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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>

## REMEMBER THE EPIPHANIES IN OUR OWN LIVES

When the sun rules the day, it overpowers all the stars. But evening comes and the world glides into the silence of night. There, in the darkness, God is revealed in the twinkling light from stars. We look back in time to a galaxy that sent its light racing toward our eyes a billion years ago. We see light that may no longer exist. Such galaxies may have gone dark a million years ago.

Astronomers and computers can re-create the position of the stars yesterday or two thousand years ago. They reverse the celestial clockwork to precise points in time. Projecting back in time they can re-create the sky as it appeared on the night Jesus was born. We are enabled to search with the Magi for the Christmas star.

Matthew, whose Gospel will be the principal one we hear this year, wrote with an eye to showing the connection between the faith of Christians and the history of Israel. As he continually makes that connection, Matthew also stretches his readers to see beyond the experience of one tradition and realize that the Gospel message is directed to all people, no matter their heritage or history. Matthew and Luke wrote their infancy narratives as something like a musical overture; the stories introduce the main themes or the narrative to come. Knowing that, we can read the story of the Magi not only for the details it presents, but also for how it sets us on the journey of knowing Jesus through the eyes of his servant whom we call Matthew.

Sr. Diane Bergant (*Preaching the New Lectionary*) explains that the story of the Magi is a *haggadah*, a tale fashioned to make a theological point. That does not mean that it did not happen; in fact, Magi-style travelers were not unusual and the astronomers say there was an extraordinary astral happening in those days. The point is that Matthew wove this story to underline the important dimensions of his Gospel. He tells us that the first people to do homage to the Savior sent to Israel were pagan foreigners. He lets us know that God's chosen one would be a threat to people in power. As the story goes on and Joseph takes the family to Egypt, Matthew assures us that the most powerful enemies in the world cannot stop God's saving plan.

This is our last Christmas story of the season. Celebrating God's self-revelation to the nations, it caps the meaning of the season. Combined with our readings from Isaiah and Paul, Matthew's narrative orients us to a new year of seeking the signs of God's presence in the everyday circumstances of our world. It calls us to hope, and reminds us that we are promised that if we seek we will find God, although rarely in the ways we would expect. As we begin this new year, let us heed Isaiah's call to rise up because the glory of the Lord is truly to be found among us.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Margaret Simyak, Janine Hoffman,  
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,  
Deacon George McAndrews,  
Christian Milton, Fr. Michael Hilden, OSA  
Nancy McDermott Wallace, Peg Crothers,  
Eliana VanArsdalen, Carol Luty,  
Michael Canonico, and Lori Lesutis.

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.

### 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.

**Deceased:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Margaret Moesel and for the consolation of her family.

**Marriage:** Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Edward and Kaylan Atkinson who were married in our church last week. May you continue to grow in God's love for you through each other.

**NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS.  
AND THANKS.**

I pray that the New Year will be full of God’s blessings of peace and joy for you and for your families.

Many start off the New Year with Resolutions – promises to themselves that they are going to do or not do certain things in the New Year. I would like to encourage all of us to resolve to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ during the next 12 months:

- Let us resolve to pray every day.
- Let us resolve to read the Sacred Scriptures and books on Catholic teaching more often.
- Let us resolve to seek God’s mercy and forgiveness more often in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- If Sunday Mass has not been a priority for us, let us resolve to change that.
- Let us resolve to be more kind and loving to the people around us and to those in need.

I thank everyone who worked so hard to make our celebration of Christmas so beautiful and prayerful. Thanks to Mary Ann and Paul and all those who helped to decorate the church. Thanks to Jo-Ann, the choir and the musicians who led us all in our singing and worship. Thanks to all our liturgical ministers – altar servers, ushers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – and to Tom who coordinates them. Thanks to Karen, the PREP teachers and the children who made our 6 PM Christmas Eve Mass’ Nativity Gospel pageant come alive. Thanks to Father John and to Santa Claus! Thanks to Father Jim and Father David who helped us to celebrate. And to everyone I have forgotten to mention.

Let us pray for Father David Cregan who will be away on sabbatical for the next six-months. Let us welcome Father Tom Pohto who will join us in mid-January.

Sincerely,  
Father Liam

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE  
for January 1, 2017**

Today we remember the three Magi from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts we bring—our time and service and some share of what we earn for the work we do—are equally precious in God’s sight.

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Loose Contributions.....	\$1,406.00
Mailed in .....	\$1,842.50
Total Offertory Collection .....	\$11,289.00
Offering this time last year .....	\$10,066.00
Electronic giving of 1/3/17.....	\$5,660.00
Parish Giving.....	\$880.00

**Christmas Totals:**

Envelope Contributions.....	\$26,544.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$3,550.00
Total Offertory.....	\$30,094.00

**Sunday December 25 totals:**

Envelope Contributions.....	\$8,305.00
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**Solemnity of Mary totals:**

Envelope Contributions.....	\$2,035.00
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**Thank you for your Stewardship to your Parish.  
Please remember the Church in your will.**

**PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

**Meeting:** The Parish Council will hold its next meeting on **Monday, January 9 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 Barry Mulhern at 610-527-5197 or [rmul742@gmail.com](mailto:rmul742@gmail.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 Dianne Meyer at 610-310-0506 or [dameyer1620@comcast.net](mailto:dameyer1620@comcast.net).

## EPIPHANY

They listened deep inside,  
far into the darkness  
where even a tiny bit of light  
seemed like sunburst in the heart.

They pondered the silent music  
that echoed in their prayer:  
“Go. Search. Look. Follow. Find.”

A journey without precedent,  
adventure wrought with risk,  
a time of travel filled with faith.

They went lovingly, eagerly,  
into the night of their lives,  
trusting they would find the way.

They paused to inquire, to study,  
they went on in faith, patiently,  
following with the hearts' eye  
and “the sight of the star  
filled them with delight.”

A journey not in vain,  
a patient search rewarded,  
their steady courage in the unknown  
led them to their heart's delight.

They found the long-sought One,  
waiting to be found,  
longing to be discovered,  
as they traveled the far stretches  
of their long and hidden night.

Author: Joyce Rupp  
in *“Out of the Ordinary”*



# Welcome

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## WE WELCOME Fr. Tom Pohto, OSA

On January 16, Fr. Tom Pohto, OSA will become a resident of the Augustinian Community here at OMGC. Fr. Tom was stationed here for a short time about ten years ago before taking on other assignments at the Villanova Monastery, the Augustinian Formation House in Chicago and more recently at the Parish of St. John Neumann in Golden Gate, Florida. He is retiring from active ministry but will assist the Augustinians in celebrating daily and Sunday Mass in the parish as needed. We look forward to his arrival!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help a parishioner who is blind to do her grocery shopping. It would entail picking her up at her Bryn Mawr home, driving to the local Acme, shopping with her and helping unload groceries. Time commitment is about 2 to 3 hours. Most volunteers shop once or twice a year. If you are interested and willing to help with this ministry, please contact Karen Fitch at 610-527-8193 or [kirste4@comcast.net](mailto:kirste4@comcast.net).

## REQUEST FOR RIDE TO MASS

A retired teacher, also an OMGC parishioner, needs transportation for the 7:30 am Mass on Sundays. I live on Barcladen Circle off of Lowry Lane. If you can help, please call Sally at 610-527-0879.

## SPIRITUALITY COMMITTEE

The Spirituality Committee will meet again on **Wednesday, January 11 at 4:00 pm** to continue its work on behalf of our parish. Anyone who would like to make some suggestions about what you would like to see provided for our parish by the committee, or would like to be a part of the committee, is invited to come to this meeting and share your ideas and suggestions.

## BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Once again this year, Our Mother of Good Counsel will be sponsoring a Baby Bottle Drive during the month of **February** for the Mothers' Home in Darby, located in the former convent of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish. The Mothers' Home is a safe, secure place for pregnant women and their babies who are in a crisis situation due to homelessness, domestic violence and/or the absence of family and friend support. The Mothers' Home can house up to 22 women and their babies. The Mothers' Home depends on the generosity of people to continue this life saving mission. Please take a bottle home with you which, hopefully, will be available on a weekend in early February fill it with coins, cash or checks and return it to Church by the weekend of February 25-26. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Last year, through your generosity, over \$4,000.00 was donated to the work of this very necessary ministry. Hopefully, we will do as well again this year.

## AT THE CLOSE OF CHRISTMASTIDE

Phrases from our Christmas carols and scriptures readings still wind their way, as strings of light, resonating these last days of Christmastide, streaming yet with lingering inspirations of hope, wonder and love.

May tidings of comfort and joy be fully yours this Epiphany, for the Light of the World that has come, is now given to all nations on earth. The promise of prophecies foretold is fulfilled, the Gift is freely given to all, be they pauper or king. For all who walk the path of this Light, a light we cannot create, but hope to be immersed within and saved by, radiant beams from heaven afar are bestowed, and Jesus our Savior is born for us.

Finally, from our choral anthem, "A Christmas Blessing," by Phillip Stopford, "May the joy of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, the worship of the wise men, and the peace of the Christ Child be yours this Christmas, and remain with you always.

