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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>

TODAY, I MUST STAY AT YOUR HOUSE

If you received an invitation to have lunch with Pope Francis, what would you wear that day? What questions and comments would you rehearse for the table conversation? How would you react if TV cameras followed you as you walked in? Would you smile and wave, or just keep a serious look on your face?

In today's Gospel (Luke 19:1-10), Zacchaeus' conversation experience came to a climax when Jesus, a guest in his home, announced, "Today, salvation has come to this house." But that experience had begun when Zacchaeus ran ahead and climbed a tree in order to see Jesus. Zacchaeus didn't climb that tree only because he was short. Something about Jesus himself led the tax collector to risk being criticized and humiliated by his contemporaries. Dignified adults in Jesus' day did not run or climb trees, but Zacchaeus' attraction to Jesus was stronger than public opinion. Whatever drew him to Jesus that day forever changed Zacchaeus' life. Attraction led to dialogue, dialogue led to conversion and repentance, for all culminated in Jesus offering Zacchaeus the gift of salvation.

Before receiving that gift, Zacchaeus affirmed his desire to change his life for the better by admitting his wrongdoings and making amends. Zacchaeus willingly accepted one of the requirements Jesus asked of his disciples: to give half of what they owned to the poor. When Jesus asked for similar generosity from a rich young man, also in Luke's Gospel, that man went away sad. In this action, Zacchaeus chose to relinquish the security that his hefty bank account gave him and entrusted himself to God and to Jesus.

Although the final verse of today's Gospel may be a later addition by Luke, it is nevertheless an apt description of Jesus' ministry. He came to seek and save the lost. In the Zacchaeus narrative, it may seem that Zacchaeus was doing the seeking. But Jesus also searched for Zacchaeus, and having gotten his attention, Jesus went to his home, an action that communicated loudly and clearly Jesus' desire to seek and to save. On that day and through his interaction with Jesus, Zacchaeus clearly grew into his name: Zacchaeus means *righteous one*. His experience, his humility, his honest assessment of himself and his willingness to *go out on a limb* to respond to God and to grace, challenges each of us to do likewise.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Margaret Simyak, Janine Hoffman,
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,
Deacon George McAndrews, Sarah McGee
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.

Baptisms: We welcome to our faith community Brennan Francis Reilly, son of Brian and Adrienne, who was baptized in our church recently.

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, ext 234.

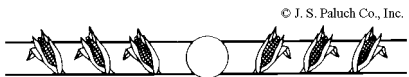
PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Meeting: The Parish Council will hold its next meeting on **Monday, November 7 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



IN ALL THINGS



Join us for
Thanksgiving

AN INVITATION
To our
Parish Thanksgiving Celebration

Dear Friends,

Our parish staff joins me in inviting you to our Parish Thanksgiving Dinner. Our 7th Annual Thanksgiving Celebration will be held **Sunday, November 20**. We will gather at 4:00 pm in the church where I will lead us all in Evening Prayer. Dinner will begin at 4:30 pm in the Gymnasium. Everything for our feast will be provided. Please bring non-perishable food items to the church or to the gym. These food items will be given to local food pantries to assist their efforts to feed those in our area who are hungry.

This is a very busy time of year but we hope that you can join us and be a part of our celebration. It will be my first time spending Thanksgiving with you here at OMGC. I'm told this is an exceptionally peaceful and enjoyable gathering.

We need to know how much turkey and cranberries to order. So, if you can attend, please **RSVP by Friday, November 11th**. You can make your reservation by either calling the Parish Office at 610-525-0147 or emailing: bbig@omgcp parish.net or dropping a note in the collection basket with your name, contact information and the number of people attending.

Thank you to all who are a part of making this parish Thanksgiving celebration happen.

Peace,
Father Liam

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!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
for **October 23, 2016**

We are called to be good stewards of our personal vocations. St. Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians is therefore ours, too—"that our God may make us worthy of God's calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith.

Envelope Contributions	\$6,363.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$1,246.00
Mailed in.....	\$1,676.50
Total Offertory Collection	\$9,285.50
Offering this time last year	\$10,060.00
Parish giving.....	\$1,390.00

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



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.

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, and others whose names have been submitted to be remembered by name.



Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Program

Two Pennsylvania tax credit programs allow you to redirect your tax dollars to support Catholic education. To find out more about these programs, please see the OMGC home page – www.OMGCparish.org.

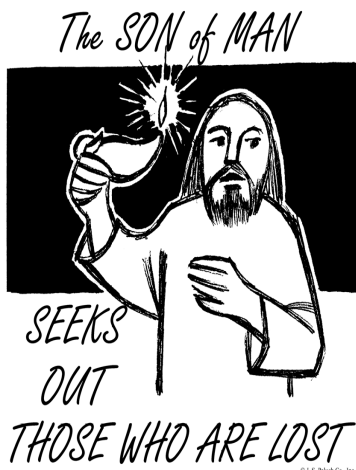
2016 VOTER INFORMATION Resources for Catholics

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has provided the following documents to help us prepare for the upcoming elections. Please go to www.OMGCparish.org for links to the following documents:

- * Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship
- * Know the Positions of the Presidential Candidates
- * General Election 2016: Pennsylvania’s U.S. Senate Candidates
- * General Election 2016: Pennsylvania’s Statewide Candidates

CHURCH PARKING LOT and Political Campaigning

Church parking lots are not public forums as a public street or shopping mall would be and remain dedicated to accommodating the religious activities of the church. Therefore, no one has permission to put political leaflets on the cars in Our Mother of Good Counsel parking lot.



INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Thank you to all who have volunteered your time, energy and hospitality to the families who will be joining us **today** here in the parish for the week. We ask your prayers for the families in particular, but also that their time with us will be a safe, healthy and profitable one for these families who are temporarily without homes.

Important IHN Phone Numbers: Because of our phone system here in the parish, it is important that you know the numbers to call if you are trying to reach someone helping with the IHN families during the week of **October 30 to November 6**. These numbers will be necessary to have whenever the Parish Office is closed or after 5:00 p.m. on work days this week.

Parish Phone – 610-525-0147 – Ext. 255
(Social Center – school)
IHN Phone – 610-525-1727 (direct line)

Happy Halloween



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.

LECTORS MEETING

There will be a meeting for all Lectors and anyone who would like to be a Lector on **Wednesday, November 9th at 7:00 pm** in the church.

SPIRITUALITY COMMITTEE

The Spirituality Committee will hold its next meeting on **Thursday, November 10 at 4:00 p.m.** in our Parish Center.

IMPORTANT REQUEST

Please do not bring food that contains peanuts, nuts, peanut products or nut products inside the church; someone sitting near you may have a serious allergy.

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

When Pope Francis called for the 2015-2016 church year to be a *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, he challenged us to demonstrate compassion and mercy for those who are suffering pain and poverty and experiencing exclusion. Our parish responded with many actions including many focused on food insecurity, a priority for us for many years. As the conclusion of the Jubilee Year approaches, we are planning ways to expand and sustain these actions.

First, we plan to broaden our many current activities to feed those who are poor. For example, OMGC parishioners donate time and food every other month for the food pantry at St. Cyprian, home of our former sister-parish, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament. Every other month, we take our food to the Patrician Society in Norristown. We participate in the Manna Food drive annually and deliver that food to the Patrician Society as well. We provide time, food and housing five times a year for families who are temporarily homeless through the Interfaith Hospitality Network. The Archdiocesan Nutritional Development Service counts on our Religious Education Program to hold food drives throughout the year. We can do more.

Second, we plan additional ways to **advocate** for change in policies, programs and systems that allow hunger and poverty to persist. For years OMGC has participated in an annual offering of letters to our nation's decision-makers through Bread for the World (BFW), a Christian, bi-partisan organization. In 2015, the campaign focused on the Global Food Security Act which was passed by Congress earlier in 2016 due in great part to the letter writing campaign. The 2016 campaign focused on funding for actions called for in this act and OMGC sent over 400 letters to our Senators. These campaigns have helped reduce the number of people who experience hunger by over 200 million worldwide (42 million in the US including 13 million children) since 1990, but 795 million remain hungry.

What can you and your family do now? If not already involved, join current activities to feed the poor. Consider joining BFW by visiting their website: www.Bread.org to learn more. Attend an upcoming presentation by Sr. Mary Elizabeth Clark, SSJ on **Wednesday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m.** at

St. Thomas of Villanova Auditorium in Rosemont. Sister will teach us how to **advocate** for change that will reduce incidences of hunger. If you have ideas for additional actions, by all means bring them forward. You can email Bill Jones at conbill4@msn.com or Sr. Anne at awoodeshick@omgcp parish.net.

FALL FESTIVAL THANK YOUs Continued!

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Thanks again!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

All 6th through 12 grade students are invited to join us in the school building for a service project for the poor on **Sunday, October 30 from 12:30 until 2:30 pm.** A light lunch will be served. Please plan on helping us out with this food project.

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.

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 Zone featuring crafts and games, 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.

SCJN CYO GIRLS BASKETBALL

Our Mother of Good Counsel and SS. Colman-John Neumann are merging once again for CYO girls basketball. Registration is open at www.scjnsaints.org. Tryouts will likely be held November 2nd, 4th, 5th and 6th so if interested, please register now.

BOUTIQUE SHOPPING EVENT**Thursday, November 10****SS. Colman-John Neumann Life Center****380 Highland Lane in Bryn Mawr**

10:00am – 2:00pm – Free Daytime Admission

6:30 – 9:30pm – Dinner and Live Entertainment

To purchase advance tickets,

go online to: www.scjnschool.org**CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY****St. Joseph's Preparatory School:**

Interested 8th grade boys should sit for the Scholarship/Entrance Exam on **Saturday, November 12** or **Sunday, November 13** at **8:30a.m.** Students are registered automatically upon completing an application. Academic scholarship and financial aid grants will be awarded to eligible students.

For more information, contact the Admission Office at 215-978-1958 or visit www.sjprep.org.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

- 6:30 MICHAEL JOYCE
8:00 ANNAMAE CROUMBLEY
7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 ALL SAINTS DAY

- 6:30 MARTHA P. BUCHANAN
8:00 DOMENICO & LUISETTA CONICELLA
12:10 JOHN AND JANET PHILLIPS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 ALL SOULS DAY

- 6:30 SALVATORE PETROCCIA
8:00 CATHERINE YOUNG

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- 6:30
8:00 MURIEL LEILA MARY LUND
VAN DUSEN (132ND BIRTHDAY)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- 6:30 NOVEMBER LIST
8:00 NICOLA FALCONE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- 8:00 DOMENIC AND MARIA DI MARTINO

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
9:30 HELEN J. BOBUS
11:15 JOSEPH MORRIS
(25TH ANNIVERSARY)

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