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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

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ONE WHO BELONGS TO GOD IS EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK

The persistence Jesus is talking about in today's Gospel (Luke 18:1-8) has to do with something other than multiplying words. The phrase that the new American Bible translates as "without becoming weary" has to do with the idea of not succumbing to discouragement. We get the sense that Jesus himself was disheartened with the progress of his mission when he finished this parable with the question: "When the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?"

Humor was obviously part of Jesus' antidote to the doom-and-gloom attitude that the world's trials can engender. Not only did he tell a story to delight an audience that knew all about officials who sought nothing beyond their own advantage; he used the story to awaken their creativity.

This is the classic tale of the underdog who wins without losing integrity or stooping to the level of the antagonist. It is an example of turning the other cheek, which is actually turning the tables so that the stakes are different. The widow in today's Gospel got justice not by convincing the judge of her cause but by making his apathy so uncomfortable that doing the right thing was obviously in his best interests. Additionally, as a Gospel-inspired solution, it was in his best interests not just in the sense of getting her off his back but also in moving him toward the possibility of understanding the value of justice and coming to appreciate it.

This is where the power of prayer comes in. When Jesus tells us to pray without losing heart, he is inviting us into his own spiritual process. We say we believe in the God of Jesus, the God who has a plan for human history. That belief implies that history is on the way to a fulfillment beyond what we can imagine. Only prayer opens us to God's horizon. Praying without ceasing is an imitation of Jesus, who was constantly attentive and open to options for the future.

Today's scriptures are directed to people who feel overwhelmed by the state of the world. They remind us that if God is for us, the size of an army doesn't count any more than lack of social standing. These scriptures call us to pray because praying is the only way we can open ourselves to allow God's Spirit to act with power and creativity through and among us.

PRAYER REQUESTS

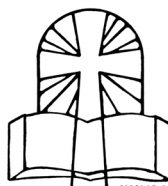
We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Margaret Simyak, Janine Hoffman,
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,
Deacon George McAndrews, Sarah McGee
Philomena Valentine and Fr. Michael Hilden, OSA.

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 Mr. & Mrs. Michael and Meredith Carter, Honorable Todd & Mrs. Edith Seeliz, Mr. & Mrs. Ryan and Lauren Graham, and Ms. Monica Bolen who recently registered with us.

Deceased: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Sarah Ann O'Doherty 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.

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, ext 234.

Marriage: Congratulations to Vincent Francis Vuono and Cassidy Fiala Hobbs who were married in our Church last week. May you continue to grow in God's love for you through each other.

Ministry to the Homebound and to the Hospitalized

Dear Friends,

The feeling of isolation from the faith community - from the parish community - is one of the deepest causes of loneliness and suffering for those afflicted by sickness or aging. Spiritual ministry to the sick is an important work of mercy in the life of a Catholic parish.

Once a month Fr. Liam and Fr. John celebrate Mass at three area nursing homes. Sister Anne, the priests and some of our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion also bring the Blessed Sacrament to some of our homebound parishioners. It is truly a privilege to be able to serve the sick and the elderly of our parish community in this ministry. As priests, it is one of the reasons we were ordained.

I'm sure there are more parishioners who are unable to come to Mass because of sickness than we know about. Sometimes, we find out about homebound parishioners quite by accident. Other times, a long-time parishioner dies, and it's only after meeting the next-of-kin (who may live out of town) that we realize that the deceased had been homebound for years, and we could have been ministering to them.

So the reason I'm writing this letter today is to let everyone know that parishioners or their loved ones should not hesitate to call the parish office and inform us when they need the sacraments brought to them - whether that be just for a short period (a month or two) or on an ongoing basis. Please don't think that it's a bother, or that it is a waste of our time. It's not! As I said above, it's one reason we were ordained.

Hospitalization. When I was newly ordained in 1967, hospital visitation was a frequent task. Every day, the local hospital supplied an up-to-date printout of all Catholic patients - a list of 20 or 30 names. I would make my rounds, offering Confession and the Sacrament of the Sick to new patients, and Holy Communion to those I had seen before.

When I came back to active ministry 8 years ago, things had changed drastically. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) now forbids the publication of

patients' names such as the printouts I received as a young priest. In 2016, the only way we priests find out about the hospitalization of one of our parishioners, is if the parishioner or one of his/her relatives or friends requests on their behalf that we come and bring the sacraments.

And so, I request that you let us know. Let us know when you are unable to come to church because of sickness or infirmity. Let us know when you need us to come to the hospital to pray with you. Let us know when one of your friends or relatives becomes homebound or hospitalized so that we are able to bring Jesus to them in Holy Communion.

Peace,
Fr. Liam

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for October 9, 2016

Today's theme is perseverance—Moses keeping his hands upraised throughout the battle, Paul urging Timothy to stay with the task of preaching and teaching, and the widow appealing to the corrupt judge. To be faithful stewards of God's gifts, we too must persevere in the roles to which we are called.

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Total Offertory Collection	\$8,671.00
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**Thank you for your Stewardship to your Parish.
Please remember the Church in your will.**



SENIOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS

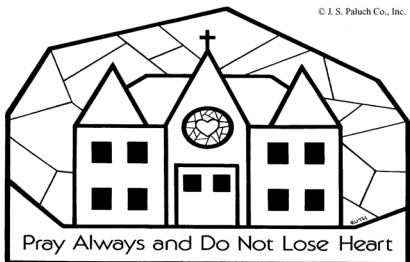
The Senior Members of our Parish will gather on the afternoon of **Friday, October 28 at 12 noon** in the Social Center of the school building. If you plan to join us for a relaxing and community-building afternoon, please bring your usual lunch nourishment. Beverages and desserts will be provided by the members who have already volunteered to do so. If you are not among the volunteers this month, please come and enjoy time with others.

FEAST OF ALL SOULS

November 2 is the Feast of All Souls. It is the day we remember in our prayers all who have died, especially our loved ones. In addition to our regular daily Masses, there will be a **special Mass at 7:30 pm** to remember all the members of our parish who have died this past year. We would also like to mention at this Mass anyone who has died whom you wish to remember. If you would like to have their names mentioned at this special Mass, please call the Parish Office at 610-525-0147 by October 30 and give us their name.

UP-COMING SERIES ON Augustinian Spirituality

Our Parish is hosting a four-week consecutive series which began on **Thursday, October 6th from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.** On the first two weeks, we have shown 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. The remaining weeks of this series will occur on **Thursdays, October 20 and 27 and will be held in the Church Office/Parish Center building.** Fr. John Deary, OSA



PEACE AND JUSTICE MEETING

The Peace and Justice Committee will meet again on **Tuesday, October 25 at 7:30 p.m.** in Our Mother of Counsel's Parish Center.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

- Please watch your email for updates on our trip to the Escape the Room!
- Thank you for all your help with the Fall Festival!

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

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:

- a. 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.
- b. If you can **prepare a meal** one evening of that week, please call Toni Betz at 610-525-4499.
- c. 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.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all those who helped make this Fall Festival such a success! We would like to begin to thank those who donated their time, talent and treasure over the last several months to make this happen. We will do this over the next several weeks in the bulletin.

Thank you to those who donated money or baskets...namely:

Peterson Kitchen
Charles Friel, Inc.
McConaghy Funeral Home
OMGC CYO
Jeannie Schultz
Eileen and John Gallo
Evelyn and Steve Bennett
Pat Byrne
Laurie McGee
Father Liam
Father John
Father David

...more THANK YOUs to come next week!

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 Dianne Meyer at 610-310-0506 or dameyer1620@comcast.net.

CLOTHING DRIVE

Our Parish will be hosting a clothing drive to benefit The St. Vincent DePaul Society on **Saturday, November 5 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.

SEMINAR OFFERING

Sister of Mercy, Mary Scullion, co-founder of Project H.O.M.E., will give a presentation, "Working to End Homelessness: Be Part of the Solution!" on **Tuesday, October 25 at 7:30 p.m.** at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, 625 Montgomery Ave., Bryn Mawr. Sister Mary's presentation is part of the church's Community Forum Speaker Series, which is free and open to the public. No reservations needed. For more information, visit www.bmpc.org or call 610-525-2821.



HOPE FOR A NEW BEGINNING

An information night on **Church Annulments** will be held at St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Center in Rosemont on **Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m.** St. Thomas parish is located at 1229 Lancaster Ave. in Rosemont.

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

Though Jesus told today's parable more than two thousand years ago, human nature hasn't changed: we recognize both characters instantly. The merciless judge represents the corruption that has short-circuited justice throughout history; the distraught widow, society's perennially powerless people, marginalized to what Pope Francis calls the "peripheries" by those who wield power but lack the mercy that could transfigure society with compassion. To confront such reality, Jesus bids us, "pray always without becoming weary." Prayer opens our eyes to see others from Jesus' perspective, and leads us to work for justice by coming to the aid of others with what Pope Francis extols as a higher standard, *mercy*. Thus, when Jesus asks, "Will not God secure the rights of God's chosen ones? Will God be slow to answer?" We respond by making God's liberating work for others our own." "When the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?" Yes, we respond – and mercy!

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SEMINAR ON "CRIMES AGAINST SENIORS"

You are invited on **Tuesday, October 25 at 12:45pm** to St Thomas Parish in the Rosemont Auditorium for a seminar, entitled *Crimes Against Seniors* on the internet, phone or in person door to door scams. Lt. Christopher Flanagan has been with the Radnor Police Force since 1998. He is an engaging speaker who will provide concrete information on how to protect yourself from SCAM Artists.

Bring your lunch. Beverages and Desserts provided. Please join us.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Dinner at La Locanda

Mangia! Join us at a yummy fundraiser at La Locanda for the Little Sisters of the Poor! 20% of your bill will benefit the needy elderly Residents at Holy Family Home. Event will be held on **Wednesday, October 26 from 11:30a.m. to 10:00p.m.** Call the restaurant at 610-353-7033 for reservations and let them and your server know that you are there for the Little Sisters of the Poor! La Locanda is located at 4989 West Chester Pike in Newtown Square. Cash bar only available that night. Thank you for your prayers and support!

ST. KATHRINE DAY SCHOOL

Wynnewood Campus

Part-time Teaching Assistants needed to work with students with disabilities. Contact Kathleen Gould, Principal, at kgould@stkds.org.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From September 28 through November 6, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside at Bryn Mawr Hospital, 130 S. Bryn Mawr Ave. and also to help spread the word about his important community outreach. If you would like more information, and especially if you would like to volunteer to help, please contact: www.40DaysforLife.com or Terri Borzillo at tborzillo@gmail.com.

CENTERING PRAYER FOR BEGINNERS

St. Raphaela Center in Haverford
Wednesday, November 2 from 6:00 – 9:00p.m.

Facilitator: Sister Julia Grey, OP

\$35.00 session includes dinner

\$15.00 for session only

To register or request more information, call
 610-642-5715.

Masses for the Week

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

7:30 RITA C. RYDER
 9:30 BOB RYAN
 11:15 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
 PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

6:30 JAMES, HELEN, AND NANCY COWAN
 8:00 FATHER JOHN DENNY, OSA

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

6:30 FATHER JOHN DENNY, OSA
 8:00 JOHN PHILLIPS, JR.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

6:30 MR. AND MRS. JAMES J. WHITE, 3RD
 8:00 NICOLA MARCHESANI
 7:00 MEMORIAL MASS FOR FATHER
 JOHN DENNY, OSA, 59TH BIRTHDAY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

6:30 FATHER JOHN DENNY, OSA
 8:00 ANN DEVANEY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

6:30 JOHN P. TRAVERS
 8:00 MARGARET KENNY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:00 MARY MC GOWAN

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

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



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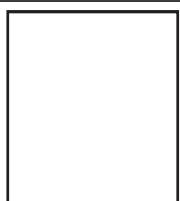
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