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**May 22, 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

**FAX NUMBER:** (610) 525-0157

## PARISH WEB SITE:

<http://www.OMGCPARISH.ORG>

### THE SPIRIT GUIDES US TO ALL TRUTH

Our first two readings in today's liturgy challenged our imagination, inviting us to be caught up in awe before the mystery of God so infinitely beyond our capacity to comprehend, and at the same time so attractive, that we can't help but try. Now we hear Jesus tell the disciples that it's OK that they can't take it all in. There is so much more he would have liked to communicate, but it was beyond them. It is beyond *us* still. What is wonderful is that our limitation is not a dead end. Jesus doesn't just say, "You can't get it." He says, "You can't take it in now, but bit by bit you'll be led into it until it takes you in entirely."

When we read today's Gospel (John 16:12-15) in its literary context of the Last Supper discourse, we understand the direct reference Jesus is making. He is explaining that his upcoming suffering and death are too much for the disciples to bear. He promised them that the Spirit would guide them, and we have inherited the Christian faith and scriptures as the proof of that promise fulfilled. When they could not understand, when horrific events frightened the loyalty and faith right out of them, they gradually learned to comprehend it in an entirely new and unexpected way. With the help of the Spirit, they began to realize that their crucified Lord was indeed the one God lifted up and highly exalted. But that wasn't all.

Jesus says that what the Spirit reveals will not be a new creation or invention, but the revelation of what is there, what has always been available to be heard at the heart of the universe. The Spirit will reveal the divine perspective on the happenings of history. In the same way that Jesus could understand his upcoming passion as victory and glorification, the Spirit reveals how God is continually acting in the world and how God desires to act through the community of disciples. Jesus calls that revelation "truth." Calling it truth means that it goes beyond appearances, inferences and prejudices to the very heart of life and human destiny. The Spirit can reveal what is to come because the very same Spirit was part of setting creation on its path toward God and remains present throughout.

This is heady stuff, and it would be easy to get lost in it. That's reflected in the way John writes. His every image has some connection with all that went before and what will come after. But in the end, it is also very simple. If we will accept the fact that the mystery of God is not a theory to be explained but an invitation to participate in love's dynamic, we will finally begin to know what we are talking about. We may come to know it so well that we get caught up in it, realizing that what can't be put into words must be put into action.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in prayer:

Margaret Simyak, Janine Hoffman,,  
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,  
Evanille Walker, Judith Orr  
Judith Cantner, Thomas Freuler 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.



### H.O.P.E.

If you need a trip to the doctor, shopping, etc., call Joanne Bramley at 610-457-6638 or S. Anne at 610-525-0147.

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### SENIOR COMMUNITY GATHERING

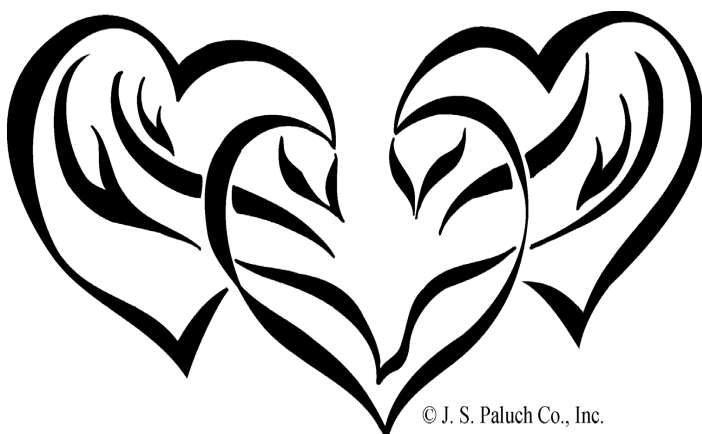
Members of the Senior Community Group will gather for their next event on **Friday, May 27 at 12 noon** in the Social Center of the school building. There is no need to bring a lunch for this gathering since we are providing all that is needed at a cost of \$10.00 for a delightful luncheon and an afternoon of community-building enjoyment. New participants are always welcome. If you have not already registered for this gathering, please do so at 610-525-0147 ext. 234, so that we will know how many to prepare for.

