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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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THIS JOURNEY IS OUR DESTINY: FREEDOM

In today's Gospel (Luke 9:51-62), Luke tells us that when Jesus sent ambassadors out to prepare his way, some Samaritans refused to bend their traditions enough to welcome a Jew headed toward Jerusalem. This briefly narrated incident may have been intended to underline Jesus' lack of a place to lay his head and/or to show that the trigger-happy disciples still had much to learn about Jesus' way of responding to rejection. Neatly placed at the beginning of Jesus' final journey, this hostility prefigured the treatment he would receive at the culmination of his pilgrimage, Jerusalem.

Proceeding from that snub, Jesus and his group were approached by an unnamed "someone" who made an offer of discipleship. This passage presents the only example we have of disciples who initiated their own call. In reply, Jesus warns the man about the hardships of his vocation. Nobody should start off on the road without fair warning: They were not going to be at home anywhere for a very long time.

In the next example, Jesus himself invited someone to join the group of disciples. This one accepted the offer as if it were a retirement plan: "Thanks. As soon as I get my inheritance and all my affairs settled, I'll catch up with you!" This self-important soul may have been one of the few who ever made Peter and company – look good! Jesus' band of followers would hardly have been heartened with the third encounter. This postulant disciple couldn't bear to leave home. Comparing their mission to plowing, Jesus stated the obvious truth that anybody who keeps looking back while working the field will not end up tilling useful furrows.

For all their lack of understanding and impetuosity, the disciples who walked the road with Jesus were willing to learn from him. While they may have argued with one another and gotten into plenty of competitive skirmishes, they had left everything and were following him. Imperfect as they were, they were the ones who accepted the call and dealt with the consequences. Most of all, they remained in the struggle to become free enough to follow Jesus.

Discipleship is a risky leap onto a long road to freedom. The disciples' example demonstrates that mistakes happen and can be overcome. The greatest danger to discipleship is not our sinfulness, but the fear, hesitation, clinging to security or previous priorities that can keep us from the road. But the invitation remains: Each of us has been called to freedom and promised that the Spirit will guide us.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Margaret Simyak, Janine Hoffman,
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,
Eveline Walker, Patty Shymanski,
Emily Chaveriat, Sarah McGee,
and Valerie Hoover.

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.

New Members: We welcome to our parish community Ms. Callie Walsh and Mr. Bryan Pope who recently registered with us.

Deceased: We pray for the happy repose of the souls of Maureen McGrory Stewart and Father John T. Denny, OSA and for the consolation of their families and friends.

H.O.P.E.

If you need a trip to the doctor, shopping, etc., call Shelley Preston at 484-412-8309 or S. Anne at 610-525-0147.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Monday, July 4
Independence Day
One Mass only at 9:00 a.m.
The Parish Office will be closed on both
Friday, July 1 and Monday, July 4

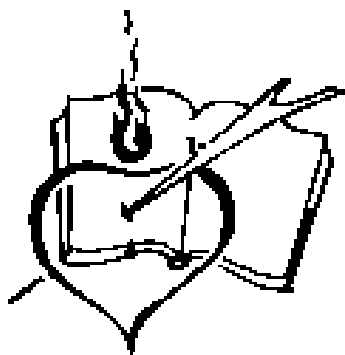


FATHER JOHN DENNY, OSA

Our beloved Pastor, Fr. John Denny, OSA, peacefully passed over to the Lord early Monday morning, June 20 at Bryn Mawr Hospital. He was surrounded by his family and some of his Augustinian brothers. His journey home to God is now complete. We pray for the repose of his soul and the comfort and consolation of his family, the parishioners of Our Mother of Counsel Parish and his many friends who mourn his passing. May he find peace in the embrace of our loving God. His first Funeral Mass was held on **Thursday evening, June 23 at 7:30 p.m.** at Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish.

A second wake and Funeral Mass were celebrated at St. Thomas of Villanova Church (campus church) on **Friday, June 24 beginning at 9:00 a.m.**

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.



**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
for June 19, 2016**

In today's second reading, St. Paul provides a wonderful one-sentence summary of Christian stewardship: "Out of love, place yourselves at one another's service."

