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**February 12, 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>

## GOD'S WISDOM BEHIND THE LAW

“Do not think I came to abolish the law but rather to fulfill it.” We need to understand Jesus’ sense of the fulfillment of the law within the context of *conversion* – the turnaround implied by faith in Christ. The disciple who has undergone a radical change of perspective will understand the law and morality in a new and different way. God’s law was never supposed to function like a set of rules demanding conformity; rather, God told the people that the law was near to them, it dwelt in their hearts and would give them life.

Each of Jesus’ examples in today’s Gospel (Matt. 5:17-37) springs from the tradition and offers new life. When he refers to anger against another, his people will hear references to Cain and Abel and to Joseph’s jealous brothers. They will understand immediately what kind of anger leads to murder, and they will recognize it when they are implicated in the same deadly process. The demand for reconciliation here is stringent – it isn’t just to forgive, but to reach out to someone who has something against you – even if you might not think it’s your fault! The call to avoid anger thus evolves into a call to cultivate both humility and love for the other over oneself.

When people think of the law primarily as what must be obeyed to stay in good graces with God, they miss the entire point of God’s love. The commandments are the basis for creating the happiness and community for which God created humanity. Transgressing the law is an offense against God precisely because of the harm it does to the human community. Thinking otherwise makes it sound as if God has a delicate ego that must be treated with great care lest God unleash the full force of divine wrath in punishment. That’s an idea that disparages both God and humanity.

Jesus’ teachings about human relations described the interactions that characterize the kingdom of heaven. As in the earlier part of this discourse, these are wisdom sayings, not juridical pronouncements. They present a design for living with specific examples that can be applied to other situations as well. What underlies the whole is a profoundly reverential approach to relationships, to our dealings with those with whom we share community or family, and those with whom we deal in day to day situations. The real subject of Jesus’ teaching here is about the heart we put into every human interaction.

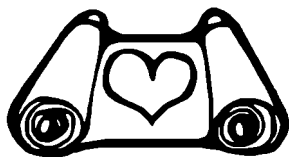
### PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

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

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.

**Deceased:** We pray for the repose of the soul of William T. Dean, Jr. and for the consolation of his family.



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### 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.

## Seniors

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### SENIOR COMMUNITY GATHERING

The Senior members of our parish and neighboring parishes will meet again on **Friday, February 17 at 12 noon**. At this Gathering, we will enjoy an activity called, “Crazy Bingo.” You are asked to bring an **inexpensive, wrapped gift** that you have at home to be used as prizes for our Bingo winners.

Please remember to bring a sandwich or your typical lunch edibles with you to this Gathering. Desserts and beverages will be provided.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**Parish Office Closed**

The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, February 20** for the celebration of Presidents Day. We chose this day in place of Martin Luther King’s special Day in January because many service activities are done in response to MLK’s call to be people of peace and service to those in need.

**PARISH LENTEN SERIES**

**Save the Dates**

This year, our parish is providing six evenings of input and reflection on the Scripture Readings of Lent on **Thursday evenings from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.** The schedule will develop as follows:

**March 2** Fr. John Deary will present the topic of *“Lent, Now and Then”*

With the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vatican Council, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) was re-introduced along with the catechumenate. Lent is once again seen as the proximate preparation for Baptism. The Christian Community supports the Catechumens with their prayers and example.

The Gospels of the Sundays of Lent were chosen to direct us toward the Baptism of Adults and the Christian communities renewal of their Baptismal commitment.

At this first meeting of the Lenten Series, we will look at the Sunday Gospels and how they relate to the sacrament of Baptism and to us as we journey through Lent.

**March 9** Fr. Liam O’Doherty will use the readings of St. Paul to speak on Baptism in the lives of the First Christians.

**March 16** Fr. Liam will speak on the topic of the *Psalms* for Repenters.

**March 23, 30 and April 6** Mrs. Michelle Francl-Donnay will present the Psalms which Jesus used for his own prayer and preaching.

A more thorough explanation of each week’s topic will be presented prior to the week of its presentation. Please plan to join us for this opportunity to become more deeply aware of the spirituality of the Lenten Season. The talks will take place (as of now) either in the Church or the Daily Chapel so that the number of those attending can be accommodated.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**for February 5, 2017**

Stewardship involves more than just the gift we bring to the altar. Today’s readings say clearly that it is fidelity to God’s law that makes our offering acceptable.

Envelope Contributions .....	\$8,251.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$931.00
Mailed in .....	\$2,810.00
Total Offertory Collection .....	\$11,992.00
Offering this time last year .....	\$12,982.00
Parish giving.....	\$1,110.00

**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@omgcp parish.net](mailto:pjuhline@omgcp parish.net) or call 610-525-0147 x225.

**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 contact Steve or Colette Sutton at [colettesutton309@yahoo.com](mailto:colettesutton309@yahoo.com) or 610-520-2501.

**SPIRITUALITY MEETING**

The Spirituality Committee will meet on **Wednesday afternoon, February 22 at 4:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center.



## INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK (IHN)

**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).

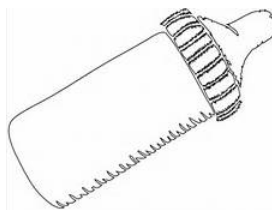
## MAN-UP PHILLY Men on a Mission

This year Man Up Philly will be holding the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Men's Spirituality Conference in Philadelphia on **Saturday, March 4 at St. Joseph's University – Hagan Arena**. We encourage all men to join us for an inspiring time of faith and sharing. Experience our area's largest Men's Spirituality conference first-hand and join others who are ready to Man-Up, by living our true mission as Catholic Men. Speakers include: Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Ph.D, New Your Times best-selling author; Kevin Reilly, Former NFL Player for the Phila. Eagles; Damon Clarke Owens, international speaker and evangelist; Mark Forrest, acclaimed Irish tenor.

Visit [www.ManUpPhilly.com](http://www.ManUpPhilly.com) for more Information and to Register. Register now and save \$10 as an Early Bird Special.



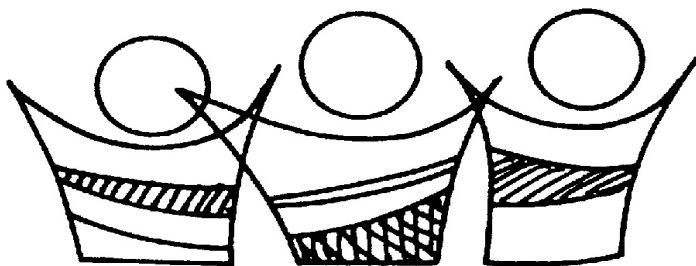
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## BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

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. Fill it with coins, cash or checks and return it to Church by the **weekend of February 25-26** at the latest. 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.



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## HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TESTS

**Merion Mercy Academy:** We welcome all seventh grade students, both girls and boys, to take the practice High School Placement Test at Merion Mercy on **Saturday, February 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Parents are offered a school tour at 9:15 a.m. on the test day. The cost is \$40 and includes lunch for students. For more information and to register, please visit our website at [www.merion-mercy.com](http://www.merion-mercy.com) and click on the link for the practice test, listed on the homepage.

**Mount Saint Joseph Academy:** The Mount invites all interested 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls to register for the **Pre-HSPT** to be given on **Saturday, March 25 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** The Pre-HSPT is a 7<sup>th</sup> grade edition of the actual Scholarship/Entrance Exam given to eighth grade applicants. Registration is available **online only**. Register at: [www.msacad.org/practice test](http://www.msacad.org/practice test). You will receive registration confirmation via email.

## TWO PART-TIME POSITIONS AVAILABLE

St. John Chrysostom Parish and our regional school, Mother of Providence in Wallingford, are hiring for two part-time positions:

**Church Sacristan Needed:** St. John Chrysostom Church is seeking a part-time sacristan (typically, one Saturday and one Sunday each month). This is a paid position and training is provided. Responsibilities include unlocking and locking the church for Masses, setting up and cleaning up items for Mass, and other occasional light duties. Contact Rosemary Endres at 610-874-3418 – ext. 108.

**Mid-Day School Help Needed:** Mother of Providence Regional Catholic School is in need of mid-day help (2-1/2 to 3-1/2 hours) on full school days. This position entails setting up and breaking down lunch tables, light maintenance, cleaning and other duties as needed. Contact Mrs. Therese Waters, school principal at 610-876-7110 or [twaters@mpregional.org](mailto:twaters@mpregional.org).

