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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>

FAITH GROWS FROM THE SMALLEST BEGINNING

Today's Gospel may be better understood when viewed within its larger literary context. In Luke 17:1-10, the evangelist gathered **four sets** of sayings and a parable, all loosely linked together under the umbrella of discipleship. The first two sets of sayings dealt with giving scandal to others and the necessity of mutual correction and the constant willingness to forgive. Upon hearing that these stringent demands were the very minimum expected of them, the disciples said to Jesus, "Increase our faith." It is at this point in the interchange that today's Gospel begins (Luke 17:5-10).

Jesus was teaching his apostles that through faith, they could learn to avoid scandal. Similarly, through faith, they could cultivate the willingness to help others see the error of their ways and accept correction for their own sins when others point them out. By faith, they could also learn to forgive fully, freely and without limit.

In the parable that continued their formation, the featured servant was actually doing double duty. He had worked all day as a field servant and then returned home to take up extra duties as a domestic servant. Even with that heavy load, the servant was doing no more than what was expected of him. Therefore, he should not expect a reward or even an expression of gratitude. No doubt Jesus' disciples understood the implication of Jesus' parable. Even if their words and works never posed a scandal for others...even if they always forgave others, they were doing no more than their duty as his disciples. In fulfilling those minimum requirements, they were not guaranteed salvation. No amount of service, however well performed, could merit the gift that is God's prerogative alone to give. Therefore, even perfect human actions should not give rise to pride or boasting or back-patting. Rather, true disciples humbly admit that they are *useless* servants.

A difficult word, "useless," implied that nothing was gained by those to whom nothing was owed. No human being, no matter how much they do, can make a claim on God, as in: "You owe me because I have done such-and-such." For those who kept a mental ledger of their good deeds, Jesus' words must have been deflating. Nevertheless, while affirming the insufficiency of human words, this emphasizes the necessity of faith. Keep on stirring and fanning the flame of faith within you.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Margaret Simyak, Janine Hoffman,
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,
And Philomena Valentine.

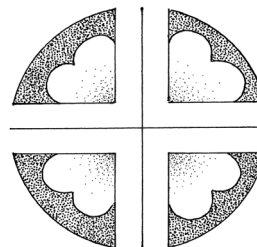
Please call the Parish Office if you would like to request yourself or a family member be put on our prayer list for the next 4 weeks. You can also make a request that the prayers of the community be renewed for another 4 week period.

Baptisms: We welcome to our faith community Elaine Marie Bernier, daughter of Philippe and Gillian Bernier, who was baptized in our Church recently.

Deaths: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Pat Schimminger and for the consolation of her family.

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.



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H.O.P.E.

If you need a trip to the doctor, shopping, etc., call Carol Way at 610-525-5817 or S. Anne at 610-525-0147, ext 234.

UPDATE

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SUMMER AND FALL PROJECTS

Dear Friends,

All of us on the parish staff hope you had a happy relaxing Summer. As Autumn begins, I just wanted to take a few minutes of your time to let you know of some of the projects we have been working on recently and let you know about some that we will be looking into this Fall and Winter.

One completed project was the beautiful memorial garden that was recently added by Michael Kaneham as part of his Eagle Scout Project. Michael took the sorrowful situation of losing his brother and friend, and created something beautiful. Continue checking the bulletin in the upcoming weeks for more information to this great new addition to our campus.

Next, the Parish Council, Finance Committee, Fr. Denny and Fr. Liam agreed after viewing a thorough report by an Archdiocesan approved roofing consultant, that the flat roof on the newer school building should be replaced at our earliest opportunity. Certainly this was the biggest job in terms of scope: the replacement of the flat roof on the new school building.

The first step in this process was the removal of the existing, decaying roof and replacement of rotted roof decking. Then a ½ inch gypsum barrier board was installed on top of the repaired roof deck. This was followed by a tapered foam insulation (polyisocyanurate), that was 1 inch to 6 inches in thickness. And finally on top of that was a fleeceback 115 mil Carlisle rubber roofing system. Around the perimeter of the building, new vertical siding fascia board panels were installed. When the work was concluded, we received a 20 year Carlisle Full System Warranty. There are more pictures of the work on the OMGC website if interested.

As for work being done in the upcoming months, we are looking at some landscaping in front of the church and rectory and some painting of the gym. We also will be looking into some maintenance work on the church roof and some pointing work to be done on the church and on some repairs of the stone pillars on our property.

Thank you for your patience during the time it takes for these major projects to be completed. I

am aware that it is a disruption to the normal flow of things. Have a beautiful Fall and I will see you around campus!

Joe Carey, Facilities Manager

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for September 25, 2016

When will I have given enough—of my income, of my time, of my talents? Today’s Gospel suggests that only *total* stewardship will do: “When you have done all you have been commanded to do, say, ‘We are useless servants. We have done no more than our duty.’”

Envelope Contributions	\$9,590.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$646.00
Mailed in.....	\$2,548.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$12,784.00
Offering this time last year	\$12,398.00

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

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/>

COME TO THE FEAST

The Visitation Nuns at 5820 City Avenue, between 59th and Cardinal Ave., cordially invite you to celebrate with them, the Feast of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque on **Sunday, October 16 at the 9:30 am Mass** presided over by Rev. Joseph Chorpenning, OSFS; and to celebrate the Triduum for Our Lady of Guadalupe at 7:30 pm Masses on **Saturday, Sunday and Monday, December 10, 11 and 12**, presided over by Rev. Joseph Okonski.

