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**January 29, 2017**

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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>

## A PRAYER IN TIMES OF TRANSITION

by S. Joyce Rupp, OSM in *Out of the Ordinary*

Guide of Weary Travelers, take my hand as I wander  
through the unnamed wilderness in search of my true Home.  
Companion of Those Who Journey, assure me of your presence  
while I search aimlessly in the foggy land of "don't know."

Source of Wisdom and Guidance, be the Star that leads me,  
shine truth onto my path and bless me with direction.  
Wings of Shelter, embrace me with your comfort  
when the road is lonely and life feels desolate.

Wellspring of Hope, be my source of courage,  
my fountain of faith when I teeter toward despair.  
Wind of Spiritual Liberation, enter and unleash any shackles  
that bind and restrict me on the path of true freedom.

Heart of Compassion, taste my tears,  
heal my old wounds, rest my pain in your love.  
Bounteous Power, dance in my bones,  
sing in my spirit, energize me toward action.

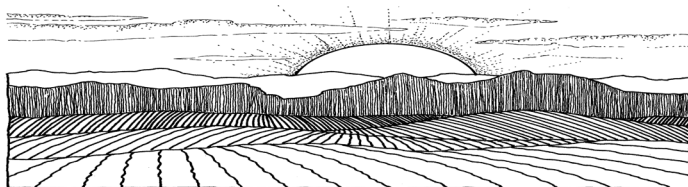
Endless Joy, infuse my wilting spirit  
with radiant vitality and the sweet savoring of life. Amen

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Margaret Simyak, Janine Hoffman,  
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,  
Christian Milton, Carol Luty,  
Michael Canonico, Lori Lesutis,  
Fran Weinzettle, Ann Marie Dean,  
Joanne Dalesandro, Mary Campo,  
and Pat Mallon.

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.

**New Members:** We welcome to our parish  
community Mr. and Mrs. David and Mary  
Manuszak, and Dr. Thomas Finnegan who recently  
registered with us.



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**Deceased:** We pray for the happy repose of the  
souls of Florence May Duffy and Carlos J. Alvare  
and for the consolation of their families.

### 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.

### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**Meeting:** The Parish Council will hold its  
next meeting on **Monday, February 6 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 [rmul742@gmail.com](mailto:rmul742@gmail.com) or 610-527-  
5197.

**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 Ron Hicks at 610-449-2748.

**WHAT HAPPENS AT THE SANCTUS?**

Dear Friends,

One day the prophet Isaiah went to the Temple in Jerusalem (chapter 6) and he experienced what it must be like to be in Heaven, to stand in front of the throne of God. Somehow, the wall or the veil that separates us from Heaven was opened, and he saw:

***Seraphim...they cried one to the other, Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts! All the earth is filled with his Glory!"***

Curiously, there are few passages in the Bible that portray what happens in Heaven. There is a similar place in the Book of Revelation. Here, instead of "angels" they are called "living creatures:"

***The four living creatures...do not stop exclaiming: "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty, Who was, and who is, and who is to come."***

And every time we celebrate Mass, we pray almost the same words:

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...***

For many years now, the Sanctus has been a very pivotal part of the Mass for me. Often when we sing, or even say these words, I have the feeling similar to what Isaiah experienced or to what St. John experienced and wrote in the Book of Revelation. I have the feeling that, somehow, the wall or the veil that separates our reality in our church from the reality of what is happening in Heaven is opened or lifted. Somehow, either what we are doing in our church here in Bryn Mawr is joined to the angels and saints gathered before the throne of God, or that what is going on in Heaven, with the angels and saints glorifying God before his throne, is present to us as we glorify God here at OMGC.

The word "Holy" when applied to God has to do with his infinite Love, Grandeur, his immeasurable Mercy, his Might, his Majesty.

In our daily lives, each of us is called to be holy, but in our case the word "holy" has to do with how close we are to God, how intimate we are with God in our life of prayer and in the way we serve each other. Our holiness is measured in the way we have allowed our hearts, our lives and our behavior to be transformed by His Love.

The God we worship is God All-loving, God Almighty, God All-Holy. And we are called to grow closer to Him in holiness. Let us take advantage of all the means and graces available to us in the sacraments, in worship, in community, and in growing in the knowledge of the Bible and of our faith. Let us grow closer to him, to experience his Holiness, to experience his Love, and to show his love to others.

Peace,  
Father Liam

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE  
for January 22, 2017**

Blessed are they who are what they are and do what they do *for the sake of the kingdom!*. The gospel today assures good stewards that their suffering and their service on behalf of the Kingdom *will* be rewarded!

Envelope Contributions .....	\$9,166.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$882.00
Mailed in .....	\$265.00
Total Offertory Collection .....	\$10,313.00
Offering this time last year .....	\$7,382.00

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

**2016 CONTRIBUTIONS LETTER**

The End of the Year substantiation letter will be sent to all parishioners who have contributed \$600.00 or more to the parish during 2016.

If you do not receive a letter and need a list of your contributions, please email Peggy Juhline at [pjuhline@omgcparrish.net](mailto:pjuhline@omgcparrish.net) or call 610-525-0147 x225.



## INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK (IHN)

**Meeting:** The IHN Parish Committee will hold its next meeting on **Thursday, February 2 at 4:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center.

**Week of Hosting:** Our parish will be hosting the IHN families once again during the week of **February 26 – March 5**. 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, February 25 at 10:00 a.m.** or take-down and pack away equipment on **Sunday, March 5 at 12:15 p.m.**, please call Sr. Anne at 610-525-0147 (ext. 234) or email her at [awoodeshick@omgcp parish.net](mailto: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 Michele Geraghty at 610-642-7113 or email [msggeraghty@comcast.net](mailto:msggeraghty@comcast.net).



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## BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

This year's Baby Bottle Drive will take place during the month of February for the Mothers' Home in Darby, located in the former convent of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish. Please take a bottle home with you which, hopefully, will be available on the **weekend of February 4/5**, fill it with coins, cash or checks and return it to Church by the **weekend of February 18/19**. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Empty bottles are available in the bassinet in the vestibule of the Church. A container will be available for donated bottles to be returned.

## CLOTHING DRIVE

The St. Vincent DePaul Society, through the services of GreenDrop, will be here on **Saturday, February 11 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. To learn more about GreenDrop, visit their website: [www.gogreendrop.com](http://www.gogreendrop.com).

## SPIRITUAL READING

The Spiritual Reading Group will meet on **Friday, February 3 at 10:00 am** here in our Parish Center. The group will complete their reading of "Dorothy Day – Love in Action" book at this gathering. In March, we will begin reading a book, entitled, "Elizabeth Johnson – Questing for God." More information will be offered next month about this new reading for us. This would be a good time to consider joining the Spiritual Reading Group as we begin anew in March.

## H.O.P.E. DRIVERS NEEDED

We would ask you to consider offering your driving skills for parishioners who need a ride to local doctors' offices, shopping, etc. Your group would be assigned every third week. The group leader will contact you if she receives a request for transportation. If you are available, a "yes" always makes a group leader very grateful. But if you are not available at the day or time needed, your group leader will also be grateful that you returned her call, telling her that it is not a good time for you. If you need to talk about this commitment, please call Sr. Anne at 610-525-0147 (ext. 234).



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## ALL ARE WELCOME!

Join us next Sunday at the 11:15 liturgy for our **First Sunday Liturgy** followed by lunch! Allow us to be your pre-game Super Bowl Party at our pot-luck lunch. Bring along a dish if you would like. You can use this link ([www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080D4EA5AE22A57-super](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080D4EA5AE22A57-super)) to sign up to bring something, or just bring it! We meet in the gym and are looking forward to seeing you for some good food and fellowship! **BRING A CAN OF SOUP TO PUT IN OUR SOUPER BOWL!**

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

All students, grades 6-12, are invited to join us on Super Bowl Sunday at 9:30 am to help set up the gym for our First Sunday Liturgy. We will also need some helpers for the collection at Mass and some greeters! If you can help, let Karen know by emailing [kcarey@omgcp parish.net](mailto:kcarey@omgcp parish.net).

Get Air Trip on **Sunday, February 12** – All students, grades 6-12 invited to join us from 11:30 – 12:30 followed by lunch. Cost is \$10 plus your cost for lunch. If interested, please email Karen at [kcarey@omgcp parish.net](mailto:kcarey@omgcp parish.net) for further instructions, and permission slip. Must register by February 9.

## AUGUSTINIAN VOLUNTEERS

Are you a recent or soon-to-be college graduate looking for an experience that will change your life? Do you want to spend a year living with your peers, serving those in need, growing in your faith and learning more about yourself? This might be just what you are looking for!

Volunteers serve in parochial schools as teachers, coaches, tutors, mentors and teacher-aids in high school, in colleges as campus ministers, and in social services as case managers, legal aids, advocates, nurses and a variety of other roles.

