



# Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish Community

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**April 2, 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>

## WITH CHRIST, WE JOURNEY FROM DEATH TO LIFE

In today's Gospel (John 11:1-45), Jesus reminds the disciples that Lazarus' death, something they perceived as the result of sin or an irreversible tragedy, was actually the setting for a revelation of God's glory. He even said it was good that he hadn't been there because they needed to understand that his work had to do with transforming the human condition, not simply curing disease. This served as a gentle introduction to help them understand his passion as glory.

Thomas replied by calling the disciples to what was probably the best they could offer at the moment: "Let us also go to die with him." In this, Thomas was acting as the example to all who are called to grow in faith; he demonstrated that his loyalty went far beyond his comprehension. He didn't understand that Jesus' "hour" would bring glory or that Lazarus' death would bring a deeper revelation of who Jesus was, but Thomas had enough love to be willing to stand with Jesus in spite of obvious danger.

Martha's conversation with Jesus takes the exploration of faith a few steps farther. First, she recognizes him as a healer, although she reminds him that in that capacity he arrived too late to do much good. She follows her complaint with the ambiguous statement: "Whatever you ask of God, God will give you." When Jesus replies "Your brother will rise again," Martha hears the sort of cliché frequently offered to people who are grieving; it is effectively a call to ignore real anguish and take a "spiritual view" that discounts the hole in the heart of the bereaved. But that is hardly the intent of Jesus for whom this moment was so perturbing and troubling that he wept openly.

Far from being a platitude, Jesus' assurance that Lazarus would rise was the prelude to an "I am" statement: Jesus' declaration that he is the resurrection and the life. As with all of those statements, Jesus reveals who he is in order to explain what that means for others. He offers Martha a paradoxical proverb contrasting the ordinary and deep meanings of life and death.

Jesus asks if Martha believes, and she responds that she believes he is the Christ. She doesn't say she understands it, just that she believes. So Jesus takes her one step farther, he takes her to face the grave. Raising Lazarus becomes the sign that in him, death has no power. Believing in Jesus, walking with him with more trust than understanding, is the journey of discipleship, the route of living in the light of Christ, the resurrection and the life.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Christian Milton, Ann Marie Dean,  
Joanne Dalesandro, Fr. Michael Scuderi, OSA  
Janine Hoffman, Carol Luty,  
Michael and Andrew McCaughey.

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 happy repose of the soul of Margaret Crothers and for the consolation of her family.

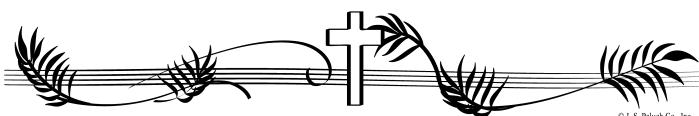
### H.O.P.E.

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.

### FAREWELL TO OUR RECEPTIONIST BARBARA BIEG

For 18-1/2 years, Barbara Bieg was the face of our parish to the hundreds of people who walk into our offices every year. She showed a warm smile and exuberant professionalism to every person she served. Barbara retired from OMGC on March 17. She asked that no announcement or fanfare be made at the time. But now I ask you to join your prayers with mine, asking God to bless her with good health and happiness as she begins this new phase of her life.

Father Liam



## LENTEN COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE – APRIL 4

Dear Friends,

You may have heard me tell this story of how my father, every five or six weeks, used to load us up in the car on a Saturday afternoon and take us to BVM Church in Darby so that he and Mom and my brother and sister and I could all go to confession. My father gave us a great gift. I am grateful to him for teaching me by example the importance of this wonderful sacrament!

Truly, the Lord showers so many graces on us through this sacrament. The most obvious Grace is, of course, the grace of forgiveness of our sins. But there are so many others as well! Through the sacrament of reconciliation, God gives us the grace of peace of heart, the grace of inner healing, the grace to struggle victoriously with temptations that come our way – and so many other graces as well.

Repentance is a central element of our Lenten journey. As we come closer to the end of Lent, I urge you to celebrate this sacrament either individually, or at the parish communal penance service on **Tuesday evening, April 4 at 7:30 in our Church**. The communal celebration of the Sacrament is a very meaningful experience as we join together as a community in celebration of God’s ever-ready willingness to forgive, renew and strengthen our commitment to live more faithfully as disciples of Christ.

In Him,  
Father Liam



## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for March 26, 2017

When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded, “This illness is not to end in death; rather it is for God’s glory, that through it the Son of God may be glorified.” Every aspect of our lives—our gifts as well as our sufferings—can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessing for ourselves and others.

