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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

5:00 P.M. - Saturday evening

7:30, 9:30, 11:15 A.M.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE: 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.

Closed on Fridays during July and August

Parish Office and Rectory Phone: (610) 525-0147

FAX NUMBER: (610) 525-0157

PARISH WEB SITE:

<http://www.OMGCPARISH.ORG>

THE “ONE THING” NECESSARY

We might understand the story of Martha and Mary in today’s Gospel (Luke 10:38-42) as one of many vivid scriptural narratives about the younger sibling winning the prize, the evangelical victory of the under-dog. We can also understand it as an introduction to the sacramental spirituality of real presence. If we pay careful attention to how Luke sets the scene, we realize that Martha is in charge from the get-go. We know nothing of a previous relationship between the sisters and Jesus until this moment when Martha dares to “welcome Jesus” or invite him to their home. Then the other sister, Mary, as audacious if not as domestic as her sibling, sits herself down at Jesus’ feet just like a male disciple would do.

The house where they lived seems a far cry from Abraham’s abode that boasted of servants, stores of wheat and flocks from which to choose a fine calf. The meal in this story is only mentioned in relation to the fact that Martha had to pull it together by herself. To understand Jesus’ response to Martha, we need to pay careful attention to the words used to describe her and her interactions with Jesus. Martha was burdened by much serving, literally by ministering. Martha was overwhelmed and committed an immense faux pas by asking Jesus, the guest, to get involved in a household dispute. Martha put him on the spot with the question, “Do you not care?” and then insisting: “Tell her to help me.” Obviously, Martha felt quite comfortable with Jesus. His own ease with these women came out as he addressed her like a friend well-loved in both her strengths and foibles: “Martha, Martha...”

Jesus’ reply to Martha is like the woe he addressed to the Pharisees who tithed the smallest herbs and ignored the demands of justice. Martha, like her status-seeking brother disciples was confusing jots and tittles for the Gospel. By the time Martha received him in her home, Jesus had already been involved in two other contentious dinner parties. At the first he had broken the rules by eating with disreputable people and then claiming they were the very ones God wanted him to call.

At the second, Jesus turned the tables on a host who had dishonored him as a guest and had harshly judged a woman who expressed great faith and love. For Jesus, the ritual of breaking bread together was a sacrament of relationship, and anything that diminished relationships was a distraction – or worse. Jesus surely knew that they all needed to eat, but more importantly, he wanted them to be nourished by their presence together.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Margaret Simyak, Janine Hoffman,
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,
Eveline Walker, 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 Member: We welcome to our parish community Mrs. Nancy Ryan who recently registered with us.

Baptism: We welcome to our faith community James Fitzgerald Olenik, Jr., son of James and Elizabeth who was baptized in our Church recently.

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.

SENIOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS

The Senior Group will meet on **Friday, July 29 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

LETTER FROM OUR NEIGHBOR

**Pastor David Tatgenhorst
St. Luke's United Methodist Church**

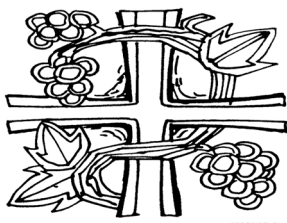
Dear Friends at Our Mother of Good Counsel,

Our hearts go out to you upon the death of your dear pastor, Father Jack Denny. He was such a fine and dear man, a leader in the church and the community. His warmth and collegiality meant the world to me as we talked about our ministries, about Bryn Mawr and about world affairs. We could talk about anything and we were definitely planning on fixing the world! – or at least, ourselves!

I know he is irreplaceable as rector of your church and yet you will find new leadership with other wonderful gifts. I personally was looking forward so much to working with him for the rest of my career here in Bryn Mawr.

I loved him dearly, so my heart is broken to hear this hard news. I know your church is in shock as well. Our church will be praying for you and would love to serve you in any way we can during this difficult transition time. How wonderful that your church – with the help of prayer and support of the broader Church – has the resilience through the Living God to get through even this crisis and difficult moment! Thanks be to God.

Much love,
Pastor David Tatgenhorst



THANK YOU
From the Augustinians

On behalf of the Augustinians of the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova, we want to thank all those who made contributions to the Augustinian Fund for the Sick and Elderly in memory of Fr. John T. Denny, OSA. The Augustinians are grateful for the many donations offered in his name. Be assured of a remembrance in the prayers of the Augustinians for your kindness and generosity.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

for July 10, 2016

Today's readings speak of hospitality. Abraham, who cheerfully did for his guests all that desert hospitality required, was rewarded with his heart's desire—an offering. Martha also busied herself with all the details of hospitality, but grudgingly and with complaint. Am I a cheerful or a grudging giver?

