



Our Mother of Good Counsel

Parish Community

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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>

PERSISTENCE PAYS OFF

T.S. Eliot once wrote, “Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go.” Today’s Gospel (Luke 11:1-13) is all about persistence – about God’s invitation to keep on asking for God’s help. We are called to prayer. Luke says, “For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”

Luke says that Jesus taught The Lord’s Prayer in response to his disciples’ request. Typically, teachers would give their followers distinctive prayers and practices to signify their discipleship. In the case of teaching them this prayer, Jesus was letting them in on his spirituality, his intimate relationship to God. For that reason, this prayer has always held a unique place of honor for Christians, so much so that the early converts were not allowed to know it until after they had been tested and received baptism. Only with the grace of baptism could they hope to enter so deeply into Jesus’ own relationship with the Father.

When we are invited to pray in this way, we are invited to participate in the relationship between the Father and the Son. We begin with awe at God’s greatness: “Hallowed be your name.” Then we step toward submission: “Your kingdom come.” Having begun with adoration and obedience, we go on to plead for mercy on our frailty. Then we ask for the bread that sustains us as creatures made of body and soul who long for God’s reign. Being mere humans and knowing that we cannot measure up to a standard of perfection, we ask for forgiveness. Then we admit that we can only dare to ask pardon if we are willing to bestow it on others. Finally, all too aware of our frailty, we ask, as did Jesus, to let the cup of trial pass us by. Altogether, what we call the Lord’s prayer is an invitation to share Christ’s intimacy with the Father; it is a plea for union with God and with one another.

When Jesus tells his disciples to ask and seek and knock, he is not saying that they have to wake God up, but rather that there is something transformative about continually turning to God. In this example, Jesus doesn’t specify for what the person might be praying, only that the prayer must be persistent. Then, calling on the experience of parents, he assures them that God would never test them with snakes or scorpions; God gives only good. The longer and harder they ask and knock, the better the chance that they will come to recognize what God is offering them.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Margaret Simyak, Janine Hoffman,
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,
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.

Deceased: We pray for the happy repose of the souls of Eveline Marie Walker and Austin Wylie and for the consolation of their families.



H.O.P.E.

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, 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

SUMMER PROJECTS

This summer, we are very happy to be involved with two different major projects here at the parish. The first and biggest of which is the newer school roof project. After a great deal of time and effort by both the Archdiocesan Office of Property Services and the legal department, with guidance from our own OMGC finance committee, the school roof project will begin in the next few weeks. This project will include installing a new roofing system on the majority of flat roofs connected to our newer school building. The job will require some adjustments to our usual day-to-day operations. The parking lot down by the gym may be used as a staging area at times. The gym will be closed during a portion of the job as well. We ask for your patience and understanding during this process.

Another project we are excited about, which is taking place on the property, is a memorial garden. The garden is being created on the grass area beside the back parking lot near the railroad tracks. This is a garden which will be used to remember children who have sadly passed away before their time. The annual renewal of the perennials in the garden that will be planted will remind us how precious and beautiful life truly is. A plaque will be put in place to mention specifically those being remembered from our parish, including Sean King and Billy Kanehann. More information will be provided as this project continues.

As always, thank you for all of your concern and continued support. Wishing everyone a blessed and happy summer!

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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for July 17, 2016

Jesus is describing God’s immeasurable generosity when He says in today’s Gospel, “Whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks, is admitted.” But it should also be the description of us as Christian stewards—those seeking to follow Christ by using our gifts in service to others.

Envelope Contributions	\$6,857.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$936.00
Mailed in.....	\$3,960.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$11,753.00
Offering this time last year	\$13,816.00

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



MANNA FOOD DRIVE

Thank you to all who have participated and are participating in our month-long collection of food for our manna food drive. The Patrician Society in Norristown is extremely grateful for the 58 bags donated so far, when their food cupboard is practically bare. Please continue to bring your bags to church. Next Sunday, July 31, will be our final collection date. Thank you all for participating.