Jo-Ann Stigliano  
Director of Music Ministries

## GENEROUS GIFTS FOR THE

### Three Sisters and One Deacon Who Serve Those in Need

OMGC parishioners made donations totaling \$2300 for the Immaculate Heart Sisters and their clients in Coatesville and at St. Bernard and St. Francis deSales parishes, and for the soon-to-be Deacon at St. Francis/St. Joseph/St. Vincent Homes in Bensalem. There was \$1155 in gift cards donated, \$715 in cash and \$430 in checks. On December 22, three packets worth \$575 each were delivered by Joe Betz to the IHM convent at St. Aloysius Academy, from there to go to the three sisters and one similar packet was mailed to Bensalem. There were 32 envelopes received from about 25 donors. Many thanks to you thoughtful and kindly donors for this help to struggling immigrants and troubled youths.

## PEACE AND JUSTICE

The Peace and Justice Committee will meet for the first time in this new year on **Wednesday, January 18 at 7:30 p.m.** at our Mother of Counsel Parish Center.

## Youth Activities

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## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Join us on **January 8 at 12:15pm** for a planning meeting for the Spring. We will meet at 12:15 and work until 1:15. Bring your calendars!

## JOB OPENING AVAILABLE

### Substitute Teaching Position

Merion Mercy Academy, a Catholic independent all girls high school, sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, has an opening for a long term substitute teaching position in a combined roster of secondary biology and chemistry for the second semester of the 2016-2017 school year. Degree required. Experience and certification preferred. Qualified applicants are asked to email a cover letter and resume by Tuesday, January 10th to Mary Ann Danovich, Assistant Head of School for Academic Affairs, at [madanovich@merion-mercy.com](mailto:madanovich@merion-mercy.com).

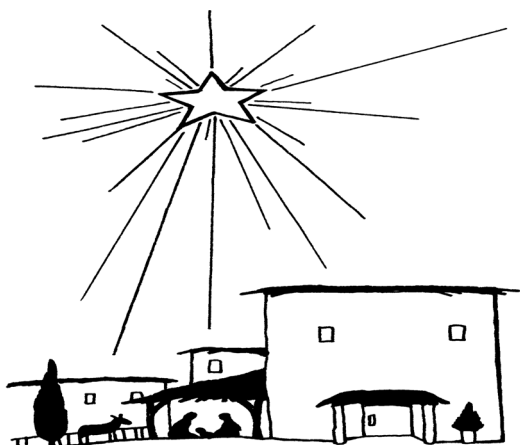
## ORDINARY TIME: WINTER

The Ordinary in “Ordinary Time” of our liturgical celebrations, refers to ordinal - counted - time, not to a lack of something to celebrate. Each year there are two blocks of Ordinary Time, one in the winter between Christmastime and Lent, and the other in summer and fall, from Pentecost through Christ the King. When we gather on Sundays in Ordinary Time, as always, we hear the scriptures proclaimed. We systematically read through the gospels. This year, we are in cycle “A”. Therefore we will be hearing about the public life of Jesus through the writings of the evangelist, St. Matthew. The first readings from the Hebrew Scriptures were chosen for their relationship to the gospel passages. The second readings come from the various letters of the Christian Scriptures. The mystery of Christ, in all its aspects, unfolds.

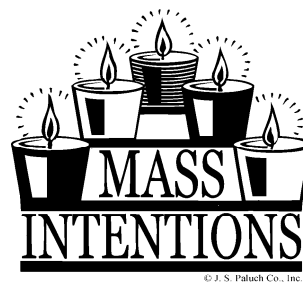
What is the heart of our Sunday celebration? We do our eucharist; that is, we do our thanksgiving. We praise and thank God for all creation; we pray for the whole world, as we remember Christ’s life, death and resurrection. We share the bread and wine, the body and blood. We are sent forth to be the body and blood of Christ in our homes, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, our towns, our cities, our country, our world.

What happens in our churches every Sunday is the fruit of our week. What happens is that the fruit of the week past is the beginning of the week to come. Sunday is simultaneously a point of arrival and departure for Christians on their way to the fullness of God’s kingdom. This is not ordinary at all. This is the fabric of Christian living.

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### SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL  
PARISHIONERS  
9:30 JAMES CROSSAN, USN  
11:15 MARY AND BRETT BORMAN

### MONDAY, JANUARY 9

- 6:30  
8:00

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

- 6:30 DR. EDWARD FITZGERALD, JR.  
8:00

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

- 6:30  
8:00 HAROLD AND ROSE IRVING

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

- 6:30 CHARLES SWEENEY  
(3RD ANNIVERSARY)  
8:00

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

- 6:30  
8:00 SEAN ALEXANDER KING  
(5TH ANNIVERSARY)

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

- 8:00 EDITH MONGELLI

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

- 7:30 TRAVERS AND THOMEY FAMILIES  
9:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL  
PARISHIONERS  
11:15 SR. BRIDIE FARRELLY



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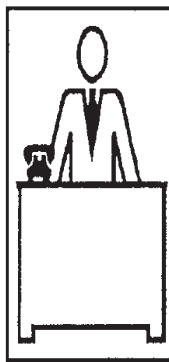
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