



Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish Community

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May 14, 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>

MISSION POSSIBLE

Today's Gospel (John 14:1-12) brings us back to the table of the Last Supper. As John organized his Gospel, the Last Supper, from the washing of the feet to the final prayer of Jesus for his disciples, takes up five of the 21 chapters of the Gospel (Ch. 13 – 17) in which the only significant action was Jesus' washing the feet of his disciples. All the rest is comprised of Jesus summarizing the essence of what he had taught about himself, his relationship to the Father and the life he offered the disciples.

As today's selection opens, Jesus has told the disciples that he is going away, that Judas will betray him and Peter will deny him. Jesus' next statement, our opening line, is "Do not let your heart be troubled." This is perhaps the only place in the Gospel where Jesus tells the disciples not to imitate him. John has told us that Jesus had been "troubled" on various occasions: at the death of Lazarus, when he announced the coming of his "hour" and when he spoke of being betrayed.

Because John has been so clear about Jesus being deeply troubled, he gives us the impression that Jesus is speaking from his own experience when he calls the disciples beyond their distress. When Jesus tells them not to be fearful, he contrasts being troubled to having faith: they can be troubled or have faith, but not both. Fear springs from the assumption that you will be overpowered; trust is based on the confidence that God is with you even if you cannot imagine a good outcome. In calling for their trust, Jesus assures the disciples that they will never be alone. Yes, he is going away, but that doesn't imply that he will be absent from them. That idea provides the lead-in to his talk about his Father's house.

It will take a while for the disciples to understand what Jesus was telling them. From their day to our own the idea of "many dwelling places" has fired imaginations with many images. But if we hear this in the light of John's patterns of thought, we realize that Jesus was not talking about architecture but presence. Because he dwelt in the Father and the Father in him, his promise was that he was the way for his disciples to do the same. Their faith, their committed union with him would bring them into the same relationship with the Father that Jesus himself enjoyed. Because of that they would continue his mission, able to do everything that he did, and according to him, even more.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Christian Milton, Ann Dean,
Fr. Michael Scuderi, OSA, Janine Hoffman,
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,
Lori Lesutis 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.

New Members: We welcome to our parish community Mr. and Mrs. Joseph and Molly Mulhern, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan and Bianca Charbonneau, and Mr. and Mrs. William and Sara Wasson who recently registered with us.

Baptisms: We welcome to our faith community Leo Mason Griffith, son of Taylor and Kevin, and Mason Nicholas Barnett, son of Nicole and Jonathan who were baptized in our Church recently.

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.



FEAST OF ST. RITA Monday, May 22, 2017

Join us on **Monday evening, May 22 at 7:30 pm** in Church as we celebrate the Feast of St Rita of Cascia with Evening Prayer and a reflection on the life of St. Rita, an Augustinian nun who is a special patron of the Augustinian community. Fr. Dennis McGowan, OSA will be the presider of this prayer as he has been in years gone by. Please join us.



ASCENSION THURSDAY

Ascension Thursday is a Holyday of Obligation. The Mass schedule for this Feast is:

Vigil Mass – Wednesday, May 24 at 7:30 p.m.

**Holyday Masses – Thursday, May 25
6:30 and 8:00 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.**

AUGUSTINIAN MISSION APPEAL

The Augustinian Friars, a Religious Order in the Church, were founded in the year 1256. The American Augustinians have served foreign missions for more than 100 combined years in Japan and Peru. Rev. Arthur P. Purcaro, O.S.A. will be present at our parish on the **weekend of May 20 – 21** to speak at all the Masses sharing the story of the friars serving the poor and often forgotten of the world. We ask you to share generously of the blessings which God has bestowed upon you.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Food Needs for IHN: If you can donate any of the following food items for our guests when they arrive on **Sunday, May 21**, please put them in the food box at the entrance of the church next Sunday:

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| soup | crackers | tuna fish |
| salad dressing | jelly | mustard |
| lemonade mix | ice tea mix | coffee |
| tea bags | cookies | peanut butter |
| cold cereal | mayonnaise | ketchup |
| juices: boxes or bottles | | |
| Hot cereal (in individual pkgs.) | | |



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**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
for May 7, 2017**

“The one who has faith in me will do the works I do, and far greater than these,” Jesus tells his disciples. That’s quite an assignment for us as Christian stewards!

Envelope Contributions	\$8,371.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$1,082.00
Mailed in	\$1,615.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$11,068.00
Offering this time last year	\$10,668.00
Parish giving	\$860.00

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

ADVOCACY PLANNING GROUP

Those interested in joining a group of parishioners from St. Thomas of Villanova and Our Mother of Good Counsel to continue our thrust of *advocacy* on behalf of poverty and food insecurity are invited to a meeting on **Wednesday evening, May 17 at 7:00 p.m.** at STV Auditorium. If you are interested in attending, please call or email Bill Jones at 610-645-6910 or conbill4@msn.com.

