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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. (Except June, July, August)

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.

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<http://www.OMGCPARISH.ORG>

“I AM THE LIVING BREAD...”

Today’s Gospel (John 6:51-58) comes from the last part of John’s Eucharistic discourse in which Jesus explains that as the bread of life, he offers life to the world. Perhaps the most important thing we can do as we begin to study Chapter 6 of John’s Gospel, is to remember that it was written by the evangelist who is famous for leading disciples through faulty interpretations into the depths of Jesus’ message.

The first statement Jesus makes in this selection is rather straight forward: “I am the living bread that came down from heaven.” Within this passage, Jesus draws on his audience’s memory of the Exodus. Jesus tells them that just as God sent the mysterious manna, he himself is God’s ultimate and living gift, sent for the life of the world. In the next phrase, Jesus moves from the symbolism of the manna to saying that he is giving his flesh – his mortal, human self, all that he is – for the life of the world.

The people who heard Jesus speaking the words of today’s Gospel knew well that eating and praying together implied communion. They knew that the God of Abraham and Moses was God-with-them, the God who had been involved in the events of the past. The blessing they traditionally said as they broke the bread during a meal recalled and rejoiced in God’s presence in their ongoing history. The truly shocking thing Jesus did by calling himself the living bread had nothing to do with cannibalism. The scandal was the declaration that in his very humanity, he embodied divine life being offered to them. Jesus claimed that communion with him was the way to the communion with God that he already enjoyed. What tripped the disciples up was that Jesus brought God too close.

By comparing the gift of himself to the desert manna, Jesus reiterated the most basic fact of his life: he had been sent by the Father for the life of the world. He also claimed that there was no comparison between the first manna and what he offered. Those who ate the desert manna survived for a time and then died. Those who find their sustenance in Christ, the living bread, will share his victory over death and the life he has from the Father.

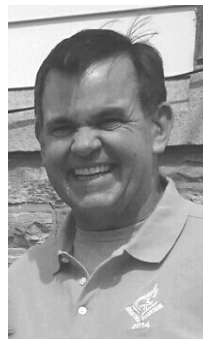
Ultimately, the real scandal of Jesus’ claim to be the bread of life was his claim that God was revealed in his mortal flesh. A God who is majestic and unreachable is far easier to deal with than one who invites us to communion in the here and now. It doesn’t cost much to worship a god to whom we can offer placating sacrifices and then go on with our lives as normal. But God who initiates communion with us is going to claim everything we are as we come to abide in Christ and allow him to abide in us.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Christian Milton, Janine Hoffman,
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,
Fr. Michael Scuderi, OSA, Carol Luty,
Jenny Aron Middlesworth, Lori Lesutis,
P. Snead, and Mary Pham.

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.



FATHER JOHN DENNY, OSA

**First Anniversary Mass
Tuesday, June 20 at 7:00 PM**

Dear Friends,

Our dear friend and pastor, Father Jack Denny, transitioned home one year ago this month. On the evening of June the 20th, we will gather to remember him in prayer and to thank God for all of the graces and love He gave us through Father Denny. Let us also remember his extended family in our prayers during this month.

Peace,
Fr. Liam

Pastor's Notes

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CHRISTLIFE/DISCOVERING CHRIST

Dear Friends,

Those of you who were at the Parish-wide meeting in March heard me talk about **Discovering Christ**.

Put quite simply, **Discovering Christ** is a 7-week experience in which Catholics help other Catholics to know and love Jesus Christ more deeply – help each other to have their hearts on fire with love for Jesus Christ. As Catholics, this is what we want for each other! As Pastors, we desire nothing more than for each member of our parish to have a close and deep personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We want nothing more than to have the homes of our families be places where the love and peace of Jesus reigns. I am especially eager that our young families with children experience His love and warmth in their homes.

I first heard about **Discovering Christ** almost 3 years ago at the annual New York Archdiocese Pastors Convention. When I returned to my parish in Staten Island I shared what I had heard with the Parish Council. Immediately, three of the members expressed interest in forming a team to get it started in the parish. March, two years ago, the 4 of us got the training we needed and started to recruit other team members. We did a “dry run” of the program during the summer and ran **Discovering Christ** in the fall of 2015 and **Following Christ** (also 7 weeks) in the spring. Dozens of people’s lives were touched and many of them became team members for the next year’s program (which took place after I moved here to Bryn Mawr a year ago).

