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**June 4, 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>

## WE HEAR THEM SPEAKING OF THE MIGHTY WORKS OF GOD!

Today's Gospel, for the Feast of Pentecost (John 20:19-23), Jesus becomes present and greets his disciples twice with the word "peace" or *shalom*. This is no rote greeting; it recalls the Last Supper when Jesus pledged to give the disciples his own peace, a sense of inner wholeness unlike anything the world can give. His first greeting of peace was an expression of love and forgiveness. No matter what fear had led the disciples to do in the past, he was there for them to give them his peace. Greeting them with this blessing of peace was the first gesture of bestowing his Spirit on them. The *shalom* of his forgiveness was the necessary interior condition for receiving his Spirit.

In between his two blessings of peace, Jesus showed his disciples his hands and feet, not only as proof of who he really was, but also as evidence that death had no more power over him than did rejection or betrayal. Having seen that sign, the disciples were prepared to receive a peace they never could have imagined without knowing Jesus; it was the peace of the one who could forgive as freely as he gave his life.

Recalling God's gesture of creation, Jesus then breathed over the disciples saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit." Here, instead of the sight and sound and exuberance recounted in Acts, we are led to imagine a scene of what we might call profound soul-to-soul presence. We see Jesus and the disciples in solemn intensity. It is a moment like never before as he made them one in him as he was in the Father. Jesus gives them his peace, his Spirit, and thus empowers them to carry on his mission of bringing all into one.

In handing over his mission to them, Jesus says nothing of preaching or baptizing; he commissions them to *forgive*. In her book, *Jesus Risen in Our Midst*, S. Sandra Schneiders, IHM explains that a literal translation of this verse reads: "If anyone of you forgives the sins, they are forgiven to them. Any you hold fast are held fast." The risen Lord was handing over his Spirit and the mission of bringing all into communion with God and one another. This has nothing to do with judging who cannot be forgiven but with unity. Jesus never spoke of withholding forgiveness! As S. Sandra points out, "By refusing to forgive, we embrace the person's sin and reject the person." Jesus commissioned the disciples to be agents of forgiveness, bringing people into community and holding one another until all are one. That is the mission the Spirit empowers us to carry forth. Everything else is just details.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Christian Milton, Janine Hoffman,  
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,  
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.

**New Members:** We welcome to our parish community Marcia Michaels who recently registered with us.

**Baptisms:** We welcome to our faith community Briella Dalyan and Sebastian Edward Sullivan, children of Tori and Edward 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.

### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council will meet for the last time on **Monday evening, June 5** before their summer break. We will discontinue the "Parish Council Contact" weekly feature in our Bulletin until their meetings resume in September.

### SPIRITUAL READING GROUP

The Spiritual Reading Group will meet on **Friday morning, June 9 at 10:00 a.m.** for the last time before they break during the months of July and August. This group will pick up their monthly gatherings in September.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS BACK!

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Join us for a fun-filled week at “**Maker Fun Factory VBS – Where Curious Kids become hands-on inventors who discover they are lovingly**

**crafted by God!**” This Vacation Bible Camp is limited to children, ages 4 to 10, as participants. There are many games, songs, snacks and of course, inventions! The camp will take place the week of **August 14 from 9:00am to noon** each day. The cost of the camp will be \$45 per participant. This includes the materials, crafts and snacks for the week. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office for registration forms at 610-525-0147. There is limited space so register early.

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

We are in great need of Youth Group members to help hand out the Manna Bags after Masses on the **weekend of June 10-11**. Please let Karen know which Mass you will be attending and plan on spending 10 minutes after that Mass to help hand out bags.

Any 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade student interested in taking a trip to the Phillies on **Friday, June 16 at 7:05pm**, please contact Karen Carey at 610-525-0147. Ticket costs depend on number going, but will run about \$20.



## RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

Please consider donating a point of blood when the Red Cross Bloodmobile comes to OMGC’s gym on **Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 7:00 PM**. Please ask a friend to come with you to donate as well. The number of willing donors lessens as the Summer heat arrives. To register, phone or email Joe Betz at 610-525-4499, [joseph.betz@villanova.edu](mailto:joseph.betz@villanova.edu). or Frank Quinn at 610-525-7262, [fc.quinn@verizon.net](mailto:fc.quinn@verizon.net). Or you can pledge on line at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: our mother of good counsel.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for May 28, 2017

In the second reading today, St. Paul reminds the Corinthians, “There are different gifts, but the same Spirit, there are different ministries but the same Lord.” How am I using my gifts “for the common good?”

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Parish Giving.....	\$850.00

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



## OMGC GOES TO THE PHILLIES

Win or lose, a night at the ballpark is always a fun time! Mark your calendars for **August 28** and plan on joining us, along with several other parishes and faith groups, to watch the Phillies take on the Braves at 7:05. Who knows what will happen between now and then? As a parish, we will be offered discount tickets depending on the number of tickets we need. If you are interested in joining, the Parish Staff and a number of families already signed up, please contact Karen Carey at 610-525-0147 for more information.





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

The Bread For the World (BFW) "Offering of Letters" Campaign will be held at our Parish on **the weekend of June 10 and June 11**. The theme for this year is "Doing our Part to End Hunger" with a long-term objective of doing so by 2030. This is a lofty objective indeed. The good news is the US Government support has helped cut the incidence of world hunger and extreme poverty in half over the past 20 years. The difficult news is that current Budget proposals call, not for continued current levels of support, but rather propose significant cuts.

*Domestic programs affected:* SNAP (food stamps) gives families in need aid to buy groceries. SNAP served more than 40 million Americans (nearly half children) in 2015 and moved 4.6 million out of poverty. WIC (nutrition pgm. For Women, Infants and Children) provided food and nutritional education to over 8.2 million low-income women and children. The Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit programs moved more Americans out of poverty than any other program.

*International Programs affected:* Poverty-Focused Development Assistance helps poor countries help themselves to improve food security, provide access to safe water and provide education in farming techniques. The US leads the world in providing food and other aid when emergencies such as disasters and famines strike. These and related programs serve millions world-wide.

Churches, charities and food banks do what they can to feed the hungry. But they serve a small proportion of the total. More importantly, giving food is not enough! To end hunger, programs, policies and conditions that allow hunger and extreme poverty to persist must be changed. Nearly 800 million people around worldwide remain in extreme poverty. More than 42 million Americans, including 1 in 6 children live in households that struggled to put food on the table in 2015.

You can help by urging our Senators to work for adequate funding for these domestic and international hunger programs in the 2018 budget. Please take a few minutes after Mass on June 10 or June 11 to sign letters. Tables will be set-up outside

Church or if weather requires, in the Parish Center. If you will be unable to stop on these dates, packets with letters are available at the tables for you to sign, or write the letters in your own hand, and bring them back to church on the following Sunday.



### SILOAM REQUEST

Siloam, a ministry to persons and families infected with or affected by the HIV/AIDS virus, has requested some supplies from our parish. They are presently in need of paper towels and toilet paper. As most of you know, this ministry was begun by the Augustinian and Sisters of Mercy Communities and continues to be staffed by them. They do appreciate our assistance in lightening their financial expenses. These supplies can be bought to church on Sundays or brought to the Parish Office during the week. Thank you.

### WOMEN'S SPEAKER SERIES

**St. Thomas of Villanova Parish**  
**Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

Book Author, Jennifer Lin, will present a talk entitled "Do you have any idea what happened to us?" Lin, former Asia bureau Chief for the Philadelphia Inquirer, will share the compelling story of five generations of her family, including her grandfather, Rev. Lin Pu-chi, and chronicle the remarkable rise of Christianity in the world's most populous nation.

