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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.

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PARISH WEB SITE:

<http://www.OMGCPARISH.ORG>

TAKING A RISK

Meals, in the third Gospel, were favored places for teachable moments, and today's Gospel (Luke 7:36-8:3) represents a most poignant one. During a dinner at the home of Simon, a Pharisee, Jesus taught a parable about two debtors, which served to interpret the entire episode within which it was told. The lesson of the narrative, parable and context, was to teach, first, that all human beings are sinners in need of forgiveness and salvation. More obvious were the woman's sins, since her failings seem to have been known to all. But Simon, too, for all his supposed righteousness, was a sinner. Whereas Simon may have thought himself superior to the woman, he was just as needful of forgiveness as she.

Jesus then engaged Simon in a sort of Socratic interrogation that led the Pharisee to admit that the debtor who owed more, and was forgiven that debt, loved his forgiver more. But that brings us to a centuries-old ambiguity; the text seems to say that the woman was forgiven because of her great love – as if her love precipitated God's forgiveness. On the contrary, the woman's ability to love and to love so greatly was *due* to the fact that she had been forgiven.

Jesus' pronouncement "Your sins are forgiven; your faith has been your salvation" confirms what has occurred – that through God's initiative enacted in Jesus, the woman was forgiven or justified, and she appropriated God's gifts by faith. We cannot know for certain, but we can hope that Simon and all those who relied solely on the law for justification eventually appreciated and appropriated the gifts that God was holding out to them in Jesus.

In the final verses of this Gospel, Luke has placed further emphasis on Jesus' special predilection for those who understood their need for justification and for the disadvantaged members of society. Those who had been healed by him, women and the poor, all had a special place with him and the kingdom he had come to establish.

Because of Jesus, the law that had raised objections to such people and placed barriers against them was no longer operative. Through Jesus, God would welcome all who would believe to the eternal messianic banquet in heaven.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Margaret Simyak, Janine Hoffman,
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,
Evanille Walker, Judith Cantner,
Thomas Freuler, Patty Shymanski,
Emily Chaveriat, Sarah McGee 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 souls of Mrs. Karen DeTemple and Mrs. Lynn Schmader Forster and for the consolation of their families.

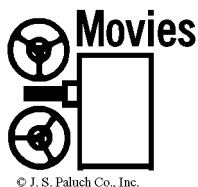
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If you need a trip to the doctor, shopping, etc., call Joanne Bramley at 610-457-6638 or S. Anne at 610-525-0147.

SENIOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS

The Senior Group will meet on **Friday, June 24 at 12 noon** in the Social Center of our school building. On this occasion, we will enjoy a "Penny Auction". Those attending are asked to bring one or several items from your home that are barely used or not used at all. Bring these items which you no longer have any use or need for, unwrapped, and enjoy watching your friends and neighbors bid on them. It's always a fun afternoon. Come and join us for lunch. Bring a sandwich or your usual lunch nourishment and we will provide beverages and desserts.





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

On **Wednesday, June 22 at 7:00p.m.** at St. Thomas’ Rosemont Auditorium, we will view a documentary on the life of Pope Francis. The Documentary is entitled “Francis: The Pope from the New World.” It provides an in-depth presentation of the life of this Prophet of Our Time.

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

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Monday, June 6 was the final gathering of our Parish Council for the summer. We will also dispense of our weekly Bulletin feature, “Parish Council Contact,” for the months of June, July and August. This will resume when the Council begins its monthly meetings on Monday, September 12. We thank Dominic DiMartino, Ron Hicks, Dianne Meyer and Steve and Collette Sutton for serving this year as our contact persons and reporters to the Parish Council.



FLAG DAY
 June 14

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
for June 5, 2016

The lesson in today’s Scripture is the story of God’s love for humankind, beginning with God at work as Creator, maker of all that is. Throughout all of salvation history, God’s love is always there. The Spirit of wisdom and courage helps people seek pardon and be mindful, in the face of all their forgetting, that the most important work of their lives is to be Jesus’ disciples. Disciples who practice stewardship are grateful for what they have received and eager to cultivate their gifts out of love for God and one another.

Envelope Contributions	\$6,335.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$858.00
Mailed in.....	\$4,765.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$11,958.00
Offering this time last year	\$13,675.00
Parish giving of	\$950.00

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



BREAD FOR THE WORLD
Letter Writing Campaign

Thank you to those who were able to participate in the Bread for the World Letter-Writing Campaign last weekend. For those who were unable to do so, we have provided packets on the table at the entrance of the Church for you to take home, sign the letter or rewrite it in your own hand writing, address the envelope provided and bring the letters back to church on one of the remaining Sundays in June: **June 19 or June 26.** We are asking you to sign two letters, one to each of our Senators, Robert Casey and Patrick Toomey, and we will send all the letters submitted to us from the Parish. We would like to have an idea of how many letters are sent to Washington on behalf of this Campaign. The Parish will take care of the postage.



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OMGC VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Looking for something to do with the children at the end of the summer? Join our Vacation Bible Camp which runs **August 15 through 19**. This year, we will be on a Cave Quest, seeing Jesus as the Light of the World. Registration forms are available on the website, or in the parish office. What a beautiful way to wind down the summer. Call Karen Carey at 610-525-0147 or email kcarey@omgcp parish.net for more information.

YEAR OF MERCY CAMP

As the world celebrates the Year of Mercy, children entering grades 2 through 5 are invited to join us in our Year of Mercy Camp to find out what all this is about. Camp will run **August 22-26 from 9:00am – 1:00pm**. Registration forms are available at www.omgcp parish.org or at the Parish Office. Camp will explore what the year of Mercy is all about and focus on the Corporal and Spiritual works of mercy through prayer, action and activity. Join us for an end of the summer adventure! Contact Karen Carey at kcarey@omgcp parish.net or 610-525-0147 for more information.



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

On today's *Jubilee for Those Sick and Suffering Disabilities*, Jesus encounters a woman who is "spiritually ill." She is thus "disabled" from participating in Israel's worshipping community or polite society. Bathing Jesus' feet with tears, drying them with unveiled hair, and anointing them risk Jesus' becoming "unclean." Yet his mercy welcomes even such inappropriate behavior as her sincere manifestation of love: "Your sins are forgiven. Go in peace." Go not just in "peace," but in *shalom*, the all-enveloping, life-changing assurance of God's mercy. She is anonymous, "known in the city" only as "a sinful woman." The character with name and religious title, "Simon the Pharisee" judges her harshly, but himself not at all, and thus forfeits God's mercy. This *Jubilee Year of Mercy* challenges us to self-examination. In which role do we most often cast ourselves, humble sinner or judgmental Pharisee? Jesus declares that only by an unfailing willingness to show mercy to other sinners can we hope to obtain mercy ourselves.

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SOWING SEEDS OF HOPE IN IRAQ

You are invited to a Brown Bag Lunch at St. Thomas of Villanova Parish on **Tuesday, June 21st at 12:45pm** in the Rosemont Auditorium. It is easy to feel overwhelmed or fearful about what we see on the nightly news about the Middle East, but as Catholic people of faith, we are called to be hopeful and merciful, especially in the Jubilee Year of Mercy. In Iraq, on-going violence has displaced over 3 million people, many of whom fled their homes with only the clothes on their back, and now need food, shelter, education and jobs. In this presentation, you will hear stories of hope and resilience in the midst of devastation and the ways in which Catholic Relief Services, in partnership with the Church in Iraq, serves as a beacon of light for those in need.

Bring your lunch. Drinks and desserts will be provided.

HOUSE BILL 1947

As stated in last week's bulletin, we need your help. House Bill 1947 is currently in the hands of the Judiciary Committee in our State Senate. This bill has already been passed in the House. If this bill passes, it could have a devastating effect on our Archdiocese. The bill is suggesting that private institutions now extend their statute of limitations by 20 years, in sexual abuse cases. This will not apply to the Public Institutions that are protected by law.

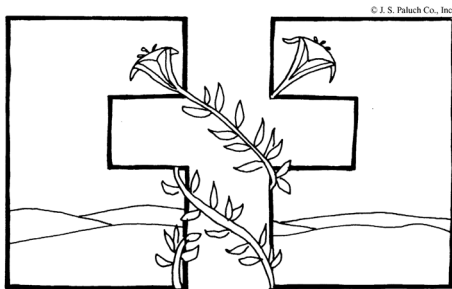
It is very difficult to defend cases of this nature that happened so long ago. Offenders may have passed on, and documents may be lost and memories will be clouded. If this bill passes, our Archdiocese may have to close more schools and parishes.

We need *all* of you to understand what is at stake, and we need you to telephone or write your state senator – right now. The Senate Judiciary Committee will hold public hearings on this bill the week of June 13 and senators need to hear from our people as soon as possible.

The easiest way to contact your legislators is via the homepage of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference at www.pacatholic.org or www.pacatholic.org/resources/voter-voice.

