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**January 10, 2016**

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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>

## ALL PEOPLE, IN CHRIST, ARE TRULY THE BELOVED OF GOD

Careful readers will notice that the evangelist, Luke, has reworked his Marcan source in his narratives about the roles of John the Baptizer and Jesus. Scholars believe that Mark wrote in the late 60s; Mark featured John as the first major figure in his Gospel. Luke and Matthew, who wrote in the 80s, and John in the 90s, were careful to represent John as subordinate to Jesus and his role as secondary to Jesus. Some still clung to the belief that John the Baptist had been the Messiah; to clarify matters, Luke addressed the issue head-on.

Not only did Luke portray John repeatedly denying the claim that he was the Savior, as in today's Gospel (Luke 3:15-22), he also had John deflect attention away from himself, telling the people about "one mightier, who is to come." Luke tells his readers that John himself proclaimed his unworthiness to be the Christ.

The reference to the undoing of the thongs of Jesus' sandals portrays John in the position of a slave or a student, as this was an act performed only by someone in a position of subservience to another. John also compared his baptism with water as preparatory to, and lesser than, that of Jesus, who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire! Even Luke's description of Jesus' baptism attests to Jesus' superior role. Luke left no doubt as to the identity and missions of Jesus and John: "and Jesus was at prayer, after likewise being baptized."

Luke is unique in his emphasis on the importance of prayer for Jesus, and he made mention of the praying Jesus before and during the key events of his ministry, for example: at the beginning of his public service; before choosing his disciples; before announcing his passion; at the transfiguration; before teaching his own how to pray; at the Last Supper; agonizing over his imminent death and on the cross. In Luke's second volume, The Acts of the Apostles, the early Christians were represented as following Jesus' example and his emphasis on prayer.

While Jesus was praying, the Holy Spirit descended on him and a voice from heaven ratified the role and the identity of Jesus as God's beloved Son. Linguists explain that the Greek word for "son" may be understood as equivalent to the Hebrew word for "servant", thereby casting Jesus in the role of the Isaian son and servant who served God with absolute fidelity even unto death. Just as the servant pleased God, so too did God's favor rest upon Jesus from the outset of his mission to save all peoples. Filled with the Spirit, empowered by the Father's favor, grace, mercy and love, Jesus at prayer and in his baptism remains the example for all believers whose life in him is initiated in baptism and daily nourished in prayer.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

In our prayers, we have been asked to remember:

Michael and Andrew McCaughey,  
Margaret Simyak, Enan Macrone,  
Evanille Walker, Sarah McGee,  
Janine Hoffman and Marian Bell.

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 soul of Anna (Dolly) Doran and for the consolation of her family.

### H.O.P.E.

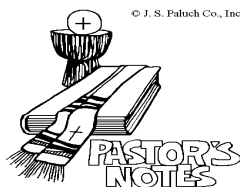
If you need a trip to the doctor, shopping, etc., call Shelley Preston at 484-412-8309 or Sr. Anne at 610-525-0147 x234.

### MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY Monday, January 18, 2016

This year, the Parish Office **will be open** on this day from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### 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](mailto:dameyer1620@comcast.net).



### RETREAT TIME

Dear Friends,

My Dad loved St. Joseph-in-the-Hills Retreat House in Malvern. Every January, except for the four years that he was in the Navy during World War II, he went there for a weekend retreat. He began going when he was 16 years old. He made his last retreat there when he was 79. My Dad was introduced to Malvern retreats by his father and grandfather. My six brothers and their sons continue the tradition. They are “retreating” this weekend.

This week, I, too, am making my annual Retreat. Going on Retreat is a canonical obligation for Augustinians. It is an obligation for most priests, Religious Sisters and Brothers. As far as I am concerned, it is the most wonderful of obligations and I look forward to fulfilling it every year!

I wish that the corporate world had not usurped the word “retreat.” Although I certainly recognize the value of co-workers spending time together in order to get to know each other and to strategically plan, I wish they had chosen a different word. A Retreat is meant to be just that – a step back from our everyday schedules and concerns. A Retreat is meant to provide an opportunity to go deep within ourselves to hear what God might be saying. A Retreat should offer lots of quiet time and a reprieve from emails, iphones and facebook. For countless centuries, those men and women who have guided others on their spiritual journeys, have taught that only in silence and calm can we truly know inner peace and the awesome power of God’s love for us.

For those who regularly go on Retreat, consider inviting someone who has never gone before. For those who have never been, I urge you to seriously consider giving it a try. I am certain that you will be glad that you did.

God bless!  
Father Denny

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

**For January 3, 2016**

Jesus, whom God called “my beloved Son,” is also the “servant” of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.

