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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>

JESUS' PRAYER FOR EACH OF US

In today's Gospel (John 17:20-26), the evangelist, John, has portrayed Jesus as High Priest, praying for future believers, that is, "for those who will believe in me" through the disciples' preaching. This futuristic element was intended to stir the hopes and encourage the faith of those whose present situation could have threatened their perseverance.

When John the evangelist portrayed Jesus in prayer, first for himself, then for his disciples and then for future believers, he did so with a nod to the Jewish high priest and the liturgy for the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur. On that day, and on that day only, the Jewish high priest would enter the Holy of Holies and pray, first for his own sins, then for the priests and Levites, and then for those of the people. But it is there that the similarity ends. Jesus had no need to offer prayers for his own sins, nor did he have to sacrifice an animal in atonement. Rather, Jesus' high priesthood resembled the type of priest described at length in Hebrews and briefly in Romans: "one who stands before the throne of God, making intercession for us."

Jesus could intercede for others because, as he put it, his hour had come. Mentioned several times in the fourth Gospel, Jesus' "hour" referred to the salvific event that included Jesus' passion, death, resurrection and exaltation. Most of those references to the "hour" insisted it had not yet come, but when, at last, his hour did arrive, Jesus proclaimed it clearly: "The hour has come!" At that moment, Jesus' reason for being began to be clearly revealed. Moreover, Jesus' consecratory prayer for himself, for his own and for future believers, provides readers with an understanding of Jesus' hour as well as his motivation in living it to the full.

According to Jesus' eloquent prayer, it is the union of believers with God, with Jesus and with one another that renders them capable to do their mission in the world. In a culture that glorifies independence and self-sufficiency, Jesus invites his own to another manner of living, one of mutual interdependence among all peoples in God. The life to which Jesus calls us is based on gratuitous love, mutual forgiveness, the willingness to make the needs of others our own agenda and the dedication to awaken each new day with the desire to make the world a better place for all, especially the poor, refugees, the disenfranchised, the lost, etc. The realization of Jesus' prayer remains a constant challenge for those who profess to love and follow him.



PRAYER REQUESTS

In our prayers we are asked to remember:

Margaret Simyak, Janine Hoffman,
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,
Evanille Walker, and Valerie Hoover,
Judith Orr 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.

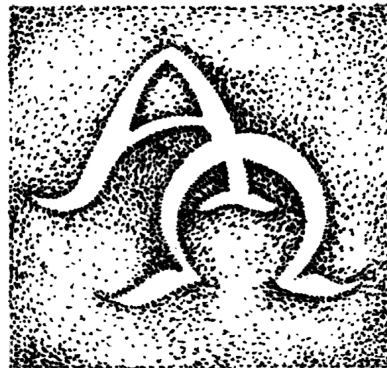
Deceased: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Mrs. Susan Schmader and for the consolation of her family.

H.O.P.E.

If you need a trip to the doctor, shopping, etc., call S. Anne at 610-525-0147.

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 Steve or Colette Sutton at 610-520-2501 or colette_sutton@yahoo.com.



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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

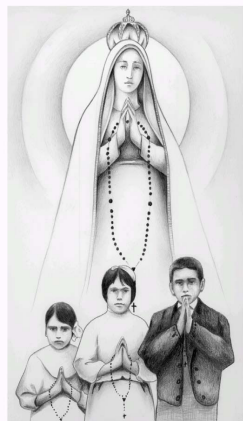
Great feast that Easter is, one day is insufficient to celebrate the fullness of the mystery of the resurrection. So, as Christians, we keep a fifty-day-long festival, punctuated by the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, the fortieth day of Easter. The feast of the Ascension, like a prism, helps us focus the wondrous colors of the Easter spectrum.

These images from the Ascension liturgy give us a sense of the hope and joy that color this feast: "Christ's ascension is our glory and hope." "The joy of the resurrection and the ascension renews the whole world." "Where Christ has gone, we hope to follow." "Christ has passed beyond our sight, not to abandon us, but to be our hope." "Christ was taken up to heaven to claim for us a share in his divine life."

If we have been united with Christ through baptism in his death and resurrection, we are surely united with him in the transformation and redemption of his humanity. What we celebrate, however, is not only a past or future event. We are given glimpses of our glorious destiny even now. So, feet firmly planted on earth, the community gathers to rejoice in the life we share with the risen Lord.

Our Lady
Of
Fatima

Friday, May 13



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for May 1, 2016

The second reading today contains the somber warning that Jesus is coming soon and will bring to each person the reward that his or her conduct deserves. Has my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me been such that I could respond joyfully, "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!"?