Envelope Contributions	\$7,560.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$890.00
Mailed in	\$3,140.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$11,590.00
Offering this time last year	\$13,281.00
Electronic giving of July 15.....	\$4,217.00
Parish Giving.....	\$700.00

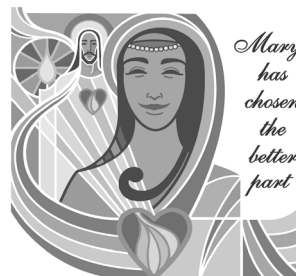
**Thank you for your Stewardship to your Parish.
Please remember the Church in your will.**

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Thank you to all who have volunteered your time, energy and hospitality to the families who will be joining us today here in the parish for the week. We ask your prayers for the families in particular, but also that their time with us will be a safe, healthy and profitable one for these families who are temporarily without homes.

Important IHN Phone Numbers: Because of our phone system here in the parish, it is important that you know the numbers to call if you are trying to reach someone helping with the IHN families during the week of **July 17 – 24**. These numbers will be necessary to have whenever the Parish Office is closed or after 5:00 p.m. on work days this week.

Parish Phone – 610-525-0147 – Ext. 255
(Social Center – school)
IHN Phone – 610-525-1727 (direct line)



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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

On **Wednesday evening, August 17**, we will see a film on the remarkable life of a Catholic woman of mercy and activist, Dorothy Day. The film is entitled “Don’t Call Me a Saint.”

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

MOTHER TERESA CANONIZATION

PILGRIMAGE

September 1-7, 2016

A Canonization Pilgrimage for Mother Teresa will be led by Fr. Paul Brandt, Pastor of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta in Limerick, PA. Visits to major sites in Rome and Assisi will be included in this pilgrimage. For more information visit: www.proximotravel.com.

REQUEST FOR TRANSPORTATION

A woman parishioner who lives off Lowry Lane in Rosemont is seeking a ride on Sunday mornings to attend the 7:30 a.m. Mass here at OMGC. She lives on Baarcladen Circle. Her phone number is 610-527-0879 if you live close by, usually attend this Mass and are willing to provide this transportation.

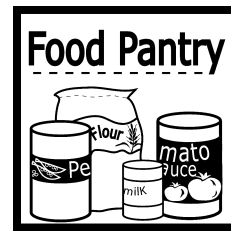


OMGC VACATION BIBLE CAMP

There is still room left for your child to join us on our cave adventure the week of **August 15 – 19 from 9 am until noon**. All children ages 4 through 10 can join us on this adventure where we will look to see Jesus as the Light of the World. Visit www.omgcparish.org for information and registration or call 610-525-0147 for registration forms to be mailed to you!

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.omgcparish.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@omgcparish.net or 610-525-0147 for more information.



MANNA BAG COLLECTION

Due to the quiet and “down time” of the summer, The Patrician Society Food Bank hits an all-time low in the months of July, August and September. For that reason, we will be handing out AND collecting Manna Bags each weekend of July at the entrances of Church. We would ask you to please fill the bag with non-perishable food items that we will take to the Patrician Society on Tuesdays. Please do what you can to help the over 1100 families in Norristown that rely on our donations to eat each week.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for Volunteers to help a parishioner who is blind to do her grocery shopping. It would entail picking her up at her home (Bryn Mawr), driving to local Acme, shopping with her and helping unload groceries. Time commitment is about 2 or 3 hours. Volunteers are needed every other week. Most volunteers shop once or twice a year. Please contact Karen Fitch at 610-527-8193 or email at kirste4@comcast.net if you are interested and willing to help.

CLOTHING DRIVE

Our Parish will be hosting a clothing drive to benefit The St. Vincent DePaul Society on **Saturday, August 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

The Society will be using the services of GreenDrop to support their clothing drive. Look for the GreenDrop truck in the church parking lot where an attendant will be available to assist you with your donations. Their truck will be parked in front of the parish dumpsters so as not to interfere with funeral or wedding parking.

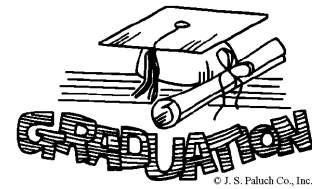
Please place your donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as: kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CDs and videos are also accepted. Unfortunately, furniture, large appliances, TVs or computer monitors CANNOT be accepted. For a full list of acceptable items visit www.gogreendrop.com.

