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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.

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<http://www.OMGCPARISH.ORG>

THE MISSION OF THE WORD OF GOD

In today's Gospel (Luke 4:21-30), Luke describes the reaction at the synagogue in Jesus' hometown, Nazareth, after Jesus has declared his mission. Jesus indicated that he intended to fulfill the messianic prophecies in Isaiah 61:1-3 and proclaimed they were "fulfilled in your hearing." By use of the present tense "is fulfilled," the Lucan Jesus affirmed that the salvific era of the messiah had begun.

But what should have been welcomed with joy, evoked the scorn of Jesus' townspeople. Convinced that they knew Jesus as the carpenter's son, many were not ready to accept that he could be someone in whom God's saving purposes would be realized. Jesus was not put off by their rejection. He followed his comment about prophets not being accepted in their native place with references from the Hebrew Scripture regarding the faith and willing acceptance of Israel's God by two foreigners and non-Jews, the widow of Sidon and Naaman the Syrian.

Jesus' comparison of the non-responsive Jews with the willing acceptance of these two gentiles represents the crux of this Lucan narrative as well as a programmatic statement of Jesus' mission, and, by implication, that of his followers. Jesus did not go elsewhere because he was rejected in Nazareth; rather, he extended himself and his message to all because it was God's will for him to do so.

Throughout his Gospel and its sequel, the Acts of the Apostles, Luke portrayed Jesus and the church reaching out with the good news of salvation first to the Jews and then to the gentiles. Despite the rejection he experienced, Jesus remained resolute. His courage and determination to continue his work are clear in the fact that even though an angry crowd wanted him dead, he passed through their midst and continued on his way. Some scholars have suggested that Jesus' action was reminiscent of Isaiah's prophecy regarding the mission of the word of God: "So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but shall do what pleases me, achieving the end for which I sent it."

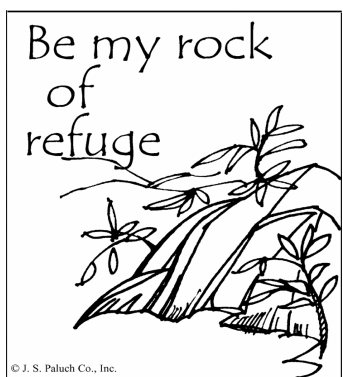
Jesus is the incarnate word of God spoken into this world. In all he said and did, Jesus carried out the will of the God who sent him. Today, Jesus' followers are sent and spoken by God into the world, to heal, to preach, to teach and to establish God's justice, peace and truth.

PRAYER REQUESTS

In our prayers, we have been asked to remember:

Michael and Andrew McCaughey,
Margaret Simyak, Sarah McGee,
Janine Hoffman, Marian Bell,
Ellie Chazeriat and Jerry Solomon.

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.



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.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Meeting: The Parish Council will meet again on **Monday, February 1 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.

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**PASTOR'S
LETTER**

REDISCOVER JESUS

Dear Friends,

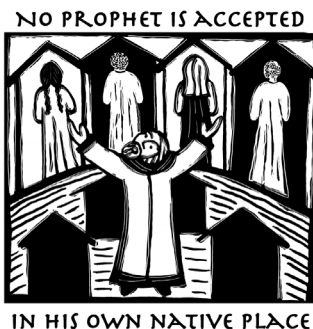
We'll celebrate Easter very early. This year it falls on March 27th. Which means that Lent is just around the corner. Ash Wednesday is February 10th! So, although Christmas was only a month ago, I want to highlight a parish Lenten program. Next weekend, members of our youth group will be passing out copies of Matthew Kelly's book, Rediscover Jesus. Matthew Kelly is a New York Times bestselling author and an international speaker in great demand. His company, Dynamic Catholic, has provided 700 copies of Rediscover Jesus to our parish at no cost.

Matthew Kelly describes the book as an invitation to our "best Lent ever." He writes, "Some books find us at just the right time, and those books change our lives forever. Rediscover Jesus is one of those books." For each of the 40 days of Lent, there is a very short Chapter to read. At the end of each day's Chapter there is: a Point to Ponder, a Verse to Live, a Question to Consider and a short Prayer. I believe that you will find the book quite engaging personally. It also lends itself to easy group discussion. And each day, for those interested, there is a two minute video online that considers that day's chapter.

I'd ask that each household limit itself to one or two copies of the book until everyone who so desires has had a chance to get one. Any remaining books will be left on the tables in the back of church.

I hope that you all survived the Blizzard of 2016. Easter will be here before you know it!

