



Our Mother of Good Counsel

Parish Community

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April 23, 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>

“MERCY” IS A VERB!

At the end of the first day of the new creation, as today’s Gospel tells us (John 20:19-31), Jesus returned to his assembled disciples. They are depicted as a fearful group and Thomas’ absence tells us that while some had gathered together, the group as a whole was still scattered as Jesus had said they would be. John doesn’t tell us exactly where they were hiding out, but he does mention that the doors were securely locked. Jesus had promised that they would see him again and now he appears, returning to them and giving them the peace he promised.

As John presents the scene, the appearance of Christ, his gifts of peace and his Spirit, and the mission to forgive are all intimately bound together. We see God’s initiative, the divine outreach, and the commission he gives. The disciples’ experience begins with receiving Christ’s peace, a peace so dynamic that they are impelled to share it with others through the mission of forgiveness.

Although John neglects to tell us why the doors were still locked, Pope Francis said something in “The Joy of The Gospel” that may shed light on it. Addressing the danger of closing off our minds and/or our communities, Francis said: “More than by fear of going astray, my hope is that we will be moved by the fear of remaining shut up within structures which give us a false sense of security, within rules which make us harsh judges, within habits which make us feel safe, while at our door people are starving and Jesus does not tire of saying to us: ‘Give them something to eat.’”

People in our world are starving for food and for peace, needs that go together. Jesus appeared in the midst of his disciples to give them peace, a peace that would impel them to mission, a peace that would underpin a community of solidarity and mission. As Pope Francis pointed out, rigid structures, rules, habits and retribution can make us feel safe, but they do not bring Christ’s peace. We know Christ’s peace only when we get caught up in the dynamic of his ever-expanding forgiving love. That’s the journey we are called to deepen in the 50 days of Easter.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

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

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 souls of Joann Dalesandro and Vincent McNally and for the consolation of their families.

New Members: We welcome to our parish community Mr. and Mrs. Jim and Nancy McKinley, Mr. Ronald Mejica, and Mr. Paul Jones who recently registered with us.

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.

SENIOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS

The Senior Group will meet on **Friday, April 28 at 12 noon** in the Social Center of our school building. On this occasion, we will enjoy a “Penny Auction”. Those attending are asked to bring one or several items from your home that are barely used or not used at all. Bring these items which you no longer have any use or need for, **unwrapped**, and enjoy watching your friends and neighbors bid on them. It’s always a fun afternoon. Come and join us for lunch. Bring a sandwich or your usual lunch nourishment and we will provide beverages and desserts



**INTERFAITH
HOSPITALITY NETWORK
IHN 25TH Anniversary Benefit
Sunday, April 30 from 4:00 – 6:30 pm
at Appleford
770 Mt. Moro Road in Villanova**

Our Parish Community has been a part of this outreach to families, mostly women and children, for these 25 years. IHN will provide an afternoon of Music, Wine and Light Fare together with a Fund-a-Need Auction. Guests will have an opportunity to make donations to IHN to purchase specific items for our families.

The cost of the tickets is \$75 per person and \$140 per couple. To purchase tickets or become a sponsor, please register and pay online at www.IHNcares.org. You may also contact Jen Doyle, IHN's Executive Director, at 610-277-0977 and request a response card/invitation to be sent to you by mail. Come and celebrate this special anniversary event which our parish and other Congregations have been a part of for these 25 years.

**IHN PARISH PREPARATION
for Families Joining Us Next Month**

Week of Hosting: Our parish will be hosting the IHN families once again during the week of **May 21 – 28**. 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, May 20 at 10:00 a.m.** or take-down and pack away equipment on **Sunday, May 28 at 12:15 p.m.**, please call Sr. Anne at 610-525-0147 (ext. 234) or email her at 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 Barbara Noone at 610-649-4268 or email her at banoone9@gmail.com.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Jesus meets the need of each disciple. To the fearful in the upper room, He speaks words of peace. To doubting Thomas, He provides the tangible proof of His resurrection. What do I need to become His disciple? What do I have to share that might meet someone else's need?

