



Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish Community

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November 20, 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>

WHO, BUT THE CHRIST OF GOD, COULD PROMISE PARADISE!

There is no other part of the gospels as visually suggestive and dramatically presented as the events of Jesus' passion. Certainly, the authorities who staged it had no idea that the scene would be remembered for thousands of years. Yet Luke, like his fellow evangelists, narrated the story for the very purpose of passing it on to posterity. One of Luke's special touches is that here, as throughout his entire Gospel, he emphasizes the lowly and the outsider. Already in the Passion Narrative we have seen Simon the Cyrenean conscripted into carrying the cross and the wailing women who lined Jesus' path to Golgatha.

Luke's unique contribution to the passion story comes through the two men crucified with Jesus. Luke weaves this, the third incident of taunting the crucified Jesus, into a final dramatization of the offer of salvation. As the last public response to Jesus during his lifetime, this incident sets up the stark option of acceptance or rejection of the type of kingdom Jesus made present through his life. Jesus is depicted in the weakest, most scandalous depths of his incarnation, dying as an innocent, impotent victim of evil. It is impossible to portray a more profound solidarity with the human condition.

The two criminals of the story symbolize the human plight; they represent every sinner in the world. There is hardly a figure in history more appallingly helpless than a criminal on a cross. That someone in those circumstances could still play the part of an insolent bully staggers the imagination and yet, one of those co-crucified with Jesus used his dying breath to mock the blameless one who shared his fate.

The other criminal, in the defeat of his dying day, indicted himself and admitted his guilt, his mistakenness about life. He was able to perceive the goodness of the man being crushed beside him. Something about Jesus was revelatory enough to make all the difference. This criminal, alone among all the people attending the event, looked at Jesus with faith. His focus was not on himself, but on the one who was there for him. The one we call the "good thief" understood God as the one who comes to save. He asked to be remembered when Jesus would finally become victorious, and Jesus replied, "*Today*, you will be with me in Paradise."

The church has given us a harsh and beautiful icon to contemplate on this Feast of Christ our King. When we plumb its meaning, it reveals that nothing overpowers the love of God. It shows the God who is with every suffering creature offering compassionate, everlasting love, the only salvation that makes a real difference.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Margaret Simyak, Janine Hoffman,
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,
Deacon George McAndrews,
Christian Milton,
and Fr. Michael Hilden, OSA.

Please call the Parish Office (610-525-0147) 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 as often as needed or desired.

Baptism: We welcome to our faith community Catherine Rose Eloise Carter, daughter of Michael and Meredith who was baptized in our church recently.

H.O.P.E.

If you need a trip to the doctor, shopping, etc., call Shelley Preson at 484-412-8309 or S. Anne at 610-525-0147, ext 234.



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THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

November 24 – 27, 2016

Thanksgiving Day – November 24 – 9:00am Mass
Friday, November 25 – Parish Office Closed
Sunday, November 27 – First Sunday of Advent



CHRIST THE KING and THANKSGIVING

Dear Friends,

In the week ahead of us, we will celebrate two holidays: one religious and one secular. On Sunday, November 20, we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Then on Thursday, we will celebrate the feast of Thanksgiving.

We, as Catholics and as Americans, have so much to be thankful for! We have our freedom. We have our faith. We have the freedom to exercise our faith. We have our families. We have our friends. On the material level and on the spiritual level we have so many wonderful gifts that God has given us. We need to be thankful for these precious gifts all the time – every day. And it’s good to have one day a year set aside especially for giving thanks for all of these things.

It’s important for us to thank God for all of the gifts that we know of that He has bestowed upon us. But it’s also important for us every now and again to thank God for all the gifts He has given us that we are NOT aware of. God is forever pouring his grace into our hearts and giving us the things we need for our spiritual journeys, whether we are aware of His doing so or not. Maybe I’m being too careful, but I like to include thanks for those things “unknown” gifts as well in my prayers.

This Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King, is the last Sunday of our liturgical year. As Americans, we have a president. As Catholics, we have a King. A King who will reign on the throne of our hearts if we let Him. Paul says to the Colossians and he says to us: “let the peace of Christ reign in your hearts...” This feast is our opportunity once more to invite Jesus to come into our hearts and to reign there as our King – to reign as the King who brings true peace to our hearts.

Yours in Him,
Father Liam

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for November 13, 2016

Today we celebrate Christ the King and are reminded that all was created through Him and for Him. Does my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me give evidence that Christ is Lord of *my* life?

