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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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GOD REVEALS THE MYSTERY OF GOD'S SELF TO "LITTLE ONES"

Contextually, Jesus' prayer and invitation in today's Gospel (Matt 11:25-30) follows immediately upon his reproving of those who have heard his words and seen his works but remained unrepentant. In sharp contrast to the wise and learned who refused Jesus, were the "little ones" whose humility and openness to God and to grace enabled them to see and believe the truths that Jesus set before them. Implied in this statement is the idea that those who were highly educated in the law could find that learnedness can be an obstacle to grasping the wisdom revealed in Jesus.

Moreover, Jesus claimed to be a source of revelation, in direct contradiction to the idea that revelation is fully contained in the law and the prophets. "Everything has been handed over to me by my Father," he says. *Everything* refers to revelation and to that knowledge of God which only Jesus as God's Son can give. The exclusiveness of the relationship shared by Jesus and the Father reminds readers that human beings do not have the capability, on their own, to fathom the knowledge of God.

We know God only because such knowledge is a gift. Even our efforts to know the Son are futile unless the Son wills to be known...and, thanks be to God, the Son does desire to be known and to make God known as well. This revelation provides believers with a release from the weighty obligations of the interpreted law. Unlike the Pharisees, who "tie up heavy burdens and lay them on the shoulders of others" and then offer "not a finger to move them," Jesus offers a shared burden, a lighter load and rest.

By calling upon God in an intimate manner, as "Abba," and by claiming a special and unique relationship with God, Jesus is represented here as the personification of Wisdom, the true reflection of eternal light and the image of God's goodness. Israel's sages urged their brothers and sisters in the faith to put their feet into Wisdom's fetters and their neck under her yoke so as to find wisdom, joy and rest. Jesus invited his contemporaries to do the same and to find even more. When they came to him, he was revealed as word and wisdom come to life in flesh and blood.

"Learn from me," invites Jesus-Wisdom. Let yourselves become my disciples by following my way of living, of loving, of giving and doing. Discipleship or being Jesus' yokemate is not a question of our own doing; it is a matter of making room for God so that God can live in us. It demands everything we are and have – for the cause of love. Half-hearted Christianity is worse than no Christianity. "Come to me, learn from me, rest in me."

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

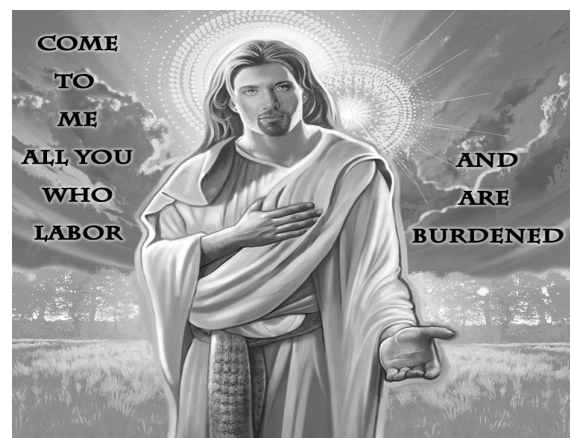
Christian Milton, Janine Hoffman,
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,
Carol Luty, Jennie Aron Middlesworth,
Lori Lesutis, P. Snead, Linda Smith,
Mary Pham, Helen Kelly, Mary DiOrazio,
Philip Smith, Pat Hamilton, Pat Newman,
Alice Ritter, Bill O'Donnell,
and Kathleen O'Doherty.

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 Philip Leist and for the consolation of his family.

H.O.P.E.

If you need a trip to the doctor, shopping, etc., call Shelley Preston at 484-412-8309 or S. Anne at 610-525-0147, ext 234.



Jim's Diaconate Ordination

Dear Friends,

Let me tell you about my friend, Deacon Jim Cowan. Seven years ago when I was assigned to our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in Staten Island, Jim was the president of the Parish Council. He worked for nearly 4 decades for a top risk management/reinsurance company in Manhattan. He has always been very active in Catholic activities in the parish and in the broader Staten Island community.

