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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

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PARISH WEB SITE:

<http://www.OMGCPARISH.ORG>

RETURN TO ME WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART

Prior to Jesus' encounter with the woman in today's Gospel (John 8:1-11), he had been teaching daily in the temple while spending his nights on the Mount of Olives. Crowds had been coming to hear him, and this may have angered the scribes and Pharisees, who regarded themselves as Judaism's official teachers. Although they were respected for their astute knowledge of every minute detail of the law, they were also feared because of how they wielded their authority. The fact that the scribes and Pharisees brought the woman to Jesus was quite irregular and points to their true agenda: to trap him. Ordinarily, the Sanhedrin would have handled such a matter.

With the accused woman standing in full view of everyone, the scribes and Pharisees goaded Jesus for his opinion. He responded by writing on the ground, twice. For centuries, there has been much speculation as to what he wrote. A tradition that is said to have originated with St. Jerome proposed that Jesus was detailing the sins of the accusers. Others think that Jesus was imitating Roman legal practice, where the judge wrote down the sentence before declaring it aloud. Some may have thought that Jesus was recalling Jeremiah 17:13: "Those who turn away from you shall be written on the earth, for they have forsaken the Lord."

Another text that may have inspired Jesus from the Hebrew Scripture (Ex. 23:1) is the prohibition against offering malicious witness. While we cannot be certain what Jesus wrote, his actions showed that he was unmoved by the accusations of the self-righteous. However, his statement about casting the first stone stopped the scribes and Pharisees where they stood and rendered them wordless. Their argument could not stand. All that was left for them to do was to slink away.

Alone with the woman, Jesus exercised his authority – not as a judge and jury, but as Savior. Without denying or ignoring her sin ("do not sin any more"), Jesus pardoned her. He who transcended the law invited the woman to do the same. She was sent on her way contrite and resolute, not only to obey the law for the sake of the law, but to be renewed in her conscience and to reform her behavior in accord with the loving mercy that had been shown her. God affords each of us this same mercy. Let us rejoice in that fact, and instead of being quick to condemn one another, let us rejoice when God's mercies are shown to them, as well.

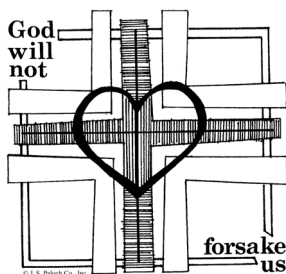
PRAYER REQUESTS

Margaret Simyak, Janine Hoffman,
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,
and Evanille Walker

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.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Our Parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a community on **Tuesday evening, March 15 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Church.



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.

Seniors

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SENIOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Our Parish Senior Members and Friends will meet again on **Friday, March 18 at 12 noon.** Please join us in our Social Center of the school building for an afternoon of delightful conversation and activities.

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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for March 6, 2016

In today's second reading, St. Paul says, "For Christ's sake I have forfeited everything: I have accounted all else rubbish so that Christ may be my wealth." Does my stewardship suggest that I could day the same?

Envelope Contributions	\$8,225.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$867.00
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Parish giving	\$950.00

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



EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday – March 20
Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday – March 24
Morning Prayer – 9:00am
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30pm
Night Prayer (Compline) – 10:30pm

Good Friday – March 25
Morning Prayer – 9:00am
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – 3:00pm

Holy Saturday – March 26
Morning Prayer – 9:00am
Easter Vigil – 8:00pm

Easter Sunday – March 27
Mass: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:15am

**The Parish Office will be CLOSED on
Good Friday, March 25 and Easter Monday,
March 28.**



PARISH GATHERING

Dear Friends,

The Parish Council will host our annual Parish Wide Gathering on **Sunday, April 10th from 12:30 – 3:00pm** in the Social Center. I hope that you can be there.

During our gathering, I will review with you our parish finances, our plans for the repair of our roofs, and any updates on the Archdiocese's Parish Planning Initiative. There will be information on our many parish ministries and how you can become involved. The Parish Council will facilitate discussion on Pope Francis' Bull of Indiction introducing the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

We will begin with a light lunch. So, if you can make it, which I hope you can, we will need to know how many are coming. If you can attend, please let us know by Friday, April 1st. Either call the office, email us at omgc@omgcp parish.net, mail in the response form below, or drop the form in the collection basket. I hope to see you there.

God bless!
Father Denny

Yes, I hope to attend the Parish Wide Gathering on April 10th:

Name: _____

Phone#: _____

Email: _____

How many attending: _____

Will you need daycare for your children? _____

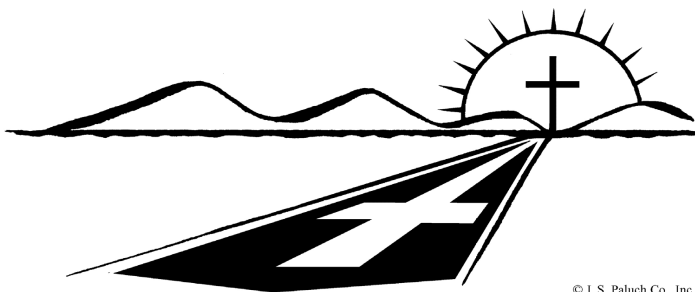
If so, how many children? _____

LENTEN TAIZE PRAYER

Join us **this afternoon, March 13 at 4:00 p.m.** here at Our Mother of Good Counsel Church for an experience of Taize Prayer, facilitated by two members of the Spirituality Committee, Joanne Bramley and Mary Callan. This is a very reflective and quiet prayer experience that we could find very helpful in the midst of this prayerful Lenten Season.

LIVING STATIONS PRESENTATION

Please plan on attending our prayer production of the Living Stations on Sunday, March 13 following the 11:15 liturgy in the church. The young people of our parish have been working hard on getting ready to share this "living prayer" with you. Perhaps you can attend the 11:15 Mass and stay an extra half hour to join our prayer.



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OPERATION RICE BOWL

Please bring your Rice Bowl donations with you during Holy Week, either on Palm Sunday or Holy Thursday. You may contribute your donation either in the boxes provided in Church or in an envelope marked "Rice Bowl Donation." Thank you.

EASTER EGG FILLERS NEEDED

The Youth Group will be filling plastic Easter Eggs so the children in the parish may have an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Morning. We are in need of fillers for the small plastic Easter Eggs. If you are able to donate individually wrapped candy that will fit in the average-size plastic egg, please drop it off either at the parish office or in the food basket at the entrance to church. Please mark the bag "Easter Treats." We will be collecting from now until Palm Sunday. Thank you.

COME VISIT US!

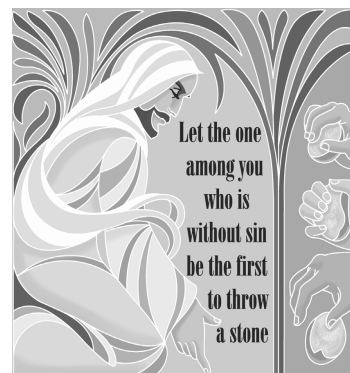
The Augustinian Friars invite you to visit the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova's Heritage Room in order to become acquainted with the story of the friars' history and growth in the United States over the past 220 years. The Heritage Room is located on the ground floor of the Villanova Monastery, on the Lancaster side, with the entrance beneath a large blue awning. The Heritage Room is **open Monday thru Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** All are welcome. For information, call 610-527-3330 or 610-519-7500. The coordinator is Fr. Dennis McGowan, O.S.A.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

December 8, 2015-November 20, 2016

How fitting that the first Sunday Angelus of Pope Francis, who has made mercy his papacy's theme, took place the last time today's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the adulterous woman was proclaimed. "Jesus' attitude is striking," Francis declared. "We do not hear words of scorn or condemnation, only words of love, of mercy, an invitation to conversion: 'Neither do I condemn you'," Francis continued: "God's face is the face of a merciful parent who is always patient. Have you thought about God's patience, the patience God has with each one of us? That is God's mercy. God always has patience, patience with us...understands us...waits for us...does not tire of forgiving us" if we return with a contrite heart."

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PEACE AND JUSTICE MEETING

The next Peace & Justice Meeting will be held at St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Center on **Wednesday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m.**

ST. JOHN NEUMANN Garage Sale

The annual garage sale at St. John Neumann Church, 380 Highland Lane in Bryn Mawr, is planned for **Saturday, April 2nd from 9:00am to 3:00pm and Sunday, April 3rd from 8:30am to 1:30 pm.** This is a major fund-raiser for the parish. You will find wonderful treasures at bargain prices, all donated by parishioners. Included are better clothing, a designer Boutique for lovely ready-to-wear apparel, accessories, jewelry, bric-a-brac, housewares, linens, toys, books, small appliances, electronics, holiday decorations and furniture. The sale is held in two indoor locations including the new parish life center!



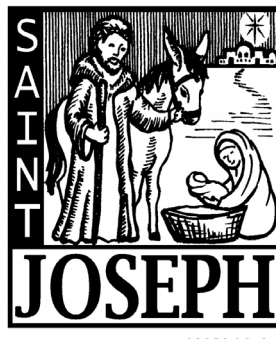
YOUTH GROUP NEWS

- All Youth, grades 6-12, who are interested in going to **Get Air, on Saturday, March 19,** please contact Karen at kcarey@omgcp parish.net. You may be able to get a discount on your ticket if you participate in the Living Stations.
- All Youth, grades 6 through 12, are invited to join us to fill Easter Eggs on **Sunday, March 20** in the Parish Office from 12:15 until 1:30. We need many hands to make this happen!
- All Youth, grades 6 through 12, are invited to help us with the Parish Wide Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday following the 11:15 Mass. Many hands are needed to help the younger children. Please email Karen at kcarey@omgcp parish.net if you are interested in helping.