### THE MYSTERY OF THE TRINITY

A story is told about St. Augustine, one of the great theologians of the church, who one day was walking on the beach contemplating the mystery of the Trinity. He came upon a boy who was digging a hole in the sand. The boy was pouring water from the sea into the hole. When St. Augustine asked him what he was doing, the lad explained, "I'm going to pour the ocean into this hole."

"That's impossible," St. Augustine declared. "The whole ocean will not fit in the hole you have made." The boy replied, "And you cannot fit the Trinity into your tiny little brain."

The legend then says the boy vanished, leaving St. Augustine to wonder if he had been talking to an angel.



### CELEBRATION OF FEAST OF ST. RITA

**TONIGHT, Sunday, May 22, 2016**  
 7:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer  
 Talk by F. Dennis McGowan, OSA  
 Blessing of Roses of St. Rita  
 All Are Welcome!



### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for May 15, 2016

Today's Psalm reminds us that we have been crowned with glory and honor and given rule over the works of God's hands. But we must be good stewards, for God will surely hold us accountable for the use of those gifts!

Envelope Contributions .....	\$9,781.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$1,015.00
Mailed in.....	\$2,805.00
Total Offertory Collection .....	\$13,601.00
Offering this time last year .....	\$9,981.00
Electronic giving of 5/15.....	\$4,232.00
Parish Giving.....	\$1,175.00

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

### 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.

### AUGUSTINIAN MISSION APPEAL

On the weekend of **May 21-22**, Fr. Paul Galetto, OSA, who is on the faculty at Villanova University, will be preaching at all the Masses on behalf of the Augustinian Missions. Your generosity will benefit the work of the Augustinians ministering in Peru and Japan. Thanks, in advance, for all you do to support the work of the Augustinians serving in these areas.



### MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

**Monday, May 30**  
**9:00 am – One Mass Only**  
**Parish Office Closed**

### SPIRITUAL READING GROUP

The Spiritual Reading Group will gather again on **Friday, June 3 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Parish Center/Church Office building at OMGC.



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## OMGC VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Registration forms are now available for our OMGC Vacation Bible Camp. Our theme this year will be **“The Cave Quest, Following Jesus, The Light of the World.”** The camp promises lots of fun for children ages 4 – 10. The camp will run the week of **August 15 from 9:00 am until noon.** The cost is \$45 per person. This includes materials to cover the five stations each day. There is a craft station, an adventure station, a game station, a theater station and a snack station. This is always a fun and lively camp where we learn about God’s amazing Love! For registration forms, please visit the website [www.omgcp parish.org](http://www.omgcp parish.org), OR contact Karen Carey through email, [kcarey@omgcp parish.net](mailto:kcarey@omgcp parish.net) or phone 610-525-0147. We look forward to seeing you there!

## YEAR OF MERCY CAMP

Registration forms are now available for our OMGC Year of Mercy Camp. This camp is open to any student entering grades 2 through 5 in September. The camp will run the week of **August 22-26 from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm.** We will be exploring the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy through prayer, action and activity. The cost of the camp is \$50 per person. All are invited and welcome. For registration forms, please visit the website [www.omgcp parish.org](http://www.omgcp parish.org), OR contact Karen Carey through email, [kcarey@omgcp parish.net](mailto:kcarey@omgcp parish.net) or phone 610-525-0147. We look forward to seeing you there!

## FIRST SUNDAY LITURGY – JUNE 5

Join us for our final First Sunday Liturgy on **June 5.** Following the liturgy, we will celebrate the year with a barbecue on the rectory lawn, including a moon bounce, water slide, games, food, prizes and fun! Please help us out by signing up using this link. To sign up, go to:  
[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080D4EA5AE22A57-first7](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080D4EA5AE22A57-first7).

## BREAD FOR THE WORLD

2016 Offering of Letters

Theme: *Survive and Thrive*

After all Masses on the weekend of **June 4/5**, Parishioners will have an opportunity to have positive impact on the lives of those most vulnerable in the world especially new mothers and their young children. Despite tremendous progress, life for many women and children in developing countries ends early. Every two minutes, a woman dies from complications in pregnancy or childbirth. Every five seconds, a child dies somewhere; many who do survive suffer from stunting which causes lifelong health problems and irreversible damage to their physical and cognitive development. Often in these cases, the major causes are preventable disease and malnutrition.