April 1-2.....	\$9,742.00
April 9-10.....	\$8,975.00
April 15-16 Easter.....	\$15,707.00

**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, May 1 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.

**CLOTHING DRIVE
www.SVdPPickup.org**

St. Vincent DePaul Society will hold its next Clothing Drive here at OMGC on **Saturday, May 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Look for the GreenDrop truck in the church parking lot, probably parked near the dumpsters near Barrett Avenue. An attendant will be available to assist with your donations. Please place your donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing in plastic bags or boxes. We will also be accepting other household goods: kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CDs and videos. Unfortunately, we cannot accept any furniture, large appliances, TVs or computer monitors. The Society of St. Vincent DePaul will be using the services of GreenDrop to support our clothing drive.

To learn more about GreenDrop, visit their website: www.gogreendrop.com.

**“BREAKING OPEN THE WORD”
of Easter Sundays Gospels**

The Spirituality Committee of our parish extends an invitation to join other parishioners for an hour of reflection and prayer on three of the Gospels of the Easter Season on **Thursday evenings, April 27, May 4 and May 11.** The time of these gatherings will be held from **7:00 – 8:00 pm** in the Parish Center/Church Office building. Please call Sr. Anne at 610-525-0147, ext. 234 if you would like the experience of looking more deeply into some of the Gospels of the Easter Season this year.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our PREP students learned a lot about the Triduum, especially Palm Sunday when we reenacted Jesus riding into Jerusalem.

PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

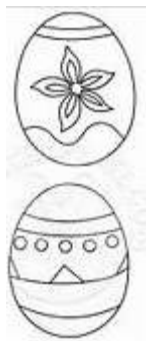
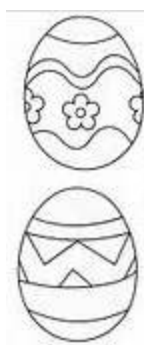
The Peace and Justice Committee will meet again on **Wednesday, April 26 at 7:30pm** at St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Center.

SPIRITUAL READING GROUP

The Spiritual Group will gather again on **Friday, May 5 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Parish Center/Church Office building.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who donated, filled eggs, participated in, helped hide or cleaned up from our Annual Easter Egg Hunt! 1900 eggs were found in 20 minutes time... a new record



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Friday evening, May 12 from 6 pm to 8 pm, Our Mother of Good Counsel will host its first Basket Pizza Bingo Night! Plan on joining us for a bit of pizza, followed by Bingo games where winners will have the chance to win themed baskets with items donated by you. We are looking for items to fill our basket themes. If you are able, we will be collecting items to put in gift baskets for the themes listed below. Gift cards, items for the themes, or even baskets themselves are welcome! Please drop off donations at the parish office Monday through Friday, or drop off at church when you come to Mass. Watch this space for more details! Plan on attending...ALL ARE WELCOME!

Basket themes are:

- New Baby Basket
- Phillies Basket
- Flyers Basket
- Basket of Balls
- Summer Basket
- Family Game Night Basket
- A Night on the Town Basket
- Exercise Basket
- Spring Basket
- Coffee Basket
- Fourth of July Basket

Any new items are welcome! We already have a free babysitting offer for the Night on the Town basket! Be creative!

RETREAT DAY

for Mothers of Children with Disabilities

Tuesday, May 3 from 9:30am – 2:00pm

Malvern Retreat House

315 S. Warren Avenue, Malvern, PA

Cost: \$35 made payable to Malvern Retreat House

Questions? Contact Sr. Kathleen at 215-587-3530

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. Your donation will allow us to continue supporting the Clergy and Local Mission Activities.

Foundation and Archdiocesan Activities

Mission Parishes

Care of Retired and Sick Priests

Seminarian Tuition

Vocation Office for Diocesan Priesthood

God, our Father, we thank you for all the gifts and blessings that you give out of your love for us all. You call us to open our hearts to share what we have been given. Grant that through giving to the Catholic Charities Appeal, we may bring joy, hope and strength to those most in need. Amen.

INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES and Autism Help-Line

Learn More at a Public Information Session being held at St. John Chrysostom Church on **Wednesday, May 10 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.** St. John's is located at 617 S. Providence Road in Wallingford, PA. Individuals, caregivers, family and friends and professionals will benefit from this Information Session. Catholic Social Services Developmental Programs offer extensive supports and services for individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism. Please join us for an hour to learn what we offer and how we can help. Questions can be answered by calling 610-874-3418.



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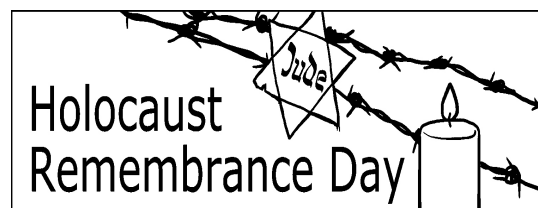
MOTHERS' HOME SPRINGTIME TEA

Please join us on **May 3rd at 12 noon** for our 4th annual Springtime Tea at Mothers' Home, a residential shelter for homeless pregnant women and their newborn babies in Darby. Enjoy a cup of tea and refreshments while supporting a great cause in our community. Meet our staff and residents, take a tour and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with friends. Please RSVP to bfbacchia@gmail.com if you can attend or have any questions. Details on our website at www.mothershome.org under "events".

SCHOOL COUNSELOR NEEDED

Merion Mercy Academy, an independent, Catholic, college preparatory school, sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, has an opening for a school Counselor. The school Counselor supports student wellness and access to academic and personal success through communication, collaboration and guidance. Essential responsibilities include providing social/emotional, personal and academic counseling for a caseload of 230-240 students in grades 9-12.

Master's Degree in education or school counseling and Pennsylvania certification in secondary counseling are required. Priority will be given to candidates with a minimum of three- years experience as a school counselor. Interested candidates should send a letter of intent and resume to Miss Mary Ann Danovich, Assistant Head of School for Academic Affairs at madanovich@merion-mercy.com by **Tuesday, April 25, 2017.**



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CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Join a Pilgrimage to Italy/Rome/Monte Cassino/Naples/Pompeii/Amalfi Coast from **September 11-20, 2017** at a cost of \$3,799.00 per person. Cost includes air travel from Philadelphia, breakfast and dinner daily, Mass daily at the Holy Shrines. For a flyer or more detailed information, please call 1-800-773-2660.

**PILGRIMAGE FOR FATIMA JUBILEE
October, 2017**

Join Fr. Gus Esposito and New Horizons Ministry on a pilgrimage in honor of the 100th Anniversary of our Lady of Fatima. On **October 7 – 18, 2017**, we'll journey to Our Lady of Lourdes, Fatima and Medjugorje. For more information, contact Helen Holroyd at Helenshorizons@gmail.com or call 610-213-4141.

AWAKEN ME

Risen One,
come, meet me
in the garden of my life.

Lure me into elation.
Revive my silent hope.
Coax my dormant dreams.
Raise up my neglected gratitude.
Entice my tired enthusiasm.
Give life to my faltering relationships.
Roll back the stone of my indifference.
Unwrap the deadness in my spiritual life.
Impart heartiness in my work.

Risen One,
send me forth as a disciple
of your unwavering love,
a messenger of your unlimited joy.

Resurrected One,
may I become
ever more convinced
that your presence lives on,
and on, and on, and on.

Awaken me! Awaken me!

S. Joyce Rupp
From *Out of the Ordinary*



SUNDAY, APRIL 23

- 7:30 NELL TRAVERS
- 9:30 LAURA MARCHESANI
(ANNIVERSARY MASS)
- 11:15 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, APRIL 24

- 6:30
- 8:00 HELEN ANTOINETTE LARKIN

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

- 6:30
- 8:00

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

- 6:30
- 8:00

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

- 6:30
- 8:00 CONCETTA D'ORAZIO

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

- 6:30
- 8:00 MATTHEW R. LUTY

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

- 8:00 BILLY KANNEHAN

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

- 7:30 MURIEL LEWIS VAN DUSEN
- 9:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
- 11:15 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
MC FADDEN FAMILY