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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

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GOD'S GIFTS OF LOVE AND MERCY BRING LIFE TO THE FULL

Today's Lucan Gospel (Luke 12:32-48) is a compilation of parables and sayings on judgment and vigilance. It also exhibits evidence of all three stages of textual development: Jesus; the church; the evangelist Luke. **Jesus:** in its original context during Jesus' ministry, the parable of the doorkeeper was directed at Jesus' contemporaries in an effort to convince them that the master of the house, i.e., the messiah, had come among them in the person of Jesus. Indeed, Jesus was knocking at the doors of their hearts. Would they welcome him or not?

The church: At this second level of development, within the Lucan church, the parable was understood to refer to Jesus' second coming. As his disciples, the earliest Christians were to be ever watchful and prepared for his appearance. **The evangelist:** In its third level of development, the parable was recast by the evangelist, Luke, and infused with a Passover motif. Luke pointed to the exodus as a type of Jesus' passing over from death to life. This Christian Passover is remembered and celebrated at every Eucharistic encounter.

In its original context (Jesus), the stewards or servants in Jesus' parable were the religious leaders of the people. They should have been open to what God was revealing to them in Jesus. But many were not. At its second level of development (church), the parable served as a warning to the leaders of the Jesus movement. Entrusted with the good news of God's great gift of salvation, they had great responsibility, and they would be held more accountable and judged by God to be more culpable if they neglected their responsibilities.

For the Christians of the late first Christian century (the evangelist's writings), today's Gospel underscored the *certainty* of Jesus return and counseled them to be watchful and prepared. As the interim between Jesus' advents has stretched into 20 centuries, the call to exercise responsible stewardship has not diminished. We cannot become insensitive or indifferent. Rather, we are to continue to see and serve Jesus in the poor and persecuted. We are to continue feeding him in the hungry, clothing him in the naked, healing him in the sick and welcoming him in the lost and the lonely. This is the authentic preparation that will help us to recognize him when he comes. Blessed is that servant whom the master on arrival finds doing such good works.

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.

New Members: We welcome to our parish community Mrs. Nancy Ryan who recently registered with us.

Deceased: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Monica Helm and for the consolation of her family.

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.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.) Team Meeting

The RCIA Team members will meet on **Tuesday, August 9 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Parish Center as we plan to begin a new process for anyone who may be interested in taking a closer look at the Catholic Church. This process will assist someone who may be thinking about the possibility of becoming a stronger disciple of the Lord Jesus, as a member of our faith community here at Our Mother of Counsel Parish. Please join us in prayer that God will send new laborers into God's vineyard.

ABOUT LITURGICAL MUSIC

Changing service music: You may notice that we will change the Mass setting the weekend of the 21st of August, which is also the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, and there is a liturgical reason for doing so at this juncture. Kathleen Harmon and Joyce Zimmerman, two leading Liturgical commentators, have made interesting observations on that weekend’s scriptures, their remarks reprinted here.

In St. Luke’s gospel, Jesus begins making his way intentionally toward Jerusalem, where he will face his death and resurrection. When asked who will be saved, he responds that the gate is narrow and great strength will be required to pass through it. It will not be enough merely to have eaten with Him and listened to Him speak. To enter into risen life, we must journey with Him to Jerusalem; we must join Him in his self- emptying on the cross.

Jesus’ turn toward Jerusalem in August 21st’s gospel is the time to change the service music that has been sung for Mass. This shift in service music is not arbitrary, but liturgy-driven: the change of musical direction expresses our willingness to turn with Jesus and walk with him toward Jerusalem. ~ taken from Living Liturgy

The familiar setting for Heritage Mass, beginning with the Gloria, can be found in Breaking Bread, Number 881.



CLOTHING DRIVE

The St. Vincent DePaul Society, through the services of GreenDrop, will be here on **Saturday, August 13 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** to collect donations of usable men’s, women’s and children’s clothing which must be brought in plastic bags or boxes to be distributed to those in need. Please take all donations to the GreenDrop truck which will be parked in the rear parking lot near Barrett Avenue. They will also accept kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CDs and videos. To learn more about GreenDrop, visit their website: www.gogreendrop.com.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for July 31, 2016

Am I waiting for the “right” time to become a good steward? Do I plan to share my time and talents “later”? Today’s Gospel warns those who are procrastinating about stewardship to be prepared—”at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

Envelope Contributions	\$7,035.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$1,191.00
Mailed in.....	\$595.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$8,821.00
Offering this time last year	\$10,870.00
Electronic giving of August 1.....	\$5,770.00
Parish Giving.....	\$895.00

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

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.