Envelope Contributions	\$5,882.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$1,227.00
Mailed in.....	\$2,071.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$9,180.00
Offering this time last year	\$7,,818.00
Electronic giving of 11/15.....	\$4,247.00
Parish Giving.....	\$910.00

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

PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT

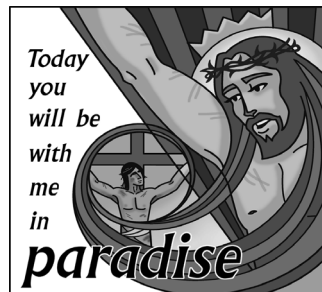
If there is anything you would like to bring to the attention of the Council by way of ideas, suggestions or concerns, please call Steve and Colette Sutton at 610-520-2501 or colettesutton309@yahoo.com.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE!

You can find a copy of the OMGC 2017 calendar at www.omgcp parish.org. All events are subject to change. Because the calendar is not all-inclusive, we will continue to include updated monthly calendars in the bulletin and on the website.

PEACE AND JUSTICE

The Peace and Justice Committee will meet on **Tuesday evening, November 29 at 7:30 p.m.** at St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Center in **Rosemont**. The date that appears on the November Calendar sent out to all OMGC parishioners is *incorrect*. The correct date and location is listed above.





RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE
OMGC Gym – 2:30 – 7:15 pm
Thursday, December 15

Please consider donating a pint of blood when the Red Cross Bloodmobile comes to OMGC’s gym on **Thursday, December 15th from 2:30 to 7:15 pm.** Please invite a friend to come with you to donate as well. The need for blood is great in the Christmas travel season. If you can donate, please fill out the pledge form here, or one from the pews, and place it in the Red Cross box at the entrance of the church. Also, you can phone or email your pledge to Joe Betz at 610-525-4499 or joseph.betz@villanova.edu or Frank Quinn at 610-525-7262 or fc.quinn@verizon.net. Or pledge on line at www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: our mother good counsel.

Pledge Form (please place in box on the table at the entrance of the church)

I will try to donate blood to the Red Cross at OMGC’s gym.

Name _____

Phone _____

Postal Address _____

Email Address _____

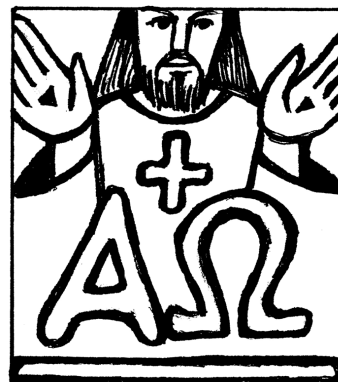
Appointment Time _____ (in 15 minute intervals between 2:30 and 7:15 pm)



Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK (IHN)

The IHN Parish Committee will meet again on **Thursday, December 1st** at OMGC’s Parish Center/Church Office building. We will begin planning for our December 25 – January 1, 2017 week of hosting.



FALL FESTIVAL THANK YOU

We continue to thank our Fall Festival Sponsors:

- St. Joseph’s University
- Flanigans Boat House
- Embassy Suites
- Gullifty’s
- Iron Hill Brewery
- Cobbs Creek
- City Tavern
- Yang Ming
- M-Golf
- Vertex
- Clementon Park
- Foote Orthodontics

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

All parishioners are invited to join us on **Sunday, December 4** for our Family Advent Day... Day will include Breakfast with Santa, Gingerbread Making Contest, Mass, Letters for Prisoners, Collection for those less fortunate, ornament making, sing along and much more! Watch the bulletin next week for more information! In the meantime, get your creative minds ready!!

PROJECT ELF

Once again, our parish will conduct Project Elf. We have a number of families that will have a difficult time making Christmas a happy time in their homes due to financial circumstances. We also have a number of families that are able to help out by becoming an “Elf” for these families. Needy families will provide us with a “wish list.” Elf families will then be asked to “adopt” the needy family and help by providing items on their wish list. Many of these families also need a Christmas meal. We have “Elves” that help with that as well. We had a very successful year last year and were able to provide a very nice Christmas for 12 families right here in our own parish. If you are interested in being an “Elf” family, please contact Karen Carey at 610-525-0147 or kcarey@omgcp parish.net for more information.

FAMILIES IN NEED

If you know a family that may need some help this Christmas, either with gifts or food, and you think they may benefit from Project Elf, please contact Karen Carey at 610-525-0147 or kcarey@omgcp parish.net. Even if that family is yourself.



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YOUTH GROUP NEWS

All students grades 6 through 12 are invited to join us on **December 10** late in the afternoon to take a trip to Escape the Room in King of Prussia. If you are interested in going, please email kcarey@omgcp parish.net for permission slip and details.

