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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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SURRENDERING OUR LIVES

In today's Gospel (Luke 9:18-24), Luke gives us his unique version of the conversation that followed after Jesus asked his disciples who they thought he was. For Luke, the incident began in the context of Jesus' prayer. Like Matthew and Mark, Luke records the mistaken identity possibilities: Jesus might be Elijah, another prophet, or a resuscitated John the Baptist. Those ideas introduce the people's context for understanding him. There was considerable confusion about Jesus and John the Baptist over which was the more prominent. Calling him a prophet put Jesus in a general category. The idea that he might be Elijah evoked specific expectations of the beginning of the messianic era. The public seemed to conclude that God was acting through Jesus in much the same way God had dealt with their ancestors. It was a good, though incomplete, answer.

We then discover that Peter's declaration that he was the *Christ* was a better but more dangerous reply. Luke doesn't mention the argument between Peter and Jesus, but he sums it up saying that Jesus "rebuked" them all, forbidding them to repeat the idea to anyone. While Jesus didn't deny any of the titles they gave him, he refused to allow them to explain him through their messianic theology. According to the Gospel of Luke, never in his earthly life did Jesus refer to himself as *the Christ*; it was only on the road to Emmaus that he said "the Christ had to suffer."

Today's Gospel feels like a return to Holy Week. It reminds us that messiahship is not all it was cracked up to be. Jesus did not deny his messianic role, but he let the disciples know that they had a misguided conception of it. They were ready, even eager, to understand Jesus through the lens of their expectations. His answer was that the only way to understand Jesus was to follow him through the daily suffering and rejections that would inevitably result as they became more faithful to his example than to their plans.

Today's Gospel challenges us to stand with the disciples as Jesus asks his question. If we do so, we will discover that, as always, Jesus draws us into the unexpected. What seems like a simple question about him takes an unanticipated turn and becomes a question about us. If we say he is *the Christ*, we declare that we will follow or be damned. Not that he will condemn us, but if we refuse to follow, we will lose our life in chasing our own expectations instead of receiving what God offers by clothing us in Christ. Following his path, we become heirs with him, receiving more than we can possibly imagine.

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.

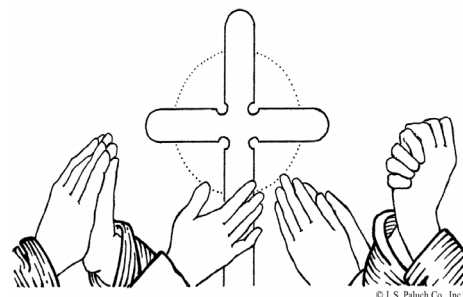
Deceased: We pray for the happy repose of the souls of John P. Neuman and Maureen McGrory Stewart and for the consolation of their families.

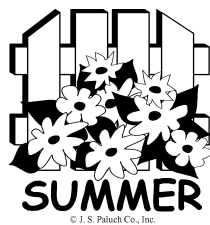
New Members: We welcome to our parish community Dr. and Mrs. Peter and Elisha Chi who recently registered with us.

Baptism: We welcome to our faith community Mia Juliet Vaccaro daughter of Alexander and Lauren who was baptized in our Church recently.

H.O.P.E.

If you need a trip to the doctor, shopping, etc., call Carol Way at 610-525-5817 or S. Anne at 610-525-0147.





Dear Fellow Parishioners,

It is hard for us to believe that the summer is upon us. Congratulations to all our recent graduates! This includes my own daughter who recently graduated from Immaculata University. We are so proud of her! As she realized that she had graduated, she also came to the realization that things were going to change in her life. She had to buckle down and work on getting a job and begin living in the adult world. She then said, “I guess I am glad that this happens at summer when things are a bit slower.”

She is right. Summer is a time for a bit of a slower pace. We like to vacation, take time to read, to smell the flowers, to visit with neighbors. I would suggest it is also a time to ease into changes. Graduates are easing into the next phase of their lives, moms and dads are easing into a new routine without school lunches, we ease into a new wardrobe, and we even ease ourselves into the ocean water as it becomes warmer through the summer months.

Around here, at Our Mother of Good Counsel, we will also be easing into changes. We welcome Father John who is already easing himself into the work of the parish. Father Liam will be joining us shortly and he has been easing himself in as he stops by once a week. We will be easing into a new roof on the school, we will be easing ourselves into a new daily mass schedule and we will be easing ourselves into a change in our summer camp times.

As we all slow down our pace for the summer, I would like to suggest that you simply work slowly through the changes and accept them as they come. Give them time to take hold, before you criticize. Ask the Lord to help you to “accept the things you cannot change, change the things you can, and the wisdom to know the difference.” And as always, let us continue to pray for Father Denny.

See you in church,
Karen Carey

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for June 12, 2016

“Who do you say that I am?” Jesus asks Peter in today’s Gospel. Does my use of the gifts and talents entrusted to me accurately reflect my answer to that same question? How willing am I to deny myself, take up my cross, and follow in his steps?

