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**February 14, 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>

## FOR LENT, LET US *FEAST* ON THE WORD OF THE LORD

Luke's temptation narrative (Luke 4:1-13) is similar in structure to the Marcan and Matthean versions, yet Luke has shaped and colored it according to his own pastoral and theological concerns, which included: (1) emphasis on the Holy Spirit and prayer; (2) the fact that Jesus was tempted as Son of the Father; (3) an affirmation of the significance of Jerusalem. Luke reversed the order of the second and third temptations, placing Jerusalem last and, therefore, of greatest importance.

A pronouncement of faith in the Father by Jesus is central to each act in this **three-act drama**. The temptation narrative is closely connected to the baptism of Jesus, during which Jesus was affirmed as Son, and it illustrates Jesus' resolve to exercise his role as Son in perfect obedience to the Father's will. That obedience would continue throughout his ministry and would lead to its fullest and climactic expression on the cross.

**Act I** – "Filled with the Holy Spirit" is a particularly Lucan expression that appears many times throughout his two-volume work (his Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles). In each instance, "filled with the Spirit" served as the evangelist's description of the creative and dynamic presence of God at work. Present as helper, consoler, guide and strength of Jesus during his ministry, the same Spirit would do likewise for the church until Jesus' return.

**Act II** – In the second challenge, the devil goads Jesus into accepting all the power and glory he offers. Refusing, Jesus shows himself to be faithful to the authority he shares with the Father. While the Israelites had sometimes bowed to other gods, Jesus was not so enticed. He remains a model of single-hearted faith for every believer.

**Act III** – With a nod to a popular legend of that time, that when the messiah came, he would appear on the roof of the temple, the devil dared Jesus to test God's power and protection of him as Son. The devil dared Jesus to throw himself down: "Angels will save you!" In response, with an allusion to the many instances where Israel tested God in the wilderness, Jesus would have none of it. He would not test God. He trusted absolutely.

**Epilogue** – "The devil departed from him for a time." With that statement, Luke acknowledged that Jesus had won this battle, but the war against evil would rage on until Jesus' once and for all sacrifice on the cross. We are duly equipped to wage our own battles with evil; the grace afforded us in Jesus will never fail us.

### 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, Carol Luty,  
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.

**New Members:** We welcome to our parish community Ann M. Magargee and Carol Magargee who recently registered with us.

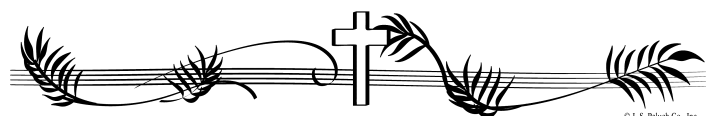
**Baptism:** We welcome to our faith community Grady Dennis Harriger, son of David and Ann Marie, who was baptized in our church recently.

### 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.

### SENIOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS

The next Seniors' Gathering will take place in our Social Center of the school building on **Friday, February 26 at 12 noon**. We look forward to seeing you there for an enjoyable afternoon.



### OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

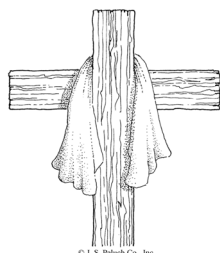
Dear Friends,

This week, I began my sixth year as Pastor. Time really does fly! One of the things that has most impressed me here at Good Counsel is your strong desire to have a meaningful Lenten journey. Lent is the 40 day period of preparation for the celebration of our central belief – the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. There are many ways to have a good Lent. I want to highlight a few aides that are available right here at the parish.

- Last weekend, we distributed Matthew Kelly’s book, Rediscover Jesus. Kelly invites us to have our “best Lent ever.” There are copies of the book available on the tables in the back of church.
- Catholic Relief Service’s annual Rice Bowl. There are Rice Bowls available at the doors of the church.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Lenten Series sponsored by the Spirituality Committee. One series will consider Mercy and the other the Gospels. There are details in the Bulletin and on the website.
- Most of the year there is no collection at daily Mass. But during Lent, a collection is taken up every day. That collection is used exclusively to assist the poor. None of the daily Lenten collection goes to the operating budget of the church.
- *The Word Among Us* is a booklet with daily reflections on the Readings of the day. *The Word Among Us* is available at the doors of the church and in the Parish Office.