## RACHEL'S VINEYARD MINISTRIES

### Post-Abortion Healing Retreat

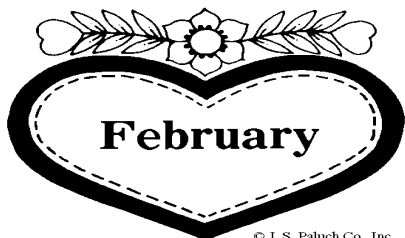
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A Woman's Testimony: I received great Inner healing during my retreat. I recommend it to anyone suffering from abortion. I was able to forgive myself and found Christ's unconditional love.

A Man's Testimony: For 18 years, I had been haunted by guilt that no one could take away. Through the retreat, I was able to forgive myself. God has given me a peaceful mind, cleansed my heart and washed away my guilt.

For information call: Geri at 610-399-0890 or Priscilla at 215-906-6337. All inquiries are strictly confidential. Financial aid is offered if needed.



## MOM-HEART OF THE HOME DAY OF RENEWAL

Registration is now Open for our 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Event  
**March 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**  
Sts. Simon and Jude Meehan Center in West Chester

Calling Moms of all ages and types: new moms, seasoned moms, grandmothers, step-mothers. Even if you are not a mom, you are still welcome! Start your Lenten season by replenishing your spirit. Come listen to two amazing, inspirational morning and afternoon speakers, Lisa Mladinich and Eleanor Farzetta. See our registration form for all details at [www.mom-heartofthehome.org/events.html](http://www.mom-heartofthehome.org/events.html) or call Nancy Solano@ 610-525-0571 or email [nancysolano@verizon.net](mailto:nancysolano@verizon.net) for more information.



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## REGISTER NOW

For Family Support Services Summer Camp  
June 26<sup>th</sup> through August 18th

Join us this summer for a fun-filled experience that includes: 7 field trips, arts and crafts, sports and games, science activities and much more! Our focus for the camp will be a job and economics-themed curriculum that enables all campers to have a job, and earn and spend money in a real-life way.

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For more information and pricing, please contact 610-853-5960 or [www.childcare@fssinc.org](http://www.childcare@fssinc.org)



**SAVE THE DATE**

2017 Parish-wide Meeting  
 Sunday, March 26, 12:30-2:30PM  
 Parish Social Center

Watch the bulletin for details



**Lincoln's  
 Birthday**

**CATHOLIC CRUISE ALASKAN  
 EXPLORER**

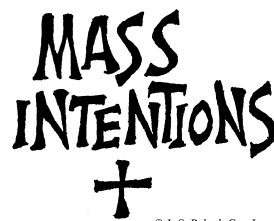
Come and sail away on a 7-night Alaskan Explorer with Glacier Bay Cruise with Fr. Peter Judd, August 12 – 19, 2017 on Holland America's Eurodam out of Seattle, Washington. Ports of Call: Juneau, Alaska; Cruise Glacier Bay National Park; Sitka, Alaska; Ketchikan, Alaska and Victoria, British Columbia. Prices begin at \$2,784.00 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass offered. Deposits of only \$350 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further info or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785 or [Doug@CatholicCruisesandTours.com](mailto:Doug@CatholicCruisesandTours.com).



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**Tuesday,  
 February 14**



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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

- 7:30 KATHERINE AND CIRO IANNOTTA
- 9:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHIONERS
- 11:15 IRENE BRENT

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

- 6:30 BOPHAVY EULING
- 8:00 DOUGLAS HIGH

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

- 6:30
- 8:00 JOHN, BRIDGET, AND AGNES CASSIDY

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

- 6:30 JERRY COLBERT
- 8:00

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

- 6:30
- 8:00 BRIAN MC MENAMIN

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

- 6:30 JOHN MC GUCKIN
- 8:00 ANNA AND CON HARKIN

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

- 8:00 KATHARINE QUINN  
 (ANNIVERSARY MASS)

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHIONERS
- 9:30 MARY ANN MARCHESANI  
 (20TH ANNIVERSARY)
- 11:15 PATRICK CANAVAN



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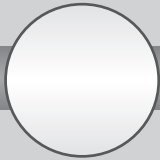


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