## WITH DEEPEST THANKS

Dear OMGC Community,

We are deeply touched and thankful for your outpouring of love and generosity for our new Mama in Kennett Square. We never expected such a response! The mother was induced a little early for pregnancy complications and gave birth to a baby girl, all of 5 pounds. Mom and baby are both healthy. Our women's health team is still processing your donations and we will be planning a visit to her when she returns home from the hospital.

We also wanted to let you know that we received such an abundance of donations that we will be making some packages for our other Moms as well. We have many women and families in our prenatal program who will greatly benefit from the support. At any given time, our prenatal program serves about 60-70 families. This one woman was totally alone here and we knew a little more of her story, but the truth is that we have many other women and families in our care who are in similar situations. So, from the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

For more information about our amazing organization, you can visit the website here: [www.lacomunidadhispana.org](http://www.lacomunidadhispana.org). In solidarity with you for making the world a more just, loving and peaceful place, one family at a time.

Teri Noone Kessler, CNM

Catherine Domanska Elliott, CRNP

(On behalf of our staff and clients at LCH)

## WE ARE INVITED!

The Visitation Nuns at 5820 City Avenue (between 59<sup>th</sup> Street and Cardinal Avenue), Philadelphia, cordially invite you to their annual Sacred Heart Novena of Masses at 7:30 p.m. from **Thursday, June 15 through Friday, June 23**, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart.

Since it was a Visitation Nun, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque of the Monastery of Paray-le-Monial, France, who received the Great Revelations of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Visitation Nuns throughout the world honor the Heart of Christ in a special manner, particularly by an annual public novena.

## CAMP CURTAIN CALL A Theatre Camp for Children

Camp Curtain Call, a theatre camp for children ages 5 – 14 will be held at St. Denis Parish Gymnasium/Theater in Havertown from July 10 to 14th from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Daily sessions in voice, dance and acting. A performance will be held at the end of the week.

Cost for the camp is \$200/camper before June 15th; \$220 after June 15th; discount for 2 or more per same family - \$180/camper. Brochures and details are available. Contact Mary Agnes Ostick at 610-446-4736 or [campcurtaincall1@gmail.com](mailto:campcurtaincall1@gmail.com).

## ST. RAPHAELA CENTER Program Offerings

**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](http://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](http://www.straphaelacenter.org).

**Monthly Taize with Nocturnal Adoration:** Come to join us for a monthly Taize prayer, including Eucharistic Adoration that will extend to midnight. The Center is located at 616 Coopertown Road in Haverford. **Dates:** 2nd Wednesday of the month from 7:30 – 8:30pm. No registration needed. **Next Taize:** June 14, 2017. [www.straphaelacenter.org](http://www.straphaelacenter.org).



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suddenly springing forth  
making beauty out of sunlight

like soil caught and turned,  
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opening its heart for growing

like spring speaking to the day  
about the goodness of the earth,  
patterning green on every plain

like trickles of raindrops  
smoothing earth's rough edges,  
healing hardened hillsides

like all these quiet miracles  
so is the coming of Spirit  
telling of the surge of life

urging me to gaze again  
upon my very common days,  
to look within and be amazed

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**SUNDAY, JUNE 4**

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL  
PARISHIONERS  
9:30 JAMES AND PATRICIA SCHIMMINGER  
11:15 SALVATORE PETROCCIA

**MONDAY, JUNE 5**

- 8:00 SPECIAL INTENTION

**TUESDAY, JUNE 6**

- 8:00 AGNES MOONAN

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7**

- 8:00 DOMENIC DI MARTINO

**THURSDAY, JUNE 8**

- 8:00 CATHERINE AND THOMAS CORRIGAN

**FRIDAY, JUNE 9**

- 8:00 JANE QUINN  
(ANNIVERSARY MASS)

**SATURDAY, JUNE 10**

- 8:00 CONNOR P. DAY

**SUNDAY, JUNE 11**

- 7:30 EDWARD FANELLI  
9:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL  
PARISHIONERS  
11:15 VERA GALLAGHER



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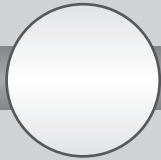


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