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.

Mass Schedule

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MASS SCHEDULE FOR 2017

The Mass intention book for 2017 will open on **August 1, 2016**. Intentions will be available for Sundays and Monday-Saturday 8:00 am weekdays only.

As in the past, each parishioner may request intentions for up to four (4) Sunday Masses per year.

Likewise, in order to ensure fairness for persons at the back of the line, each parishioner may request intentions for up to twelve (12) Masses at this time. At some date in the near future, upon consideration of the number of Masses in the book with open intentions, we will in all probability again open the intention book for those parishioners who have already secured 12 Mass intentions.

Thank you very much for your understanding.

Peace, Fr. Liam

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 final film of the series is scheduled for:

On **Wednesday evening, August 17 at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Thomas of Villanova Auditorium, 1229 E. Lancaster Avenue, 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.” By any measure, Dorothy Day lived a fascinating life. She was a journalist, activist, single mother, convert, Catholic laywoman, and cofounder of the Catholic Worker Movement. To have known Dorothy Day was to have experienced not only her charm and humanity, but the purposefulness of her life.

Please plan to join us for this final 3-part film series being presented during this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*. Beverages and desserts will be provided.

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.

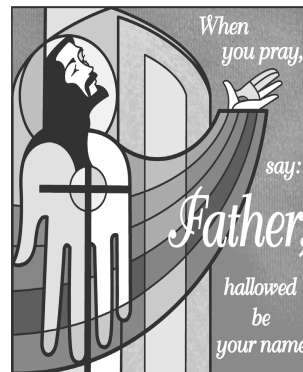
To learn more about GreenDrop, visit their website: www.gogreendrop.com.



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.



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY
December 8, 2015-November 20, 2016
World Youth Day in Krakow

This week, the universal Church focuses in prayerful solidarity on World Youth Day in Krakow, where WYD's founder, Saint John Paul II, served as archbishop. Its theme coincides with that of Pope Francis' *Jubilee Year of Mercy*: "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy" (Matthew 5:7). Today's Gospel echoes the same theme, as Jesus unites prayer with mercy in "The parable of the persistent friend." Jesus teaches us not only what words to pray, but what deeds must match authentic prayer. How beautifully down-to-earth is Jesus' portrait of a God who can be trusted to do what is best for us. A pesky neighbor disturbs a sleeping friend and disrupts the household. Yet beautiful images unfold. Persevering prayer receives active, practical mercy in loaves of bread, recalling Luke's unique expression for the Eucharist, "the breaking of bread." WYD, the *Jubilee*, and Jesus thus unite to define perfect prayer as persevering communion with God and unconditional mercy toward our neighbor.

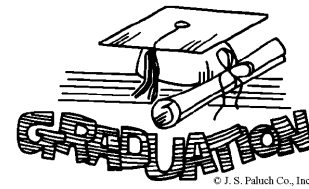
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PART-TIME POSITION AVAILABLE

The Society of the Holy Child Jesus has an immediate need for an Administrative Assistant with 3+ years experience to provide administrative, clerical and secretarial support to the Province Treasurer. Diversified assignments will also include assisting with budgeting, financial reporting and project management functions.

We are seeking qualified candidates that have strong administrative skills including: Microsoft Office applications, multi-tasking abilities, outstanding customer services skills, strong oral, written and interpersonal skills, and able to work independently or as part of a team. An Associate's degree is preferred.

We offer an excellent compensation and benefits package. Interested and qualified candidates may submit a cover letter and resume stating salary requirements to: hr@shcj.org; fax: 610-525-2910; or mail: Society of the Holy Child Jesus, 1341 Montgomery Avenue, Rosemont, PA 19010, Attn: Human Resources.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to **John McGrory** who graduated from Haverford High School. John played the saxophone for the Haverford High School senior band, and is also a member of the South Philly String Band which took first place in the Mummers Parade this year! John has been accepted into the Drexel University pep band where he will attend school next year. As part of the pep band, John will play at all the Drexel dragons basketball games! Best wishes, John!

