



# Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish Community

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**July 16, 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>

## YOU ARE A WORD SPOKEN BY GOD!

Good soil is critical to the harvest. In the 1930s, by deep-plowing, the farmers on the prairies of the high plains had ruined the land. They plowed so deep they displaced the deep-rooted grasses that trapped soil and moisture. Combined with severe droughts, devastation came. The great dust storms did the rest, displacing more than two million people. Today's Gospel (Matt 13:1-23) presents us with a parable about seeds. After many perils, only the seeds that were sown in good soil were able to grow. They yielded much grain. The parable teaches us to recognize that the seed is God's invitation to us. We are the farmers who must prepare our soil to receive these seeds. If we are successful, then we will enjoy a bounteous spiritual harvest in our lives.

Although the parable of the sower, seed and soil is quite long, Matthew copies it almost without change from his source in Mark. Matthew does make one significant addition. In verses 14-16, he elaborates on the citation of Isaiah 6:9-10, explaining that knowledge of the kingdom of heaven is granted only to some. As Ben Witherington explains in *The Gospel of Mark*: "The parables give insight to the open-minded but come as a judgment on the obdurate...listening intently is the necessary prerequisite to understanding because on one has this knowledge already within them."

Aside from the explanation that Jesus himself gives, this Gospel hints much more at what it takes to receive the word of God. The key to the whole story is that the good soil was receptive. We see what that means by looking to the disciples who admitted that Jesus had confused them. "Why do you speak to them in parables?" was a question that really meant "We don't get it!" That was exactly the attitude they needed for Jesus to be able to break through to them, for the seed of his word to go deep into the interior space they opened with their questions.

Just as the planting and harvesting were ongoing activities, so too the word of God comes again and again, begging a hearing. When it comes to having ears to hear, this Gospel assured us that questions are more fruitful than answers.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Christian Milton, Janine Hoffman,  
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,  
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 souls of Dolores Camacho, Rita J. Hopkins, Gertrude Tague Ullrich, Rosa Gamma DiNardo, and Daisy Harvey and for the consolation of their families.

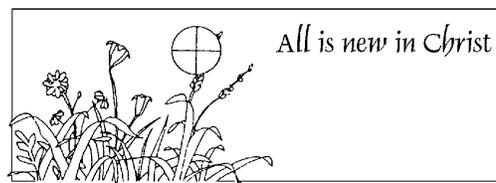
### H.O.P.E.

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.

**Seniors**  
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### SENIOR COMMUNITY GATHERING

Senior Members of our parish and surrounding parishes will meet again on **Friday, July 28 at 12 noon** in our newly-being-renovated Social Center in the school building. Please bring a substantial lunch for yourself. Desserts and beverages will be provided. One special feature of the day will be to recognize and celebrate with Mrs. Anne Shea her 102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday which she will reach on July 20!



**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.

**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, July 30, please put them in the food box at the entrance of the church next Sunday:

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

**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.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**  
**for July 2, 2017**

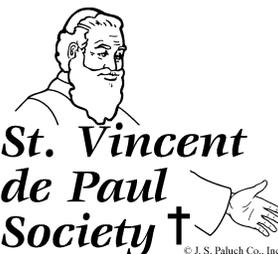
Envelope Contributions .....	\$7,951.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$760.00
Total Offertory Collection .....	\$8,711.00

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**  
**for July 9, 2017**

May our stewardship of time, talent and treasure show us to be among those who have heard the message of Christ and taken it in, yielding a hundred – or sixty– or thirty fold.

Envelope Contributions .....	\$6,202.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$760.00
Total Offertory Collection .....	\$8,711.00
Offering this time last year .....	\$11,590.00
Electronic giving of 7/3.....	\$5,740.00
Parish Giving.....	\$805.00

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



**CLOTHING DRIVE**

Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish will be hosting a clothing drive to benefit the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, on **Saturday, August 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

The Society will be using the services of GreenDrop to support their clothing drive. Look for the GreenDrop truck in the church parking lot near our dumpsters to allow parking for weddings or funerals, where an attendant will be available to assist you with your donations. Please place your donations of usable men’s, women’s and children’s clothing in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as: kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CDs and videos are also accepted. Unfortunately, furniture, large appliances, TVs or computer monitors cannot be accepted. For a full list of acceptable items or to learn more about GreenDrop, visit [www.gogreendrop.com](http://www.gogreendrop.com)

## ADVOCATING TO END HUNGER

Our Parish and St. Thomas of Villanova have created a group to advocate to end hunger in the world through participation with Bread for the World (BFW), a Christian, bi-partisan hunger research and lobbying organization. BFW works to change systems that allow hunger to persist. Their work has helped cut hunger incidence rates in half over the past 25 years. Both Parishes have participated for several years in BFW's annual "Offering of Letters" to Congress. The 2017 Campaign seeks retention of budget support for programs and policies that have helped millions in the US and abroad to get out of poverty. Since the weekend of June 10/11, OMGC Parishioners have sent 400 letters, nearly evenly split between Senators Toomey and Casey. STV Parishioners sent 510.

Since advocacy on hunger issues is needed all year long, OMGC and STV have created a group dedicated to this action that supplements the great work we have done for years to feed the hungry. On June 13, two parishioners from each Parish joined around 450 others from across the country in Washington, DC for BFW's Lobby Day. The theme was the same budget issue. The day started and ended with worship and prayer. It included a morning of preparation for 250 meetings that BFW had scheduled with Senators and Representatives. The afternoon was dedicated to the meetings.