Envelope Contributions .....	\$6,497.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$1,085.00
Mailed in .....	\$2,079.00
Total Offertory Collection .....	\$9,661.00
Offering this time last year (Easter).....	\$23,486.00
Parish giving.....	\$915.00

**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, April 3 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@comast.net](mailto:dameyer1620@comast.net).

### SUMMER DIRECTED RETREATS and Ignatian Spiritual Exercises

St. Raphaela Center offers summer retreats as well as the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises retreat for an extended time of prayer and silence, accompanied by a Spiritual Director. Visit our website for July and September retreat dates. For more information or to register, call St. Raphaela Center in Haverford, PA at 610-642-5715 or [www.straphaelacenter.org](http://www.straphaelacenter.org)



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## HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE

*Palm Sunday – April 9*

**Masses – regular Sunday schedule**

*Holy Thursday – April 13*

**Morning Prayer – 9:00am**

**Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:30pm**

**Night Prayer (Compline) – 10:30pm**

*Good Friday – April 14*

**Morning Prayer – 9:00am**

**Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – 3:00pm**

*Holy Saturday – April 15*

**Morning Prayer – 9:00am**

**Easter Vigil – 8:00pm**

*Easter Sunday – April 16*

**Mass: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:15am**

**The Parish Office will be CLOSED on**

**Good Friday, April 14 and**

**on Easter Monday, April 17.**

## RICE BOWL CONTRIBUTIONS to Catholic Relief Services

We ask you to bring the contents of your Rice Bowl boxes to Mass with you when you attend one of the services of Holy Week from Palm Sunday through to the Triduum from Holy Thursday evening through Easter Sunday morning. Please bring your Rice Bowl container or put your donation in an envelope marked "Rice Bowl" and drop it into the collection basket in Church. Thank you to all who participated in this journey of prayer, fasting and almsgiving in order to serve the needs of others during this Lenten season.

## SPIRITUAL READING GROUP

The Spiritual Reading Group will meet again on **Friday morning, April 7 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Parish Center.

## PARISH LENTEN SERIES

This year, our parish provided six evenings of input and reflection on the Scripture Readings of Lent on **Thursday evenings from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.** The final session of this series will be held on Thursday, April 6:

**April 6**      **Week 6 of this Series:** *Jesus' seven last words: Into your hands I commend my spirit.*

The last prayers Jesus prayed were the psalms, the very last words he breathed came from Psalm 31: "Into your hands I commend my spirit."

How might we use the psalms to pray with Jesus through Holy Week into Easter?

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend this year's Lenten Series. Our presenters, Fr. Liam, Fr. John and Michelle Francl-Donnay gave us very effective and helpful presentations dealing with Lenten topics such as Baptism, Repentance, the Psalms and much more. Thank you to our presenters and participants.

## LENTEN TAIZE PRAYER

Join us **later this afternoon, Sunday, April 2 at 4:00 p.m.** here at Our Mother of Good Counsel Church for an experience of Taize Prayer, facilitated by two members of the Spirituality Committee, Mary Callan and Joanne Bramley. This is a very reflective and quiet prayer experience that we could find very meaningful as we move closer to the celebration of the Paschal Mystery, Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection. It is a form of prayer that uses musical refrains which are repeated over and over for the purpose of slowing oneself down to be better able to listen to God's voice from our very depths. The prayer takes place in our Daily Chapel.



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## DONATIONS NEEDED

The Youth Group of Our Mother of Good Counsel is looking for donations of bagged, individually wrapped candy to fill our 1500 plus eggs that we will fill for our Annual Parish Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday following the 11:15 Liturgy. If you can help, please bring your donations to the parish office or place in the food basket at Mass, and mark the bag: Youth Group. Thank you for your help.

## EASTER EGG HUNT

Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish Youth Group will once again host our Annual Easter Egg Hunt following the 11:15 Mass on Easter Sunday, April 16. All children, ages 0 to 9, are invited to join us for this great tradition. Bring your basket or we will provide one. Mark your calendars and enjoy the fun with us. A special appearance of the Easter Bunny is possible!!

## YOUTH GROUP HELP NEEDED

All 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to join us in the Parish Office on **Saturday, April 8 at 10:00 am** to help fill over 1500 Easter Eggs and label over 500 books for the Parish's Celebration of Easter. We need many hands to make light work. Please plan on joining us!

## REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE!

Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with God's help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program in your area begins on the weekend of April 21 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Another weekend will be held in August. For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

## 2017 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

### *Giving Hope to All*

The Catholic Charities Appeal is the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's single most important annual fundraising initiative and we are counting on your support. Some of the **Educational** institutions which benefit from your support are:

St. Lucy School for Children with Visual Impairments  
Archbishop Ryan Academy for the Deaf  
Our Lady of Confidence Day School  
St. Katherine Day School

God, our Father, our charity towards those in need is a real way in which we show our gratitude and love for You. Through this year's Appeal, may we help as many people as we can. Amen.

