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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>

THE BEATITUDES: AMPLIFIERS OF GOD'S LOVE FOR US

In today's Gospel (Matt 5:1-12), Matthew portrays Jesus as the new Moses who goes up a mountain, sits down, gathers his disciples around him and begins teaching them his interpretation of the Torah, known as the Sermon on the Mount (Chapters 5-7 in his Gospel). This collection of sayings essentially lays out Jesus' vision of what membership in the kingdom of God entails. The sermon is meant not just for disciples but for whoever desires to know and live according to God's values here and now. In so doing, all make God's reign a present reality that will be realized completely at the end of time.

The sermon begins with the well-known preface, the Beatitudes. The first beatitude addresses the **poor in spirit**, those who place their hope and trust not in material things but in God. They are already members in God's kingdom. Those who **mourn** due to suffering, oppression or loss will not be left alone. God will journey with them, comforting and ultimately vindicating them. The **meekest** are highlighted for their humility before God and others, which enables them to be attuned to others and not only themselves. These are the ones who will eventually triumph in the land. Those who **hunger and thirst for justice**, who strive to live according to God's values, will not be frustrated in their striving but will ultimately see the fruitfulness and satisfaction of their lifestyle.

The **merciful** are those who realize that we are all human beings in need of understanding, love and compassion. Those who so live will never lack for mercy when they need it. The **clean of heart** are those whose desire is only for God, who, as we hear in today's responsorial psalm, "long to see your face." Their longing will be fulfilled beyond their expectations, for they will see God fully. The **peacemakers** are those whose relationships are suffused with all that God holds dear, and thus they are one with God, God's very children.

Those who strive to live these kingdom values in the world will **experience** misunderstanding, **persecution**, insult, slander and hatred. Jesus calls them to rejoice for this is a true indication that they are already living in God's kingdom, the fullness of which they will experience in God's time. Jesus himself incarnated all these values and was rejected and killed but ultimately raised and vindicated by God.

This blueprint for authentic discipleship is the stuff that saints are made of. That is why we proclaim this passage from Matthew's Gospel on the Solemnity of All Saints. In and through our baptism, we are all called to be saints, to live out the Beatitudes daily and to know that as children of God, we will see God face to face and revel in that intimacy for all eternity.

PRAYER REQUESTS

In our prayers, we have been asked to remember:

Kathy Morley, Pat Dobson,
Judy Brown, Margaret Simyak, and
Michael and Andrew McCaughey.

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 Mr. & Mrs. Kevin and Kelly Lake 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.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Meeting: The Parish Council will meet again on Monday, **November 9 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 Dianne Meyer at 610-310-0506 or dameyer1620@comcast.net.

A Message
from the

Pastor
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AN INVITATION
To our
Parish Thanksgiving Celebration

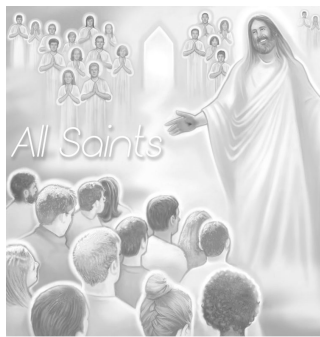
Dear Friends,

The entire parish staff joins me in inviting you to our Parish Thanksgiving Dinner. Our 6th Annual Thanksgiving Celebration is **Sunday, November 22**. We will gather at 4:00pm in the church for Evening Prayer. Fr. Dennis McGowan, OSA, who began this tradition in our parish, will preside at Evening Prayer. Dinner will begin at 4:30pm in the Gymnasium. Everything for our feast will be provided. You are asked to bring non-perishable food items to the church or to the gym. Those food items will be given to local food pantries to assist their efforts to feed those in our area who are hungry.

We hope that you can join us and be a part of our Thanksgiving celebration. I know that this is a very busy time of year. However, as those who have attended in the past will attest, it is an exceptionally peaceful and enjoyable gathering. We need to know how much turkey and cranberries to order. So, if you can attend, please **RSVP by Friday, November 13th**. You can make your reservation by either calling the Parish Office at 610-525-0147 or emailing: bbieg@omgcp parish.net or dropping a note in the collection basket with your name, contact information and the number of people attending.

Thank you to all who are a part of making this parish Thanksgiving celebration happen.

God bless!
Father Denny



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
For October 25, 2015

Today is a day to reflect on the faithful Stewardship of all those who have gone before us. The spirit of Stewardship is based upon our belief that God is the Creator and Owner of all things. We are not only caretakers of the possessions God has entrusted to us on earth, but also accountable to God in the very way we live out our lives. Faithful stewards follow the two great commandments: Love God and love your neighbor as yourself.

Envelope Contributions	\$7,606.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$915.00
Mailed in.....	\$1,539.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$10,060.00
Offering this time last year	\$9,276.00
Parish Giving.....	\$745.00

Parish giving is a safe, secure and easy way to make online parish and church related donations. To get started, log onto our website at www.omgcp parish.org and click on the Parish Giving logo in the upper right hand corner. Follow the easy registration steps. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Juhline at 610-525-0147 or at pjuhline@omgcp parish.net.

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



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GOSPEL IN ACTION
Hope Partnership for Education

Thanks to all for giving S. Rose Martin, RSM of Hope Partnership for Education a very warm welcome when she visited our parish several weekends ago. 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 and we will be accepting donations in our blue houses through **Sunday, November 8**.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Thank you to all who have volunteered your time, energy and hospitality to the families in the IHN program who will be joining us today, **November 1**, for a week-long stay here in the parish. We ask your prayers for the families in particular, but also that their time with us will be a safe, healthy and profitable one for these families who are temporarily without homes.

