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**February 7, 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>

## JESUS' CHOICE OF DISCIPLES

In calling others to share in his ministry, Jesus followed the pattern set by God, as reflected in the Hebrew scriptures. Jesus did not just assemble the best, the brightest and those with exceptional qualifications or backgrounds. Jesus chose the ordinary, and even the unlikely, so that the power of God's grace might be made manifest in them. Such is the case with Peter, James and John and all the other disciples, for that matter. Called into service by Jesus, they entered into a period of formation during which he taught them, by word and example, how to bring others to faith.

Luke delved into the psychological aspects of Peter's call. Peter felt unworthy and said as much. We can trace his understanding of who Jesus was in how he addressed Jesus. Initially, it was "master," but after the great catch of fish, Peter cried out, "Lord!" We also see the development of Peter's role. Throughout this event, Jesus spoke only to Peter, and it was to Peter that Jesus said, "From now on, you will be catching others." The Lucan Jesus' singular attention to Peter reflects the preeminent position the office of Peter had attained among second -and third-generation believers. Luke would continue to affirm Peter's importance in Acts.

The lake in this scene was Gennesaret, the Greek name for the Sea of Galilee. Luke constructed this scene to bring Peter personally into the sphere of Jesus' mighty power. It is significant that before Peter was charged with the mission of catching disciples for Jesus, he had to put out into the deep at Jesus' word. An excellent principle, Peter's action challenges all would-be disciples to plunge into the unknown places and reach out to unknown people with the good news of salvation. Moreover, we are made to understand that the impetus for all our actions is the word of Jesus, the word of God. Some of the church fathers emphasized the fact that Jesus taught the crowds assembled on the shore from Peter's boat and cited this as an affirmation of Rome's centrality and authority. However, let us keep in mind that Jesus also taught in a synagogue, in the temple, in a field, on a plain, in the marketplace, in a Pharisee's home, etc.

Even though James and John are mentioned only briefly, their willingness to follow Jesus is dramatically affirmed in the fact that Luke tells us "they left everything" – different from the other Synoptic Gospels who wrote that they left nets, boat and father. This term does not mean merely to walk behind someone; rather, it refers to discipleship, where a believer places Christ above all else and emulates Jesus in all she is, in all he says, in all she does, in all he chooses...daily.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

In our prayers, we have been asked to remember:

Margaret Simyak, Janine Hoffman,  
Ellie Chazeriat, Jerry Solomon.  
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,  
Marian Bell, Sarah McGee,  
Evanille Walker, and  
Nancy McDermott Wallace.

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.

**Baptism:** We welcome to our faith community Audrey Grace Piccini daughter of Jay and Mary Katherine.

### 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.

### 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.

### PEACE AND JUSTICE

The Peace and Justice Committee will meet on **Tuesday, February 16 at 7:30 p.m.** at Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish Office.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Dear Friends,

Lent is just around the corner. February 10<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday. Churches all across the Archdiocese will be packed. **We have four Masses here on Ash Wednesday – 6:30am, 8am, 12:10pm and 7:30pm.** That’s more Masses than we celebrate on a Sunday. Every one of those Masses will be well attended. Recent studies show that only on Easter do more Catholics attend Mass than on Ash Wednesday. We attend Mass in greater numbers on Ash Wednesday than on Christmas! And here’s the most intriguing part. Ash Wednesday is not, I repeat is not, a Holy Day of Obligation.

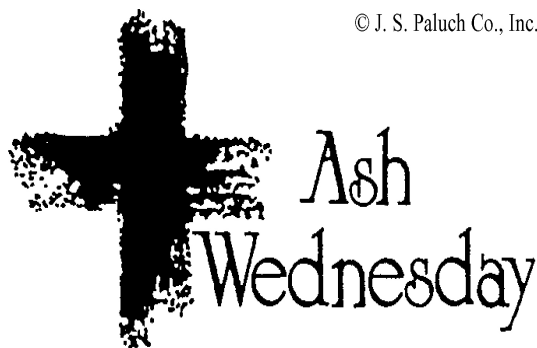
This Ash Wednesday phenomena is worth reflecting on. What is the draw? The cynic might suggest it is because we are giving something away for free. Or, they might argue that it is all about a public display of religiosity. I believe that there is much more to it.

Ash Wednesday begins Lent. Lent speaks to our very core. It reminds us that we are mortal. Lent is an invitation to be honest with ourselves. It is a season to recognize our need to be renewed. Our spiritual lives need to be refreshed. Too often, our words and actions fall far short of what we know our words and actions should be. In short, we are sinners. We are in need of God’s loving mercy.

Look around whatever church you attend on Ash Wednesday. The pews will be filled with men and women of every age and background. We come to be marked with ashes to remind ourselves that in Christ Jesus, we are washed clean. The churches are packed because we understand what Lent is all about. I pray that Ash Wednesday is, for all of us, the first day of a 40 day journey.

Happy Lent!  
Father Denny

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### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

**for January 31, 2016**

In today’s readings, both Isaiah and Peter hear the call of God and feel themselves unworthy. But, reassured by God, both answer and follow. Do I hear God asking “Whom shall I send?” Am I prepared to answer “Here I am. Send Me!”?

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**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](mailto:pjuhline@omgcp parish.net) or call 610-525-0147 x225.

### PARISH OFFICE SCHEDULE

The Parish Office will be **closed** on **Monday, February 15** in celebration of Presidents’ Day. The Office was opened on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in light of all the service that was happening that day.

### 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 Dominic DiMartino at 610-525-6442.

## 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 5<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

## CLOTHING DRIVE

St. Vincent DePaul Society (GreenDrop) will be having a clothing drive on **Saturday, February 13 from 9:00am to 2:00pm**. Please take your donations to their truck which will be parked in the Parish parking lot near the Parish dumpsters during these hours. They could also use donations of blankets, linens, pots, pans, dishes and eating utensils.

## 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.

## 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.

## MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

### Day of Service Thank You

Thank you to the 60 plus men, women and children who helped make our Day of Service such a success! Together we created over 200 meals for local hungry persons, 8 blankets for a local hospice program, 8 wreaths for the Augustinian Monastery, 150 toiletry bags for a women's shelter, 35 school bags for Hope Partnership for Education and wrote 42 letters to soldiers. Special thanks to Jim Carr, Mary Mikus, Deeanna King, Mikki Boyle, Bridget Carey, Terri Keffer, Sr. Bernadine and the boys from St. Francis-St. Vincent Homes for Children, Our Mother of Good Counsel Youth Group, Coach Drew Kelly and the Harcum Men's and Women's Basketball Teams, and many others, who helped put the day together and lead the activities.

### OPERATION RICE BOWL

This Lent, our parish will be participating in CRS (Catholic Relief Service) Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that will help you experience Lenten spirituality by living in solidarity with people in need around the world. As we, the global Church, continue our prayerful walk through the Holy Year of Mercy, it is especially appropriate to come together in prayer as a family this Lent, reflecting on how we can live this call to mercy more abundantly. Please take and use your cardboard Rice Bowl and calendar to help guide your Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We ask that all rice bowls be returned to Our Mother of Good Counsel during the Holy Thursday Liturgy. Children are encouraged to bring their rice bowls up at the Offertory. Go to [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org) to read more about this project. There is even an app you can download for free to your phone or tablet to give you daily reflections during this Lenten Season.

### A MOVIE WITH MEANING "ROMERO"

You are invited to IHM Conference Center, 401 Bryn Mawr Avenue in Bryn Mawr, on **Thursday, February 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Lunch is included at a cost of \$15.00. To register, call 610-581-0120 or email [ihmconference@verizon.net](mailto:ihmconference@verizon.net).

**Snow Date:** Thursday, February 25.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, January 30. Thank you to their teacher, Maryann Gallagher.

**Owen Arnold**  
**Caroline D'Archangelo**  
**Connor Kelly**  
**Madison Murphy**  
**Brendan O'Gara**  
**Joseph O'Gara**  
**Charlie Sorg**  
**Stephen Sucher**  
**Ava Wroblewski**  
**Grace Wroblewski**

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

All Youth are invited to join us for lunch on **February 14 from 12:15 until 2:00 p.m.** We will meet in the Social Center and complete a service activity and have a short Lenten Prayer Service and Activity. Please consider joining us. We will also be choosing a date for our Get Air Trip.

## JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY December 8, 2015-November 20, 2016

During this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, Pope Francis calls us to share with everyone the tender compassion of God that we ourselves have experienced. In today's Gospel, Luke uses a special Greek word conveying just such tenderness. In the other Gospels, Jesus calls the disciples to be "fishers," *haleis*, the same word that means catching fish with hooks or nets, to be killed and eaten. But Luke uses *zogron* or "life" meaning "*catch or gather people alive*," as animal lovers capture without harming, rescue from "the wild" for a better life and protect in aquarium or zoo, tenderly cared for by professionals committed to the creatures' well-being. So in Luke's version – and Pope Francis' as well – we who have been "caught alive" by God's mercy ourselves are to become "missionaries of mercy" during this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, rescuing fellow sinners from danger and gathering them into Jesus' community to enjoy fullness of life.

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## THANK YOUs RECEIVED

**Mothers' Home in Darby:** Our Baby Bottle Drive, which was held during the month of October, 2015, contributed \$4,324.60 toward the care and housing of pregnant young mothers who are homeless. Thank you so much for your generous outpouring of compassion for those in need at this time in their lives.

**IHM Literacy Center in Philadelphia:** Thank you very much for your continued goodness and generosity to all of us here at our IHM Center for Literacy, both students and our staff. What we do here is a privilege for our staff and a blessing for our students. Your charitable donations are a big help in enabling us to provide ESL education for our poor immigrant students who come here to learn English – either before or after a long day at work. Gratefully, Sr. Linda Filipponi, IHM

**Blizzard of 2016:** It is hard to believe that two short weeks ago, Mother Nature dumped 20 to 30 inches of snow around here. We owe a huge Shout Out of gratitude to the McGee Family for their hard work in clearing our campus as best and as quickly as they were able. Thanks as well to Joe Carey, John Carey and Liam Boyes who worked so hard in making our sidewalks safe.

## CHRISTIANS AND MUSLIMS

### Pursuit of Peace

**Saturday, February 27**  
**St. Malachy School Hall**  
**1429 N. 11th Street, Phila.**

Fr. Sidney H. Griffith, Professor of Semitic and Egyptian Languages at Catholic University, will speak on the subject of the Legacy of Nostra Aetate, the Vatican II Declaration on the Relation of the Church with Non-Christian religions. In 2009, Fr. Griffith was awarded a Rumi Peace Award for his efforts in interfaith dialogue. He is the author of [The Church in the Shadow of the Mosque: Muslims and Christians in the World of Islam.](#)

Pre-registration is not required. The day will begin with coffee at 9:00 a.m.; the program begins at 9:30 a.m. and will conclude at 2:30 p.m. Bring your own lunch. A free will offering is suggested.



### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

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

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 6:30 EDWARD BLONSKI  
(ANNIVERSARY)  
8:00 JAMES E. CONNOR, JR.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 6:30 ANGELO IANNAcone  
(16TH ANNIVERSARY)  
8:00 MARGARET MURDOCK FULMER

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 6:30 JOHN AND JANET PHILLIPS  
8:00 MARIA PEPPER GERHARD  
(96TH ANNIVERSARY)  
12:10 DOLLY DORAN  
7:30

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- 6:30 SEAN QUINN (ANNIVERSARY)  
8:00 LUISETTA & DOMENICO CONNICELLA

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 6:30 MR. AND MRS. JAMES J. WHITE, 3RD  
8:00 MARIANNE MCCOURT MCDEVITT

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- 8:00 GRACE VAN DUSEN LUCAS  
(57TH ANNIVERSARY)

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL  
PARISHIONERS  
9:30 TRISHA CUDDY  
11:15 CAMILLA PORRECA



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