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April 10, 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

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PARISH WEB SITE:

<http://www.OMGCPARISH.ORG>

HOW ARE WE RESPONDING TO JESUS' QUESTION: "DO YOU LOVE ME?"

In this beautiful resurrection appearance narrative in today's Gospel (John 21:1-19), the risen Jesus teaches his own some valuable lessons about the universal nature of the apostles' ministry; the necessity of forgiveness and rehabilitation; and the ultimate cost of discipleship. Chapter 21 is an epilogue to the fourth Gospel, which clearly ended at 20:30-31, but not an afterthought. It complements and balances the Gospel's prologue and was probably composed by the same person, a disciple of John. This disciple shared the same general world of thought as the evangelist and desired more to complete the gospel than change its impact.

Through his telling of the great catch of fish, the evangelist has underscored the universality of the church's concerns and mission. Departing from the Synoptic Gospels, which placed the great catch within the ministry of Jesus, John chose to place this event, as well as the transmission of power to Peter, in the post-Easter period. By doing so, they showed that the church's mission is an extension of the risen Lord's victory, glory and power. The appearance of the risen Lord at daybreak changed matters considerably for the disciples after their tiring night of unsuccessful fishing. By his coming at dawn, Jesus is shown to be the light that dispels darkness and brings new hope. Also significant is the fact that although they were veteran fishermen, the disciples caught nothing without Jesus. But with him, and by his authorization, they could be sure their mission would be successful.

The three questions asked of Peter by Jesus, and Peter's answers, have been called Peter's rehabilitation. Jesus' forgiveness of his triple denial had the power to heal Peter and to lift the burden of guilt and sorrow he must have felt. With each attestation of his love for Jesus, Peter became the exemplar of all who would shepherd Jesus' followers. Peter was not a perfect leader. He was dense and brash at times, but he also had the humility to repent and the courage to begin again. For his passionate responses to love and to grace, he was re-issued the challenge: "Follow me!"

And so would Peter follow Jesus, even to a death similar to that of his Master, as is attested in the final verses of this epilogue. Peter's example, like that of Jesus, continues to challenge the character and quality of our own discipleship. Jesus is saying the same to us: Do you love me? Tend my sheep. Feed my sheep. Follow me.

PRAYER REQUESTS

In our prayers, we have been asked to remember:

Margaret Simyak, Janine Hoffman,
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,
Evanille Walker, Barbara Tillman,
Evan Macrone, Gerome Solomon,
Emily Chaveriat, Valerie Hoover,
and Fr. Jack Denny, OSA.

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.

Baptisms: We welcome to our faith community Kate Helen Urso daughter of Michael and Kristen

H.O.P.E.

If you need a trip to the doctor, shopping, etc., call Joanne Bramley at 610-457-6638 or Shelley Preston at 484-412-8309.

SENIOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS

The Seniors of our parish and surrounding parishes will meet again on **Friday, April 22 at 12 noon** in the parish's Social Center of the school building.

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 email Colette Sutton at Colette_sutton@yahoo.com.



CHANGE IN DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Dear Friends,

Due to a number of considerations, the daily Mass schedule needs to be changed. During the months of July and August, there will be no 6:30 AM Mass.

Canon Law does not allow for a priest to celebrate Mass more than once a day on a regular basis. As those who worship at 6:30 know, quite a few Augustinians, who live elsewhere, have been graciously assisting here at Good Counsel. Many of them have other commitments for the summer, plans for vacation and plans for their retreat. Therefore, they will be unable to help out.

Regrettably, my own health issues are unresolved. I may not be returning to full-time ministry for some time.

I recognize that a number of you will be disappointed in this change. I ask your understanding.

God bless,
Father Denny



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

All youth, grades 6-12, are invited to join us in the Social Center of the School Building on **Sunday, April 10 from 4:30 to 6:30**. We will be viewing the movie, **Facing the Giants**, about a high school football coach who has had six consecutive losing seasons and what he must do to change things. Movie snacks will be provided.

Sunday, April 17 – All youth, grades 6-12, are invited to join us in a yard clean-up hour. We will work from 12:30 until 1:30 picking up trash, leaves and sticks on the property. We will then have lunch from 1:30 until 2. Please plan on joining us for some community service.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for April 3, 2016

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells Peter again and again, “If you love Me, feed my sheep.” He says the same to each of us, “If you love Me, use the gifts I have given you to serve your brothers and sisters.

Envelope Contributions	\$9,985.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$729.00
Mailed in	\$3,155.50
Total Offertory Collection	\$13,869.50
Offering this time last year	\$11,268.00
Electronic giving of April 1.....	5,730.00
Parish giving.....	\$950.00

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

Almsgiving Collection During Lent

The daily collection taken during the morning weekday Masses of Lent amounted to \$5,478.00. This money will be used to aid those in need in our own parish as well as those in need with whom we are in relationship in other ways. Thank you for this generous response to the three-fold call of the Lenten season: prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

IHN ANNUAL BENEFIT Sunday, April 17 – 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.

As in the past, this year’s benefit location will be the beautiful Appleford Estate, 770 Mt. Moro Road, Villanova. It will be a delightful afternoon of music with a raffle, wine and lite fare. Music will be provided by the Jazz Sanctuary – www.thejazzsanctuary.com. Tickets are \$65 per person or \$120.00 per couple. Contact Jennifer Doyle, Executive Director of the IHN at 610-277-0977 or jdoyle@ihncares.org or OMGC parishioner and IHN Board Member Dick Hammond at 610-525-1019. Please come!



INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Week of Hosting: Our parish will be hosting the IHN families once again during the week of May 1 - 8. If you can help in any of the following ways, please give us a call:

- a. If you can help **set-up** the Social Center on **Saturday, April 30 at 10:00 a.m.** or **take-down** and pack away equipment on **Sunday, May 8 at 12:15 p.m.**, please call Sr. Anne at 610-525-0147 (ext. 234) or email her at awoodeshick@omgcp parish.net.
- b. If you can **prepare a meal** one evening of that week, please call Toni Betz at 610-525-4499.
- c. If you can serve as an **evening host**, during the evening from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. or as an overnight host from 8:30 p.m. – 6:00 a.m. once during the week, please call Patti Minbiole at 484-380-2528 or email pattim148@gmail.com.

PARISH-WIDE GATHERING POSTPONED

Happily Fr. Denny is feeling better, but he may not be able to lead the Parish Wide Gathering on April 10. As a result, the gathering will be postponed to a later date. Please watch the parish bulletin and the website for details. Fr. Denny is grateful for your continued prayers; they are certainly contributing to his recovery.

ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

Saturday, April 23, 2016

Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy

The Pilgrimage will visit the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. The program **begins at 12 noon** and includes confessions, procession and crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary, praying the Rosary and concludes with a **Solemn Mass at 3:00 p.m.** Archbishop Charles Chaput will be the presider and homilist at the Mass. Let's fill the Basilica as the sons and daughters of Mary!



FIRST SUNDAY LITURGY and May Procession

Thank you to all who joined us for our First Sunday liturgy and lunch last week! It was great to see over 300 people at Mass and over 120 joined us for lunch. Next month, on **May 1**, we will again hold our First Sunday Liturgy and lunch. On this Sunday, we will conclude the Mass with a short May Procession out to Our Lady in the Rectory Yard. Our First Communicants will once again be dressed in their finest and all 6th grade students, no matter where you attend school, are invited to join our 6th Grade Religious Education Class in bringing flowers to Our Lady. Join us, following the May Procession, for lunch in the gym. Bring your favorite Spring food! To sign up to help, please use the following link: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080D4EA5AE22A57-first6.

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

How appropriate today's Gospel for this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, both because of the "breakfast" Jesus provides ("a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread") and the number of fish in Peter's net ("one hundred fifty-three). Of the fish, Saint Augustine suggests that the roasted fish is the suffering Christ. Saint Gregory the Great adds that Christ lowered himself to swim in the "water" of our humanity; to be caught in the "net" of our death; to be "roasted" in his Passion on the fire of suffering. Saint Jerome claims that "one hundred fifty-three" represents the full number of known species of fish, signifying that the Church's "net" has room for all our widely diverse humanity, securing our unity-in-diversity in the hands of Peter and his successors. Having received God's mercy as "the beating heart of the Gospel," may the Church – we – "pattern our behavior after the Son of God who went out to everyone without exception.

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WOMEN'S SPEAKER SERIES

“Crossing the Generational Divide: Unlocking the Power of Generations”

Join us on **Monday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Center in Rosemont for a presentation offered by Alicia Rainwater, a nationally recognize speaker with the Center for Generational Kinetics, who will offer the latest research and insights on generational differences at work and home, and share her particular expertise on her own generation – the millennials.