If interested in more information, visit our website [www.osavol.org](http://www.osavol.org) or get in touch: [osavol@gmail.com](mailto:osavol@gmail.com) or 610-527-3330, ext. 291.

## OPEN HOUSE

Ss. Colman-John Neumann School, located at 372 Highland Lane in Bryn Mawr will have Open House on **Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>** from **9:00 am to 11:00 am**.

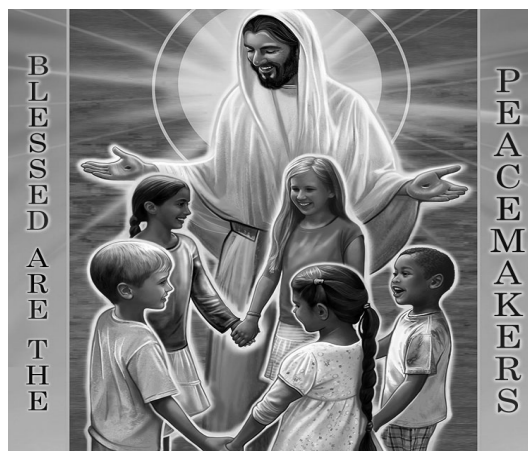
## “THE KINSHIP BETWEEN POETRY AND PRAYER”

From Gerard Manley Hopkins’ “words” that capture the wonder of God’s world and “dappled things” to Ted Loder’s earthy, imaginative, grace-filled observations in his “Guerrillas of Grace” to authors in between, we will consider how the words of poetry can enrich and enliven our prayer. S. Maureen Christi, IHM will present this day of reflection at the IHM Conference Center at 401 S. Bryn Mawr Ave. in Bryn Mawr on **Tuesday, February 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

The cost of the day is \$40.00 and includes light breakfast, dinner and Mass. Please call a week in advance to reserve a place at 610-581-0120.

## 2017 FRANCE PILGRIMAGE

St. Rita’s Shrine is happy to announce that they will sponsor a pilgrimage to France from **October 6<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>**. Fr. Jim Spenard, OSA will lead the group as the Spiritual Director. This pilgrimage honors our Mother Mary, visiting Lourdes, Nevers, Lisieux, Paris, La Salette and Lyon, France. Please know that there will be only 30 seats available for this trip. The total cost is \$3,089 (based on double occupancy) and payment plans are available. Please call Pat Bruno at 215-755-7084 or email [snetwork@saintritashrine.org](mailto:snetwork@saintritashrine.org) for more information or to reserve your seat.



**THANK YOUs RECEIVED**

1. Dear Friends, I am writing to thank you for the very generous donations and gift cards that you sent to the IHM Family Literacy Center as a result of your Advent giving. Your gifts will be put to good use in assisting the Spanish-speaking population in Coatesville. Know that we end every session at the Center with a prayer for all those who have been good to us.

S. Bernadette Mary Hiester, IHM  
 Director, IHM Family Literacy Center

2. Dear Friends, On behalf of the IHM Literacy Center Sites in Philadelphia, I would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all the parishioners of OMGC for your generous and thoughtful Christmas donations to our students. Your monetary contributions and gift cards were so appreciated and often received with tears of joy. 92% of our students live well below the poverty line, so even an extra \$5 or \$10 is "gold."

S. Marcille McEntee, IHM  
 Development Director

**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.

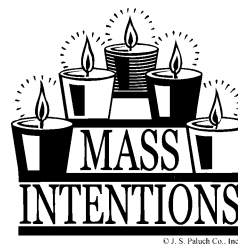


**FEAST OF  
 ST. JOHN BOSCO  
 TUESDAY, JANUARY 31**

**PRESENTATION  
 OF THE LORD  
 THURSDAY,  
 FEBRUARY 2**



**Presentation  
 of the Lord**



SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL  
 PARISHIONERS  
 9:30 WILBUR AHR  
 11:15 JOSEPH AND JANE HURLEY  
 (ANNIVERSARY MASS)

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

6:30  
 8:00 DOMENICO CONICELLA

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

6:30  
 8:00

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

6:30  
 8:00

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

6:30  
 8:00

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

6:30  
 8:00

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:00 FELIX BLONSKI  
 (ANNIVERSARY MASS)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL  
 PARISHIONERS  
 9:30 WILLIAM LILIENTHAL  
 11:15 NICOLA FALCONE



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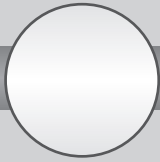


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