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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>

SEE THIS LOVE

Today's fragment from John's Last Supper account (13:31-35) is closely tied to the evening's opening scene in which Jesus washes the feet of his disciples. After he shared food and sent Judas off to initiate the process of his arrest and execution, Jesus interpreted the coming events by naming them his hour of glory. When he says that, he is essentially giving his disciples an ultimatum: "If you don't accept this, you can't understand me at all. As you come to understand it, you'll become like me."

In John's Gospel, Jesus moves toward his death with clear fore-knowledge and free intention. John has no Nativity narrative, but he makes it clear from the beginning that the Incarnation of the Word was God's free choice. The Word assumed the limitations of humanity so that human beings could fulfill their destiny as children of God. Jesus' ability to freely take on death and shame as *a revelation of the life-giving presence of God* is precisely what Jesus understands as his glory.

This is the core of the Gospel paradox. Jesus' acceptance of the cross was his proclamation of faith that God's love overpowers every evil, including death, and that it was only by going through death, even the worst kind imaginable, that he could definitively reveal that. His acceptance of death was the fulfillment of his vocation and his greatest expression of God's love for humanity.

Once we begin to accept that, even if we can't fully comprehend it, we are prepared for his final command. Accepting the love and freedom Jesus offers through his passion gives us both the impetus and the power to love as he did. Jesus' human life taught him that only God's love enabled him to do the works he did. God's love is the only power that enables us to follow in his footsteps. And that's exactly what he commands us to do: to follow in his stead by loving one another *as he has loved us*.

Jesus calls this a new commandment. Understood in the context of John's Gospel, it is an invitation to mystical union, to unity in community and union of the community in God. In that sense, the command to love becomes an invitation to graced practice, to an internal disposition and practice. It is grace because God's love animates the community. At the same time, it demands the practical dimension of daily decisions to en-flesh that love, to wash one another's feet as Jesus did.

PRAYER REQUESTS

In our prayers, we are asked to remember:

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

New Members: We welcome to our parish community Miss Antonia Moffitt who recently registered with us.

GREETING CARDS FOR FR. DENNY

Please mail or bring all greeting cards for Fr. Denny to the parish office. We will be happy to see that he receives them. Thank you.

H.O.P.E.

If you need a trip to the doctor, shopping, etc., call Shelley Preston at 484-412-8309 or S. Anne at 610-525-0147.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Meeting: The Parish Council will meet again on **Monday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Parish Center. Parishioners are always welcome and encouraged to attend these monthly meetings. If you plan to do so, please call President Phil Ahr at 610-527-5679 or email him at AHRPM@yahoo.com.

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.



God
Will Bless
Us With Peace

PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION

of Father Bill Atkinson, OSA
that he may intercede for Father Denny,
OSA

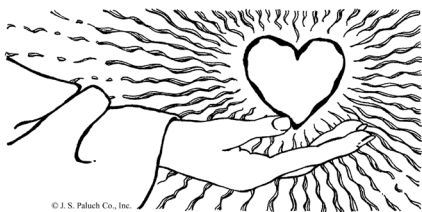
Blessed are you,
Father of life, source of goodness and peace,
in whom all creation has its origin
and by whom every person is loved.

In Father Bill Atkinson
your mercy and compassion were made
manifest
as he brought solace to the suffering
and hope to the needy.

By carrying the cross of life faithfully
he proclaimed confidence in your love
and conformity to your will,
and so drew others to you
and to the generous gift of your grace.

Hear our prayers
which we offer through his intercession
so that as your work continues to unfold
among us, it may bring honor to you,
comfort your people,
and, according to your will,
glory to your servant.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



SPIRITUAL READING GROUP

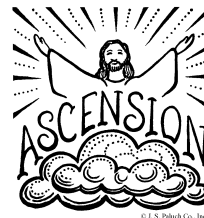
The Spiritual Reading Group will meet again on **Friday, May 6 at 10:00 a.m.** in our Parish Center/Church Office Building. We are beginning to read a new book on Thomas Merton, entitled: *Thomas Merton: Faithful Visionary*. We will meet in May and June before taking our summer break and conclude our reading of this book in September. If you would like to begin joining us in May or June, please call S. Anne at 610-525-0147 or email her at awoodeshick@omgcp parish.net. We meet one Friday a month, usually the first Friday at 10:00 a.m.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for April 17, 2016

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives His disciple—and us—a new commandment: "Love one another," Good stewards who spend their time and talents in service to others are well on their way to fulfilling this commandment.

Envelope Contributions	\$6,617.50
Loose Contributions.....	\$899.00
Mailed in	\$1,370.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$8,886.50
Offering this time last year	\$9,659.00

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



ASCENSION THURSDAY Thursday, May 5, 2016

Ascension Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Vigil Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m. The Masses on Thursday will be celebrated at 6:30 and 8:00 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.