Important IHN Phone Numbers: Because of our phone system here in the parish, it is important that you know the numbers to call if you are trying to reach someone helping with the IHN families during the week of **November 1-8**. These numbers will be necessary to have whenever the Parish Office is closed or after 5:00 p.m. on work days this week.

Parish Phone – 610-525-0147 – Ext. 255
(Social Center - school)
IHN Phone – 610-525-1727 (direct line)

PROJECT ELF

We are looking for families that may need assistance with either food or gifts during the upcoming holidays. If you, or someone you know, needs help fulfilling wishes for a beautiful holiday, please contact Karen Carey at kcarey@omgcparish.net or 610-525-0147. All names and information is kept strictly confidential. Thank you to those who volunteered to be Elves. You will be contacted within the next two weeks.

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@omgcparish.net](mailto:brieg@omgcparish.net) or by dropping a note in the collection basket with your name, contact information and the number of people attending.

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 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.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

All 6th through 12th Grade students are invited to attend a gathering on **Sunday, November 8 from 4:30 to 6:30pm**. We will be discussing upcoming events, including an Advent service project, a holiday hayride, a Spring Activity and a theater trip. Pizza will be served and we will raffle off a few items. There is **NO COST** for this fun-filled evening. Please join us! We will meet in the school building.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

On **Sunday, December 6**, we will be hosting a fun-filled day featuring Breakfast with Santa, First Sunday Liturgy, pizza lunch, a service activity and more! We are looking for helpers in all areas! If you are interested in helping work on this fun-filled day, please contact Karen Carey at kcarey@omgcparish.net. Please consider joining us!

WELCOME OLD AND NEW HANDBELL RINGERS

Handbell Choir will be rehearsing in the church on Saturdays in November, starting at 3:00PM. We welcome any new members who would like to join us at our practice sessions.

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.*

COMING HOME

Class of 1975 – 40th Reunion

Prendie Bonner Graduates

Join us on **Saturday, November 14** at St. Katharine Drexel Chapel in Archbishop Prendergast H.S. for Mass at 4:00 p.m., presided by our classmate Fr. John Denny, OSA.

The Reunion will follow immediately after Mass. For more information visit www.BonnerPrendie.com (under Alumni Events) or email us at prendie.bonner1975@gmail.com. Ticket price is \$50.00 – make check payable to MBAP Alumni Assoc. Check can be sent to Patti Mellon Germanovich '75, 730 S. Garfield Avenue, Glenolden, PA 19036. Patti can be reached at pattig@kdi-inc.com or 610-368-6372.

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.

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.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Young women (18-35) are invited to join us for this retreat which focuses on the IHM Charism and the importance of listening to God's call and discovering the many ways that God speaks to us. The Retreat will be held from **Friday, November 13** beginning at 6:00 p.m. and conclude on **Sunday, November 15** at 1:00 p.m. at Villa Maria House of Studies, located at 1140 King Road in Immaculata, PA

Time will be included for personal and communal prayer as well as the opportunity to interact with the sisters in Formation. Contact: ihmvoc@aol.com or 610-889-1553.

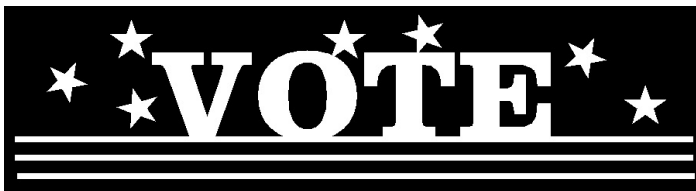
ALL CLASSES REUNION

Our Lady of the Assumption School

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, 35 Old Eagle School Road in Strafford will be hosting their first ever OLA All Classes Reunion on **Saturday, November 28**. Activities include: school tours, Mass at 5:00 p.m. and dinner following Mass to be held at Ristorante Primavera in Wayne. For more information or if you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Suzanne (DiMartini) Domenick at olaalumni2015@gmail.com. Please follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/OLAalumni> - We would love to see your old school pictures or hear from you!

SPIRITUAL READING GROUP

The Spiritual Reading Group will meet again on **Friday, November 6 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Parish Center.



SOUP'S ON: YEAR OF MERCY

Come, join us at the IHM Conference Center on **Wednesday, November 18 from 6:00-8:00pm** for a "Bowl and a Roll" and dessert. This simple meal will be followed by a Reflection on Mercy, presented by Ann Murray and quiet time for private prayer. To register, please call 610-521-0120 or email ihmconference@verizon.net. Stipend for the poor: \$15.00.

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.

HEALING RETREAT

For These Urgent Times:
Sacraments. Healing. Deliverance.

Malvern Retreat House will offer a mid-week Healing Retreat from Monday, November 16 through Friday, November 20. World-renowned preacher, author and minister of healing, Kathleen McCarthy, will direct this retreat. Fr. Dermot A. Roache, SMA, known internationally for preaching and healing, will participate as well. Please visit www.malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400 for more information.



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MASSSES for the Week

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

6:30 FAITHFUL DEPARTED
8:00 FAITHFUL DEPARTED
7:30PM ALL SOULS MASS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

6:30 MURIEL LEILA MARY LUND
VAN DUSEN (131ST BIRTHDAY)
8:00 DOMENICO AND LUISETTA
CONNICELLA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

6:30 MARTHA BUCHANAN
8:00 HAROLD AND ROSE IRVING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

6:30 GERALD J. BRENNAN
8:00 DOMENICO AND MARIA DI MARTINO

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

6:30 NOVEMBER LIST
8:00 JOHN MALONE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8:00 JOSEPH AND HELEN KINCADE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

7:30 MARIA AND LEWIS VAN DUSEN
(80TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY)
9:30 ROBERT VALENTINE
(22ND ANNIVERSARY)
11:15 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
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