Envelope Contributions .....	\$10,840.00
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Mailed in .....	\$8,945.00
Total Offertory Collection .....	\$20,559.00
Offering this time last year .....	\$9,233.00
Electronic giving of 1/4/16.....	\$5,690.00
Offertory Totals:	
Christmas.....	\$39,665.00
December 27.....	\$10,339.00
January 1, 2016.....	\$4,412.00

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



### SENIOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS

The Seniors of our Parish and surrounding parishes will meet on **Friday, January 22 at 12 noon** for their monthly gathering. Please bring your usual lunch nourishment, a sandwich, a yogurt, whatever ! Desserts and beverages will be provided. Looking forward to seeing you as we begin this new year together. Dues for 2016 events (\$5.00) will begin to be collected.

### 2016 ARCHBISHOP’S LECTURE SERIES

Join Archbishop Chaput as he welcomes distinguished Catholic intellectuals, authors and scholars on compelling topics concerning this year’s theme “Living as a Christian in a Culture of Unbelief.” Lectures take place at **7:00 p.m. in the Vianney Hall Auditorium of St. Charles Seminary in Wynnewood.**

The first lecture of this series will be offered on **Thursday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m.** by Professor Melissa Moschella, entitled, *Living as a Christian Family in a Culture of Unbelief.*

**YOUTH AND ADULTS NEEDED**  
**For MLK Day of Service**  
**January 18, 2016**

Once again, Our Mother of Good Counsel will be hosting activities for students in grades 6 through adult to work on during the hours of 10 am to 2 pm on Martin Luther King Day. We will be meeting in the gym and working with a variety of people. Lunch will be provided so please let us know you are coming. Come on out, meet some new people and do some good things...a great way to begin your 2016!

If you are unable to join us, perhaps you could help by donating any of the following items that we will be packaging in one way or another for those less fortunate than we. Our list includes:

Travel size toiletries...we need lots!

Small school supplies: crayons, children's scissors, pencils, notebooks, erasers

Children's coloring books

Cooked entrée, e.g....a sliced ham or meatloaf, chicken pieces, lasagna,

so that we can package in individual trays for meals.

If you are able to help with any of these items, please drop them off at the parish office marked MLK Day. If you are able to provide food, please drop off on Monday or to the Religious Education program on Sunday morning.

Pre-School, early elementary school children and parents are invited to attend The Global Craft Fair at St. Thomas of Villanova Auditorium from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Children will be making practical gifts for children served by:

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**INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY**  
**NETWORK**

**Thank you** to all who have volunteered your time, energy and hospitality to the families who will be joining us today here in the parish for the week. 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 January 10 – 17. 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)

**THANK YOUs RECEIVED**  
**for Help at Christmas Time**

**Project Elf:** We have received numerous notes from families that have benefitted from our Project Elf Program. In order to respect privacy, we cannot mention names but to all those who helped provide 13 families with a beautiful and wonderful Christmas, Thank You from all of us here at Our Mother of Good Counsel, as well as the recipients of your generosity. We could not have asked for better elves. Thank you. Project Elf = Success!!

**Literacy Programs:** Your generosity to the four Sisters working with immigrants and Children thank you, our Christmas time donors. There was \$1,844 donated from 20 donors: \$820 in checks, \$739 in cash and \$285 in gift cards. This meant that Joe Betz sent each sister \$461.00 worth of cash, checks or gift cards on December 22. Joe imagines that this led to happy smiles on new and young Americans' faces in Bensalem, Coatesville, Frankford and Southwest Philly on Christmas day and succeeding days. Identifiable donors may be receiving 'thank you' notes from the Sisters involved.



**MOM****Heart of the Home***For, By, and About Mothers*

Registration is OPEN for our 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual MOM-Heart of the Home Day of Renewal on **Saturday, February 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** at Sts. Simon and Jude Meehan Center in West Chester.

Calling moms of all ages and types: new moms, seasoned moms, grandmothers, step-mothers. Even if you are not a mom, you are still welcome! Start your Lenten season by replenishing your spirit. Come listen to two amazing, inspirational morning and afternoon speakers, Renee Eells and Kathi Clapham. See our registration form for all details at [www.mom-heartofthehome.org/events.html](http://www.mom-heartofthehome.org/events.html) or contact [nancysolano@verizon.net](mailto:nancysolano@verizon.net) or 610-525-0571 for more information. You may also call the Archdiocesan office at 484-798-7368.

**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY****December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016**

Fittingly, this *Jubilee Year of Mercy* is also the Lectionary's Year of Luke, for Luke's Gospel highlights God's mercy in finding the lost, healing the sick, restoring the broken, comforting the sorrowful, forgiving the sinner through Jesus' ministry. But before *doing*, Luke's Jesus is always *praying*. As practical moderns programmed to measure worth by productivity, we instinctively appreciate the Jubilee's call to embrace the practical challenges of our baptism. But today, Luke focuses not on Jesus being baptized, but on Jesus praying after baptism. So must we pray to become the disciples we are called to be, that the Spirit empower us to do what disciples are called to do. Imitating Jesus' openness to the Spirit will enable us to cooperate with the grace that transforms us into beloved sons and daughters in whom the Father is well pleased, living out, in this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, the extraordinary potential of our baptism. Peter Scagnelli, Copyright J.S.Paluch Co., Inc.

**ORDINARY TIME: WINTER**

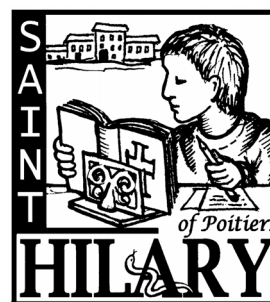
The Ordinary in Ordinary Time refers to ordinal - counted - time, not to a lack of something to celebrate. Each year there are two blocks of Ordinary Time, one in the winter between Christmastime and Lent, and the other in summer and fall, from Pentecost through Christ the King. When we gather on Sundays in Ordinary Time, as always, we hear the scriptures proclaimed. We systematically read through the gospels. This year, we are in cycle "C". Therefore we will be hearing about the public life of Jesus through the writings of the evangelist, St. Luke. The first readings from the Hebrew Scriptures were chosen for their relationship to the gospel passages. The second readings come from the various letters of the Christian Scriptures. The mystery of Christ, in all its aspects, unfolds.

What is the heart of our Sunday celebration? We do our eucharist; that is, we do our thanksgiving. We praise and thank God for all creation; we pray for the whole world, as we remember Christ's life, death and resurrection. We share the bread and wine, the body and blood. We are sent forth to be the body and blood of Christ in our homes, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, our towns, our cities, our country, our world.

What happens in our churches every Sunday is the fruit of our week. What happens is that the fruit of the week past is the beginning of the week to come. Sunday is simultaneously a point of arrival and departure for Christians on their way to the fullness of God's kingdom. This is not ordinary at all. This is the fabric of Christian living. (Liturgy Training Publications, Chicago)

**IMPORTANT REQUEST**

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.



Feast of St. Hilary  
Wednesday  
January 13

## HACHI: A MOVIE WITH MEANING!

The IHM Sisters at their Conference Center, 401 Bryn Mawr Avenue invite you to Lunch and a Viewing on **January 12, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** (Snow date – January 14). A stipend of \$15 is asked. To register, please call 610-521-0120 or 610-527-0506 or email [ihmconference@verizon.net](mailto:ihmconference@verizon.net).

## LISTEN FOR A CHANGE

### Sacred Conversations for Racial Justice

The Society of the Holy Child Jesus and Rosemont College invite you to attend Trinity Institute's conference on racial justice from **Thursday, January 21 to Saturday, January 23**. The topic for this year's conference is: *Listen for a Change, Sacred Conversations for Racial Justice*. While the actual conference takes place in New York City, you can attend the event at Rosemont College via webcast. Come with open ears and leave with a greater capacity to create change in your community! For additional information, please visit [www.shcj.org/american](http://www.shcj.org/american) or call 610-626-1400, ext. 101.

## CRAFTING PRAYER

Come, initiate a new spiritual practice while enjoying prayer, friendly conversation and the creation of a take-home prayer box! Kathy Eckert and Mickie McParland will guide us. All will gather at the IHM Conference Center, 401 Bryn Mawr Avenue on **January 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** (Snow date: January 27). Fee for lunch and supplies: \$15. To reserve a space, call 610-521-0120 or 610-527-0506 or email [ihmconference@verizon.net](mailto:ihmconference@verizon.net).



**Baptism  
of the Lord**

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## Mass Intentions For The Week



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### SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL  
PARISHIONERS  
9:30 BOB RYAN  
11:15 MARY AND BRAD BORMAN

### MONDAY, JANUARY 11

- 6:30 JAMES E. CONNOR, JR.  
8:00 CHARLES YOUNGFLESH

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

- 6:30 MACK WHITEHURST  
8:00 CHARLES SWEENEY  
(2ND ANNIVERSARY)

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

- 6:30 JACK HARTLEY  
8:00 SEAN ALEXANDER KING  
(4TH ANNIVERSARY)

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

- 6:30 DORIS SHIMP  
8:00 ANNA FRANCESCA KOLUMBAN

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

- 6:30  
8:00 MARIE HOPKINS

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

- 8:00 MARIE MCENROE FARRELLY AND  
DECLAN FARRELLY

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL  
PARISHIONERS  
9:30 SALVATORE PETROCCIA  
11:15 MICHAEL J. MC GEE, SR.



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