**THE HEART OF THE
CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT
Road Scholar Tour
October 15 through October 22, 2017**

Several members of the Ministry Committee will be taking this Road Scholar tour in October. Our memories of this historic period are fading. Come join us and take this opportunity to refresh your memories and walk in the footsteps of Dr. Martin Luther King. Contact Road Scholar at www.road scholar.org. Contact Connie Jones at 610-645-6910 with any questions and also to let her know if you decide to join us.

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 Dominic DiMartino at 610-525-6442.



BREAD FOR THE WORLD
2017 Offering of Letters
Theme: Doing Our Part to End
Hunger

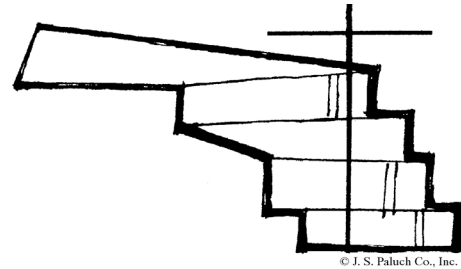
Our Parish participation in the Bread for the World (BFW) 2017 Offering of Letters is more critical than ever. In fact, we must go beyond this once-a-year campaign and engage in new, more effective *advocacy* in addition. Vital policies and safety-net programs must be adequately funded and protected to sustain the progress made over the past several years to reduce hunger and food insecurity in the U.S. and abroad.

Consider Dawn Pierce, who now works as a licensed practical nurse taking care of 70 senior citizens across seven small assisted living facilities in Boise, Idaho. Pierce is the mother of three adult children and has recently remarried. Life is good now but that wasn't always the case. In 2010, she lost her job as a paralegal. She began to collect unemployment benefits while she searched for a job, but the checks were insufficient to support her family. When the job search yielded nothing, she was forced to make the difficult decision to apply for SNAP benefits, known more commonly as food stamps. The SNAP benefits allowed her to buy groceries for herself and her son until she found a new job.

SNAP, WIC (Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children) and other related programs are a lifeline to millions of Americans like Dawn each year. Without them, more families would find themselves in poverty. SNAP, for example, reached 45 million low-income Americans and helped move an estimated 4.6 million adults and 2.1 million children out of poverty in 2014. About two-thirds of SNAP recipients are children, elderly or disabled.

Please join us on the **weekend of June 10/11** when our Parish will hold its BFW letter-writing campaign as we have done for several years. Consider also participating in a joint STV/OMGC group that is forming to pursue other *advocacy* opportunities including: a BFW Lobby Day on June 13 in Washington, DC to meet with our law makers on these programs; a BFW program that tracks the issues throughout the year and recommends action; and prayer focused on food insecurity.

More information about the issues in this year's campaign will appear in the bulletin over the next few weeks, along with detailed information about the process.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Vacation Bible Camp at our Mother of Good Counsel this year will take place from Monday, August 14 through Friday, August 18th! Join us this year at our 'MAKER FUN FACTORY! CREATED BY GOD, BUILT FOR A PURPOSE.' Watch the bulletin for details.

JOIN US IN A MASS

For those Suffering from Addiction

All are invited for this Mass at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, 3640 Schuylkill Road in Spring City, PA on **Saturday, June 3 at 12 noon**. The presider of this liturgy will be Rev. Charles R. O'Hara, Pastor of St. Joseph Parish.

Addiction has touched far too many families and taken far too many of our loved ones. Join us that we may draw strength from one another in the power of our faith.

"COMPANION" WORK AVAILABLE

A member of our Mother of Good Counsel Parish, who lives in Haverford, has recently been diagnosed with cancer for which she is receiving treatment. Living alone has raised some safety concerns though she still remains pretty independent. We are hoping to hire a warm and compassionate companion(s) for her to assist her, in small ways, in her daily living needs. A variety of work options is being considered...e.g. someone to live in, or a 12 hour shift, etc. If you are available and interested (or know someone who might be), please call Barbara Haenn at (home) 610-664-7180 or (cell) 610-662-9088 or email: barbarahaenn@gmail.com.

“GET UP – GET GOING”

You are invited to a Brown Bag Lunch on **Monday, May 22 at 12:45 pm** in the Rosemont Auditorium of St. Thomas of Villanova Parish for a talk on the topic of “Get Up – Get Going.” Why simple positional changes and daily walking are Keys to maintaining functional independence. Listen to the newest research from NASA scientists about how the effect of being sedentary advances the aging process.