I hope that one or more of these are helpful in your Lenten journey. I promise my prayers that you have a good Lent and I ask you to pray the same for me.

God bless!  
Father Denny



### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for February 7, 2016

Today’s first reading describes the offering of first fruits the people of Israel were to present to God in thanksgiving for their deliverance from Egypt and the gift of the promised land. Is my offering at today’s Mass an appropriate response to the many blessings God has given me?

Envelope Contributions .....	\$8,297.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$860.00
Mailed in .....	\$5,677.00
Total Offertory Collection .....	\$14,834.00
Offering this time last year .....	\$10,914.00
Parish giving .....	\$1,125.00

**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](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 here in the parish.

### 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.

### 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.

## 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 **Thursday, February 25**, Sr. Marie Michele will focus on the **Corporal Works of Mercy**, which we find spelled out for us in Chapter 25 of Matthew's Gospel. It is here that we hear Jesus set these actions as the criteria for our final judgment. Join us as we examine how we might engage in a daily practice of these Works of Mercy especially during our Lenten journey. During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has invited us to a special focus on practicing The Works of Mercy.

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.

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## YOUTH GROUP

All students, grade 6 – 12, are encouraged to participate in our Living Stations. Please join us on **Sunday, February 21 at 12:15**. Your participation and your help with costumes, etc., is very much needed. Please consider being one of our readers or apostles. Contact Karen at [kcarey@omgparish.net](mailto:kcarey@omgparish.net) to let me know you will be joining us.

## LIVING STATIONS

All students, grades 2 through 12, are invited and encouraged to participate in our parish's annual "Living Stations." As a parish community, this is a great opportunity to come together and allow the young people to recreate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord. Please encourage your children to participate. There will be three gatherings before the performance on **Sunday March 13 following the 11:15 Mass**.

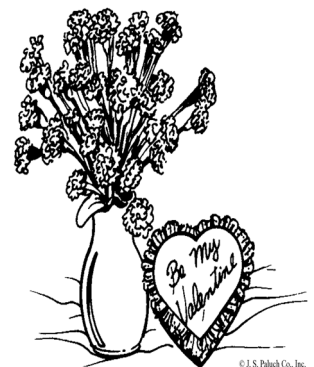
Our first gathering will take place on **Sunday, February 21 at 12:15**. We will gather in the school building and have a pizza lunch. We will conclude at 1:30. Please email Karen at [kcarey@omgparish.net](mailto:kcarey@omgparish.net) if your child will be participating so we can order enough food!

## THANK YOU 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.



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## JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

### December 8, 2015-November 20, 2016

On Ash Wednesday, Pope Francis commissioned “Missionaries of Mercy,” priest-confessors sent forth worldwide as “living signs of the Father’s readiness to welcome those in search of God’s pardon.” In a way, though, Pope Francis challenges all of us to become “missionaries of mercy” by living Lent in the *Jubilee Year of Mercy* “more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God’s mercy.” Francis bids us make the prophet Micah’s words our own: “God...who does not persist in anger forever, but delights rather in clemency. You will cast into the depths of the sea all our sins” (Micah 7:18-19). Having experienced God’s mercy ourselves in the unconditional forgiveness of our sins, how eager we should be to invite others to know the peace of God’s boundless mercy; perhaps even to experience, through our reaching out in gentle kindness and compassionate care, something of God’s unconditional love for them. —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

## DIVORCED & SEPARATED SERIES

### New Series starts on March 6

#### At Daylesford Abbey

You are not alone! A 12-week series is starting on **Sunday evenings March 6 from 7:15-8:45pm** at Daylesford Abbey in Paoli. This is a **free** Catholic ministry offering welcome, support and direction in navigating this most stressful, confusing and painful time. Topics covered include anger, depression, loneliness, forgiveness, finances, children and more. **Contact:** Cathy Peacock, Program Director at [stepsforhealing@gmail.com](mailto:stepsforhealing@gmail.com). Pastoral support, Deacon John Lozano. Daylesford Abbey phone 610-647-2530.