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.” A lifelong radical who took the gospels at their word, Dorothy Day lived among the poor as one of them, challenging both church and state to build a better world for all people. Steeped in prayer, the liturgy, and the spiritual life, she was jailed repeatedly for protesting poverty, injustice, and war. Through it all, she created a sense of community and remained down-to-earth and humanly approachable.

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.



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MISSION APPEAL COLLECTION Weekend of August 6–7, 2016

Rev. Chanlis Chacko, a priest from the Diocese of Pathanamthitta, Kerala, India, will be with us this weekend. His diocese is less than 5 years old and serves 45,000 Catholic faithful. This diocese is in its infancy stage and therefore finds it very difficult to provide the basic necessities for priests, religious and seminarians, and is burdened with setting up the minimum infrastructure. Mission appeals directly remind us that the Church is universal and missionary by nature and present us with an opportunity to share in missionary work. Place the Envelope found in the back of your Sunday Envelope Box in the Second Collection. Thank you for your generosity to this Appeal.

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YOUTH GROUP NEWS

We are beginning to work on our Youth calendar for the 2016-2017 school year. Youth Group is open to any student in grades 6 through 12 in our parish. Youth Group consists of activities which include service, trips, movies, discussions, sports, games, culture, prayer and always FOOD. There is no cost to be part of Youth Group. We hold different Fund Raisers through the year to support our efforts. This helps cut the cost of activities we do during the year. Please watch the Bulletin each week for various happenings. Know that you are always welcome.

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THANK YOU

On behalf of the Patrician Society, we thank you for the 213 bags of food that were donated to this worthy cause during the month of July. It is greatly appreciated, especially in the summer months when the cupboards drain quickly. More information on the Patrician Society can be found at www.Patriciansociety.org.

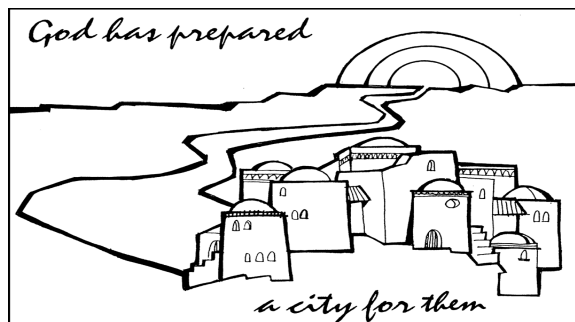
PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP) REGISTRATION

All children in grades 1 through 7, who attend public schools or private schools, must be registered for PREP. The Parish Religious Education Program strives to teach the truths and traditions of our faith. Sacrament preparation is included in the program.

PREP classes are held on Sunday mornings from 9:40 until 11:00am. PREP classes do not take the place of Mass. You are still expected to attend Mass as a family. Registration Packets are available at the entrance to the church. Please fill out and return registration forms as soon as possible. Invoices will be sent separately. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Carey at 610-525-0147 or kcarey@omgcp parish.net.

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

Last Sunday's "Parable of the rich fool" delivered a compelling reason to do the right thing – now: "You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you." Today, Jesus warns us "You must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." Though we do *not* know when our Master will come, we *do* know what our Master expects to find. Jesus expects us to be vigilant and diligent in our work for the kingdom, but also filled with reverent mercy toward our fellow servants and ourselves. Hopefully, Jesus' warning not to get drunk and beat each other up does not apply to us literally! But what changes do I need to make, right now, so that the many people outside "the Master's house" will want to come inside to experience the healing comfort of Jesus' own mercy in the compassion of Jesus' modern-day disciples? Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.





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FALL FESTIVAL CORNER

October 14, 15, 16, 2016

Believe it or not, plans for the 2016 Fall Festival have been underway for three months now! Please mark your calendars to join our parish in our Annual Fall Festival featuring our HAUNTED MAZE! The Festival also includes vendors, games, prizes, food, raffles and more! Plan to join us on **October 14, 15, and 16** this year for fun, adventure and prizes! Please watch the bulletin for ways in which you can help or participate!