SPIRITUAL READING GROUP

The Spiritual Reading Group will meet for their monthly gathering on **Friday, December 2, at 10:00 a.m.** in OMGC’s Parish Center.

SEASONAL HANDBELL CHOIR

Newcomers Welcome!

Our beautiful handbell choir is readying to play for the Seasons of Advent and Christmastide. Anyone interested in joining should be of junior high age and up, no previous experience needed. An introductory overview is offered at a time convenient for you. For further details, please call Jo-Ann Stigliano at the parish office—610-525-0147, extension 238.

ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER

Listen to the Heartbeat of God

St. Raphaela Center in Haverford, PA
610-642-5715

Director: Sister Megan Brown, RSM

Wednesday, November 30

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$35.00 which includes lunch

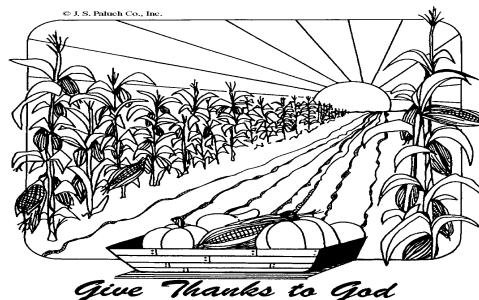
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

The Gladwyne Fire Company is announcing its Annual Christmas Tree Sale of Douglas Firs, Fraser Firs, Wreaths (Decorated and undecorated), White Pine Roping and Holiday Accessories. The sale begins on **Saturday, November 26th: Monday thru Friday from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm and Saturday and Sunday, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm.**

The Christmas Tree sale is located at 1044 Black Rock Road at the Gladwyne Fire House.

YOUTH MINISTER NEEDED

St. John Chrysostom Parish of Wallingford is seeking a youth minister who lives the faith, loves kids and teens, and is passionate about service. This is a paid, part-time position (about 10 hours a week, some flexible). Please contact mchollet@sjcparish.org or call 610-874-3418, ext. 106. St. John Parish is located at 617 S. Providence Road.



Give Thanks to God

A PEACEFUL PAUSE DURING ADVENT

The Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus invite you to join us on **Sunday, December 4th** for a peaceful pause during the Advent Season to reflect on the true gift of Christmas. People of all ages are welcome. The event takes place at 1341 Montgomery Ave. in Rosemont.

9:30a.m. – Welcome/Refreshments

10:00 to 10:30 a.m. – Reflection

10:30 – 11:15 a.m. – Self Tour

of International Nativity Scenes

11:30 a.m. – Mass at New Sharon Chapel

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Tara Zoltek at 610-626-1400 x315 or email her at www.tzoltek@shcj.org.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND February 12 – 21, 2017

Experience a spiritual journey of personal discovery and reaffirmation while following in the footsteps of Jesus on this all-inclusive 10-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The pilgrimage features nonstop flights from Newark, first-class hotel accommodations, breakfast, lunch & dinner daily, entrance fees, all taxes and all gratuities, Mass each day thanks to Fr. Robert Gross, and time for prayer and spiritual reflection. Brochure and more information are available online at www.grandviewtours.com or by contacting Denise Hay at 610-361-7979.

DEVON PREP SCHOLARSHIP/ENTRANCE EXAM

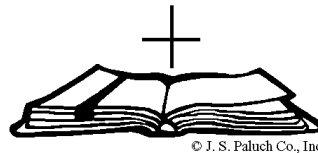
Devon Prep, an all-boys, private, Catholic school will be hosting a Scholarship/Entrance Exam for students in grades 5-8 on Sunday, December 11th at 8:30AM. Prospective students can pre-register at www.devonprep.com Walk-ins are welcome. Email kmulholland@devonprep.com for more information.

**Feast of St. Cecilia
Tuesday, November 22**



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Mass Intentions



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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
9:30 MURIEL LEILA MARY LUND
(71ST ANNIVERSARY)
11:15 TRUDY GILDEA

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- 6:30 ALICE F. DALY
8:00 LYNN FORSTER

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- 6:30 NOVEMBER LIST
8:00 JAMES CORRIGAN

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- 6:30 NORMA MC BURNEY
8:00 ALBERT AND EMILIA GERHARD

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24-THANKSGIVING

- 9:00 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- 6:30 MR. AND MRS. ANGELO IANACONE
8:00 RHE BROOK MESEROLE VAN DUSEN
(40TH BIRTHDAY)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- 8:00 DR. RUTH PATRICK HODGE
VAN DUSEN (109TH BIRTHDAY)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
9:30 THOMAS M. FLATLEY
(10TH ANNIVERSARY)
11:15 THOMAS L. ROSSIER
(65TH ANNIVERSARY)