Bread for the World says, “Fortunately, proven steps – like providing nutritious food and showing how to prepare it, food supplements, pre-natal and post-natal care, hygiene, vaccines and medications - can have a huge impact. The U.S. has led global efforts to improve the survival rates of women and children by operating and funding programs in many developing nations. The world is positioned to accelerate progress on nutrition and health of women and children. Additional funding is critical in this effort. Reform in the ways food aid and investments in agriculture in developing nations is needed. Many related programs are supported through USAID (U.S. Agency for International Development). Reform is planned under the Global Food Security Act, passed by the Senate within the past few days. Funding is managed within the U.S. State Department under appropriations approved by Congress.

What can you do? After Masses on the weekend of June 4/5, join many other parishioners in signing letters to our Congressional representatives under our annual BFW Offering of Letters campaign requesting that they actively support increasing funding for maternal and child nutrition programs to \$230 million from the current \$115 million. Details on the process will appear in next week’s bulletin.



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

The word *mercy*, Pope Francis declared in his announcement of the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, “reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity.” For *mercy* is how God comes to meet us; *mercy* is the fundamental law helping us recognize everyone as brothers and sisters; *mercy* is the bridge connecting God and humanity, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness. God’s self-revelation as a life-giving, love-sharing Trinity of Persons draws us closer to God in friendship and communion. Both Judaism and Islam consider *mercy* one of God’s most important attributes. Israel unceasingly proclaims God boundless in mercy. Islam addresses the Creator as “Merciful and Kind,” believing divine mercy limitless, its doors always open. May this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, Pope Francis prays, open us to more fervent dialogue, deepen our mutual understanding, eliminate all closed-minded disrespect, and drive out every form of violence and discrimination.

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## CARE OF ELDERLY WOMAN NEEDED

Elder care is needed for a 98-year-old woman with moderate dementia. Lives nearby in a memory facility. Helper will need to provide personal care as well as engage her in interesting activities. Occasional or part-time. Please email with your interest and background:



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## CAMP CURTAIN CALL A Theater Camp for Children

This theatre camp will be held for children ages 5 – 14 at St. Denis Parish Gymnasium/Theater in Havertown. The camp will run from **July 11th – 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**. Daily sessions in voice, dance and acting will be provided. A performance will be held at the end of the week. Cost is \$210; discount for 2 or more per family at \$180/camper. Brochures and details are available.

Please contact Mary Agnes Ostick at 610-446-4736 or [campcurtaincall1@gmail.com](mailto:campcurtaincall1@gmail.com).

## SENIOR CARE LIVING OPTIONS

You are invited to a Brown Bag Lunch on **Wednesday, May 25 at 12:45** to St. Thomas of Villanova Rosemont Auditorium to come and learn about:

- the alternatives for senior living;
- the costs and benefits of different types of senior living communities;
- the range of accommodations within senior living communities;
- tools to assess the financial risks of aging.

Bring your lunch. Drinks and desserts will be provided.

## ST ANDREW PARISH Celebrates 100 years! To All Former Members

Members of St. Andrew Parish in Drexel Hill are preparing a **Centennial Commemorative Book**. Filled with historical photos and history of our parish, this book will be a cherished keepsake for years to come. The 8 ½ x 11 inch hardcover edition, published by Cooke Publishers, will be available in time for Christmas 2016. The cost is \$40.00. If you need the book mailed to your home, kindly add \$10 for shipping.

To order, please include your name, address and phone number with your check made payable to St. Andrew Church. Include in the memo section “Centennial Book”. Or you may pay online via Faith Direct-Centennial Commemorative Book at: [www.standrewdh.com](http://www.standrewdh.com).

Questions: please contact Kate Paffett: 610-623-7484 or [kate.paffett@rcn.com](mailto:kate.paffett@rcn.com).

## ANNUAL SACRED HEART NOVENA

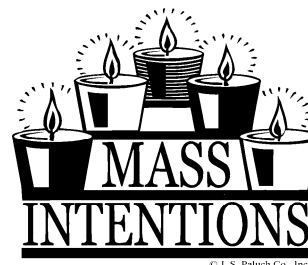
The Visitation Nuns at 5820 City Avenue (between 59<sup>th</sup> and Cardinal Avenue), Philadelphia, PA 19131-1295, cordially invite you to their annual Sacred Heart Novena of Masses at **7:30 p.m. from Thursday, May 26 through Friday, June 3**, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart.

Since it was a Visitation Nun, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque of the Monastery of Paray-le-Monial, France, who received the Great Revelations of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Visitation Nuns throughout the world honor the Heart of Christ in a special manner, particularly by an annual public Novena.

### “BURRS AT THE BEACH”

The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual “Burrs at the Beach” celebration, presented by the Alumni and Friends of West Philadelphia Catholic High School, will be held, rain or shine, on **Sunday, June 26 from 1:00 – 7:00 p.m.** at WESTY’S IRISH PUB, in North Wildwood, NJ. Proceeds assist needy Catholic students with tuition financial support.

Tickets are \$20.00 in advance (\$25.00 day of affair). For tickets and/or information about bus transportation from the Philadelphia area to North Wildwood, please contact the following: Charles “Bud” Tucker ’61 at 610-494-2133 or Peg (Sheffield) Panichelli ’65 at 610-420-0987.



SUNDAY, MAY 22

- 7:30 SARITA PEREIRA  
 9:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL  
 PARISHIONERS  
 11:15 JOHN HURLEY

MONDAY, MAY 23

- 6:30 FATHER DENNY  
 8:00 ANNE BRUNO

TUESDAY, MAY 24

- 6:30 MR. AND MRS. JAMES J. WHITE 3RD  
 8:00 MARY TATAR (32ND ANNIVERSARY)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

- 6:30 DR. AND MRS. ALBERT MARSILII  
 (50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY)  
 8:00 MARK, MICHELLE &  
 MICHAEL CONNOR

THURSDAY, MAY 26

- 6:30 MR. AND MRS. JAMES J. WHITE, 3RD  
 8:00 FRANCIS L. VAN DUSEN  
 (23RD ANNIVERSARY)

FRIDAY, MAY 27

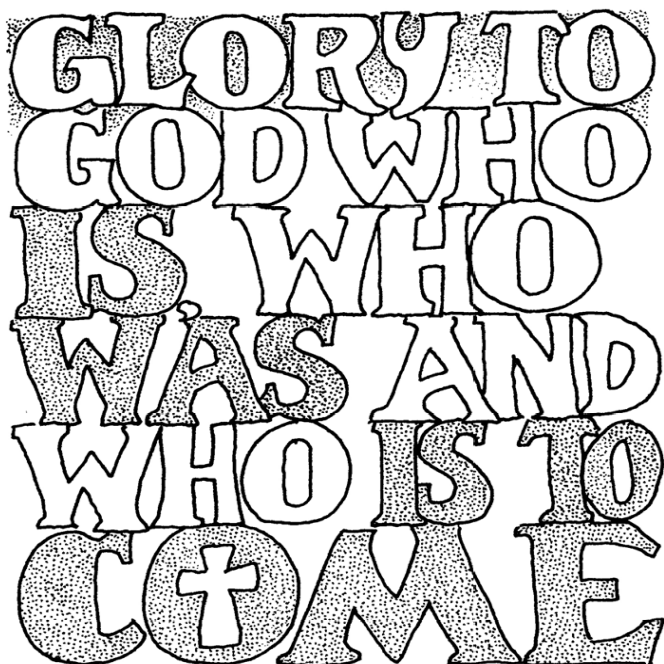
- 6:30 FATHER DENNY  
 8:00 MR. AND MRS. JAMES FOLEY

SATURDAY, MAY 28

- 8:00 KAY CARKEEK

SUNDAY, MAY 29

- 7:30 FRANCIS IANNOTTA  
 9:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL  
 PARISHIONERS  
 11:15 JOHN AND JANET PHILLIPS





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