The speaker is a parishioner, Jen DiLella, who is accredited by the American College of Sports Medicine as a Physical Activity in Public Health Specialist. Jen is also a Certified Yoga Teacher. ***Bring your lunch! Dessert and drinks will be provided.***



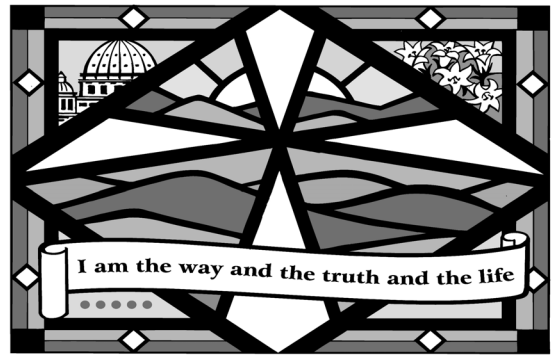
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DAYLESFORD ABBEY PROGRAM

Offers Artistic Presentation

A program, featuring the paintings and stories of **Brother Mickey McGrath**, will be held at the Daylesford Abbey (Paoli) on **Saturday, May 20 from 8:30 a.m. until 1:15 p.m.** Admission is \$50 per person and includes lunch.

Through his creative presentation, Brother Mickey, an Oblate of St. Francis DeSales, inspires and stirs the senses by using his paintings to provide insight into the lives of wise and holy women. His art and stories include the scriptural figures of Mary and Elizabeth, as well as Thea Bowman and Dorothy Day. Please register by calling 610-647-2530, ext. 133.



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HELP NEEDED

My daughter is a nurse midwife for La Comunidad Hispana (LCH) Health center in Kennett Square. Most of her clients are immigrants and have very few resources. She has one client in particular who is 34 weeks pregnant and does not have anything for her baby. She is alone here without friends, family or a partner, working full-time in the mushroom farms and living in a boarding house. We want to help her prepare and make things just a little easier for her. Here is a list of items that are greatly needed:

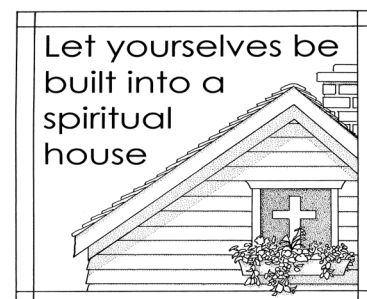
Infant car seat, Portacrib, Baby carrier
Full layette (gender neutral), Diapers and wipes,
Onesies and other gender neutral clothes
Basic toys (teethers, stacking cups, etc.)

If anyone would be able to help this woman, I'd be happy to pick up, or you could leave something in the parish office with my name on it. You may call me at 610-649-4268 or email at banoone9@gmail.com. Obviously, this is needed as soon as possible.

Thank you. Barbara Noone

JOB OPENING

A woman in our parish is looking for assistance 2 mornings a week to help with cleaning and ironing. For more information, call Eileen at 610-527-4992.



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ST. RAPHAELA CENTER

Program Offerings

Dealing With the Loss of a Child: This Evening of Reflection and Prayer offers peace and support that will help you deal with loss as it affects your life. The evening of **Wednesday, May 24 from 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.** will be directed by Deacon David Schaffer and will provide time for personal prayer as well as sharing. The Eucharist will be celebrated. St. Raphaela is located at 616 Coopertown Road in Haverford. To register, call 610-642-5715 or email www.straphaelacenter.org.

Summer Directed Retreats/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 at www.straphaelacenter.org or call 610-642-5715

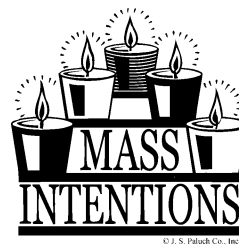
Centering Prayer: Formation, contemplative prayer and reflection led by Sr. Julia Grey, OP are held on **Mondays from 10:30am – 12 noon** at the Center. To register, call 610-642-5715 or www.straphaelacenter.org.

MALVERN FAMILY FESTIVAL

Malvern Retreat house will host a Family Festival on **Sunday, June 11 from 1:00-6:00pm.** The day will kick off with outdoor Sunday Mass, presided by Bishop Edward Deliman at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine. After Mass, other activities that will be offered include performances by the Donut Man and Grammy-Nominated Singer/Songwriter Marty Rotella, children's games, food and DJ-directed music and activities. The cost is only \$25 per car, including food. Please visit www.malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400 for more information.



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SUNDAY, MAY 14

- 7:30 ERIC QUINN
(ANNIVERSARY MASS)
9:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
11:15 LUISETTA CONICELLA AND
MARIA DI MARTINO

MONDAY, MAY 15

- 6:30
8:00 MARK WHITEHURST
(ANNIVERSARY MASS)

TUESDAY, MAY 16

- 6:30
8:00 GEORGE RADAN

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

- 6:30 DECEASED MEMBERS AND
BENEFACTORS OF OSA
8:00 DR. GEORGE RADAN

THURSDAY, MAY 18

- 6:30 CONNOR P. DAY
8:00 JOHN JURLEY

FRIDAY, MAY 19

- 6:30
8:00 DOROTHY WEBER

SATURDAY, MAY 20

- 8:00 PHILOMENA VALENTINE

SUNDAY, MAY 21

- 7:30 FRANCIS IANNOTTA
9:30 RAYMOND GEORGE DE BREAST, SR.
11:15 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS