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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:

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## **JESUS ENTERED JERUSALEM ON A SMALL COLT**

### **Pope Francis entered Washington D.C. in a small Fiat 500-L Sedan**

When it comes to the events of the day of the Passion, from the supper through the crucifixion, Luke continues with his own emphases. In the early verses, he somewhat downplays the betrayal and emphasizes Jesus' deep desire to share the supper with his disciples. Luke's talk of betrayal will come after the disciples have shared the bread and cup, making the point that betrayal of him is directly related to the competition that corrupts their dedication to service. Luke not only records the prediction of Peter's denial, but adds Jesus' assurance that he has prayed for Peter that his faith will not fail so that he can eventually strengthen the others.

Continuing his highly personal account, Luke emphasizes that the disciples must pray that they will not enter into temptation. That recalls the Lord's Prayer, as does the detail of Jesus repeating its core petition as he prays, "not my will, but thine be done." Only Luke records Jesus' tragic question to Judas: "Would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?" Only Luke mentions that Jesus healed the man Peter attacked. Then, when Peter fulfilled his thrice-sworn denial, Luke adds that Jesus turned to look at Peter with love as the cock crowed.

During the trial, Luke more than the other Gospel writers reveals the weakness of imperial power. Pilate, who claims to have great power, knows what is right but cannot find it within himself to accomplish it. On the way to Golgotha, we witness a second procession, the antithesis of the procession with palms. Again, the great multitude is there, but hardly in the role of disciples. In the place of Jesus' frightened and absent followers, a presumed stranger is compelled to play a role that looks like discipleship. Shouldering the cross, Simon, unlike Peter, cannot hide, but neither is he the willing servant that Joseph of Arimathea will be when he braves the authorities to request permission to bury Jesus' body.

All through the day of the Passion, Luke invites the readers to find their place in the drama. Thus he adds the meeting with the women along the way. Luke, who has so emphasized the role of women as disciples, now has Jesus turn to look at them just as he earlier turned toward Peter. As they weep for him, he deflects their attention from himself to the implications of what is happening. This is the opposite of the time of blessedness; now evil is having its day, and that means woe for humankind. While this may be remembered as a prediction of the fall of Jerusalem, the truth of the cross is that in all times, there are moments when it seems that evil has won the day.

Jesus' last human words are recorded very differently by the evangelists. Mark and Matthew have the lonely cry "My God, why have you forsaken me?" while John portrays Jesus as declaring the fulfillment of his mission, saying, "It is finished." Luke records three statements summing up Jesus' mission of forgiveness, the hope he offers and his faith. The Gospel of the day ends with death and absence. Too late, a centurion proclaims Jesus' innocence. Faithful disciples do what they can to dignify the tragedy; Joseph buries the body, the women make ready to anoint it for the last time. They do all that is humanly possible, and they know it is not enough.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

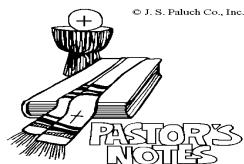
Please call the Parish Office if you would like to request yourself or a family member be put on our prayer list for the next 4 weeks. You can also make a request that the prayers of the community be renewed for another 4 week period.

**Baptism:** We welcome to our faith community Mabel Louise McCracken, daughter of Michael and Charlotte.

### **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.





### OUR HIGH HOLY DAYS

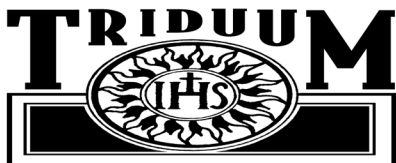
Dear Friends,

This week begins with Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. This week is the only week of the year that the Church explicitly calls "Holy." On behalf of my Augustinian brothers, the parish staff and all those who have been preparing for our celebration of this Holy Week, I invite you to consider making your participation in the Sacred Triduum a real priority this year. These are our high holy days. The truths that we recall and celebrate through the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter are the very core of what we believe as Christians.

On Holy Thursday, we celebrate the great gifts of Holy Orders and Eucharist. That morning, hundreds of deacons and priests from across the Archdiocese will join Archbishop Chaput for the Mass of Chrism in the Cathedral. That evening at 7:30 pm, Fr. Jim McBurney will preside here at our celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper. On Good Friday at 3pm, Fr. Dennis McGowan will preside at the celebration of the Lord's Passion. On Holy Saturday, Fr. David Cregan will preside at the Easter Vigil. The Vigil, the most sacred liturgy of the year, will begin outside the main doors of the church. We will light the new fire there at about 7:40pm for those who would like to gather. The Vigil Mass will begin at 8pm. On Easter Sunday, we will celebrate our usual Sunday morning Masses: 7:30, 9:30 and 11:15.

We gather as the baptized. We renew, refresh and rejoice in our conviction that Jesus Christ, our Savior has conquered sin, sickness and death. I hope you can be here.

Happy Holy Week  
Father Denny



### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"God has given me a well-trained tongue that I may know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them," says Isaiah in today's first reading. The gifts God has given us are likewise given for the good of others. How am I using my gifts?

Due to early bulletin publishing deadlines, stewardship totals for March 13th will not be available until next week.

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



### PARISH-WIDE GATHERING

Parish Council invites all parishioners to our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Parish-Wide Gathering on **Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 – 3:00pm** in the Social Center. Come enjoy lunch, as Fr. Denny gives his State of the Parish update and answers your questions. Information will be available about various parish ministries and how you can join in. We will break into table discussions about Pope Francis' invitation to the Year of Mercy and how we, and the parish, can respond mercifully.

In order to plan for food and for child care, please **RSVP by April 1** by calling the parish office at 610-525-0147, emailing us at [omgc@omgcp parish.net](mailto:omgc@omgcp parish.net) or by dropping the form below into the mail or the collection basket.

Yes, I hope to attend the Parish-Wide Gathering on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

How many attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you need daycare for your children? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, how many children? \_\_\_\_\_



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## EASTER 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.**

## JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

December 8, 2015-November 20, 2016

*Misericordiae Vultus: The Face of Mercy* is Pope Francis' official decree announcing this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*. But Francis had already declared that Jesus "has shown the face of God's mercy" back in 2013 on his first Palm Sunday as pope. Francis described Luke's account of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem: "Crowds, celebrating, praise, blessing, peace: joy fills the air. Jesus has awakened great hopes, especially in the hearts of the simple, the humble, the poor, the forgotten, those who do not matter in the eyes of the world. He understands human sufferings...has bent down to heal body and soul." Entering Jerusalem, Jesus looks at all of us with love, Francis continued, at our sicknesses and sins. "A beautiful scene, full of light – the light of the love of Jesus." May this Jubilee Year's Holy Week and Triduum make us Jesus' own light-bearers and love-givers to all who long to see the Face of Mercy.

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## 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.

## RICE BOWL CONTRIBUTIONS to Catholic Relief Services

We ask you to bring the contents of your Rice Bowl boxes to Mass with you when you attend one of the services of Holy Week from Palm Sunday through to the Triduum from Holy Thursday evening through Easter Sunday morning. Please bring your Rice Bowl container or put your donation in an envelope marked "Rice Bowl" and drop it into the collection basket in Church. Thank you to all who participated in this journey of prayer, fasting and almsgiving in order to serve the needs of others during this Lenten season.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION In Local Parishes

St. Thomas of Villanova  
Monday, March 21 – 7:30pm  
(on University Campus)

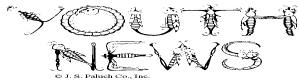
St Pius X – Tuesday, March 22 – 7:00pm

### Confessions

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



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

-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](mailto:kcarey@omgcp parish.net) if you are interested in helping.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Society of the Holy Child Jesus

**Activities Aide:** PT position (16 hrs. wkly.) including alternate weekends in a small retirement community of religious sisters, located in Rosemont, PA. High School Diploma or equivalent required. Prior experience implementing activities in a long term care or rehabilitation environment preferred. Please forward resume via Email: [jtodhrdept@gmail.com](mailto:jtodhrdept@gmail.com) or call our HR Dept. at 610-525-9900, ext. 656. E.O.E.

## 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.

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.sjprep.org/youthclinic)

## SPIRITUAL READING GROUP

The Spiritual Reading Group will meet again on **Friday, April 1 at 10:00 a.m.** in our Parish Center.

## 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, visit our website at [www.littlesistersofthepoorphiladelphia.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoorphiladelphia.org) or call Catherine at 215-729-5153.

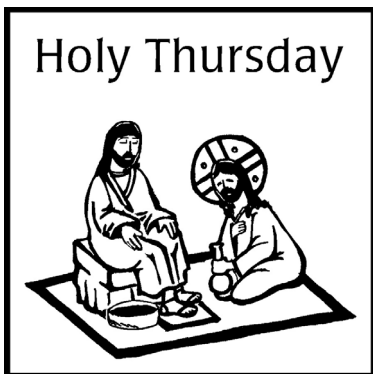
## ST. JOHN NEUMANN

### Garage Sale

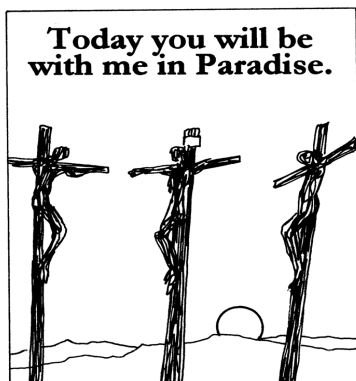
The annual garage sale at St. John Neumann Church, 380 Highland Lane in Bryn Mawr, is planned for **Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00am to 3:00pm and Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:30am to 1:30 pm.** This is a major fund-raiser for the parish. You will find wonderful treasures at bargain 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!

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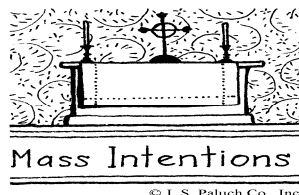
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SUNDAY, MARCH 20

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

MONDAY, MARCH 21

- 6:30 DARA VOGEL
- 8:00 THE KACHMAR FAMILY

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

- 6:30 CATHERINE TINSLEY
- 8:00 THE DAVID KACHMAR FAMILY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

- 6:30 ELLEN KAPEGHIAN (ANNIVERSARY)
- 8:00 WILLIAM THOMAS WALSH (94TH BIRTHDAY)

THURSDAY, MARCH 24— HOLY THURSDAY

- 9:00 MORNING PRAYER
- 7:30 MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

FRIDAY, MARCH 25—GOOD FRIDAY

- 9:00 MORNING PRAYER
- 3:00 PASSION OF THE LORD

SATURDAY, MARCH 26—HOLY SATURDAY

- 9:00 MORNING PRAYER
- 8:00 EASTER VIGIL

SUNDAY, MARCH 27—EASTER SUNDAY

- 7:30
- 9:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHIONERS
- 11:15



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