



# Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish Community

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Sisters of Mercy for over a century

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**May 29, 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>

## LEARNING TO DEPEND ON THE LOVING CARE GOD HAS FOR US

Luke's account of the miraculous feeding of the five thousand people in today's Gospel (Luke 9:11-17) takes place in a desert, as did the miraculous feeding of the Israelites with manna. Jesus is training the Twelve for mission, sending them out in twos to preach, telling them to trust that God will provide for their needs. He tests them by asking them to provide food for a huge crowd. They propose solutions, like sending the people to find their own food, or they calculate the cost of feeding everyone. Despite their inadequacy, they are learning to depend on the abundant care God has for them. In the end, a miraculous feeding takes place. There are 12 baskets of leftovers, which represent the new Israel founded on the preaching and good deeds of these 12 new leaders, the apostles.

Another aspect of this scene is the question of who are these five thousand? This was not a wilderness church picnic, but a ragtag gathering of God's *anawim*, the desperate poor who, like today's poor, have little control over their lives and thus live in chaos. This crowd was adrift, like sheep without a shepherd, landless peasants who could pick up and follow an itinerant preacher into the desert without resources. But Jesus ministers to their needs with a warm welcome, inspiring teaching, compassionate healing and sufficient physical nourishment for everyone, with plenty of food to spare.

It is significant that the preaching and healing of Jesus is inseparable from the feeding. The late Jesuit scholar, John Kavanaugh, once noted how beautiful it was that Jesus gave his friends the duty of distributing food in the same way he also gave them the mission of distributing the teaching and healing work he had begun. The apostles were being prepared to be the leaders who served as Jesus did.

Eucharistic images, such as this miraculous multiplication account, are all harbingers of the same covenantal relationship between God and us that is the focus of today's Lectionary readings selected for this Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. The Eucharist we celebrate today invites us to consecrate our lives as we commit to re-enacting the reality of God's covenantal love.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Margaret Simyak, Janine Hoffman,  
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,  
Evanille Walker, Judith Orr,  
Judith Cantner, Thomas Freuler,  
Patty Shymanski 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 S. Anne at 610-525-0147.



## MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

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

## 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 Dianne Meyer at 610-310-0506 or [dameyer1620@comcast.net](mailto:dameyer1620@comcast.net).

## PEACE AND JUSTICE MEETING

The Peace and Justice Committee will meet once more before our summer break on **Tuesday, June 7 at 7:30 p.m.** at OMGC's Parish Center/Church Office building.

**A “MEMORIAL DAY” PRAYER**

God of all nations, we ask Your blessing  
of peace, happiness and rest  
for those who gave their lives for our country and  
for us.

Make us worthy of their sacrifice.

Unite us in our determination to live in peace  
and harmony with one another.

Give us the will and the courage  
to make justice and freedom realities,  
not only for ourselves, but for people the world over.

Guide us in our efforts toward the formation  
of not only a better America but a better world,  
a world in which all of us can see Your presence  
more clearly; can share Your love more fully and  
reflect more faithfully through the quality of our  
lives

the concern for the common good  
as expressed by the founders of this nation  
and by all those who died to make  
freedom and peace our heritage. Amen.



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**AUGUSTINIANS TO JOIN STAFF AT  
OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL**

Earlier this week we received official confirmation from Archbishop Charles Chaput, O.F.M., Cap., Archbishop of Philadelphia, that two Augustinians will be assigned to our parish. Fr. John Deary, OSA, will be Parochial Vicar, effective June 1 and Fr. Liam O’Doherty, OSA, will be Administrator, effective July 1. These Augustinian Friars were presented to the Archbishop at the recommendation of Very Rev. Michael DiGregorio, OSA, Provincial of the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova. Both of these men have previous experience in parish ministry and have served as Pastors in Florida and New York. More information on them will be provided in next week’s bulletin. Fr. Jim McBurney, OSA will continue to reside in the parish and resume his work in offering retreats, days of recollection and spiritual direction. We look forward to the arrival of Frs. Liam and John!

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE  
for May 22, 2016**

In today’s Gospel, the disciples suggest that Jesus disperse the crowd so that they might *individually* seek food and lodging. The miracle of the feeding of the five thousand is Jesus powerful reminder that when we *share* our gifts in His name, there is always more than enough.

Envelope Contributions .....	\$7,806.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$623.00
Mailed in.....	\$1,012.00
Total Offertory Collection .....	\$9,441.00
Offering this time last year .....	\$8,117.00
Parish giving.....	\$1,000.00

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

**SUMMER FILM SERIES  
“Mercy at the Movies”**

The Peace and Justice Committee of our parish and St. Thomas of Villanova will once again offer a three-part summer film series, highlighting Prophets of Our Time who reflected the Mercy of God in various ways: Pope Francis, Mother Teresa and Dorothy Day.

The proposed schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, June 22	Pope Francis
Tuesday, July 19	Mother Teresa
Wednesday, August 17	Dorothy Day

The films will be shown at St Thomas’ Rosemont Auditorium, 1229 E. Lancaster Avenue in Rosemont, all beginning at **7:00 p.m.** Closer to each film’s showing, more information will be shared in the Bulletin about each documentary.

Please plan to join us for these films being presented during this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*. Beverages and desserts will be provided.