## SPIRITUALITY COMMITTEE

The Spirituality Committee will meet on **Wednesday, April 5 at 4:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center. If the theme of spirituality is a particularly interesting one for you, and if the time of our monthly meetings from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the afternoon is possible for you, please plan to join us and become a part of this committee's work of planning spiritually-enriching programs for our parish community. If interested, call Sr. Anne at 610-525-0147 (ext. 234).

## IHM CONFERENCE CENTER

Presents a Special Event  
"Turning the Next Corner in Your Spiritual Life"  
Offered by **Dr. Robert J. Wicks, Psy.D.**

**Wednesday, April 26 from 7:00 – 9:00pm**  
\$30 (as you are able) - \$15 deposit required  
IHM Conference Center  
401 S. Bryn Mawr Avenue in Bryn Mawr

To register, please email the Conference Center at [mdgipprich@gmail.com](mailto:mdgipprich@gmail.com) or call 610-581-0120. Please register as soon as possible. # is limited to 60 people.

## “FOOD RUN” DRIVERS NEEDED

Around 1980, Sr. Mary Poppit of Campus Ministry at Rosemont College organized about 8 volunteer drivers in what they came to call their “food run.” The driver goes to the Strafford Farmers Market on Lancaster Avenue on the western edge of Wayne. There, on Saturdays at 3:45pm, the driver picks up food that did not sell and is likely to lose its freshness before it can be sold. By 4:05pm, the driver begins the drive to St. Francis Inn in the Kensington section of Philadelphia. Volunteers there take about 10 minutes to help unload the food. That food and more provides daily dinners for some of the poorest of Philadelphia’s many poor. With 8 volunteers, each driver is scheduled to do the “food run” every 8 weeks. New volunteers are needed for the number of drivers will soon be only 5.

If you can volunteer to drive with us, please contact Jenny or Jim Ratigan at [jratigan@aol.com](mailto:jratigan@aol.com) or 610-644-8316. An experienced volunteer will go with you on your first run.

## HIGH SCHOOLS’ SUMMER PROGRAMS

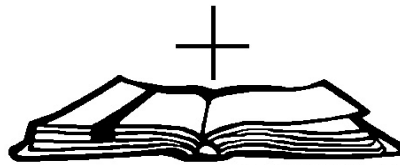
**Merion Mercy Academy:** We have a variety of academic, enrichment and athletic offerings for girls and boys, including our acclaimed pre-eighth grade **Summer Academy** and **High School Placement Test Preparation** course, and our popular 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade **Jump Start Program**, which focuses on math, language arts, writing and study skills. We also offer fun enrichment programs and sports camps such as field hockey and volleyball.

Please visit our website at [www.merion-mercy.com/summerprograms](http://www.merion-mercy.com/summerprograms) to download a full brochure and to register online. For more information, you may also contact Mrs. Barbara Harrison, director of Summer programs at 610-664-6655 ext. 120 or email her at [bharrison@merion-mercy.com](mailto:bharrison@merion-mercy.com).

**Notre Dame de Namur Academy:** This School will offer summer enrichment and athletic camps for elementary, middle and high school girls. Options include dance, science, basketball, rowing and Stix and Kicks.

Please visit [www.ndapa.org/summercamps](http://www.ndapa.org/summercamps) for specific details on dates and grade levels or call 610-687-0650.

## Mass Intentions



### SUNDAY, APRIL 2

- 7:30 PATRICK CROSSAN FAMILY  
 9:30 FRANK AND ANN MINTON  
 11:15 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL  
 PARISHIONERS

### MONDAY, APRIL 3

- 6:30  
 8:00 LUISETTA DI LEO CONICELLA

### TUESDAY, APRIL 4

- 6:30  
 8:00 MARY SUE LINK

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

- 6:30 EUGENE DANTE D’AMICO  
 8:00 HAROLD AND ROSE IRVING

### THURSDAY, APRIL 6

- 6:30  
 8:00 THE NEVILLE FAMILY

### FRIDAY, APRIL 7

- 6:30  
 8:00 JOHN CASEY

### SATURDAY, APRIL 8

- 8:00 CATHERINE C. COYLE

### SUNDAY, APRIL 9

- 7:30 HELEN LUIPERSBECK  
 9:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL  
 PARISHIONERS  
 11:15 JOSEPH GAGLIARDI