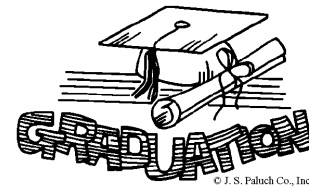
NEEDED: At this point in time, we are looking for chairpersons to head up committees for the games, and the prizes. If you are willing to meet with us, every other week, for about an hour, and have some creative ideas on how to make the games and prizes more spectacular, please contact Karen Carey at kcarey@omgcp parish.net.

We are also looking for persons who are able to donate raffle items! If you own a business or are in a position to ask at your business for a donation to our raffle, please contact MaryAnn Gallagher at 610-283-8831. She will be able to give you tax information and forms.

We had GREAT SUCCESS with our themed baskets last year. If you or a group of people, parish friends, neighborhoods, etc...would like to get together and create a raffle basket to donate, please contact Karen Carey at 610-525-0147 for ideas or to let us know you are willing to donate! More next week



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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Patricia Willis (Babe)**. Babe graduated from Haverford High School. Babe graduated from Haverford High School. During her high school career, Babe had an “amazing” time! She learned so much and had a “great support group, family, friends and faith.” When Babe is not being Sacristan here on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings, she is busy working at Merion Golf Club. She will be attending Delaware County Community College for two years before she transfers to Thomas Jefferson University where she was accepted into the Nursing Program! Congratulations, Babe!

BECOME A VOLUNTEER TUTOR OF ENGLISH (ESL)

An Information Session will be held on **Monday, August 22 at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Center in Rosemont (1st floor). Join us and see if this ministry is for you! What is required of a tutor? A three-day or three-evening training course and a twice a week tutoring session with an adult student.

Speakers: Terri Potrako, Executive Director and Ingrid Lis, Program Director of the volunteer English Program. For more information, visit: www.volunteerenGLISH.org.

SCHOOL POSITION AVAILABLE

Merion Mercy Academy, a Catholic independent all girls high school, sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, is seeking a short term substitute teacher of theology from the opening of school until mid-to-late October 2016. Degree required. Experience in teaching theology on a secondary level preferred. Qualified applicants are asked to email a cover letter and resume by Wednesday, August 3 to Mary Ann Danovich, Assistant Head for Academic Affairs at madanovich@merion-mercy.com

**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR
RAFFLE – Sunday, September 11, 2016**

The Little Sisters of the Poor invite you to join in their ministry of caring for the needy elderly by participating in their St. Jeanne Jugan – Pot of Gold Raffle! Besides helping our 97 residents live in a secure and compassionate home, you have a chance to win one of ten prizes, with a grand prize of \$25,000! Only 2,016 tickets will be sold! This year’s honorees are Msgr. Ralph Chieffo and Ray and Judy Coughlin. To purchase a ticket, please send you name, address and check for \$100 to: Holy Family Home –Dept. PB, Attn: Sr. Veronica, 5300 Chester Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19143 or visit our website at www.littlesistersofthepoorphiladelphia.org. Thank you for your prayers and support!



NEEDED: A FRIEND

Do you have one hour a week? Dolphins of Delaware Valley, a local organization, long affiliated with our parish, matches a volunteer with a nearby nursing home resident – not just any resident, but someone experiencing the long term isolation and loneliness which often occur in nursing homes. We always need both women and men visitors. Please learn more about being a volunteer by checking out our website at www.dolphinsofdelawarevalley.org or by calling Marilyn Knox, Volunteer Coordinator at 610-585-7141 or email her at marilynkn@ecs1870.org.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHIONERS
- 9:30 JAMES E. CONNOR, JR.
- 11:15 CAMILLA PORRECA AND MARY BORMAN

MONDAY, AUGUST 8

- 8:00 DECEASED MEMBERS AND BENEFACTORS, OSA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

- 8:00 HAROLD AND ROSE IRVING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

- 8:00 JOHN P. TRAVERS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

- 8:00 GLORIA M. RUSH

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

- 8:00 MARGARET BROOKS GOODENOUGH VAN DUSEN & DANIEL GOODENOUGH

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

- 8:00 DOROTHY ANN MINTZ (26TH ANNIVERSARY)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHIONERS
- 9:30 MICHAEL J. MC GEE, SR. (1ST ANNIVERSARY)
- 11:15 WILLIAM D. CUNNINGHAM



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