Envelope Contributions	\$7,378.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$915.00
Mailed in.....	\$400.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$8,693.00
Offering this time last year	\$2,946.00
Electronic giving of June 15.....	\$4,232.00
Parish Giving.....	\$950.00

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

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.

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.

BLOODMOBILE A SUCCESS!

On Tuesday, June 7th Red Cross Bloodmobile in our gym successfully met its goal of 55 productive pints of blood. There were 64 pledges and three persons donated double red cells.

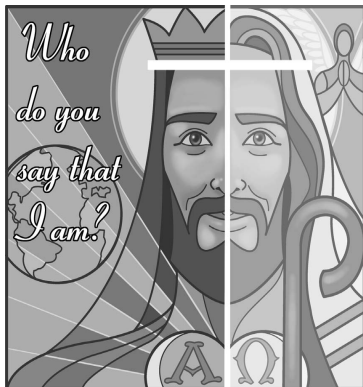
As odd as it may seem, but also wonderful, some of this blood could be flown to Orlando to meet the needs of victims of the horrible mass shooting there on June 10th.

Sincere thanks to our generous donors and to our committed phone recruiters: Mary Somers, Frank Quinn, Laura Piantini, Joe Betz and Kathy Dougherty.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Week of Hosting: Our parish will be hosting the IHN families once again during the **Week of July 17 – 24**. If you can help in any of the following ways, please give us a call:

- a. If you can help **set-up** the Social Center on **Saturday, July 16 at 10:00 a.m.** or **take-down** and pack away equipment on **Sunday, July 24 at 12:15 p.m.**, please call Sr. Anne at 610-525-0147 (ext. 234) or email her at awoodeshick@omgcp parish.net.
- b. If you can **prepare a meal** one evening of that week, please call Toni Betz at 610-525-4499.
- c. If you can serve as an **evening host**, during the week from **6:00 – 8:30 p.m.** or as an **overnight host from 8:30 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.** once during the week, please call Susan Sessa at 610-527-6703 or email her at ssessa@aol.com.



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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.

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.

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.



PART-TIME DRIVER BEING SOUGHT

A woman in our parish is looking for a part-time driver to take her to various places she needs to go during a given week. This would be a paid position, determined by both the parishioner and the person willing to look into this position. If interested call Sr. Anne at 610-525-0147 (234).

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

Today, as he often does, Luke portrays Jesus "praying in solitude." The *Jubilee Year of Mercy* invites us to rediscover the value of silence as the prayerful setting in which to reflect on the ways in which God's mercy transforms our lives, in order to make mercy the heart of our own lifestyle. But in a line that sounds odd, Jesus "rebuked" his disciples "and directed them not to tell anyone" after they professed their faith in Jesus as "the Christ of God." Jesus challenges us also to profess our faith not by what we *say* but by what we *do*: take up our own cross daily and "bear one another's burdens." Our gratitude for God's mercy toward us should make us instruments of God's mercy toward all. Then, as Zechariah prophesies in today's first reading, the fountain of God's mercy will open to purify the whole world from the sin and selfishness that cause suffering and sorrow to so many.

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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 following Sundays: **June 26 or July 3**. 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.



JUNE 21

JUNE 24



GENESIS OF FATHER'S DAY in Modern Society

The tradition of celebrating Father's Day as seen today originated in the last century. Though there are several people who are credited for furthering the cause of Father's Day, there is far greater acceptance for Ms. Sonora Louise Smart Dodd's contribution. A doting daughter from Spokane, Washington, Ms. Dodd is recognized as the Founder or Mother of the Father's Day Festival.

Inception of the Father's Day took place in Sonora's mind when she happened to hear a Mother's Day sermon in 1909. Sonora, who was 27 then, had begun to recognize the hardships her father must have gone through while bringing up his six children alone. When Sonora was 16, her mother had died during childbirth. Sonora's father, a Civil War veteran by the name of William Jackson Smart, raised six children including the newborn on his own. Sonora questioned that if there is a day to recognize mothers then why is not there a day to honor fathers?

The noble idea of celebrating Father's Day became quite popular in the U.S. so much so that President Woodrow Wilson approved of the festival in 1916. President Calvin Coolidge, too, supported the idea but it was President Lyndon Johnson who signed a Presidential Proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day in 1966. In 1972, President Richard Nixon established a permanent national observance of Father's Day to be held on the third Sunday of June.

Happy Father's Day To All Dads!



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Mass Intentions



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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

MONDAY, JUNE 20

- 6:30 FATHER JOHN DENNY, OSA
8:00 BRUCE MONTGOMERY

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

- 6:30 THOMAS RUSH
8:00 DOMENICO, CONICELLA AND
DOMENIC DI MARTINO, SR.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

- 6:30 ANGELA FORLANO
(7TH ANNIVERSARY)
8:00 JAMES SMALL

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

- 6:30 MR. AND MRS. ANGELO IANNAcone
8:00 MR. AND MRS. JAMES J. WHITE, 3RD

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

- 8:00 BETTI & MAJ. GEN. HENRY S. MURPHY

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
9:30 JIM SCHIMMINGER
11:15 ERNEST (BUD) IMHOF

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