**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.

## BREAD FOR THE WORLD

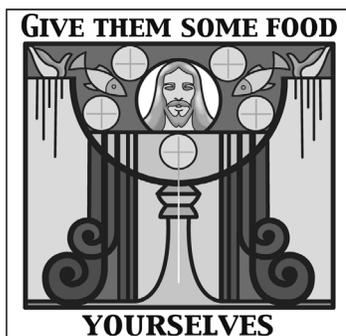
**2016 Offering of Letter**  
**Theme: *Survive and Thrive***

The 2016 BFW Offering of Letters campaign is focused on US funding for programs aimed at improving nutrition and health of mothers and children. Better nutrition will help more children to survive childhood and thrive into adulthood; it will decrease numbers of women dying in childbirth. We will be signing letters to Senators Casey and Toomey advocating increased funding for current international programs that address nutrition for mothers and children.

Your letters in these offering of letters campaigns have been effective in the past. BFW members have been advocating for the past few months with letters and calls to members of Congress urging passage of *The Global Food Security Act*. Within the past few weeks, both houses of Congress passed their own version of the bill. Final passage is in sight.

So, please take a few minutes to join the campaign. Tables will be set-up outside the Church after all Masses on **the weekend of June 4/5**. Volunteers will be available to help you with the process. In the event of inclement weather, the process will be moved to the Parish Center/Church Office building. If you will be unavailable on this weekend and want to participate, packets with letters will be made available for you.

We live in a land of abundance. This places a special burden on us to see that everyone else has enough to eat. The miracle of the multiplication of food in today's Gospel is not just what Jesus does to the loaves and fish. It is what he does to his disciples. Jesus can provide, but he asks us to share in the miracle. When we face the problem of world hunger, Jesus turns to us and says, "Give them some food yourselves."



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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.omgcparish.org](http://www.omgcparish.org), OR contact Karen Carey through email, [kcarey@omgcparish.net](mailto:kcarey@omgcparish.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.omgcparish.org](http://www.omgcparish.org), OR contact Karen Carey through email, [kcarey@omgcparish.net](mailto:kcarey@omgcparish.net) or phone 610-525-0147. We look forward to seeing you there!



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## 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).

## JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

### December 8, 2015-November 20, 2016

In this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, the Lectionary's Year of Luke presents a Gospel in which Jesus, who has welcomed, taught, healed and shown God's mercy to the multitude, refuses the Twelve's demand to dismiss the crowd before him. Instead, he says, "Give them some food yourselves." In Jesus' hands, what little the Twelve has feeds five thousand people, leaving twelve baskets so the Twelve can continue Jesus' ministry of mercy. Pope Francis has asked how *we* celebrate and live the Eucharist. Do we keep it to ourselves? Or do we "commune" not only with Jesus but with the multitude whom Jesus has given us to cherish? Entrusted to Jesus and shared with others, our limited resources can go a long way. Recognizing Jesus in the Eucharist demands that we recognize Jesus also in the hungry crowd. Adoring Jesus present in the Eucharist requires that we serve Jesus present in our neighbor.

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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: [cab10420r@yahoo.com](mailto:cab10420r@yahoo.com).

## MERION MERCY ACADEMY

Merion Mercy Academy, a Catholic independent all girls high school sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, has an opening for a full-time teaching position in French and Spanish I. Qualified applicants with secondary certification in both languages are asked to submit a cover letter and resume by **Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>** to Mary Ann Danovich, Vice Principal for Academic Affairs, at [madanovich@merion-mercy.com](mailto:madanovich@merion-mercy.com).



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## RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

### Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-7:00pm

Blood donors are needed to meet the Red Cross Bloodmobile when it comes to OMGC's gym from **2:00-7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**. Please come and try to bring a friend. If you think you can come, please fill out the pledge form below and deposit it in the Red Cross box on the table at the entrance to the church. Or call or email either Frank Quinn at 610-525-7262 ([fc.quinn@verizon.net](mailto:fc.quinn@verizon.net)) or Joe Betz at 610-525-4499 ([joseph.betz@villanova.edu](mailto:joseph.betz@villanova.edu)). Or you can sign up online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) by entering the following sponsor code—our mother of good counsel.

Pledge Form:

I will do my best to come and donate a pint of blood at the OMGC bloodmobile on Tuesday, June 7.

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

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

Postal Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Best Time (in 15 min. increments from 2 to 7 pm)

\_\_\_\_\_

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

## 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 – 15th 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 [campcurtaincall@gmail.com](mailto:campcurtaincall@gmail.com).

## ST ANDREW PARISH

### Celebrates 100 years!

### To All Former Members

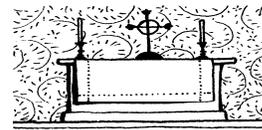
Members of St. Andrew Parish in Drexel Hill are preparing a **Centennial Commemorative Book**. Filled with historical photos and history of our parish, this book will be a cherished keepsake for years to come. The 8 ½ x 11 inch hardcover edition, published by Cooke Publishers, will be available in time 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).

## "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.



Mass Intentions

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SUNDAY, MAY 29

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

MONDAY, MAY 30 MEMORIAL DAY

- 9:00 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL  
 PARISHIONERS

TUESDAY, MAY 31

- 6:30 ROBERT L. BUCHANAN, SR.  
 8:00 MELINDA CLOTHIER BIDDLE  
 (16TH ANNIVERSARY)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

- 6:30 DECEASED MEMBERS AND  
 BENEFACTORS, OSA  
 8:00 MARGARET ROSSER  
 (22ND ANNIVERSARY)

THURSDAY, JUNE 2

- 6:30 BRIAN MOONAN  
 8:00 CATHERINE AND THOMAS NEVILLE

FRIDAY, JUNE 3

- 6:30 FATHER JOHN DENNY, OSA  
 8:00 CHARLOTTE AND FRANCIS LUND

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

- 8:00 FATHER JOHN DENNY, OSA

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL  
 PARISHIONERS  
 9:30 SARAH & THOMAS DUNCAN WHELEN  
 (110TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY)  
 11:15 SALVATORE PETROCCIA