Just as **Discovering Christ** has touched many lives at OLG in Staten Island, I believe it can do the same and more at OMGC here in Bryn Mawr. Already a small number of parishioners have expressed interest in participating on the team. Please prayerfully consider taking part and let me know if you are interested. Don’t hesitate to ask me any questions you may have.

Here’s a link to the ChristLife/Discovering Christ web site that can give you more information: <https://christlife.org/christlife-series/discovering-christ>.

I’ll put some links to testimonies from people who have gone through the experience on our parish home page.

Yours in Christ,
Father Liam

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for June 11, 2017

The scriptures today remind us that we, many though we are, are one body for we all partake of the one loaf.” How are we using our gifts of time and talent to build up the body of Christ?

Envelope Contributions	\$6,838.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$1,211.00
Mailed in	\$2,135.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$10,184.00
Offering this time last year	\$11,958.00
Parish giving.....	985.00
Electronic giving of June 15.....	\$3,922.00

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

H.O.P.E.

If you need a trip to the doctor, shopping, etc., call Shelley Preston at 484-4120-8309 or S. Anne at 610-525-0147, ext 234.

SENIOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Our Senior parish members and others from nearby Churches will gather once again on **Friday, June 30 at 12 noon**. If you would like to join us, please bring your usual lunch edibles, knowing that beverages and desserts will be provided by our generous members. It is always a very enjoyable afternoon together.

BFW LETTERS AND FOOD BAGS

Bread for the World letters which were taken home last weekend and the Manna Food Bags distributed last weekend can be returned to the Church over the next 2 weekends: **June 17/18 and June 24/25** or during the week to the Parish Center between these two weekends. Thank you.

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

During the months of June, July and August there will be only one (1) daily Mass in our Daily Chapel at 8:00 a.m., Monday through Saturday. Sunday Mass schedule remains as usual: Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:15 a.m.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2018

The Mass intentions for 2018 will open on **Tuesday, August 1, 2017.**

As in the past, each parishioner may request intentions for up to four (4) Sunday Masses per year. Likewise, in order to ensure fairness for persons at the back of the line, each parishioner may request intentions for up to twelve (12) weekday Masses at this time. Then on **Tuesday, August 22** after everyone has had a chance to make their requests, all parishioners who have already secured 12 weekday Mass intentions will be free to request as many as they need.

Thank you very much for your understanding.

Peace,
Fr. Liam

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE A SUCCESS THANK YOU!

There were 48 potential donors presenting at our June 6th Bloodmobile in the gym. One would-be donor was deferred. There were 49 productive pints collected. How can there be more pints collected than donors presenting? Because those donating through pheresis, the process which takes only red blood cells, are credited with donating 2 pints. Many thanks to those of you whose blood has now begun flowing through the arteries and veins of those who need it much more than you did! Thanks, too, to blood drive coordinators, Frank Quinn and Joe Betz.

PEACE AND JUSTICE

The Peace and Justice Committee will meet again on **Wednesday, June 21 at 7:30 p.m.** at St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Center.

WINE

Women in the New Evangelization

Join women from the greater Philadelphia area and across the country for the first-ever National Catholic Women's Conference hosted by WINE: Women in the New Evangelization! Dynamic Catholic speakers Kelly Wahlquist, Teresa Tomeo, Kitty Cleveland and Sarah Christmyer will inspire you and musician, Amanda Vernon, will rejuvenate your spirit. The day will include time for Mass, Confession, prayer, rest, socializing and shopping. **Saturday, October 21 from 8:30am to 4:00pm,** National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA. Special group rate available, so bring your friends! For more information and to register, visit www.wineconference.org.

ADVOVACY GROUP MEETING

This new Committee in our Parish has been formed to offer to our parishioners and those of St. Thomas of Villanova information about how we can all become better advocates for people in our country and in the world who are in need of our time and voice to speak on their behalf.

This Group will meet again on **Tuesday, June 27 at 7:00 pm** at Our Mother of Good Council Parish Center.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Meeting: The IHN Parish Committee will meet again on **Thursday, June 29 at 4:00pm** at OMGC's Parish Center/Church Office building. We will begin planning for our July 30 – August 6 week of hosting.



The bread
that I will
give is
my flesh
for the life
of the world

MASCULINE GENIUS INSTITUTE

You are invited to join us at the 2nd annual Masculine Genius Institute summit in Villanova, PA from **July 12 – 14**. Enjoy the many presentations and research as we unpack our theme: Boys to Men: Molding Manly Character. Great speakers and opportunity to discuss the journey that men take from boyhood to manhood. This program is great for men of all ages, especially young fathers and men who are influencing the lives of boys in schools, athletics or extra curricular setting such as cub and boy scouts. Women are welcome to join us! For more information visit: www.masculinegeniusinstitute.com.