To learn more about GreenDrop, visit their website: www.gogreendrop.com.

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Enrollment Opportunity for Prekindergarten

Learn more about St. Margaret 4 year old preschool programs by visiting our website: smsnarberth.org. or by calling for more information 610-664-2640. We welcome area Catholics to learn about our academic success and educational programs; you will be glad you did! Find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/stmargaretschoolnarberth



CONGRATULATIONS!

Over the next few weeks, we would like to highlight some of our young parishioners who have recently graduated high school! Congratulations to:

Mary Kate Meals – Mary Kate graduated from Archbishop Carroll High School and will be attending Temple University in the Fall and majoring in Sports Management.

Will Coppola - Will graduated from Upper Darby High School. Will dove for the Upper Darby Diving Team and shattered the boy's 1m Diving record by 17 points. He will continue to dive for West Chester University in the Fall.

Congratulations and best wishes from your parish community! Check next week for more featured graduates!

INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE During the Democratic National Convention In Philadelphia

On **Monday, July 25 at 2pm**, everyone is welcome to come together to pray at this critical moment in the history of our nation. Service will take place at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia presided by Rev. Gerard Dennis Gill, Rector and Pastor of the Cathedral. For more info, visit cathedralphila.org.

CATHEDRAL PARISH PILGRIMAGE For the Jubilee Year of Mercy

Join Fr. Ken Brabazon on a pilgrimage to the Shrines in the Northeastern United States and Canada for the Year of Mercy on **Aug 21-28, 2016**. Stops include the National Shrine of Divine Mercy, the Shrine of the North American Martyrs, and the Shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre in Quebec. For more information please call [610-223-4191](tel:610-223-4191) or email teresa.zubert@gmail.com

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS**St. Katharine of Siena Parish in Wayne****Thursday, July 21 at 7:30 p.m.****Presider: Fr. Michael Flanagan**

Living your faith passionately in 2016 can happen – by freeing ourselves from the distractions of the world and self while asking God for help. Father Flanagan and prayer teams will pray over all those wanting God's friendship.

Our next Life in the Spirit Seminar series will be announced at the Healing Mass. Come and join our proven classes in growing closer to the Holy Spirit. Bring a friend. Questions? Paul at 610-687-8835 or temeus@verizon.net

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

Last Sunday's "Good Samaritan" parable concluded with Jesus' command: Go provide hands-on mercy to the next person you meet, no conditions, no limits, no exceptions. But today, Jesus seems to criticize Martha's hands-on mercy of hospitality, while praising Mary's "hands-off" as "choosing the better part." Mary sat listening leaving Martha burdened with much serving by herself. So, is the contemplative life of prayerful silence "superior," but the active life of earning a living, raising a family, running parishes, schools, hospitals and social service ministries "second class" discipleship? No; Jesus' example is not either/or but both/and: silent communion with God and boundless compassion for people. If we do not seek Jesus in silent prayer, how will we find Jesus in all others? If we do not serve Jesus in others, will our worship, despite its beauty, be anything but empty ritual? This *Jubilee Year of Mercy* offers us Jesus' two-fold challenge: both "go and do" and "sit and listen."

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NEUMANN-GORETTI ALUMNI**All Classes 2016 Summer Reunion**

All Neumann-Goretti Alumni are invited to the 2016 All Classes Summer Reunion, **Saturday, August 20, 2016**, at Keenan's in North Wildwood. For more information and tickets call the Alumni Office at 215-389-0925 or email millayclub@gmail.com.

**Mass Intentions
For The Week**


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SUNDAY, JULY 17

- 7:30 FRANCIS MC GOWAN, JR.
9:30 KATHERINE IANNOTTA
11:15 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, JULY 18

- 8:00 HAROLD AND ROSE IRVING

TUESDAY, JULY 19

- 8:00 LEWIS H. VAN DUSEN
(140TH BIRTHDAY)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

- 8:00 LEE AND KATE MARKOWITZ

THURSDAY, JULY 21

- 8:00 ANNA AND CON HARKIN

FRIDAY, JULY 22

- 8:00 MR. AND MRS. ANGELO IANNAcone

SATURDAY, JULY 23

- 8:00 THE MATTIOLI FAMILY

SUNDAY, JULY 24

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
9:30 JOSEPH AND PATRICIA ADCROFT
11:14 BRIDGETT SCANLON

The Mass Intention Book for 2017 will open on **August 1, 2016**. Intentions will be available for Sundays and Monday-Saturday 8am weekdays only.



St.
Mary Magdalene

Friday,
July 22

John J. Stretch, III F.D.
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