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**July 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. (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.

Parish Office and Rectory Phone: (610) 525-0147

**FAX NUMBER:** (610) 525-0157

## PARISH WEB SITE:

<http://www.OMGCPARISH.ORG>

## NO MIDDLE GROUND FOR A DISCIPLE

Today's selection from Matthew's Gospel (Matt. 10:37-42) begins with three statements that warn Jesus' would-be followers about the cost of discipleship in relation to their sense of identity, their willingness to face suffering and the gift of their very lives. When Jesus talks about loving him more than their fathers or mothers, sons or daughters, he is entering into the apostles' religious identity, not just their family life. In Jesus' religious culture, people were very aware of being children of Abraham and Sarah, of being from a particular tribe or clan, town, etc. Their ancestral heritage was the core of their identity. Respect for tradition was intrinsic to self-respect. When Jesus demanded that disciples love him over their parents, he called the disciples to be ready to let go of their tradition, of their very identity, on behalf of what he was offering.

Following that, Jesus didn't simply ask the disciples to be more committed to him than to their family and traditions, he demanded that they trust him as their future as well. At that time, children were people's hope for the future. In a faith tradition that was uncertain about an afterlife, people knew that they somehow lived on in their descendants. One's children were visible blessings and promise, as important as wealth, and the only real social security system known to the culture. Thus, to value Jesus over children was to stake your future on him, to say that only with his cause did you have a future and, only through him could you make your mark on history. By demanding that apostles be faithful to him over their ancestors and descendants, Jesus was telling them that their entire identity had to be centered on him or else they were not his disciples.

We can note that Jesus said these things to his apostles. These sayings were part of the instructions he gave the ones he had chosen to send on the road in his name. The idea that the demands may not have applied to everyone in exactly the same way is insinuated by what Jesus says next about those who welcome the evangelizers.

The itinerant ministers are so identified with Christ that receiving them is the same as receiving Christ himself. Of course, giving someone hospitality is an act of solidarity that identifies the householder with the guest. It is an implicit sign of approval in the same way that eating together signifies a bond of communion. Thus in the end, nobody gets off the hook. Some will give up everything and take to the road in the name of Jesus. Others give Jesus' representatives a place in their home and life. But, in the end they all must decide if they are fully with him or have no part of him. *There is no middle ground.*

### PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Christian Milton, Janine Hoffman,  
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,  
Carol Luty, Jenny Aron Middlesworth,  
Lori Lesutis, P. Snead, Mary Pham,  
Linda Smith, Helen Kelly,  
Mary DiOrazio, Philip Smith, Pat Hamilton,  
Pat Newman, Alice Ritter, and Bill O'Donnell.

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 Deborah E. Etchen and for the consolation of her family.

### H.O.P.E.

If you need a trip to the doctor, shopping, etc., call Carol Way at 610-525-5817 or S. Anne at 610-525-0147, ext 234.



**INDEPENDENCE DAY**

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**July 4, 2017**

Only one Mass will be celebrated  
at **9:00 a.m.**

The Parish Office will be closed.

### PARISH OFFICE SCHEDULE

During the **months of July and August**, the Parish Office will be closed on **Fridays**. We will return to Friday Office Hours the week of September 3, the Friday after Labor Day, on September 8.

## AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP

The next meeting of the Augustinian Spirituality group will be held on **Wednesday, July 5 at 7:00 pm.** We are on Book 7 of the Confessions of St. Augustine. All are welcome to join us at anytime as we prayerfully read together the writings of St. Augustine. Books are available.

## INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK—(IHN)

**Week of Hosting:** Our parish will be hosting the IHN families once again during the week of **July 30 – August 6.** 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, July 29 at 10:00 a.m.** or **take-down** and pack away equipment on **Sunday, August 6 at 12:15 p.m.,** please call Sr. Anne at 610-525-0147 (ext. 234) or email her at [awoodeshick@omgcp parish.net](mailto: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 Lilibet Barrett at 610-649-4921.

## SPIRITUALITY COMMITTEE

The Spirituality Committee meets again on **Wednesday, July 5 at 4:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center/Church Office building.

### AN INVITATION

If you are interested in learning more about the Augustinian Order and what it means to be an Augustinian, please visit this website: [www.augustinianvocations.org](http://www.augustinianvocations.org).



## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for June 25, 2017

Both the first reading and the Gospel today speak of hospitality and welcome. Our ministers of hospitality are a most visible example of using one’s time and talents to welcome the people of God. But the Gospel assures us that all who give even just “a cup of cold water” to one of God’s lowliest ones will be rewarded.

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



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Calling all 4-10 year olds! Make plans to join us towards the end of the summer, **August 14 – 18** for our Annual Vacation Bible Camp! We will be attending the **MAKER FUN FACTORY** where we will learn that we are built by God and built for a purpose! Activities include: Singing, snacking, arts and crafts, acting, dancing, praying, learning, and making friends! Camp runs from **9:00 am until noon** and all are welcome! For registration information and forms, please contact the Parish Office at 610-525-0147. Limited space available so sign up early!

## ANNUAL MISSIONARY COOPERATION PLAN APPEAL

A representative of the **Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary** will be with us on the weekend of **August 5/6, 2017**. The community was founded in Ireland in 1924 to work with the women of Nigeria, West Africa. The Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary are now an international community working in nine countries of Africa and in Brazil. They are a strictly missionary group with no institutions in the United States or Canada, so therefore, rely almost exclusively on funds provided through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and the generosity of the people back home to support their sisters on mission. They are deeply grateful for your contribution. If you would like to see more about them, their website is: [www.mshr.org](http://www.mshr.org).

Our community is blessed with several houses of Sisters of the Holy Rosary whom we have come to know through their friendship with us and as we gather for Mass on weekends as well as at daily Mass.



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## FALL FESTIVAL NEWS

It may be hard to believe, but in just 3-1/2 months, we will be celebrating our Annual Fall Festival and Haunted Maze. There is a lot of planning that

goes into executing this major project at Our Mother of Good Counsel. This year, the Festival will take place on **October 13, 14, and 15**. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** We are in great need of persons who are willing to chair committees or help chair committees, or even be on a committee to get this off the ground and moving to be our biggest and best yet! If you are interested in helping out, or if you have new ideas, we welcome you to join us for a planning meeting on **Thursday, July 6 at 7:00 p.m.** We will meet in the school building. Please plan on helping us out. If you are interested and can't attend the meeting, please email: [kcarey@omgcparish.net](mailto:kcarey@omgcparish.net).



## OMGC NIGHT AT THE PHILLIES

Join several families from our parish and sign up for attending the Phillies Game on **Monday, August 28**. Why go to the Phillies, when they presently stink?

Being at the ballpark is loads of fun!  
Going with friends is even more fun!  
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The Suttons are going!

The team just might win!

To sign up, contact [kcarey@omgcparish.net](mailto:kcarey@omgcparish.net) or [stevensutton309@yahoo.com](mailto:stevensutton309@yahoo.com) or [collett\\_sutton@yahoo.com](mailto:collett_sutton@yahoo.com).

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## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.) Team Meeting

The RCIA Team members will meet on **Thursday, July 13 at 7:00pm** in the Parish Center as we plan to begin a new process for anyone who may be interested in taking a closer look at the Catholic Church. This process will assist someone (s) who may be thinking about the possibility of becoming a stronger disciple of the Lord Jesus, as a member of our faith community here at Our Mother of Counsel Parish. Please join us in prayer that God will draw new disciples and laborers into God's vineyard.

If any parishioner would like to consider becoming a member of the RCIA process as we accompany candidates through this journey, please call S. Anne Woodshick at 610-525-0147, ext. 234 or email her at [awoodshick@omgcparish.net](mailto:awoodshick@omgcparish.net). Two of our members had to withdraw from this commitment because they welcomed their first/born child into their family in May.



## CYO REGISTRATION

CYO information can be found in the Parish Bulletin and Religious Education Bulletins 1 month prior to sign-ups for the CYO Athletics Programs Offered at Our Mother of Good Counsel and St. Thomas of Villanova Parishes.