Congratulations also to **Audrey Heart**, who graduated from the Academy of Notre Dame this spring! Audrey was a part of the National Honor Society and received distinguished honors at graduation! Audrey will be attending Boston College in the fall. Congratulations and good luck, Audrey!

**PRAY, HOPE & DON'T WORRY
 RETREAT**

Malvern Retreat House, located at 315 S. Warren Avenue in Malvern, PA, is hosting the Pray, Hope & Don't Worry retreat for men and women, **August 5 – 7**. In this retreat, you will learn techniques to help you break free from worry and move closer to the Lord! This weekend retreat will include Mass, Reconciliation, Eucharistic adoration, faith sharing, scripture, quiet time and several presentations by Gary Zimak, author of several books, including *A Worrier's Guide to the Bible* and *From Fear to Faith*. His presentation topics will include *The Secret of Happiness* and *I Can Do All Things!* For more information or to register, please visit malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400.

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.

SUMMERTIME

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ORDINARY TIME: SUMMER

The Monday after the celebration of Pentecost Sunday, we found ourselves at daily Mass returning to Ordinary Time in our daily readings. What do the words Ordinary Time mean? Dorothy Day said, "The words 'Ordinary Time' in our prayer books put me in a state of confusion and irritation. To me, no time is ordinary." She was right. The Ordinary in "Ordinary Time" refers to ordinal - counted time - not to a lack of something to celebrate. The celebration of Sunday liturgy during Ordinary Time is devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects.

How do we celebrate the mystery of Christ in all its aspects? We gather every Sunday. Sunday is our original feast day. Christians have gathered every Sunday - the day of Christ's resurrection, the first day of the week - ever since there were Christians. When we gather on Sundays in Ordinary Time, as always we hear the scriptures proclaimed. The church reads straight through the gospel of the year, concentrating on the public life of Jesus of Nazareth. This year, we are in Cycle C and therefore, we continue to listen to the Gospel of Luke, each week often picking up where we left off last week.

The first reading, from the Hebrew Scriptures, has been chosen for its relationship to the gospel passage. Many voices are heard throughout summer Ordinary Time. We also read through some of the letters of the New Testament, usually from St. Paul, so that the mystery of Christ in all its aspects can unfold for us Sunday after Sunday.

What is the heart of our Sunday celebration? We do our eucharist; that is, we do our thanksgiving. We praise and thank God for all creation; we pray for the whole world, as we remember Christ's life, death and resurrection. We share the bread and wine, Christ's body and blood. We are sent forth to be the body and blood of Christ in our homes, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, our towns, our cities, our country, and our world.

What happens in our churches every Sunday is the fruit of our week. What happens as the fruit of the week past is the beginning of the week to come. Sunday is simultaneously a point of arrival and departure for Christians on their way to the fullness of the kingdom. This is not ordinary at all. This is the fabric of Christian living."

St. Andrew Bible Missal - Brooklyn: William J. Hirten Co., (1982)



SUNDAY, JULY 24

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
9:30 JOSEPH AND PATRICIA ADCROFT
11:15 BRIDGETT SCANLON

MONDAY, JULY 25

- 8:00 MARK, MICHELLE AND
MICHAEL CONNOR

TUESDAY, JULY 26

- 8:00 MR. AND MRS. JAMES J. WHITE, 3RD

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

- 8:00 JOHN PHILLIPS, JR.

THURSDAY, JULY 28

- 8:00 PETER B. FARRELLY
(22ND ANNIVERSARY)

FRIDAY, JULY 29

- 8:00 THOMAS DUNCAN WHELEN
(85TH ANNIVERSARY)

SATURDAY, JULY 30

- 8:00 KATHERINE QUINN

SUNDAY, JULY 31

- 7:30 MR. AND MRS. JAMES J. WHITE, 3RD
9:30 ELIZABETH BLIMM
11:15 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS