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 Dominic DiMartino at 610-525-6442.

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.

Week of Hosting: Our parish will be hosting the IHN families once again during the **Week of October 30 – November 6**. 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, October 29 at 10:00 a.m.** or take down and pack away equipment on **Sunday, November 6 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 Lilibet Barrett at 610-649-4921.



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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.



CYO FALL/WINTER BASKETBALL

Parents or Players need to register today at www.wagdogs.com.

Eligibility: All parishioners in grades 4 – 8 **MUST** sign up for their parish program by **October 15**.

High School: I wanted to remind those going on to high school that you can only play for either your high school team **or** your CYO team – not both. Register by **November 1st**.

Bev Owsik, Athletic Director
(mbmmbj6@gmail.com)

CHAIR LIFT AVAILABLE

If anyone is in need of a very usable chair lift in your home, please call Rose at 610-446-8928.

FALL FESTIVAL CORNER

October 14, 15, 16, 2016

The Countdown is ON! Just two short weeks until our big event! Join us for our Annual Fall Festival and Haunted Maze. The gym will be filled with moonbounces, food, games, prizes and much more!

Did You Know...?

- Our Haunted Maze this year is different than any other year? Better and better...
- Our vendors this year include: Tastefully Simple, LuLaRoe, Pampered Chef, Thirty-one Bags, Hands of Ecuador and many more!
- Our raffle this year includes a Silent Auction Item each night. Friday night, get ready to bid on our beautiful commemorative Villanova Championship Package! We are also raffling off gift certificates to: Flanagans Boathouse, Yang Ming, Sun Valley Pizza, Iron Hill Brewery and many more?
- Our raffle also includes Temple Tickets, Philadelphia Soul Tickets, Philadelphia Union Tickets, Clementon Park Tickets and many more?
- Did you know you could take a chance on having Dinner with our newest members of Staff: Fr. Liam and Father John?

Make sure you mark your calendar for an incredible weekend... **October 14, 15 and 16**. Be sure to watch here next week for advance ticket opportunities!

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group, please join us on **October 9 from 4pm to 6pm** to help with final things for the Fall Festival and watch a movie! Popcorn and candy will be served!

ST. RAPHAELA CENTER

Part Time Cook Needed: Part-time cook needed for St. Raphaela Center. Flexible hours, Lunch and Dinner meal prep. Call Sr. Lyan at 610-642-5715 to schedule an interview.

Program Available at Center: *Dealing With Loss in our Lives*. Facilitator – Deacon David Schaffer on **Wednesday, October 12 from 9:00am – 3:00pm**. Cost is \$35.00 which includes lunch. St. Raphaela Center is located at 616 Coopertown Road in Haverford. To register, call 610-642-5715.

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@omgcp parish.net. Several books are still available for newcomers. 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.

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 final three evenings deal with:

- October 3 – Psychology**
- October 10 – Sociology**
- October 17 – Spirituality**

The third week, **October 10** deals with the topic of the Sociology of Addiction. We will learn why exactly addiction is referred to as a “family disease” and how exactly others in the family can become affected when they are not ingesting a substance.

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.

EVENING/WEEKEND BABYSITTER NEEDED

Looking for a mature and responsible babysitter – high school senior or older – to occasionally babysit our three children, ages 6, 7, and 9 in our Wynnewood home. If interested, please contact, Jennifer at jenlopano@verizon.net for more information. Thank you.

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

“How long, O Lord?” With Habakkuk’s question echoing across twenty-six hundred years, Respect Life Sunday finds all life claiming sanctuary in our hearts: unborn infant, senior citizen, immigrant and refugee, imprisoned and addicted, people burdened with illness and disabilities of body, mind or spirit. Even Mother Earth, Pope Francis notes, bears scars of disrespect for the life she nurtures and sustains. Life is still threatened, as in Habakkuk’s day, with ruin and misery. Since our efforts so often seem ineffective, we “unprofitable servants” cry with the apostles, “Increase our faith.” But Jesus’ reply might be paraphrased, “Not quantity – quality.”

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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 Pre-school. **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 SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
And Entrance Exams

Academy of Notre Dame de Namur: Open House – Sunday, November 6 from 10:30am to 1:30pm.

Ninth Grade Scholarship and Entrance Examination – Saturday, November 5 and Sunday, November 13. For more information, call 610-971-0498 or visit www.ndapa.org/admissions. Notre Dame Academy is located at 560 Sproul Road in Villanova and serves girls in grades 6 – 12.

Mass Intentions



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 6:30 DECEASED MEMBERS AND
 BENEFACTORS, OSA
 8:00 FATHER JOHN DENNY, OSA

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

- 6:30 SPECIAL INTENTIONS
 8:00 JOHN AND JANET PHILLIPS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

- 6:30 RYAN COLLERAN AND
 JANICE REAGAN
 8:00 NICHOLA MARCHESANI

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

- 6:30 SPECIAL INTENTION
 8:00 PHILIP CARLINO

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

- 8:00 FATHER JOHN DENNY, OSA

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

- 7:30 JOHN AND JACK FANELLI
 9:30 DANIEL FOLEY
 11:15 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL

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