Please RSVP to Kathy at 610-525-4801 or office@stvparish.org.

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LAUDATO SI

**Evening of Reflection and Action
Wednesday, April 20 from 7:00 – 9:00pm**

Celebrate Earth Day “Catholic Style!”
Come for an evening of reflection and action based on Pope Francis’ recent encyclical, *Laudato Si*, on care for the environment. Ricardo Simmonds, M.S. in environmental studies, will introduce us to the document’s main themes and various organizations will be present to offer attendees ways to get involved. The conference will be held at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 222 North 17th Street in Philadelphia. Parking is free. No registration required. For more information, visit phillyevang.org/events.

BENEFIT DINNER

To Support Local Maternity Home

The Life/Peace/Justice Conference is hosting a benefit dinner on **Friday, April 22** at the Saturday Club in Wayne for Mothers’ Home in Darby, a local maternity home that serves the Philadelphia region. Jewels Green will be the keynote speaker for the benefit event, presenting on “From Loss to Life: the Journey of a Post-Abortive Former Abortion Clinic Worker.” To purchase seats for the benefit, please visit: www.lifepeacejustice.com/#!vipdinner/TCVQX.

CATHOLIC CRUISE

Come and sail away on a 7-night Catholic Western Caribbean Cruise from **September 10 – 17, 2016** on the Carnival Freedom out of Galveston, Texas. Ports of Call: Montego Bay (Jamaica), Grand Cayman (Cayman Island), Cozumel (Mexico) and back to Galveston. Prices begin at \$1,085 for two passengers. This includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass offered. Deposits of only \$300 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further info or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785 or Doug@CatholicCruisesandTours.com

PEACE AND JUSTICE

The Peace and Justice Committee will meet this month on **Tuesday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m.** at OMGC’s Parish Center.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE CANONIZATION Of Mother Teresa in Rome!

Join Betty Butera on a pilgrimage to Rome on **September 1-6, 2016 from Philadelphia**. Cost of the pilgrimage is \$3,639.00. For more details go to: www.pilgrimages.com/butera.



AN EASTER SEASON REFLECTION

by Sister Renee Yann, RSM

We expect things, don't we? Things as simple as rain. Things as complex as babies. We expect to wake up tomorrow, to have a safe drive home from work, to complete the to-do lists stuffed in our pockets. We expect life. We even expect death. We expect much of the in-between.

But it is the things we don't expect that profoundly change our lives. These things shatter our routine and make a passageway for extraordinary grace. You have had such moments. During them, you were like the ancient Jews standing at the fracture of the Red Sea. Your soul was in a battle between fear and awe.

These moments came to you in various disguises: tragedy, surprise, celebration, disappointment, betrayal of forgiveness. From the vantage point of time, you may be able to see how these moments freed you, redeemed you. Or, now within such a moment, you may still be struggling to discover its truth.

We are not unlike the disciples experiencing the Passover of Jesus' life. They, even He, may not have expected the Thursday of Transubstantiation – the giving of his body into the eternal bread and wine. They did not expect the cleavage of their sacred world by an unholy crucifixion. They did not expect a dislodged stone to yield a golden resurrection.

All that they did not expect we now call "Easter" – a rebirth in the steadfast assurance that God's life ever triumphs. May we all be broken and blessed by this astounding and unexpected grace!

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SUNDAY, APRIL 10

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
9:30 SARA AND JOSEPH BURNS
11:15 EILEEN CONAGHAN

MONDAY, APRIL 11

- 6:30 JAMES E. CONNOR, JR.
8:00 JOSEPH GAGLIARDI

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

- 6:30 MR. & MRS. JAMES J. WHITE, 3RD
8:00 MARIA KELLY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

- 6:30 NELL TRAVERS
8:00 MURIEL & LEWIS VAN DUSEN
(107TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY)

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

- 6:30
8:00 HAROLD AND ROSE IRVING

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

- 6:30 MR. AND MRS. ANGELO IANNAcone
8:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF
MC GRANAHAN FAMILY

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

- 8:00 JENNIE BLONSKI (ANNIVERSARY)

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
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9:30 JIM SCHIMMINGER
11:15 MICHAEL MC GEE, SR.

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