For a long time, Jim thought he might have a vocation to the permanent diaconate, but could not act on it because his job involved fairly frequent foreign travel. Then, just over 5 years ago upon his retirement, Jim began his journey toward the diaconate.

During these years, it was my privilege to serve as his mentor. I invited him to take on more responsibility in the liturgical and sacramental life of our parish. Jim began instructing parents and godparents in preparation for Baptism. He became coordinator of the altar server ministry. Jim also took leadership responsibility for the regional Catholic schools board, and for the local cluster of parishes going through the process of strategic pastoral planning. We often discussed the classes that he was taking twice a week at St. Joseph Seminary in Yonkers and reviewed his term papers together.

Then on Saturday, this past June 18, Cardinal Dolan ordained him and 11 other men to the permanent diaconate at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan. It was a joy for me to participate in this ceremony, and to be the priest who vested Jim with deacon's stole and dalmatic after the cardinal laid his hands on his head and ordained him.

Cardinal Dolan, in his homily during that Mass, told us that he was ordaining these 12 men as deacons **not** because they were intelligent or holy or hard working (though he assumed and prayed that they **are** those things) - but that he was ordaining them because of the **tremendous love** that **Jesus** has for **His Church**.

It is because of the **great love** that Jesus has for Jim and for those other 11 men, and because of the **great love** that Jesus has for *all of us* - his church - that he gave **them** the call. The call to consecrated service.

The next morning at OLGC was Jim's Diaconal Mass of Thanksgiving – his first Mass where he could proclaim the Gospel and do the other duties of a deacon. Bishop John O'Hara, the regional bishop, presided and I preached. In my homily I praised the people of OLGC:

“I commend you, the people of OLGC, because within one year **you** have produced two ordinations. Father Joe Murray was ordained on this date last year. And now yesterday, Jim Cowan.

Praying for vocations is very important, but vocations like Joe Murray and Jim Cowan **don't come from nothing** – they come from a community of faith and love, like this parish.

If you identify a young man you think might make a good priest or a good deacon or a good friar, or a young woman you think might be called to consecrated religious life, **pray** for them and then **speak** to them – encourage them to think about it and pray about it if they have not already – and then **continue** to pray for them.”

There is another OLGC young man, Kevin, a 2017 high school graduate who will enroll in the seminary for the NY Archdiocese in August.

I urge all of us too, here in OMGC, to be a parish that not only prays for vocations, but to become a community that nurtures them as well.

Peace,
Father Liam

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE July 2, 2017

“Let all Your works give You thanks, O God, and let Your faithful ones bless You.” says the Psalmist. Stewardship is this “attitude of gratitude” for the many gifts God has given us.

Due to early bulletin deadlines, collection totals for July 2 will not be available until next week.

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

THANK YOU

Peace to you!

I wish to extend my gratitude to you, Fr. Liam, and your parishioners for the generous check of \$3,500.00 from your Lenten collection. Your generosity and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Please be assured of our prayers for you and the parishioners at Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish.

Sincerely yours,
 Msgr. Federico Britto
 Pastor of St. Cyprian Parish

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.
- 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.

ST. NORBERT EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Job Opportunity

Start Date can be as early as July 17

Technical requirements include proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite, particularly Word, Excel, Publisher and PowerPoint. **Contact:** Mark Christmyer at mchristmyer@stnorbert.org or call 610-644-1655, ext. 131 if you have any questions. This is a full-time position reporting directly to me as the Pastor.

Michael J. Lee, O. Praem, Pastor

GOSPEL IN ACTION

Bethesda Project

“Seeking God’s guidance and believing that we are all members of one family, the mission of Bethesda Project is to find and care for the abandoned poor and to be family to those who have none.” (Fr. Dominic Rossi, O. Praem.)

In 1979, Fr. Rossi and members of his prayer group at Daylesford Abbey reached out to a group of women experiencing homelessness. Wanting to care for these women as if they were members of their own family, Fr. Rossi’s group rented an apartment to provide shelter for them. After three years, they purchased a house to provide a permanent home. Soon after, they expanded their ministry to include men and became a registered non-profit. Bethesda Project now has 14 sites where they minister to 2,000 individuals each year. On the **weekend of July 22 and 23**, Sara Erdo, Community Engagement Director at Bethesda Project, will speak at each of our Masses to further explain their mission and the continued need for their ministry.

FALL FESTIVAL NEWS

Our plans are well underway for our Fall Festival! We still need your help! Please consider volunteering for one of our Chairperson positions. We are still in need of a games/bounces chairperson, a publicity chairperson and a White Elephant Sale chairperson. If interested, please contact Karen Carey at kcarey@omgcp parish.net or 610-525-0147.

We are also in need of donations for raffle baskets or raffle items themselves. If you are interested in donating any items, tickets, autographed memorabilia of donations for themed baskets...please contact Maryann Gallagher at MaGallagher@Charlesfriellnc.com.

ST. RAPHAELA CENTER Program Offerings

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

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 family is a great way to bond!
It is FellowshipNight at the Phillies!

Tickets are only \$20!
Jo-Ann Stigliano is going!
The team just might win!

To sign up, contact kcarey@omgcp parish.net
or stevensutton309@yahoo.com or
collettesutton309@yahoo.com.

JOB AVAILABILITY

Merion Mercy Academy, an independent, all-girls Catholic High School, sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, has an opening for a full-time teaching position in the Mathematics department for the 2017 – 2018 school year. The schedule includes teaching AP Calculus AB. Qualified applicants with a Mathematics degree and secondary certification are asked to submit a cover letter and resume by **Thursday, July 13th** to Mary Ann Danovich, Assistant Head of School for Academic Affairs at madanovich@merion-mercy.com.

The school is also seeking a dynamic and energetic Director of Music to lead, develop and manage an established, reputable music program for both instrumental and vocal students. The successful candidate, in addition to having a passion for the performing arts, should have a music education background or at least five years of experience with high school students. Responsibilities include teaching music majors, assuming extracurricular work with singing and instrumental groups and supervising other music teachers. Candidates should submit electronically a letter of intent, a resume, a copy of all transcripts and clearances to Mary Ann Danovich as seen in the above paragraph. Interviews will be scheduled immediately with the intent that the position is filled by **August 11, 2017**.

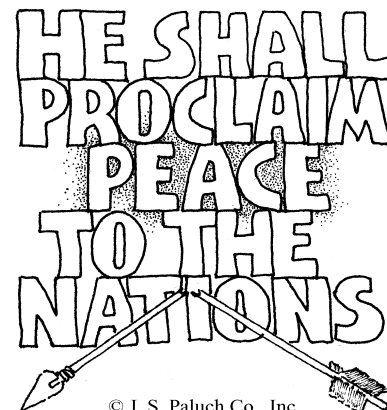
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.) Team Meeting

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 Good 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 Woodeshick at 610-525-0147, ext. 234 or email her at awoodeshick@omgcp parish.net. Two of our members had to withdraw from this commitment because they welcomed their first/born child, Anderson Kevin Wolf, into their family in May.

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!





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 1st – 8th

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. 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).

Thanks,

Beverly Owsik (interim)

Mbmmbj6@gmail.com

Athletic Director OMGC

Matt Hutlemyer

Mhutlemyer@gmail.com

Athletic Director STV



SUNDAY, JULY 9

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

MONDAY, JULY 10

- 8:00 CATHERINE SOLANO

TUESDAY, JULY 11

- 8:00 PAUL MC GAHARN

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

- 8:00 MICHAEL, MARK
AND MICHELLE CONNOR

THURSDAY, JULY 13

- 8:00 ROBERT CAMPO
(8TH ANNIVERSARY)

FRIDAY, JULY 14

- 8:00 ANN GRADY LUCAS

SATURDAY, JULY 15

- 8:00 ELISABETH & DUNCAN VAN DUSEN
(50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY)

SUNDAY, JULY 16

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
- 9:30 THOMAS AND ALICE RYAN
- 11:15 JOSEPH MC CORMICK



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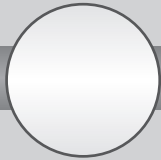


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