## IRISH DAY CELEBRATION

**St. Lucy Day School**  
(for Children with Visual Impairments)  
**Archbishop Ryan Academy for the Deaf**  
**Saturday, March 5 – 12noon – 4:00 pm**  
At Holy Innocents Parish Center  
4251 L Street in Philadelphia 215-289-4220  
Featuring Irish music, Fun, Food and Prizes  
\$12.00 for Adults; \$6.00 for Children

## POST-ABORTION HEALING

### RETREAT

**March 11, 12, 13, 2016**  
**Malvern Retreat House**

The Retreat Center is offering this retreat experience designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. It will help you focus on the buried emotions of the past and begin healing in a non-judgmental, safe, loving and confidential environment. It will give you hope for your future and freedom from the pain within your heart and soul. For more information, call: Geri at 610-399-0890 or Priscilla at 215-906-6337. All inquiries are strictly confidential. Financial aid is offered if needed.

## CYO NEWS

**BASKETBALL:** The varsity Boys Basketball team from OMGC/STV won the Region 32 Championship. The team advances to the Archdiocese Tournament starting on Saturday.

**TRACK:** Joe Manion announces signups for 1-8 grade boys and girls track teams is on St. Katharine’s site. All OMGC and STV parishioners are invited to practice and run together with SKS. Practices are Tues/Thurs and Sunday meets, lots of smiles, lots of planks, you know the drill. You can find the registration here: <http://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=skscyo>



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## TAIZE PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS

### For Young Adults

**Sisters of Mercy**  
**515 Montgomery Avenue, Merion PA**  
**Wednesday, March 9 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**  
(Light refreshments to follow)  
**RSVP: [ksekula@mercymidatlantic.org](mailto:ksekula@mercymidatlantic.org)**

You are invited  
in the **YEAR OF MERCY** to  
**PRAY, LEARN, DISCUSS, ACT AND  
ENCOUNTER**

**RACISM IN OUR REGION**

Sunday, March 06 – 1 to 3:30 pm  
Miraculous Medal Banquet Hall  
475 East Cheltenham Ave.  
near St. Vincent de Paul Church

This is the second Encounter in a Year of Mercy series bringing together parishioners from 12 diverse parishes across the Archdiocese to discuss issues which exclude many of our neighbors from society. Through these Encounters we hope to bring about actions that address the root causes of the issues we discuss. Although this began as a summer pilot program **we welcome all voices to join the discussion!**

Our Mother of Good Counsel, St. Thomas of Villanova, and St. Rose of Lima hosted the first Encounter event on January 30: **Hunger in our Region**. Sixty five Parishioners from the twelve participating parishes joined together for the event. Two witnesses who have confronted food insecurity and worked their way out led off the event; they have gone on to help others in similar situations. We also heard from three organizations that are working to change systems in order to reduce the number of people facing food insecurity in the Philadelphia region. It was a prayerful and powerful event that energized and motivated participants to take action – acts of both charity and advocacy to make systemic change to reduce the incidence of hunger.

**DISCOVERING AWARENESS**  
**Program for Women and Men**

This program entails a practical way to develop the basic skills of awareness of yourself, of others and of your world. Sr. Julia Grey, OP will facilitate the Saturday sessions from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Dates of this program are: **February 20, March 12, April 16 and May 14**. Cost for each session is \$20.00. Place: St. Raphaela Center in **Haverford** (610-642-5715 – [www.straphaelacenter.org](http://www.straphaelacenter.org))

**Mass Intentions**



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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

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

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

- 6:30  
8:00 SR. MARGUERITE MARIE  
MCGRANAHAN

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

- 6:30 MARK, MICHELLE, AND MICHAEL  
CONNOR  
8:00 BRIAN MCMENAMIN

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

- 6:30 JOHN MCGUCKIN  
8:00 ANNA AND CON HARKIN

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

- 6:30 KATHARINE QUINN  
ANNIVERSARY  
8:00 SHERRY DEL SORDO

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

- 6:30 MR. AND MRS. JAMES J. WHITE, 3RD  
8:00 HAROLD AND ROSE IRVING

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

- 8:00 JAMES SHERIDAN

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

- 7:30 KATHERINE AND CIRO IANNOTTA  
9:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL  
PARISHIONERS  
11:15 MICHAEL MCGEE, SR.



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