God bless,
Father Denny



**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
for January 24, 2016**

Jeremiah declares that God knew him before he was born and dedicated and appointed him to his role as prophet even before he drew breath. We, too, are known and sent by God. What deeds of love and service are mine to perform?

Envelope Contributions	\$1,090.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$117.00
Mailed in	\$6,175.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$7,382.00
Offering this time last year	\$5776.00
Parish giving	\$1,200.00

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

CONTRIBUTIONS LETTER

The End of the Year substantiation letter will be sent to all parishioners who have contributed \$600.00 or more to the parish during 2015.

If you do not receive a letter and need a list of your contributions, please email Peggy Juhline at pjuhline@omgcp parish.net or call 610-525-0147 x225.



**Ash
Wednesday**

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**ASH WEDNESDAY
Wednesday, February 10
Mass Schedule:
6:30 and 8:00 a.m.
12:10 and 7:30 p.m.**

Ashes are distributed during the Masses of the day.

SPIRITUAL READING GROUP

The Spiritual Reading Group will meet again on **Friday morning, February 5 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Parish Center.

LENTEN EVENING OF REFLECTION

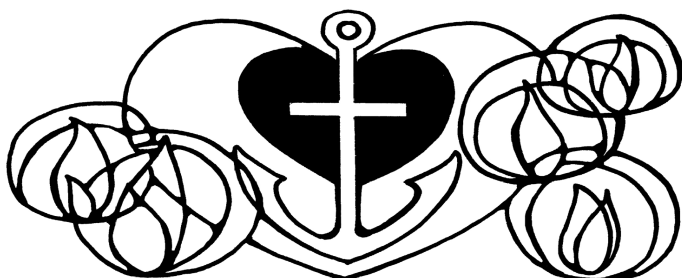
On **Friday, February 12**, there will be a Lenten Evening of Reflection for all Lectors, Eucharistic and Music Ministers, Catechists and RCIA Team Members. It will begin with prayer and a light supper at 6 :00 pm in the Social Center, followed by a reflection from Fr. Michael DiGregorio, OSA, Provincial of the Eastern Province of Augustinians. If you plan to attend, please **RSVP** by Friday, February 5: Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers to Tom Buchanan (ministerschedule@omgcp parish.net), Music Ministers to Jo-Ann Stigliano (jstigliano@omgcp parish.net), Catechists and RCIA to Karen Carey (kcarey@omgcp parish.net).

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

December 8, 2015-November 20, 2016

Rave reviews greeted Jesus' first hometown homily proclaiming a year of God's mercy, but the mood turned violent when he went on to declare that God's mercy embraces outsiders; it rejects distinctions between citizen and foreigner, acceptable and unworthy, even sinner and saint. Far from being anyone's personal possession, God's kingdom is open to everyone, God's love is unconditional, God's mercy boundless. By this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, Pope Francis repeats Jesus' challenge in today's Gospel to broaden our horizons until our vision matches Jesus' vision of every sinner as a potential saint and each suffering stranger as our neighbor. Jesus, says Pope Francis, continually went beyond the law, keeping company with public sinners and even sharing meals with them to demonstrate that God's mercy is "the beating heart of the Gospel" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 12). To be truly Jesus' disciples, such unconditional love and boundless mercy must also be at the center of all we say and do.

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LENTEN SERIES

**Thursday Evenings from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.
February 18, February 25, March 3**

Please plan to attend our Lenten Series again this year when Father John Denny, OSA and Sisters Mary Anne Nolan, RSM and Marie Michele Donnelly RSM will share with us on two different themes during this series.

During his 3-week series, Father Denny will highlight the four Gospels with the hope of encouraging individuals to feel empowered to read the Scriptures on their own. It would be helpful if participants would bring a copy of the New Testament with them.

The **first** of this 3–part series provided by Fr. Denny will concentrate on learning the official Catholic approach to reading the Bible. The **second** evening will give a brief overview of each of the four Gospels, pointing out the differences between the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) and the Gospel of John. The **final** evening will provide the opportunity for questions and musings.

Srs. Mary Anne Nolan and Marie Michele will deal with the topic of 'Mercy' as we celebrate this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*.

On **Thursday, February 18**, Sr. Mary Anne will guide us as we ponder and deepen our understanding of God's Mercy: God's unconditional love for us forever. Appreciating the fullness of God's Mercy toward us, we will explore what it means for us to be the presence of Mercy to others in today's world.

On **Thursdays, February 25 and March 5th**, Sr. Marie Michele will reflect on the call to live the Corporal Works of Mercy and the Spiritual Works of Mercy respectively. A closer look at each of Sr. Marie Michele's conversations will be available in the Parish Bulletin closer to the dates of their presentation.