**FALL CYO Sports** – Football, Field Hockey and Basketball Eligible – Grades 5-8

Cross Country – Grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

**SPRING CYO Sports** – Track, Baseball, Softball

**HIGH SCHOOL CYO Sports** – Volleyball & Basketball

**GOLF** – Clinics in the Spring

All public, parochial and private school parishioners from Our Mother of Good Counsel and Saint Thomas of Villanova in grades 5 - 8 (Grade 1 for cross country) are eligible to participate. In the case of Football, Cross Country and Spring Track, you must sign up at the St. Katharine's CYO site (See below).

**Registration is open for SKS CYO Fall Sports and OMGC/STV students are eligible to participate in the following sports:**

**Boys:** JV Football – Grades 5 & 6

Varsity Football – Grades 7 & 8

**Co-Ed:** Cross Country – Grades 1 thru 8

**Please register at [www.skscyo.com](http://www.skscyo.com). Registration open until July 15, 2017!**

OMGC/STV Basketball Signups will be in August. Additional information and on-line registration information will be available at that time. For additional information, please contact Matt Hutlemyer ([mhutlemyer@gmail.com](mailto:mhutlemyer@gmail.com)).

Thanks,

Beverly Owsik (interim)

[Mbmmbj6@gmail.com](mailto:Mbmmbj6@gmail.com)

Athletic Director OMGC

Matt Hutlemyer

[Mhutlemyer@gmail.com](mailto:Mhutlemyer@gmail.com)

Athletic Director STV

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2017 CCA Partner in Hope

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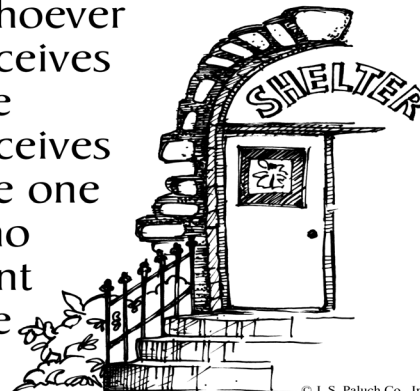
### ST. RAPHAELA CENTER Program Offerings

#### 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: July 12.** Visit: [www.straphaelacenter.org](http://www.straphaelacenter.org).

**Personal Days of Prayer:** Looking for time away, just to think and pray and be? Call or email to see about coming for a personal day of prayer. There is no schedule; just quiet spaces. \$15 donation. Bring your own lunch. Spiritual direction available upon request. St. Raphaela Center in Haverford, PA – 610-642-5715; [www.straphaelacenter.org](http://www.straphaelacenter.org)

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## INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES and Autism Help Line

Do you need help accessing services and supports for someone with an intellectual disability or Autism? A collaboration of Catholic Social Services-Developmental Programs, The Office for Persons with Disabilities and the Schools of Special Education of the Archdiocese is offering this convenient help-line to assist families connect to disabilities services provided by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. To reach the Help-Line call: 484-472-5041 or email: [IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org](mailto:IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org).

## THE CALIX SOCIETY

Are you currently in a 12-step program? Would you like to be able to freely discuss how your Catholic faith, Christ and His Sacraments nourish your recovery? If so, the Calix Society is for you! This group serves to enhance (not replace) 12-step groups with an emphasis upon our journey in Christ. You can find our national website at [www.calixsociety.org](http://www.calixsociety.org) and local meeting information at [www.calix-philly.com](http://www.calix-philly.com). You may also contact Ken at 215-327-3236 or Amy at 610-405-7747.



SUNDAY, JULY 2

7:30 KATHERINE IANNOTTA  
9:30 NATIVIDAD RIVERA  
11:15 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, JULY 3

8:00 DECEASED MEMBERS AND BENEFACTORS, OSA

TUESDAY, JULY 4

9:00 VERONICA HESS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

8:00 HELEN MOUGHAN

THURSDAY, JULY 6

8:00 ACHILLE AND MARY BARONE (WEDDING ANNIVERSARY)

FRIDAY, JULY 7

8:00 FR. JOHN DENNY, OSA

SATURDAY, JULY 8

8:00 MARY MARCHESANI

SUNDAY, JULY 9

7:30 HELEN LUIPERSBECK  
9:30 ROBERT CAMPO (8TH ANNIVERSARY)  
11:15 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHIONERS



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**Feast of St. Thomas**

**Monday, July 3**



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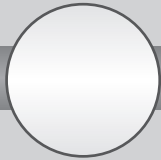


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