The OMGC/STV team met with Senators Toomey and Casey plus staff members. Representative Meehan was in a Ways and Means Committee meeting but had a Senior Staffer meet with us. All three listened intently and respectfully and staff took notes on our concerns. Several who could not attend in DC made phone calls and sent emails during the day to amplify the impact in DC. It was a richly rewarding and inspirational day for all of us. But it also became clear that retention of budget support will be a daunting task.

The Group would love to have more of you join us to monitor the situation and take additional action needed throughout the year. We will keep you informed of the need and opportunities.



## PREP REGISTRATION

Registrations for our Parish Religious Education Programs are being mailed out within the next week. If you do not receive your registration by **July 25**, please contact Karen Carey at 610-525-0147 as soon as possible.

## FALL FESTIVAL NEWS



### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please help us by donating items for our raffle, signing up to participate on a committee, (Games, Prizes, Set-up, Moonbounces, Vendors, Tickets, Publicity, Bake Sale, White Elephant...), or spreading the word about the Festival! This year it will be held on **Friday and Saturday, October 13 and 14 from 5:30 to 9:00 pm**, and on **Sunday, October 15 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm**. Contact Karen Carey at [kcarey@omgcp parish.net](mailto:kcarey@omgcp parish.net) for information.

## 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!

## 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!

It is Family and Faith Night at the Phillies!

Tickets are only \$20!

David Welsh is 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 [colettesutton309@yahoo.com](mailto:colettesutton309@yahoo.com).

## ANNUAL MISSIONARY COOPERATION PLAN APPEAL

Missionaries throughout the world continue to bring the Gospel to the world. They need our prayers and support. Donations collected on the weekend of **August 5 and 6** here at Our Mother of Good Counsel will directly support the ministry of the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary. A representative of their community will be with us on the weekend of August 5/6. 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).



## 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](http://www.wineconference.org).

## LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR RAFFLE

The Little Sisters of the Poor invite you to join in their ministry of caring for the needy elderly by participating in their St. Jeanne Jugan – Pot of Gold Raffle! Besides helping our 97 residents live in a secure and compassionate home, you have a chance to win one of ten prizes, with a grand prize of \$25,000! Only 2,000 tickets will be sold! This year's honorees are Father William Kaufman, Don Hopkins and Pat Zubyk. To purchase a ticket, please send your name, address and check for \$100 to: Holy Family Home – Dept. PB, Attn: Sr. Veronica, 5300 Chester Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19143. Or visit our website at [www.littlesistersofthepoorphiladelphia.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoorphiladelphia.org). Thank you for your prayers and support.

## ST. RAPHAELA CENTER

**Fall Directed Retreats:** St. Raphaela Center offers retreats for an extended time of prayer and silence, accompanied by a Spiritual Director. **September 25 – October 4**. You are welcome to come for a portion of these days as well. If interested, call St. Raphaela Center in Haverford at 610-642-5715 or email: [www.straphaelacenter.org](http://www.straphaelacenter.org).

**Volunteers Needed:** If you could lend a hand drying dishes or doing some simple machine sewing (here or at home), we would greatly appreciate your help! Please contact Sr. Kathy Gazie at 610-642-5715. Thank you.

## STOP WORRYING AND START LIVING RETREAT

Malvern Retreat House will host this retreat **August 4 – 6** for both men and women. Retreat Director Gary Zimak will help retreatants find practical ways to achieve peace in their lives. Zimak is a well-known Catholic author and speaker, and his retreat topics will include “You CAN Stop Worrying,” “Unleashing the Spirit,” and “Jesus – Your BEST Best Friend.” For more information, please visit [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com) or call 610-644-0400.

## DAYLESFORD ABBEY

### An Interfaith Supper and Evening Program

The Abbey provides a rare opportunity to enter into conversation with visiting *students* on **Tuesday evening August 8**, entitled “Religious Differences in our Countries.”

5:40 pm - Interfaith Supper with **university students** from Egypt, Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey.

6:40 pm - Presentation by the students

Please RSVP to 610-647-2530, ext. 133; or [www.registrations@daylesford.org](mailto:www.registrations@daylesford.org).

## THANK YOU

The community at Siloam Wellness is profoundly grateful for your support of our mission to serve individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS. We are in receipt of your most generous gifts of paper towels and toilet paper recently.

We are humbled and honored to follow in Christ’s teachings and pray that this community can continue to be of succor and comfort to those most vulnerable and in need. At Siloam, we “do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God” and are immensely grateful for your generosity and trust in our mission. We ask for your continued intercessions, that we are guided by the Spirit to enliven and enrich the people who walk through our doors.

With God’s Peace and great thanksgiving,  
Maria L. Watts-Newman  
Director of Grants and Development

# MASS INTENTIONS



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SUNDAY, JULY 16

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

MONDAY, JULY 17

- 8:00 SPECIAL INTENTION

TUESDAY, JULY 18

- 8:00 M. KATHERINE MURRAY

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

- 8:00 FRANCIS THOMAS O’NEILL

THURSDAY, JULY 20

- 8:00 EILEEN KANE GALLAGHER

FRIDAY, JULY 21

- 8:00 JOSEPH D. KELLY

SATURDAY, JULY 22

- 8:00 THE MATTIOLI FAMILY

SUNDAY, JULY 23

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHIONERS  
9:30 FR. JOHN T. DENNY, OSA  
11:15 PETER B. FARRELLY



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Feast of  
St. Mary Magdalene  
July 22