Envelope Contributions	\$8,922.50
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Mailed in	\$1,660.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$11,558.50
Offering this time last year	\$12,946.00
Parish giving.....	\$1,350.00

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

TWO IMPORTANT REMINDERS

1. In his last Bulletin letter to us, written by Father Denny, our Pastor, he asked that only one Mass be celebrated on weekday mornings in **July and August at 8:00 a.m.**, knowing of the comings and goings of priests and parishioners during the summer months for retreats and vacations.
2. As happened last year, the Parish Office will be **closed on all Fridays in July and August**, including Friday, September 2 as we begin the Labor Day weekend.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Patrician Society Board of Directors, staff and volunteers, I thank you and the Good Counsel parishioners for your most recent food donation. The Patrician Society operates the largest free-standing emergency food center in our county serving nearly 1,500 unduplicated, economically disadvantaged families year round. Your generosity enables us to continue our work making a difference in the lives of many deserving families and individuals.

With best wishes to all who contributed, I am

Sincerely,
Joseph Maccolini

WELCOME SUNDAY
for Father Liam O'Doherty, OSA
and Father John Deary, OSA

Coffee and donuts will be available outside the entrance to the church after the 9:30 and 11:15 am Masses on **Sunday, July 10**. Be sure to stop by after Mass and welcome our newest members of the Augustinian Community assigned to our parish!

On June 3, we welcomed Fr. John Deary, OSA, our new Parochial Vicar, to Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish. Fr. John is originally from Philadelphia but has spent only a short time serving in this region since his Ordination. Apart from four years working in Vocation and Formation Ministry at Villanova, PA and Racine, Wisconsin and four years in secondary education at schools in both Washington, D.C. and Florida, Fr. John has spent the rest of his ministry as a priest in Augustinian-staffed parishes in other states. He served as a Parochial Vicar in parishes in Bronx, NY and Lawrence, MA. He has served as Pastor in parishes in Casselberry, FL (7 years), Jamaica, NY (5 years) and most recently as Pastor for 23 years at St. Katharine Drexel Parish in Cape Coral, FL. He brings a wealth of experience in parish ministry to his new assignment at OMGC.

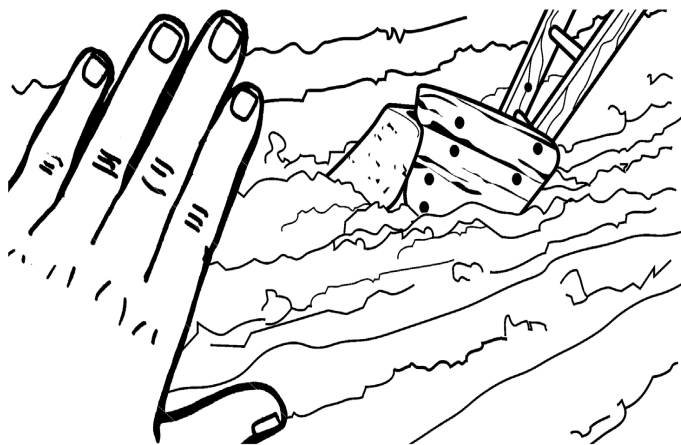
On July 1, we will welcome Fr. Liam O'Doherty, OSA to OMGC. He will be serving as Administrator of the Parish. In situations when a Pastor is unable to fulfill his duties for health reasons, or has died as is the case with Fr. Denny, an Administrator is assigned to assume leadership of the parish. An Administrator can often serve for a period of up to one year, until a new Pastor is appointed. Fr. Liam is originally from Darby, PA and comes to us from Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in Staten Island, NY, where he has served as Pastor for the last 6 years. Previous to his assignment in New York, he spent a short time working at St. Margaret Parish in Maggie Valley, North Carolina, while living with Fr. Denny and Bro. Bill Harkin. During his time at St. Margaret's, he was also involved in Hispanic ministry in western North Carolina. He previously worked in Hispanic ministry at St. Mary's Parish in Lawrence, MA. For 18 years after Ordination, Fr. Liam served in the Augustinian Missions in several parishes in Japan. Fr. Liam's mother, who is 91, resides in Media.

NEW ASSIGNMENT
for Bro. Richard Ekmann, OSA

Bro. Richard Ekmann, OSA, who has been residing here in the Augustinian Community since July 2014, will be moving to the Villanova Monastery, effective July 1. Bro. Richard has assisted Joe Carey, our Facilities Manager, in various ways during the past two years with issues related to the care of our property and buildings. He also works two days a week in the Augustinian Archives Office, located in the Villanova Monastery. We wish him well in this time of transition.

HELP FOR ONE OF OUR OWN

On Wednesday, June 15, 2016, the Wroblewski Family lost their home to fire. While the family dog perished in the fire, Amy, Matt and their four children are thanking God that they are all safe and well. Please join them in prayers of thanksgiving. There is a long road of healing and rebuilding ahead of them. While they are staying with family at the moment, they will be moving to temporary housing within the next few weeks. They are in need of many of the necessities that will make the house their home for the next several months. They are in need of linens, pots and pans, clothing and several everyday items that you and I may take for granted. Our parish will be collecting gift cards to Target, Kohls and Bed, Bath and Beyond to help them through this difficult time. If you are able to help and donate a gift card, please drop it off at the parish office to Karen Carey's attention. On behalf of the Wroblewski family, thank you and please pray for the family.



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 remaining evening schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, July 19 **Mother Teresa**
Wednesday, August 17 **Dorothy Day**

On **Tuesday, July 19 at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Thomas' Rosemont Auditorium, 1229 E. Lancaster Avenue, we will view a documentary on the life and ministry of Mother Teresa, whose canonization has been scheduled by Pope Francis for Sunday, September 4, 2016. The documentary is an inspirational portrayal of Mother Teresa, a simple nun who became one of the most significant personalities of the 20th century, who dedicated herself to God and to the poorest of the poor.

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

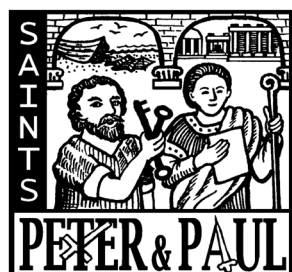
PART-TIME DRIVER BEING SOUGHT

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, please call Sr. Anne at 610-525-0147 (234).

IMPORTANT REQUEST

Please do not bring food that contains peanuts, nuts, peanut products or nut products inside the church; someone sitting near you may have a serious allergy.

Wednesday,
June 29



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:

- 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.
- If you can **prepare a meal** one evening of that week, please call Toni Betz at 610-525-4499.
- 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.

OMGC VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Our Cave Quest Vacation Bible Camp is filling up quickly! The Camp 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.

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

Yet again in Ordinary Time, Jesus seems to demand extraordinary commitment. A would-be disciple enthusiastically volunteers to follow Jesus “wherever.” Jesus replies that “wherever” means “nowhere to rest his head.” To other candidates, Jesus brusquely denies reasonable requests to fulfill family obligations, declaring that discipleship demands total commitment – now! But Jesus also demands that we not judge how others respond. When James and John volunteered to “call down fire from heaven” to destroy an unwelcoming town, Jesus “turned and rebuked them.” All violence of any kind is completely unacceptable among Jesus’ disciples, a lesson this *Jubilee Year of Mercy* is teaching the Christian community once again. Paul’s challenge to the Galatians and us reinforces Jesus’ decisive command to James and John that they express their commitment to him through compassion for others. We must abandon the violence of “biting and devouring one another,” choosing instead to “serve one another through love.”

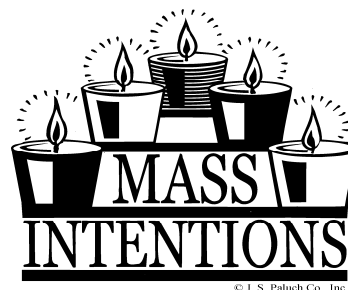
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WOMEN’S RETREAT

Finding Refuge in the Merciful Heart of Mary

Join Women of Grace Founder and President Johnette Benkovic on **July 8 – 10** at the Malvern Retreat House for a weekend of discovery and personal encounter with the merciful and Immaculate Heart of Mary. Entitled “Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy: Our Refuge on the Battlefield of Life,” the retreat will introduce participants to the great gift of mystical union with Our Blessed Mother and how to live that union in our everyday life. Guest speakers include EWTN’s, Father Joseph Mary Wolfe, MFVA, Susan Brinkmann, OCDS and Thomas K. Sullivan. Register online at www.malvernretreat.com or call 800-558-5452 for more information.



SUNDAY, JUNE 26

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

MONDAY, JUNE 27

- 6:30 FATHER JOHN DENNY, OSA
 8:00 THERESA ENECHUKWU

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

- 6:30 FATHER JOHN DENNY, OSA
 8:00 NICOLA FALCONE

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

- 6:30 PEG STOERRLE
 8:00 DR. ALFRED AND OLGA GILLBORN

FRIDAY, JULY 1

- 8:00 NANCY HOLMES

SATURDAY, JULY 2

- 8:00 FATHER JOHN DENNY, OSA

SUNDAY, JULY 3

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
 9:30 PAUL J. AND MARGARET LAWLESS
 11:15 ACHILLE AND MARY BARONE
(59TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY)

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