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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

5:00 P.M. - Saturday evening

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

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday-Friday 6:30 A.M.

Monday-Saturday 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.

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

FAX NUMBER: (610) 525-0157

PARISH WEB SITE:

<http://www.OMGCPARISH.ORG>

ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

While we picture the poor man, Lazarus, lying in the driveway, we can almost hear the rich guy's steaks sizzling on the grill and the pop of the cork of a bottle of \$150 Veuve Clicquot champagne. It's hard to imagine what might go through Lazarus' mind as he watched a UPS truck deliver a Gucci "Bee web wool silk scarf" that costs \$295 before shipping and handling. Sound bizarre? That's simply today's version of the picture Jesus paints for us.

Jesus' point is to make us gasp in today's Gospel (Luke 16:19-31). He wants us to be shocked and disturbed and to remember that the scene he describes has been repeated in every generation from his to our own. Perhaps what Jesus was saying about the nameless rich man was that he had created his own world; he had written his story, and it turned out to be a tragedy written in gold. When we hear the story, the multiplicity of vivid details can obscure a key element. Abraham told the dead man that a chasm had been established that prevented people from crossing between one side and the other. Isn't it possible that the rich man and his family and friends had been the architects of that chasm?

The dead man had spent years in power on earth. In that time, he had obviously done quite well and enjoyed the best he had ever hoped for. And that was precisely his problem. The hopes and achievements that may have once appeared so large were actually so puny in scope that in the end, there was only room for him and his chosen few. He refused the knowledge that the table he set would be his forever. He had closed himself off from Abraham and those he would welcome to his bosom and abode. Moses and the prophets had warned him, but he kept his doors secured. He locked himself into his own little world, and while that may have been fine for a few years, it didn't take long to realize that it was going to be an eternal inferno.

In our 2nd reading from 1 Timothy, St. Paul introduced us to the idea that the Christian life is one of continual growth in the love that creates community. That process is what gives us the foretaste of eternal life. This week's scriptures are vivid portrayals of the importance and ultimate joy of finding ways to feast today with everyone God is going to receive into the eternal banquet.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Margaret Simyak, Janine Hoffman,
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,
Peggy Waters and Deacon George McAndrews.

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.

Marriages: Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan and Jillian Faccone who were married in our Church last week. May you continue to grow in God's love for you through each other.

H.O.P.E.

If you need a trip to the doctor, shopping, etc., call Joanne Bramley at 610-459-6638 or S. Anne at 610-525-0147, ext 234.

MEMORIAL MASS for Fr. John Denny, OSA

There will be a Memorial Mass for Fr. Denny on **Wednesday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m.** This day would have been Fr. Denny's 59th Birthday. The family of Fr. Denny will join our parish community at this Mass. We look forward to seeing you there.

NEW OMGC PRESENCE ON FACEBOOK

We are happy to announce that the OMGC Facebook page is up and running. Some of you have already seen the page and have begun to follow it. If you are a Facebook user and have not seen it, please visit and sign up (like).

Along with the parish web site, the Thursday emails, the hard-copy weekly parish bulletin and other means, we will use it to help keep parishioners informed of parish events and activities.

<https://www.facebook.com/OMGCBrynMawr/>



**UP-COMING SERIES ON
Augustinian Spirituality**

When I joined the Augustinians many years ago, I did not know anything about St. Augustine or the Augustinians. I saw a vocation pamphlet on the Augustinians and I signed up.

It must have been the Holy Spirit moving me to do that. The more I learned about St. Augustine, the more I could identify with him. Belonging to the Augustinians, I felt very comfortable from the very beginning. Since this parish has been staffed by the Augustinians for many years, I thought people might like to learn more about St. Augustine, not in an academic way, for he was a great intellectual, but in a more pastoral way. There will be a **four-week** consecutive series beginning on **Thursday, October 6th from 7:00 to 8:30 PM** in the Social Center of the school building. On the first two weeks, we will show the film “The Restless Heart”, based on the Confessions of St. Augustine. The remaining two weeks will be on the history of the Augustinians in the United States and throughout the world. I hope you will be able to join with us and be touched by this great Saint and the Order that he established. Fr. John Deary, OSA.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

The Annual Catholic Charities Appeal is a significant source of support for the many social and educational efforts in the Archdiocese. What has been accomplished all these years through the generosity of area Catholics should be a source of great satisfaction for us all. We are now two-thirds of the way through the calendar year, but we have reached less than 60% of our goal. Please consider making a contribution to support the important social and education programs of the Archdiocese. There are envelopes in the back of the church for this appeal.



**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
for September 18, 2016**

The sin of the rich man in today’s parable was not that he was rich, but that he failed to share his wealth with the beggar at his gate. He knew Lazarus, perhaps walked by him every time he came in or out, but did nothing to relieve his suffering. Is there a Lazarus in my life? What am I doing to help?

Envelope Contributions	\$4,078.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$971.00
Mailed in.....	\$170.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$5,219.00
Offering this time last year	\$8,245.00
Parish giving	\$940.00

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

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Meeting: The Parish Council will hold its next meeting on **Monday, October 3 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Parish Center. Parishioners are always welcome and encouraged to attend these monthly meetings. If you plan to do so, please call President Phil Ahr at 610-527-5679 or email him at AHRPM@yahoo.com.

Parish Council Contact: If there is anything you would like to bring to the attention of the Council by way of ideas, suggestions or concerns, please call Colette or Steve Sutton at 610-520-2501 or colettesutton309@yahoo.com.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF
ADULTS**

Inquiry Sessions Begin

On **Tuesday evening, September 27 at 7:30 p.m.**, a new series of RCIA Inquiry sessions will begin for anyone who may be considering becoming a member of the Catholic Church or who may be interested in learning more about the Catholic Church. If you or anyone you know may be interested in becoming a part of this initial step of Inquiry about the Catholic faith, please call S. Anne Woodeshick at 610-525-0147 (ext. 234) or email her at awoodeshick@omgcparish.net for more information or to register for this opening session.

COMMUNAL ANOINTING MASS

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on **Saturday evening, October 1 at the 5:00 p.m. Mass.** The name of the Sacrament, *Anointing of the Sick*, tells us that the sacrament is for those who are sick, not just for the dying. It is a sacrament of healing, and the Church wants us to ask for this sacrament before we are at the point of death. It instructs all those who minister to the sick that great care and concern should be taken to see that those of the faithful whose health is impaired by sickness or old age receive this sacrament.

Please come to church in plenty of time to be registered for the sacrament and helped to be seated in special places for the priests to anoint you. People will be on hand by 4:30 p.m. to welcome you to this special celebration.

FIRST SUNDAY LITURGY

All parishioners are invited to join us on **Sunday, October 2** for our First Sunday Liturgy. Please join us at the 11:15 am Liturgy and then follow up with a lovely lunch in the gym. Our theme for this lunch is "The Final Days of Summer"...please bring your favorite summer dish and share with others! To sign up, please go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4EA5AE22A57-first8>. We look forward to seeing you all there! Let's welcome Fr. Liam and Fr. John to their first First Sunday Liturgy and Lunch!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Bishop Kenrick Council 2256

Did you know that Bishop Kenrick Council is one of the oldest councils in the County? Did you know that Bishop Kenrick Council is always looking for new members just like you?

To find out more about the Knights of Columbus go to www.KofC2256.org or call Richard Hammond, Treasurer of Bishop Kenrick Council 2256 by phone: 610-525-1019.



**Don't
Forget**

**TO REGISTER
TO VOTE**

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FALL FESTIVAL CORNER

October 14,15,16, 2016

Looking for ways to help? Why not donate to our Bake Sale or Savory Food Sale? We are looking for friends to bake or cook and donate to our sale at the Fall Festival. Please make sure everything is individually wrapped and labeled. If you have any questions, please contact Phyllis Hart at pdhart320@gmail.com. Here are some ideas:

BAKE SALE

Mini or regular loaves of
Banana Bread Zucchini Bread
Pumpkin Bread Muffins or Scones
Miniature or Whole Pies Brownies or Blondies
Lemon Bars Linder Bars
Cookies (2 or 3 wrapped together)
Biscotti

SAVORY TABLE (individual or multi portion)

Mini or Regular Quiche Meatballs
Mini Meatloaves Knishes
Empanadas/Turnovers Savory Muffins
Pints or Quarts of Soups or Chili

Thank you for your time, talent and treasure.

We are still looking for persons, or groups of persons to donate themed baskets for our raffle! If you, your neighborhood, your play date groups, your PREP class, or your extended family would like to donate a basket, please contact Karen Carey at kcarey@omgparish.net or Maryann Gallagher at MaGallagher@CharlesFriellnc.com.

If you can't contribute to the baskets, perhaps you can contribute time to work a game or table. If interested in giving an hour or two of your time on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, contact Karen Carey at kcarey@omgparish.net. Many hands make light work!

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group will meet today, **September 25 from 12:30 – 2:00pm.** We will be working on Fall Festival needs and prep work. Lunch will be served. All 5th through 12 grade students are welcome. Please join us. Community Service hours are available for this session



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HELP NEEDED

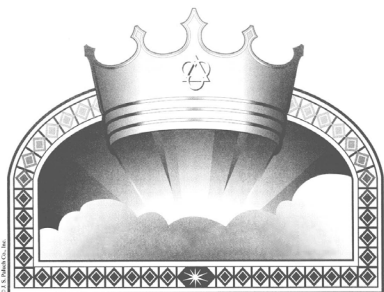
We are in great need of altar servers for our parish. Anyone in grade 4 through adult is welcome to become an altar server. We will train you and you will work with a veteran the first several times you serve. It is an honor to help celebrate the Eucharist in this way. Please consider joining our small team and help to make it easier to schedule. We would like to train persons now so as to have them ready for big events like Confirmation this year as well as our Triduum. If you are interested, please contact Karen Carey at kcarey@mgcparish.net or 610-525-0147.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

The IHN Parish Committee will meet on **Tuesday afternoon, October 4 at 4:00 p.m.** to begin preparing for the October 30 - November 6 week of hosting families who are temporarily without homes.

SPIRITUAL READING GROUP

Beginning on **Friday, October 7 from 10:00 -11:30am** we will begin reading "Dorothy Day: Love in Action" by Patrick Jordan. These books are published by Liturgical Press in Collegeville, Minnesota. If you think you would like to join us beginning in October, please contact S. Anne Woodeshick at 610-525-0147, ext.234 or email awoodeshick@mgcparish.net and let me know so that books can be ordered in time. The Spiritual Reading Group usually meets on the first Friday of each month from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Center/Church Office building.



Honor and power to the King of Kings

WE THIRST:

Lessons in Mercy

A Course on Addiction Awareness within our society will be offered on **Monday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00 pm** at St. Thomas of Villanova Parish, 1229 E. Lancaster Avenue in Rosemont. These four evenings of reflection are designed for all members of our community including the afflicted and their families and friends, counselors, nurses, ministers, deacons, those in the criminal justice system, educators and anyone who would like to learn more to become part of a solution.

The four evenings and their topics are as follows:

September 26 - Biology

October 3 – Psychology

October 10 – Sociology

October 17 – Spirituality

The second week, October 3, deals with the focus on the *psychology* of addiction. We will journey through our human growth and development to consider our core wounds and the layers and layers of traits that we wear for protection which ultimately cause more harm than good.

An explanation of each week's topic will be given prior to the evening it is held. **RSVP to 610-525-4801, ext. 202** or bizmgr@stvparish.org.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

December 8, 2015-November 20, 2016

Amos castigates religious people who, "comfortably complacent," ignore the unfolding collapse of culture, nation and religion. In Jesus' parable, such complacency becomes the rich man's undoing. He neither hurt nor harmed Lazarus, neither offered him leftovers nor ordered him removed. That is Jesus' devastating point. The rich man did nothing wrong to Lazarus; he just did nothing at all good for him. Only in death, separated by "a great chasm," could the rich man finally see Lazarus, whom he had failed to see in life, right before his eyes. Like the rich man's "five brothers still in my father's house," we who are alive in the Church still have time to see that same Someone, Jesus, lying neglected right at our door – and time to do something. Who, specifically, concretely, practically, is Lazarus in my life? What can I do for that Jesus-in-the-flesh during this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*?

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HELP WANTED**Afternoon Preschool Program
and Childcare-After School Program**

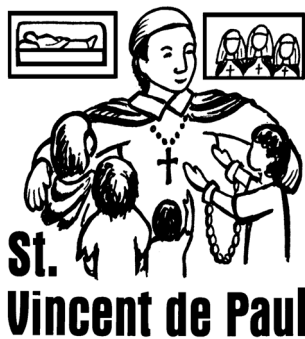
Mature, responsible candidate needed for **after-school care** at St. Thomas of Villanova Preschool. **Days:** Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; **Time:** 3:00-6:00pm

Afternoon Program Teacher Assistant needed. **Days:** Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; **Time:** 12:30pm – 6:00pm. Previous teaching experience a plus.

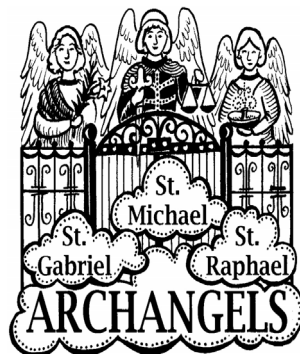
Please contact: Mary Kurek, Pre-School Director: 610-525-7554 for an interview if you are interested in either position.

**HIGH SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE
And Entrance Exams**

- 1. Merion Mercy Academy: Open House – Sunday, October 9** beginning at 11:00 am with Mass followed by a welcome and overview and tours. This event is for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students and their families. **Scholarship and Entrance Exam – Saturday, October 29, 9:00a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** The Application/Test Registration can be completed online at www.merion-mercy.com
- 2. Mount Saint Joseph Academy: Open House Sunday, October 16th from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.** To pre-register for the Open House online visit our website at www.msjacad.org and scroll down to Quick Links – Open House. **Scholarship/Entrance Exam – Saturday, October 29 at 8:00a.m.** For more information, please call the Admission Office at 215-233-9133 or visit us online at www.msjacad.org.



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**MASS
INTENTIONS**
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
9:30 THERESA ENECHUKWU
11:15 DOMENICO CONICELLA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 6:30 MR. AND MRS. JAMES J. WHITE, 3RD
8:00 SEAN ALEXANDER KING (BIRTHDAY)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 6:30 FATHER JOHN DENNY, OSA
8:00 WILLIAM JAMES ERDMAN AND
BETTY JANE FRICK ERDMAN

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 6:30 PEGGY HARKIN
8:00 EDWIN THORP VAN DUSEN
(98TH ANNIVERSARY)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- 6:30 ANNIE MC TAGUE
8:00 MARY RUFFINI BARONE
(5TH ANNIVERSARY)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

- 8:00 FATHER JOHN DENNY, OSA

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

- 7:30 CIRO IANNOTTA
9:30 THE RYAN FAMILY
11:15 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
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