CLOTHING DRIVE

The Society of St. Vincent DePaul will be using the services of GreenDrop to support their clothing drive. Look for the **GreenDrop** truck in the church parking lot on **Saturday, May 14th from 9:00 – 2:00 p.m.** where an attendant will be available to assist you with your donations. Please place your donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as: kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CDs and videos are also accepted. Unfortunately **furniture, large appliances, TVs or computer monitors cannot be accepted.** For a full list of acceptable items, visit www.gogreendrop.com. To learn more about GreenDrop, visit their website: www.gogreendrop.com.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Food Needs for IHN: If you can donate any of the following food items for our guests when they arrive on **Sunday, May 1**, please put them in the food box at the entrance of the church next Sunday:

soup	crackers	tuna fish
salad dressing	jelly	mustard
lemonade mix	ice tea mix	coffee
tea bags	cookies	peanut butter
cold cereal	mayonnaise	ketchup
juices: boxes or bottles		

“THINKING FROM THE HEART: Challenges and New Directions” May 26 – 29, 2016

The Center for Contemplative Thought announces a gathering to reflect on “Thinking from the Heart: Challenges and New Directions.” Speakers will be Ilia Delio, OSF and Team. For information and registration, see our website, www.centerforcontemplativethought.com or contact us by email: info@centerforcontemplativethought.com; or by phone, 610-519-5246. Place: St. Raphaela Center: 616 Coopertown Road, Haverford, PA 19042. Date: May 26-29 (Thursday evening to Sunday noon). Registrations accepted for entire or partial event.

SPIRITUALITY COMMITTEE

The Spirituality Committee will meet again on **Thursday, April 28 at 4:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center.

SS. COLMAN-JOHN NEUMANN

**School Presents:
THE LITTLE MERMAID**

Friday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 14 at 2:30 p.m.
SCJN Parish Center
Tickets Sold at the Door
Adults \$8; Children \$5
Questions: 610-525-3266



FIRST SUNDAY LITURGY and May Procession

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

This Sunday’s “Youth Jubilee” previews July’s World Youth Day in Krakow. Its theme from Matthew 5:7, “Blessed are the merciful,” echoes Pope Francis’ warning that “the practice of mercy is waning in the wider culture.” In countercultural witness, therefore, “the time has come,” says Francis, “for the Church to take up the joyful call to mercy once more. It is time to return to the basics and to bear the weaknesses and struggles for our brothers and sisters.” Jesus affirms the same in today’s Gospel. “As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.” Francis concludes, “The Church’s very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love.” Jesus too asserts, “This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” Thus mercy “makes young” the Church, the world and everyone. “Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope.”

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FINDING GOD IN AN UPSIDE-DOWN WORLD

This day will be offered by Sr. Beth Woodward, IHM at IHM Conference Center, 401 S. Bryn Mawr Ave. on **Tuesday, May 3 from 9:30am – 2:30pm**. In a world marked by changing values, it is easy to lose a sense of God. After viewing our present culture, traditional ways we encounter God will be revisited. The stipend for the day is \$40 which includes a light breakfast, dinner and Mass. Please call 610-581-0120 a week in advance to reserve a place.

RETREAT FOR FATHERS of Children with Disabilities

This retreat is being offered on **Saturday, April 30** at St. Charles Seminary. The Office for Life and Family and the Office for Persons with Disabilities will host this retreat for fathers and grandfathers of children with disabilities. The retreat will be led by Doug Keck, president of EWTN and an award winning TV/Radio host. To register online, go to www.opdarchphilly.org. For more information, call 215-587-3530 or email mcullinan@archphila.org.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS Saturday, May 7 at the 5:15pm Vigil Mass

The annual Wedding Anniversary Mass is celebrated in May to pray for and with married couples in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia who are newlyweds, who have been married 25 years or more and who have been married 50 years or more. Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, 18th St. and Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia.

Registration is required. For more information or questions about the Wedding Anniversary Mass, please contact 215-587-0500 or email famlife@adphila.org.

CATHOLIC-BASED DEBATE CAMP Villanova University July 3-8: commuter and overnight

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Friday,
April 29



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A REMNANT OF RESURRECTION

the time for daffodils has come.
 bunches of six, ten, or twelve,
 with tightly wrapped buds,
 arrive from warmer lands.
 like sentinels of invitation
 they keep my wintered heart
 leaning into Spring.

the directions say to cut
 at least a half inch off the stem,
 then place in water and wait for the surprise.

behold, in the early hour of dawn,
 I see resurrection on my kitchen table,
 every yellowed daffodil hurrahing the morning,
 stretching outward in the etched-glass vase.

But what captures my attention
 is one small, thin remnant, voluntarily discarded,
 beneath the smiling daffodils.
 this dry, transparent cover,
 a cast-off tube of protection
 once concealing a fragile bud,
 conveys the price of blooming.

I pick up this remnant of resurrection
 and hold it for a long, silent time,
 wondering what soul-shroud of mine
 needs to be unwrapped,
 before I, too, am blooming.

(Joyce Rupp from Out of the Ordinary)



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.

Mass Intentions For The Week



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SUNDAY, APRIL 24

7:30 MR. AND MRS. JAMES J. WHITE, 3RD
 9:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
 PARISHIONERS
 11:15 NICOLA GENTILE

MONDAY, APRIL 25

6:30 FATHER DENNY
 8:00

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

6:30 MR. AND MRS. JAMES J. WHITE, 3RD
 8:00 LAURA MARCHESANI
 (40TH ANNIVERSARY)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

6:30
 8:00 CONCETTA D'ORAZIO

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

6:30 FATHER DENNY
 8:00 MARK, MICHELLE AND
 MICHAEL CONNOR

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

6:30
 8:00 MICHAEL JACKSON

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

8:00 FATHER DENNY

SUNDAY, MAY 1

7:30 HELEN LUIPERSBECK
 9:30 JAMES FLEMING
 11:15 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
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