuesday, November 3rd

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Join us in the Gormley Gymnasium of Country Day School of the Sacred Heart, 480 S. Bryn Mawr Avenue in Bryn Mawr. The evening will begin at 7:00 with an introduction by Sam Katz, followed by the showing of the film: Urban Trinity and time for Q & A with Sam to wrap up the evening. RSVP: Kathleen.Gallagher@cdssh.org or 610-527-3915 X. 216.



HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Sponsored by Mercy Associates

Saturday, November 7

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Waldron Mercy Academy Gym

513 Montgomery Ave. in Merion

The show will feature a variety of crafters, cash drawings, beautiful theme baskets and craft items, lunch and a baked goods table. For more information, contact Linda Scholler at 610-667-5386 or lyndasoldschoolcrafts@hotmail.com. *Please do not contact Waldron Mercy Academy directly.*

STV WOMEN'S SPEAKER SERIES

Monday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Topic: Pope Francis and Dorothy Day

Who is the woman the Pope said was America at its best? What can she teach us about socioeconomic and racial inequality? Theological scholar and book author, Maureen O'Connell, PhD, will share the fascinating story of Dorothy Day, a 20th century peace and social justice activist, suffragette, editor, mother, convert to Catholicism and founder of the Catholic Worker Movement. Dr. O'Connell, Chair of the Department of Religion at La Salle University, will discuss Day's commitment to the poor and marginalized in society and explore how Day's example can serve as motivation to fight racism and social injustice in today's world.

Join us on **Monday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Parish Center auditorium in Rosemont. A wine and cheese social will follow the talk. Bring a friend!

EVENING OF REFLECTION

St. Raphaela Center

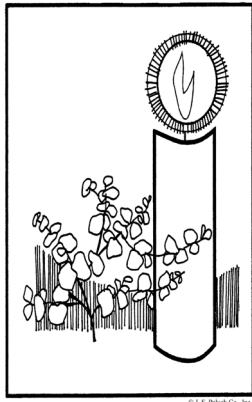
616 Coopertown Road in Haverford

Wednesday, November 4 – 5:30-9:30 pm

This retreat is a quiet evening of support and prayer for those dealing with Grief and Loss. The evening will begin with dinner at 5:30 p.m. and will include a presentation by Deacon David Schaffer, time for personal prayer and reflection and the celebration of the Eucharist. Cost for the evening is \$35. RSVP at 610-642-5715 or www.straphaelacenter.org.

TERESA OF AVILA: MYSTIC AND MENTOR

Come, spend a day with Teresa of Avila, Mystic and Mentor at the IHM Conference Center on Bryn Mary Avenue. Presenter is Michele Wicks; Time: **Tuesday, November 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** The day includes light breakfast, dinner, Mass. Stipend \$40.00. Please call 610-581-0120 or email us for reservation at ihmconference@verizon.net. Teresa's wise and often witty words will give pause for prayerful reflection!



HIGH SCHOOLS' INVITATIONS

- **Academy of Notre Dame deNamur for girls:**

Scholarship/Entrance Exam: Saturday, November 7 and Sunday, November 15.

Open House: Sunday, November 8, 1030am to 1:30pm

For more information, call 610-971-0498 or visit: www.ndapa.org/admissions. The school is located at 560 Sproul Road in Villanova.

- **St. Joseph's Prep for boys:**

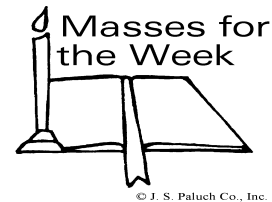
Scholarship/Entrance Exam: Saturday, November 14 or Sunday, November 15 at 8:30am.

For more information, call 215-978-1951. The school is located at 1733 Girard Ave., in Phila.

IMPORTANT REQUEST

Allergies

Please do not bring food that contains peanuts, nuts, peanut products or nut products inside the church. Someone sitting near you may have a serious allergy. Thank you for honoring this request.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

- 7:30 HELEN LUIPERSBECK
 9:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHIONERS
 11:15 ANTONIO DI IANNI

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

- 6:30 TED JABLONSKI (ANNIVERSARY)
 8:00 MICHAEL J. MC GEE, SR.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 6:30 BEATRICE COSENZA
 8:00 SALVATORE PETROCCIA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

- 6:30 FLORENCE WHITEHURST (ANNIVERSARY)
 8:00 MARK AND MICHELLE CONNOR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 6:30 HELEN KRIPAK (ANNIVERSARY)
 8:00 JOHN DE MASI

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 6:30 THOMAS DUNCAN WHELEN (136TH ANNIVERSARY)
 8:00 MARY ELIZABETH "MOLLY" SOMERS (6TH ANNIVERSARY)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

- 8:00 ANNAMAE CROUMBLEY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 ALL SAINTS DAY

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHIONERS
 9:30 JIM SCHIMMINGER
 11:15 CATHERINE O'CONNELL

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