All conferences will be held in the Church and Daily Chapel as we have done in the past. All are welcome and encouraged to attend these faith enriching experiences during this holy season of Lent.

Youth Activities

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YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

Mardi Gras Celebration – Join us as we celebrate our First Sunday Liturgy on **Sunday, February 7 at the 11:15 Mass**, followed by a Mardi Gras lunch in the gym. Bring your festive spirit as we get ready to begin the Season of Lent with a Mardi Gras themed lunch. To sign up to help, please use the following link. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4EA5AE22A57-first3>

Operation Rice Bowl – Our Parish will once again be participating in Operation Rice Bowl for our Lenten Project. Rice Bowls will be available in back of the church on February 7. Operation Rice Bowl is a Lenten faith-in-action program for families and faith communities where you are asked to donate the money you would have spent on one meal a week throughout Lent. 25% of this money stays in our local community. 75% of this money will be used by Catholic Relief Services globally. For more information on Operation Rice Bowl, go to: <http://www.crsricebowl.org/about>.

CLOTHING DRIVE

The St. Vincent DePaul Society, through the services of GreenDrop, will be here on **Saturday, February 13 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** to collect donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing which must be brought in plastic bags or boxes to be distributed to those in need. Please take all donations to the GreenDrop truck which will be parked in the rear parking lot near Barrett Avenue. They will also accept kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CDs and videos. To learn more about GreenDrop, visit their website: www.gogreendrop.com.

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.

LENTEN PRACTICES

As we begin the Season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 10, we are encouraged to tend to the following important aspects of this season:

Prayer: We are encouraged, when possible to participate at Mass, to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of Scripture, and to participate in the parish's Lenten programs.

Abstinence: All persons, who are 14 years of age and older, are required to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent

Fasting: All persons 18 years of age and older, up to and including their 59th birthday, are required to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, while the other two meals on these days are to be light.

Almsgiving: The Collections taken up at our daily liturgies will be for those who are poor as we participate in this Lenten call of service to those in need.

THANK YOU RECEIVED

To All the generous parishioners of Our Mother of Good Counsel,

I am writing to thank you for your generosity to all of us here at the IHM Literacy Center at St. Francis deSales Parish. Your Christmas gifts of money or gift cards will be put to good use. Happy New Year to you.

Sr. Clare Marsico, IHM
Site Director

VALENTINE RETREAT WORKSHOP for All Married Couples

Discover what makes your husband or wife feel "in love" and enjoy a refreshingly positive proactive approach to put the fun and delight into marriage for the sake of the whole church. February 13-14, 2016 at St. Monica's Berwyn or February 27-28 at St. Thomas of Villanova. For more information or to register on line visit www.livinginlove.org or call 610-640-4105.

**3RD ANNUAL JOHN CARDINAL
FOLEY LECTURE
ON SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS
“SHARING THE JOY OF THE
GOSPEL”**

Communications Media in Service of the Church
By Fr. Thomas Rosica, C.S.B.
CEO salt + light
Monday, February 1, 2016 7:00pm
Vianney Hall Auditorium
Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary
Free and open to the public. For information call
610-785-6530 or go to www.scs.edu

**SOUP'S ON
Year of Mercy**

IMH Conference Center
Wednesday, February 3, 2016
6:00-8:00pm
“Bowl and a Roll”
Simple Dessert

Michelle Francl-Donnay
Mercy in the Teaching of Pope Francis
Stipend \$15.00
To register, please call 610-581-0120
Email ihmconference@verizon.net.

**REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR
MARRIAGE!**

The Retrouvaille Marriage Program offers help for struggling marriages. It gives you the chance to rediscover yourself and your spouse. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the six post-sessions that follow it. Retrouvaille is not just a social gathering or series of seminars, but rather a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. The next program begins on the weekend of February 12 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register for our upcoming weekend, visit our website at: www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
9:30 THOMAS PETRILLO
11:15 MAGDALINE PEDLEY

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

6:30 JANE QUINN
8:00 RICHARD ACCOR

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

6:30 DECEASED MEMBERS AND
BENEFACTORS, OSA
8:00 HENRY SWINTY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

6:30 FRANK QUINN
8:00 HELEN CARLISLE VAN DUSEN
GOODFELLOW (28TH ANNIVERSARY)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

6:30 FELIX BLONSKI (ANNIVERSARY)
8:00 NICOLA FALCONE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

6:30 GERALD J. BRENNAN
(1ST ANNIVERSARY)
8:00 RAYMOND P. MURPHY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

8:00 ANNA DORAN

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
9:30 MARIA P.W. VAN DUSEN
(105TH ANNIVERSARY)
11:15 JOHN CASEY

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