2ND ANNUAL PADRE PIO FESTIVAL

The Padre Pio Festival will be held at St. Bede the Venerable Parish, 1071 Holland Road in Holland, PA on the **weekend of June 23, 24 and 25**. Activities are held on Friday evening; Saturday: 5:30 pm Vigil Mass (blessing with relics); and Sunday 12:30pm Solemn Mass followed with a 2:30 pm Healing Service.

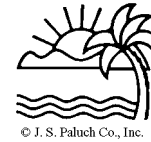
Saturday and Sunday afternoon and evening outdoor festival will be held with several food/beverage vendors, craft vendors, inflatable children's amusements and live entertainment) for further information: email www.padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com.

This invitation was extended to us by Msgr. John C. Marine, Pastor of St. Bede Parish.



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“BURRS AT THE BEACH”

The 30th Annual “Burrs at the Beach” celebration, presented by the Alumni and Friends of West Philadelphia Catholic High School, will be held, rain or shine, on **Sunday, June 25 from 1:00 PM until 7:00 PM** at WESTY’S IRISH PUB, in North Wildwood, NJ. Proceeds assist needy Catholic students with tuition financial support.

Tickets are \$20.00 in advance (\$25.00 day of affair). For tickets and/or information, please contact either Tom Dorrian '61 at 484-431-0781 or Peg (Sheffield) Panichelli '65 at 610-420-0987.



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CHARISMATIC RETREAT OFFERING

Gifted Spiritual Director, Fr. James Blout, is leading a Charismatic retreat at Malvern Retreat House **June 30 – July 2**. The weekend will focus on the theme Healing and Deliverance and will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Catholic Charismatic Renewal. This retreat is being held at Malvern Retreat House, St. Joseph in-the-Hills, 315 S. Warren Avenue in Malvern. It is done in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Please visit www.malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400 for more information.

JOB OPENING

Merion Mercy Academy High School is looking to hire an assistant varsity tennis coach. Please contact Athletic Director, Barbara Clarke at bclarke@merion-mercy.com.

GENESIS OF FATHER'S DAY in Modern Society

The tradition of celebrating Father's Day as seen today originated in the last century. Though there are several people who are credited for furthering the cause of Father's Day, there is far greater acceptance for Ms. Sonora Louise Smart Dodd's contribution. A doting daughter from Spokane, Washington, Ms. Dodd is recognized as the Founder or Mother of the Father's Day Festival.

Inception of the Father's Day took place in Sonora's mind when she happened to hear a Mother's Day sermon in 1909. Sonora, who was 27 then, had begun to recognize the hardships her father must have gone through while bringing up his six children alone. When Sonora was 16, her mother had died during childbirth. Sonora's father, a Civil War veteran by the name of William Jackson Smart, raised six children including the newborn on his own. Sonora questioned that if there is a day to recognize mothers then why is not there a day to honor fathers?

The noble idea of celebrating Father's Day became quite popular in the U.S., so much so that President Woodrow Wilson approved of the festival in 1916. President Calvin Coolidge, too, supported the idea but it was President Lyndon Johnson who signed a Presidential Proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day in 1966. In 1972, President Richard Nixon established a permanent national observance of Father's Day to be held on the third Sunday of June.

Happy Father's Day To All Dads!



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MASSES for the WEEK

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SUNDAY, JUNE 18

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHIONERS
- 9:30 JEAN RANDAZZO
- 11:15 THOMAS HAGAN

MONDAY, JUNE 19

- 8:00 ANTONIO MARCHESANI

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

- 8:00 FR. JOHN DENNY, OSA (1ST ANNIVERSARY)
- FR. JOHN DENNY, OSA
- FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS—7:00PM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

- 8:00 DOMENICO CONICELLA, DOMENIC DI MARTINO, AND NICOLA FALCONE

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

- 8:00 FR. JOHN DENNY, OSA

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

- 8:00 JAMES SMALL

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

- 8:00 JIM HURLEY

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHIONERS
- 9:30 JANE BARBERES
- 11:15 JOHN MC CONOMY

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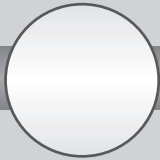


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