



Our Mother of Good Counsel

Parish Community

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February 26, 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>

TODAY'S GOSPEL CLASS: DISCIPLESHIP 101

In today's segment from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches about the demands of discipleship. Later on, he will tell the disciples to go out without provisions and that giving up home and hearth for him will bring them a hundred-fold. Here, during their early experiences with him, it is as if Jesus were giving them their freshman orientation, making it as clear as he can that discipleship is an all or nothing venture. Jesus actually uses the vocabulary of slavery to describe their relationship to God, "No one can serve two masters," although in this case, the individuals would choose freely which master they would serve.

The relationship Jesus expects between disciples and God is uncompromising. There is no wiggle room. The opposite of devotion to God is service of mammon. Mammon is not the devil or even money in particular, but rather possessions in a comprehensive sense. Jesus was pointing out how easy it is to become a slave of what we think we own. We need only note how a cell phone can take priority over everything from the family dinner table to the driver's seat. Given the automatic and unfailing obedience we give to a ring tone, one would think that failing to answer involved a public display of immorality. It's small comfort to realize that the tendency to allow our things to dominate us is anything but new in human history.

We need to understand the injunction not to worry as an extension of Jesus' teaching about discipleship. He actually claimed that it is pagan to waste our time on concerns about food and drink. According to Jesus, life is all about seeking God's kingship over us, God's way of holiness, and if we really do that, everything else will fall into place.

Pope Francis would have us understand that serving God and seeking the kingdom of heaven implies "a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable...development' of our world. Jesus oriented the freshmen disciples; the course Francis is teaching might be called "Discipleship 101." The call of today's Gospel (Matt 6:24 – 34) is becoming devoted disciples who trust the God who loves us like a mother and promises that we have got everything we need as long as we are willing to share it.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

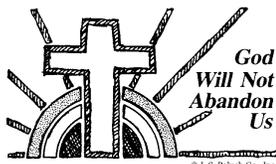
Margaret Simyak, Janine Hoffman,
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,
Christian Milton, Ann Marie Dean,
Joann Dalesandro, Mary Campo,
Pat Mallon, David Innaurato

Lori Lesutis and Fr. Michael Scuderi, 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.

H.O.P.E.

If you need a trip to the doctor, shopping, etc., call Carol Way at 610-525-5817 or S. Anne at 610-525-0147, ext 234.



**Ash
Wednesday**

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**LENT BEGINS
On Ash Wednesday,
March 1, 2017**

Masses will be celebrated on Ash Wednesday
at 6:30am, 8:00am, 12:10pm and 7:30pm.
Ashes are distributed during Mass.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Meeting: The Parish Council will hold its next meeting on **Monday, March 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 610-527-5197 or 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 Ron Hicks at 610-449-2748.

LENT 2017

“Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ’s victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God ‘with all their hearts’ (Joel 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive.”

These words above are not my words, but a quote from Pope Francis’ letter to the Church for Lent 2017.

Lent has its origins in the earliest centuries of Christianity. Originally, it was an intense period of preparation for those who were preparing to receive Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist (the Sacraments of Initiation) at the Easter Vigil. Then, the Church decided that *all* Christians should avail themselves of this period of grace as a time to grow closer to the Lord and to prepare to reaffirm their own baptismal promises.

You have heard me say many times by now, that a deepening understanding of our Baptism is essential for understanding how we as Catholic Christians are connected to the Lord Jesus, and to each other as members of His Body. Lent is a time of grace during which we have the opportunity to deepen that understanding.

Every year millions of Catholics think: “What should I give up for Lent?” Self-denial certainly is an important aspect of our Lenten observance, but we should be thinking as much about “What I should *take up*” during Lent to deepen my relationship with Christ and with His Church. The Church has always recommended: “prayer, fasting and almsgiving,” along with the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Any actions or activities that show kindness and mercy to those around us, or to those at a distance certainly fall under this rubric.

One other thing that we at OMGC can do is to participate in our yearly Lenten talk series. These will take place during the first six Thursdays of Lent. Father John will start us off talking about Baptism in the Gospels. I will then give a talk about how St. Paul taught the first Christians about

Baptism. The next four talks will be about the Psalms – those songs and prayers used both by Jews and Christians for 3000 years. I’ll give a talk on some of the Psalms that help us to repent. Michelle Franci-Donnay will then give the final three about the Psalms as Jesus used them.

However you choose to use this holy season, my prayer for you is that it will indeed be a time of grace – a time for deepening your appreciation and understanding of how your Baptism connects you with the love of God in Jesus Christ.

Peace,
Father Liam



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**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
for February 19, 2017**

St. Ignatius of Loyola in his Spiritual Exercises echoes the stewardship message in the Gospel according to St. Matthew: “Our one desire and choice should be what is more conducive to the end for which we are created.” The right use of things includes and requires that they be used to serve others.

Envelope Contributions	\$7,222.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$866.00
Mailed in	\$1,128.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$9,216.00
Offering this time last year	\$11,555.00
Parish giving	\$910.00

**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 or call 610-525-0147 x225.

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*”

March 9 *Baptism for the 1st Christians*

Fr. Liam will explore the meaning of Baptism in St. Paul’s letters concentrating on Ephesians chapter 1 (especially verses 3 to 14) and Romans chapter 6 (especially verses 2 to 12). Although not required, please prayerfully read these two passages before you come, and bring your Bible with you.

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.



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**WORLD DAY
OF PRAYER**
Friday, March 3

This year, the World Day of Prayer will be celebrated at Zion Baptist Church in Ardmore, 221 West Spring Avenue, beginning at 10:30am with a reception and at 11:00 am for the prayer service. This is a powerful ecumenical witness as we pray with women and men all around the world. This year, the prayer has been prepared by the women of the Philippines. Please plan to attend this annual world-wide prayer experience if possible.

