



Our Mother of Good Counsel

Parish Community

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October 23, 2016

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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>

SELF-KNOWLEDGE: A PATH TO HOLINESS

The Pharisee in today's Gospel (Luke 18:9-14) has made great progress in obeying the law. The worst part of it is that he doesn't have a clue about how low he has sunk. In fact, he defines himself against external standards. First, he reminds God that he is not like the rest of humanity, those people who violate the covenant by wanting more than their share, by evading the truth or by sexual impurity. In essence, he is explaining to God that there is nothing wrong with him. Just in case God couldn't see it clearly enough, he points to the tax collector, and by implication, invites a divine appraisal of how different they are. Finally, as if giving evidence in a trial, he offers Exhibits A and B: He fasts and tithes.

The tax collector is so different from the Pharisee that he doesn't even consider comparing himself to him, or to anyone else. He knows himself and acknowledges who he is. He simply stands before God admitting that he is a sinner. But he does have a request: "Be merciful to me." When the tax collector asks God to be merciful, he is using a word that can be translated "atone" or "conciliate." This is the audacious request that God be the atoner, healing the breach created by sin. The person who asks for this has nothing to offer but the distance he has created between himself and God. He stands as a powerless, humble beggar who has no right, no claim on what he requests except for God's reputation as a boundless lover.

Jesus says that this man went home "justified." To say he was justified means that he was in right relationship with God. The Pharisee was expounding on his righteousness, relying on his works and what he saw as his worth relative to sinners. His prayer was little more than a progress report: his multi-starred transcript for the degree - a Bachelor of Science in Self-Aggrandizement.

The tax collector had only his humility and trust in God. In the end, that counted for everything. He was in right relationship with God because he wanted and needed God to be God. He couldn't save himself and he knew better than to try. The example of the tax collector is there for all of us, especially the "religious ones" with our self-congratulatory attitudes. Perhaps if we can learn to say the words with the tax collector, we can begin to pick up on his graced mindset as well. Let us pray: "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

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.

Deceased: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Irene Brent and for the consolation of her family.

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.



FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

This year, the Feast of All Saints IS a Holyday of Obligation. Masses for the Feast are:

Vigil Mass – Monday, October 31 at 7:30 p.m.
Masses on Tuesday, November 1
6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.

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 loves 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.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Food Needs for IHN: If you can donate any of the following food items for our guests when they arrive on **Sunday, October 30**, please put them in the food box at the entrance of the church next Sunday:

- soup
- salad dressing
- lemonade mix
- tea bags
- cold cereal
- juices: boxes or bottles
- hot cereal (in individual pkgs.)
- crackers
- jelly
- ice tea mix
- cookies
- mayonnaise
- tuna fish
- mustard
- coffee
- peanut butter
- ketchup



CLOTHING DRIVE

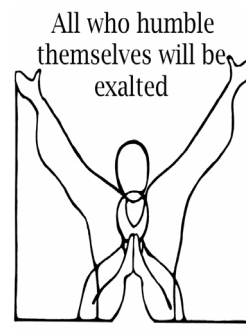
The St. Vincent DePaul Society, through the services of GreenDrop, will be here on **Saturday, November 5 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** to collect donations of usable men’s, women’s and children’s clothing which must be brought in plastic bags or boxes to be distributed to those in need. Please take all 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. Tax receipts are available upon request.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for October 16, 2016

Both the first reading and today’s Psalm say clearly that God hears the cry of the poor. Have I been given gifts—of time or money or abilities—to be the means by which God answers their need?

Envelope Contributions	\$6,057.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$990.00
Mailed in	\$2,340.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$9,387.00
Offering this time last year	\$9,483.00
Electronic giving of 10/17/16.....	\$4,247.00
Parish Giving.....	\$910.00

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



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.

SPIRITUAL READING GROUP

The Spiritual Reading Group will meet again on **Friday, November 4 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Parish Center/Church Office building.