Envelope Contributions	\$8,779.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$1,119.00
Mailed in.....	\$770.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$10,668.00
Offering this time last year	\$17,579.00
Electronic giving of May 2.....	\$5,770.00
Parish Giving.....	\$950.00

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



CELEBRATION OF FEAST OF ST. RITA

Our annual Evening of Prayer in honor of St. Rita of Cascia, Augustinian Nun and Saint of the Impossible, will be held here at Our Mother of Good Counsel Church, Bryn Mawr on **Sunday, May 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** Father Dennis McGowan, OSA, Prior of the Villanova Monastery, will be the speaker.

We will have sung Evening Prayer, a Talk and the Blessing of the Roses of St. Rita. Following the service will be a reception in front of the church. All are welcome to attend!

PEACE AND JUSTICE

The Peace and Justice Committee will meet on **Tuesday, May 17 at 7:30 p.m.** at St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Center in Rosemont.

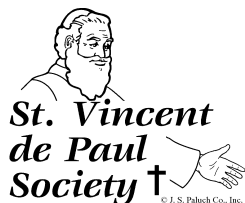


OMGC YOUTH GROUP TRIP TO PHILLIES

All OMGC Youth, grades 6-12, are invited to join us at the Phillies Game on **Sunday, May 22. Game will begin at 1:10pm.** Tickets will cost \$25. Please contact Karen at kcarey@omgcparish.net if you are interested in attending. We will leave OMGC at 11:30am. Phillies are playing the Braves!

2016 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

On the **weekend of May 14-15** throughout the Archdiocese, an "In-Pew" Appeal for Catholic Charities is taking place in all parishes. Many of you have responded to this Appeal by mail. If you have not yet contributed in this year's Appeal and would like to do so, please take a pledge card available on the table in the back of the church. Your generosity supports many organizations sponsored by Catholic Charities.



CLOTHING DRIVE

The St. Vincent DePaul Society will be here on **Saturday, May 14 from 9:00am to 2:00pm** to collect donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing for those who are in need in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Also, they could use donations of blankets, linens, pots, pans, dishes and eating utensils. Please take all donations to the **GreenDrop** truck which will be parked in the Parish parking lot near our dumpsters during these hours. Tax receipts are available upon request.



BREAD FOR THE WORLD 2016 Offering of Letters Theme: *Survive and Thrive*

Please join us on the **weekend of June 4/5**, when our Parish will hold its Bread for the World (BFW) letter writing campaign.

The 2016 BFW Offering of Letters campaign is focused on US funding for programs that improve nutrition and health of mothers and children and passing the Global Food Security Act to continue US investments for such programs. Making progress on nutrition and health for women and children is key to ending chronic hunger. The funding will also improve productivity of small farmers (nearly half are women) which will help them to deal with challenges and limitations they face in producing their own food.

In the shade in an eastern Zambia village, Margaret Zimba begins her lesson for a group of ten mothers and their babies by singing a song with the women in their native language; "How many times should a child eat per day?" Zimba lives in the village and received training to become a volunteer nutrition leader for the MAWA program run by U.S. based Catholic Relief Services. MAWA is funded by U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), a major way our federal government responds to hunger and poverty overseas. Zimba teaches the importance of good nutrition for their children to prevent problems such as stunted growth, learning problems, and poor health. She teaches the importance of nutrition for the women themselves and for development of their children during pregnancy. Today's lesson includes a cooking demonstration on how to use peanuts, peas and corn to provide nutrients to their children from different foods. Through this hands-on learning, mothers and babies are on the road to a better, healthier life.

Visit BFW's website, Bread.org, to learn more. This social justice effort is as important as our charitable works to provide basic human responses to those in need.



A PROGRAM YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS

Daylesford Abbey, located at 220 South Valley Road in Paoli, is offering a day of welcome to Sister Simone Campbell, SSS on **Saturday, May 21 from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm**. In 2012, S. Simone was instrumental in organizing the "Nuns on the Bus" tours, all focusing on economic justice, comprehensive immigration reform and most recently voter turnout.

Sr. Simone is a religious leader, attorney and poet with extensive experience in public policy and advocacy for systemic change.

To register, call 610-647-2530, ext. 133 (program registration line) or email registrations@daylesford.org.

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

As the liturgical year, and this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, unfold, we reflect on what Jesus' ascension meant for the first disciples and means now for us. Stay in Jerusalem, Jesus has instructed, awaiting "the promise of the Father. In a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Despite Jesus' absence, they wait "with great joy... continually in the temple praising God." But as we join them, waiting and worshiping, the enduring challenge, theirs and ours, is delivered by "two men in white." In every age, disciples must stop looking at the sky, head down the mountain and go back into the world, "commissioned," says Pope Francis, "to announce the mercy of God, the beating heart of the Gospel," inviting everyone to find "in our parishes, communities, associations and movements... wherever there are Christians... an oasis of mercy." Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

HELP WANTED: PART-TIME COOK

Part-time experienced cook needed for St. Raphaela Center, 616 Coopertown Road in Haverford. Flexible hours, Lunch and Dinner meal prep. Assist with menu prep. Call Sr. Lyan at 610-642-5715 to schedule an interview.



MOTHER'S DAY MESSAGE

Julia Ward Howe is best known for writing "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." She was a social activist who worked to establish Mother's Day. Its original intent was not to honor mothers. It was an international call for peace. In an eloquent statement, Julia appealed to "all women who have hearts." Women of one country, she wrote, would be "too tender of those of another country to allow our children to injure theirs" (Reminiscences, Julia Ward Howe, Houghton Mifflin Co., 1899).

Julia's vision of a mother-to-mother, person-to-person connection still has great potential for realizing the dream of global peace. What can you do to actively work for peace in your home, neighborhood, workplace, parish or world?

TEACHING POSITION AVAILABLE

Merion Mercy Academy, an independent, all girls Catholic High School sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, has an opening for a full-time teaching position in the English department for the 2016 – 2017 school year.

Qualified applicants with an English degree and secondary certification are asked to submit a cover letter and resume by **Monday, May 16th**. Experienced preferred. Send to:

Mary Ann Danovich
Vice Principal for Academic Affairs
Merion Mercy Academy
511 Montgomery Avenue
Merion Station, PA 19066

Or email: madanovich@merion-mercy.com.

IHM NUN RUN

Join us on **June 4th** for the IHM Nun Run, a 5K run/walk at Villa Maria House of Studies, Immaculata, PA which is across the street from Immaculata University. Start time is 8:30 am. Proceeds benefit Camilla Hall, the retirement home for the aged and infirmed Sisters of IHM. Donations are \$30 for individual and \$15 for a child 12 years old and under. Register online: www.ihmnunrun.org. **May 27th is the last day to register.** No race day registrations.

CATHOLIC-BASED DEBATE CAMP

Villanova University

July 3-8: commuter and overnight

All high school students and recent graduates are invited. Learn leadership, presentation and research skills, grasp deeper things about public policy, plenty of practice and debate. Major time with industry's top Senior Instructor. Early bird discount through May 31. More information, www.statesmandebate.com or call 443-822-5473.

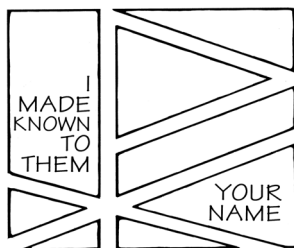
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Pool positions available/all shifts

A small retirement community of religious sisters in looking for an RN, LPN with three (3) years LTC experience, and a CNA with one (1) year experience necessary with emphasis on person-centered care. Please send resume via: e-mail: jtodhrdept@gmail.com, Fax: 610-525-7752 or Telephone: 610-525-9900, ext. 656. EOE.

CHARISMATIC RETREAT

Malvern Retreat House will hold a dynamic weekend retreat on **June 10-12** for those involved with Catholic Charismatic Renewal and anyone who wants to learn more about the Holy Spirit. Catholic Charismatic Renewal will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2017. This retreat will help everyone to prepare for the upcoming Jubilee. The retreat will be directed by Fr. Bob Hogan, BBD, who is an international speaker and the co-founder of the Charismatic and Marian Religious Community, the Brothers of the Beloved Disciple. Fr. Bob has served on the National Service Committee for Catholic Charismatic Renewal and he is the author of a book released this year titled, *Celebrating a Charismatic Jubilee*. The retreat will include a special healing/transformation/empowerment service led by Fr. Bob. To register, please visit www.malvernretreat.com/register or call 610-644-0400 for more information.



Mass Intentions For The Week

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SUNDAY, MAY 8 MOTHER'S DAY

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
9:30 LAURA MARCHESANI
11:15 LUISETTA CONICELLA AND
MARIA DI MARTINO

MONDAY, MAY 9

- 6:30 JAMES E. CONNOR, JR.
8:00 JOHN WHITE

TUESDAY, MAY 10

- 6:30 MR. AND MRS. ANGELO IANNAcone
8:00 JAMES J. FOLEY
(30TH ANNIVERSARY)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

- 6:30 HAROLD AND ROSE IRVING
8:00 DOMENIC DI MARTINO, SR.

THURSDAY, MAY 12

- 6:30 MR. AND MRS. JAMES J. WHITE, 3RD
8:00 VIOLET WHELEN BOWLING AND
DR. WILLIAM GLASCOW BOWLING

FRIDAY, MAY 13

- 6:30 MACK WHITEHURST (ANNIVERSARY)
8:00 GUY AND ROSE DELVILLANO

SATURDAY, MAY 14

- 8:00 ERIC QUINN (ANNIVERSARY)

SUNDAY, MAY 15 PENTECOST SUNDAY

- 7:30 JOSEPH (OATS) CRERAND
9:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
11:15 MARGARET MC FADDEN

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