St. Patrick
March 17

St. Joseph
March 19



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION In Local Parishes

Penance Services

Annunciation B.V.M.

Monday, March 14 – 7:00pm

Sacred Heart

Tuesday, March 15 – 7:00pm

Our Mother of Good Counsel

Tuesday, March 15 – 7:30pm

St. Dorothy – Wednesday, March 16 – 7:00pm

St. Denis – Wednesday, March 16 – 7:30pm

St. Thomas of Villanova

Monday, March 21 – 7:30pm

(on University Campus)

St Pius X – Tuesday, March 22 – 7:00pm

Confessions

St. John Neumann – Wednesdays of Lent – 7:30pm

HIGH TEA GATHERING

Come to High Tea at the IHM Conference Center, 401 Bryn Mawr Avenue on **March 17 from 1:00-2:30pm** for the benefit of **Dawn's House**, a safe haven for women who are healing from sexual trafficking. Sr. Catherine Coll, SSJ, who helped establish Dawn's House will share additional information about this important ministry. **Cost:** a gift card from a local pharmacy for personal use by the women at Dawn's House. To register, please call 610-581-0120.



CULTURAL HERITAGE MASS

All Are Welcome to join Archbishop Chaput for an annual Cultural Heritage Mass! This Mass celebrates the diversity and universality of the Native American, Asian, African, European, Caribbean and Brazilian Catholic communities in our local Church. The Mass is on **Saturday, March 19 at 2:00p.m.** at the Cathedral. The procession of communities will begin at 1:30 p.m. Contact the Office for Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees at migrantsandrefugeesphilly.org or call 215-587-3540 for more information.

SPRING CONCERT – RUNA!**Benefit Little Sisters of the Poor**

Come and enjoy the music of *RUNA*, a Philadelphia Irish-American roots band. Have fun while helping us raise much needed funds for the elderly poor of Holy Family Home. The Concert will be held at Villanova University's Jake Nevin Field House on **Saturday, April 2 – doors open at 6:00p.m.** General admission is \$50/person; \$20/students; \$10/ages 12 and under; and includes food and beverages. Please send orders to Holy Family Home, Dept. PB, 5300 Chester Ave., Phila., PA 19143 or visit our website at www.littlesistersofthepoorphiladelphia.org or call Catherine at 215-729-5153

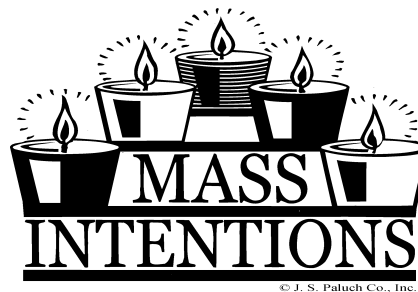
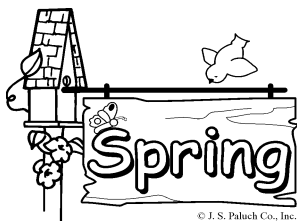
AnB EDUCATION**Host Families Needed**

AnB Education, a non-profit organization, is looking for loving families who would be willing to host an international student immediately. We have students attending Archbishop John Carroll High School and Valley Forge Military Academy who need host families. AnB Education provides a generous monthly reimbursement to the host family so there are no out-of-pocket expenses. Contact: hostfamily@anbeducation.com.

**ST. JOSEPH'S PREP AND
THE ACADEMY OF NOTRE DAME****Boys and Girls Youth
Lacrosse Clinic**

St. Joseph's Prep will be teaming up with the Academy of Notre Dame to run a boys and girls youth lacrosse clinic! The clinic will be held at the Academy of Notre Dame located at 560 Sproul Road in Villanova on **March 31st from 3:00-5:00pm.** Come, perfect your lacrosse skills in a fun learning environment. All participants must bring proper lacrosse equipment, mouth guard and water.

The clinics are for boys grades 3-8 and girls grades 3-6. Please register at www.sjprep.org/youthclinic.



SUNDAY, MARCH 13

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
9:30 HELEN CARITA
11:15 JOSEPH A. BRENNAN
(14TH ANNIVERSARY)

MONDAY, MARCH 14

- 6:30 MARJORIE GREEN
8:00

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

- 6:30
8:00 MARY NICHOLA MARCHESANI

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

- 6:30 MR. AND MRS. ANGELO IANNOCONE
8:00 HAROLD AND ROSE IRVING

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

- 6:30 MC GUCKIN FAMILY
8:00 RAYMOND J. MURPHY

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

- 6:30 JOSEPH A. BRENNAN
(4TH ANNIVERSARY)
8:00 MR. PHILIP SHERIDAN

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

- 8:00 CHARLES KRIPAK (ANNIVERSARY)

SUNDAY, MARCH 20— PALM SUNDAY

- 7:30 PATRICK CROSSAN FAMILY
9:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
11:15 ACHILLE F. BARONE
(23RD ANNIVERSARY)

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