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 **February 26 – March 5**. 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 Direct Line – 610-525-1727

LET THE TASTING BEGIN!

The Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus invite you to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of St. Raphaela Center and the 70th Anniversary of Ancillae-Assumpta Academy at our:

Journey of Hope Wine Tasting

March 29 from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

St. Raphaela Center

616 Coopertown Road in Haverford.

Our evening’s Grand Prize Raffle offers a Trip for 2 to Spain! The trip includes 7 days and nights, airfare, hotel accommodations, all transfers and taxes. Best of all – The winner need not be present to claim the prize.

This is truly an event you don’t want to miss! For ticket and raffle ticket information, please visit our website at www.acjusa.org or phone 610-642-5715, ext. 15.

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.

SS.COLMAN-JOHN NEUMANN

School Theatre Program Presents

*Beauty and the Beast***March 3 at 7pm; March 4 and 5 at 2:30pm**

SCJN Parish Center

Tickets sold at the Door – Adults \$8; Children \$5

Questions: 610-525-3266.

LENTEN DAY OF PRAYER

Lent is the Church's Holy Spring. The Celtic peoples celebrated the season of Imbolc, beginning with the feast of St. Bridget, as a time of renewal and rebirth. With Bridget as our guide, we will ponder the meaning of the Lenten season in our lives and the life of the Church. Sister Megan Brown, RSM will lead the reflection on **Tuesday, March 7 from 9:00am to 3:00pm** at St. Raphaela Center in Haverford. Call to register at 610-642-5715 or www.straphaelacenter.org.

**SAVE THE DATE**

2017 Parish-wide Meeting

Sunday, March 26, 12:30-2:30PM

Social Center in the School Building

Watch the bulletin for details

LEGION OF MARY**“Marian Day”**

Please join us on **Saturday, March 11 from 9:00am to 4:00pm** at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary for this program. The day includes: morning and afternoon presentations by Fr. Mark Mary, MFVA, EWTN's host of “Life on the Rock,” Mass, box lunch and Holy Hour. Donation request for box lunch is \$10. RSVP at www.scs.edu or call 610-785-6270.

**MARCH FIRST SUNDAY**

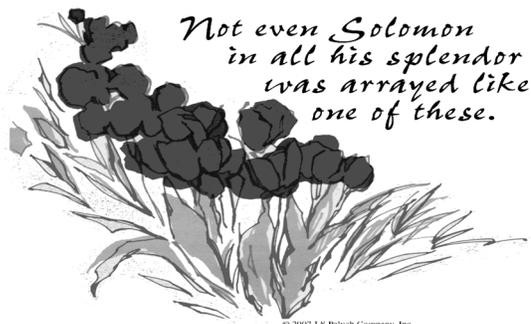
All parishioners are invited to join us for the 11:15 Mass on March 5 followed by our pot-luck lunch! Please use the link below to sign up to bring your favorite make-ahead-of-time food! We look forward to seeing all of you there! To sign up, go to: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080D4EA5AE22A57-march.

SPIRITUAL READING GROUP

Beginning on Friday, **March 10** from 10:00-11:30am, we will begin reading **“Elizabeth Johnson: Questing for God.”** Who is God? That is the question S. Elizabeth A. Johnson has spent her life exploring. As a Catholic theologian, writer, teacher and woman religious, Johnson has searched for “the Living God” and ways to understand God that make sense for our time. Her work is firmly grounded in the Catholic tradition while it explores the edges of that tradition, pushing it to be more inclusive – a project that has caught the attention of scholars, everyday Catholics and sometimes critics.

The books we have been using recently are published by Liturgical Press in Collegeville, Minnesota. If you think you would like to join us beginning on March 10, please contact S. Anne Woodeshick at 610-525-0147, ext.234 or email awoodeshick@omgcp parish.net.

Several books are still available for newcomers. The Spiritual Reading Group usually meets on the first Friday of each month from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Center/Church Office building.



“AGELESS IN THE LORD”**Tuesday, March 7 from 9:30 -2:30**

Presenter: S. Cheryl Murphy, IHM

IHM Conference Center

401 Bryn Mawr Avenue

Stipend \$40.00, includes

light breakfast, dinner and Mass.

Call 610-581-0120 or

email: www.ihmconferencecenter.org.**REGISTER NOW****for Family Support Services Summer Camp****June 26th 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.

FSS Camps will be available at 2 convenient locations:

In Havertown: 1101 Earlington Road

Brookline School Building

and

In Bryn Mawr: 450 S. Roberts Road

Presbyterian Children's Village

Families have a choice of 4, 6 or 8 week options. Camp runs daily from **8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** with before and after care available.

For more information and pricing, contact 610-853-5960 or www.childcare@fssinc.org.

**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.

Mass Intentions For The Week



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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 7:30 DR. JOSEPH FOOTE
9:30 JANET D. DAGIT
11:15 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- 6:30
8:00 NICHOLAS SOLANO

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- 6:30
8:00 LAURA MOORE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1 ASH WEDNESDAY

- 6:30 THE MC GUCKIN FAMILY
8:00 KEVIN T. FLATLEY
12:15 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
7:30PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

- 6:30
8:00 JAMES CORRIGAN

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

- 6:30
8:00 SR. RUTH MC CARTHY, SHCJ

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

- 8:00 JOSEPH (OATES) CRERAND

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
9:30 JAMES MATTIOLI
(3RD ANNIVERSARY)
11:15 MICHELINA GAGLIARDI