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 and Steve Sutton at 610-520-2501 or colettesutton309@yahoo.com.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all those who helped make this **Fall Festival** such a success! We would like to continue 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, including:

Villanova Theater
Margaret Kuo Restaurant
Chic-Fil-A
John Fish Jewelers
The National Constitution Center
Haverford Gardens
Staybridge Suites
Platoon Fitness
Body Precision Pilates Studio
Sola BYOB Restaurant
Bryn Mawr Film Institute

...more THANK YOUs to come next week!

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR COMMITTEE

CHAIRPERSONS

Maryann Gallagher
Jason Sutch
Jeannie Schultz
Phyllis Hart



MISSION APPEAL

The Little Sisters of the Poor have been serving and caring for the needy elderly in Philadelphia for 147 years. They will be visiting us, appealing for your financial assistance to support their work on the **Weekend of October 29 – 30**.

Though so poor that they lived “hand to mouth”, the first Little Sisters often sacrificed their own comfort and even basic necessities, to provide for the needs of the elderly. Jeanne Jugan’s (founder of the community) definition of “family Spirit” is found in the heart of each Little Sister ready and willing to do all that is possible to “make the elderly happy” until their last breath. Your support is greatly appreciated and is God’s visible providential assistance to the poor.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

December 8, 2015-November 20, 2016

Today’s Gospel graces us with a beautiful prayer that can make every day of our lives a jubilee of mercy: “O God, be merciful to me a sinner.” Religious Israelites despised the tax collector who prayed it, for collaborating with Gentile occupiers and handling currency that bore the “divine” emperor’s graven image. But the Pharisee’s long-winded self-congratulation, mixed with self-righteous condemnation, was no “prayer” at all. “The Pharisee...spoke this prayer *to himself*.” Praying the tax collector’s simple, sincere, succinct cry for mercy acknowledges our own sinfulness and “welcomes” other sinners as brothers and sisters with whom we can identify, even empathize, echoing Pope Francis’ famous comment about not being the one to judge. Indeed, the tax collector went home “justified” that is, restored to God’s friendship, for God’s mercy is not prize-achieved but gift-received. “Let your prayer be brief: for tax collector, prodigal son, and dying thief were all reconciled to God buy a single phrase!”

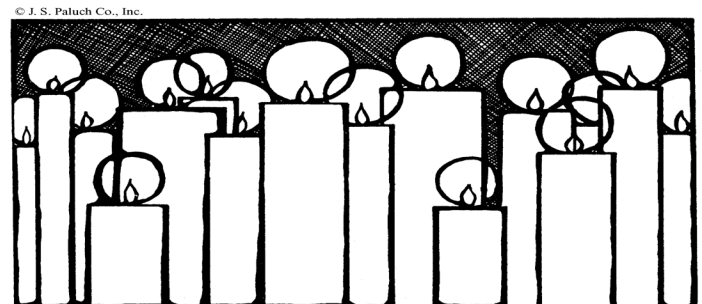
(St. John Climacus, 7th century).

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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.





ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

Mercy Associates

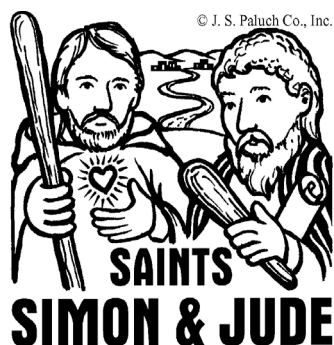
Saturday, November 5

10:00AM to 3:00PM

Waldron Mercy Academy Gymnasium
515 Montgomery Avenue in Merion

Many features to enjoy: Wide variety of Crafters and Vendors, Kids Craft Zone, Selfies with Santa, Make and Take Floral Workshop, Gift Basket Raffles. Enjoy lunch, socialize with friends and support the work of the Mercy Associates.

Waldron Mercy Academy is the location of the Holiday Craft Show. Please do NOT call Waldron. For more information, please contact jeanphalan@comcast.net.



Feast of
Sts. Simon and Jude
October 28

JOBS AVAILABLE FOR CNAs

Three part-time jobs are available for CNAs at The Society of the Holy Child Convent, 1341 Montgomery Avenue in Rosemont:

(2) **Part time weekend** (Saturday/Sunday) position/dayshift (7am-3pm), sixteen (16) hours bi-weekly.

(1) **Part time position/evening shift** (two shifts 2-10pm weekdays and two shifts 3-8pm on weekends, twenty six (26) hours bi-weekly, including alternate weekend (Saturday/Sunday) for small retirement community of religious sisters located in Rosemont. Also, Pool CNA, all shifts available. **Must be a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), one (1) year LTC experience necessary with emphasis on person-centered care.** Resumes can be sent via email or fax. E-mail: jtoddrdept@gmail.com. Fax: 610-525-7752. EOE.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPPORTUNITIES

1) **Waldron Mercy (WMA)**, a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, located in Merion Station, offers a Montessori program for children ages 3 to 6, and an Early Childhood Program for 3 year olds, through grade 8. To learn more about WMA, please call Sr. Joellen at 610-664-9847, ext. 113 or www.waldronmercy.org.

Also join us for our Open House:

Sunday, October 30 at Noon and

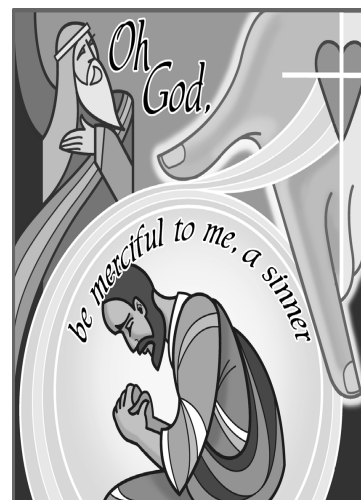
Tuesday, November 8 at 9:00am.

2) **Malvern Preparatory School:** Scholarship Consideration for 6th and 9th Grades Entrance Exam for 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th Grades **Sunday, November 6 at 8:30am** Pre-Registration encouraged online at www.malvernprep.org.

3) **Mount Saint Joseph Academy** The Scholarship/Entrance Exam will be given on **Saturday, October 29th at 8:00a.m.** For more information, please call the Admission Office at 215-233-9133 or visit us online at www.msacad.org.

SOLEMN CLOSING of the Cathedral Holy Door of Mercy Sunday, November 6 at 6:30pm

Join Archbishop Chaput as he solemnly closes the Holy Door of Mercy at the Cathedral Basilica of SS Peter and Paul to end the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Let us come together to thank God for all the graces we have received during the Jubilee!



BOUTIQUE SHOPPING EVENT

Thursday, November 10

SS. Colman-John Neumann Life Center
380 Highland Lane in Bryn Mawr10:00am – 2:00pm – Free Daytime Admission
6:30 – 9:30pm – Dinner and Live EntertainmentTo purchase advance tickets,
go online to: www.scjnschool.org

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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.



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Mass Intentions

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

- 6:30 BEATRICE COSENZA
8:00 KAREN DE TEMPLE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

- 6:30 FATHER JOHN DENNY, OSA
8:00 EMMA STIGLIANO AND FAMILY

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

- 6:30 TED JABLONSKI (ANNIVERSARY)
8:00 MARK, MICHELLE AND
MICHAEL CONNOR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 6:30 SPECIAL INTENTION
8:00 KAREN DE TEMPLE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

- 6:30 FLORENCE WHITEHURST
(ANNIVERSARY)
8:00 FATHER JOHN DENNY, OSA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 8:00 HELEN KRIPAK (ANNIVERSARY)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
9:30 THOMAS DUNCAN WHELEN
(137TH BIRTHDAY)
11:15 JOHN MALONE