When visiting this site, you'll see a prominent link regarding HB 1947.

Please, take a moment, visit this website, inform yourself, and then use the link to write to your senator.



INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

The IHN Parish Committee will meet on **Tuesday, June 14 at 4:00 p.m.** as we prepare for the July 17 - 24 week of hosting families who are temporarily homeless.

H.O.P.E. DRIVERS NEEDED

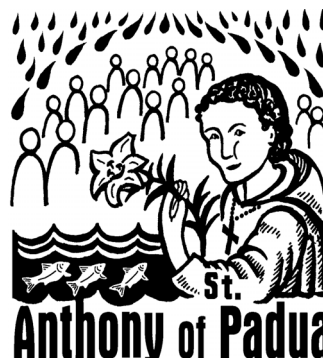
We would ask you to consider offering your driving skills for parishioners who need a ride to local doctors' offices, shopping, etc. Your group would be assigned every third week. The group leader will contact you if she receives a request for transportation. If you are available, a "yes" always makes a group leader very grateful. But if you are not available at the day or time needed, your group leader will also be grateful that you returned her call, telling her that it is not a good time for you. If you need to talk about this commitment, please call Sr. Anne at 610-525-0147 (ext. 234).

NEED FOR H.O.P.E. GROUP LEADERS

Several of our Group Leaders for HOPE (Helping Other People in Emergency) have had to resign from this ministry for various reasons. A group leader for HOPE is an adult woman or man who is home often enough that you are able to receive phone calls from parishioners who need a ride to the doctor's office, hospital or shopping. You then call a driver on your list of drivers to see if he/she is able to meet this request. Group leaders (two assigned each week) can be non-drivers because you will not be asked to do the driving. Your task, one week out of three, will be to make the connection between the volunteer driver and the person in need of a local ride. If you would like more information about this particular ministry, please call Sr. Anne at 610-525-0147 (ext. 234). Thank you for considering this parish need.

SPIRITUALITY COMMITTEE

The Spirituality Committee will meet on **Thursday, June 16 at 4:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center/Church Office building.



St. Anthony of Padua

Monday, June 13

SILENCE

“Be quiet, you’re in church now!” Many of us grew up being reminded regularly that the appropriate behavior for us during Mass was to be silent. Church and the library had that in common. With the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, active participation became the norm. Usually active participation is understood as joining in the singing and saying the responses along with everyone else. Rarely do we expand the definition of participation to include communal silence.

Public silence is frequently very awkward. We assume someone forgot their cue or made an embarrassing mistake. Yet, we also know the heart-gripping impact when a grandstand full of people observes a moment of silence. The liturgy invites us to pray without words several times during Sunday Mass. Before the opening prayer, after the readings and the homily, perhaps during the intercessions and again after communion, we are given the opportunity to call to mind God’s presence in our midst, to offer our personal petitions and express our thanks for God’s continuing blessings.

Such silence is not a passive “shutting down” but rather an attentive awareness of our intimate connection with the Lord and with one another. Such awareness requires ample time to develop – ample time not only at a particular liturgy, but Sunday after Sunday after Sunday. Only then will the inevitable coughing, kneeler banging and fussing babies mark the beginning of our silence and not the end of it!

In another, more profound sense, we are always silent at liturgy – even when we speak. We sing psalms and speak prayers that are not our own but rather the words of our ancestors in faith and the words of the church. Our individualistic American culture finds such behavior suspicious or even threatening: “I am my own person!” But it is precisely in that surrender to the power of ritual and the life of the larger community that we discover our true voice.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 12

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
9:30 KATIE HARSHBERGER
11:15 RICHARD DE ANGELO

MONDAY, JUNE 13

- 6:30 FATHER JOHN DENNY, OSA
8:00 NANCY HOLMES

TUESDAY, JUNE 14

- 6:30 DOROTHY GORMLEY
8:00 CHARLES E. DAGIT

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

- 6:30 FATHER JOHN DENNY, OSA
8:00 JOHN PHILLIPS, JR.

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

- 6:30
8:00 ANTOINETTE, DOMENICK, &
ANGELO SCHINA

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

- 6:30 THANKSGIVING
8:00 FATHER JOHN DENNY, OSA

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

- 8:00 ANTONIO MARCHESANI

SUNDAY, JUNE 19 FATHER’S DAY

- 7:30 THE BUCHANAN, TRAVERS, AND
GEESEY FAMILIES
9:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
11:15 ELLEN SOTO

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