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**September 10, 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>

## HEALING THE COMMUNITY

In today's Gospel (Mt. 18:15-20) Jesus wasn't simply presenting a problem-solving technique, al-though it is a good methodology even before we understand its theology.

**Step One:** Jesus starts out by setting the stage like this: "If anyone sins against you..." The situation is clear, one person in the community feels injured and thinks that the other has done something wrong. A lot of people in that situation will start out by complaining, not to the person with whom they have a grievance, but with anybody they think will listen and agree with them.

The approach Jesus counsels feels much riskier because it requires honest dialogue and avoids amassing a team of supporters who will have been swayed by one side of the story. Following Jesus' methodology, the more serious the grievance, the more the injured party will be acting like a good shepherd trying to bring back one who is deviating from promoting the common good.

**Step Two:** If an honest attempt to dialogue comes to an impasse, the person who has taken on the role of shepherd needs to engage companions to help in the process. Now, the two or three who go together must remember that their goal is to win over the other, to restore the community.

**Step Three:** If the efforts of a few are unsuccessful, the case needs to be brought to the community as a whole. Remembering the goal is crucial in this process. The aim is always to restore the offender to integrity in the community. Throughout the process, all the participants will be called upon to examine their own integrity and commitment to the common good. Thus, in Jesus' methodology, seeking the lost becomes and intense exercise in deepening communal bonds.

**Finally:** Jesus says that if the community cannot bring someone back into union, they are to treat that one as "a Gentile or a tax collector," i.e., one who has not yet received the message of the kingdom. That understanding gives a context to Jesus' final saying. Who are the two or three of whom he speaks? They are the ones who are seeking the common good. The risen Christ promises that they never need do that alone.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

• Janine Hoffman, Kathleen O'Doherty,  
Emily Chaveriet, Anne Shea,  
Adrienne D'Amato,  
Mary Corrigan, Lori Lesutis,  
Pat Hamilton, P. Snead,  
William Denny, Carol Luty,  
Michael and Andrew McCaughey.

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.

### 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.

**Deceased:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Millie Murtaugh and for the consolation of her family.

### DONATIONS TO THE VICTIMS of Hurricane Harvey

The Archdiocese sent us notice about donations for hurricane relief. They urge us to take up a special collection on the weekend of September 16-17 for the benefit of the victims. "The devastation is widespread and the needs are immediate," so we will accept donations before these dates as well. You can either write a check payable to OMGC with the word "Hurricane" in the Memo Line and place it in the collection baskets, or put cash donations in one of the boxes we will place near the doors of the church. We will send it off as soon as it comes in.

### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**Meeting:** The Parish Council will resume its meetings on **Monday, September 11th at 7:30 p.m.** in the Parish Center. Parishioners are always welcome and encouraged to attend these monthly meetings. If you plan to do so, please contact President Barry Mulhern at 610-527-5197 or [rmul742@gmail.com](mailto:rmul742@gmail.com).

**Parish Council Contact:** If there is anything you would like to bring to the attention of the Council by way of ideas, suggestions or concerns, please call Ron Hicks at 610-449-2748.



**A  
NOTE  
FROM  
OUR  
PASTOR**

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**INSTALLATION MASS  
ON SEPTEMBER 10**

On Sunday, September 10 at the 11:15 Mass, Bishop McIntyre will install me as pastor of OMGC. Please pray that this be a time of blessing not only for me, but also for all the staff and all the people of

our parish. In the past 14 months, I've gotten to know many of you and still hope to get to know more of you. I look forward to work together more for the spiritual growth of all of our parish community and to help more and more people experience God's love and healing through participation in this community. We especially need to work to make this parish a place where young people and families will experience Christ's love for them.

One thing I look forward to is to introduce you to some of my family and friends who will be there. My siblings, some cousins and some parishioners from OLGC in Staten Island also plan to attend.

I ask you to continue to pray for me as your pastor and I promise to continue praying for all of you.

Fr. Liam

**50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION**

September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017, marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood of Fr. Tom Pohto, OSA. Fr. Tom joined the Augustinian Community at OMGC in January, 2017. He had previously been stationed here for a short time ten years ago. To remember this joyous occasion, Fr. Tom will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on **Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at the 5:00 pm Mass.** Please join him at this Mass as he gives thanks to God for blessings received over these 50 years!

**PEACE AND JUSTICE**

The Peace and Justice Committee will meet again on **Thursday, September 14 at 7:30 p.m.** at OMGC's Parish Center.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE  
for September 3, 2017**

Am I my brother's or sister's keeper? All three readings today suggest that for the Christian steward the answer is "Yes!"

Envelope Contributions .....	\$7,351.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$737.00
Total Offertory Collection .....	\$8,088.00
Offering this time last year .....	\$8,941.00
Electronic giving of 9/1/17.....	\$5,650.00
Parish Giving .....	\$850.00
Hurricane Harvey.....	\$1,334.00

Parish Giving Program—Parish Giving is a safe, secure and easy way to make online parish and church related donations. To get started, log onto our website at [www.omgcp parish.org](http://www.omgcp parish.org) and click on the Parish Giving logo in the upper right hand corner. Follow the easy registration steps. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Juhline at 610-525-0147 or at [pjuhline@omgcp parish.net](mailto:pjuhline@omgcp parish.net).

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

**WHITE ELEPHANT  
Recycle Your Holiday Decorations**

Do you have holiday décor that hasn't made it out of your storage container for several holiday seasons? Donate it to OMGC! We are accepting donations of new or gently used indoor or outdoor holiday decor for any occasion from Halloween through Easter. This includes Christmas decorations. Donations will be available for sale at the OMGC Fall Fest, October 13-15th. All proceeds will benefit OMGC's religious education and youth group programs. Please drop off donation in the back of the church before or after Mass on one of the following weekends:

**September 16-17**

**September 23-24**

**September 30-October 1**

No items will be taken after October 1. For large item drop offs or questions, contact Colette Sutton at [colettesutton309@yahoo.com](mailto:colettesutton309@yahoo.com) or 610-517-0156.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

**Inquiry Sessions:** A new series of Inquiry sessions will begin on **Tuesday evening, September 26 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Parish Center of Our Mother of Counsel Parish. This is the beginning phase of the RCIA process for anyone who may be considering becoming a member of the Catholic Church or who may be interested in learning more about the Catholic Church. If you, or someone you know, may be interested in learning more about the RCIA process, please call S. Anne Woodeshick at 610-525-0147 (ext. 234) or email her at [awoodeshick@omgcp parish.net](mailto:awoodeshick@omgcp parish.net). **Brochures** are available in the pamphlet rack at the entrance of the Church or on the table inside. Help yourself and share it with someone who may be interested in joining us for this initial evening of Inquiry.

### THANK YOU!

We want to thank the parishioners of Our Mother of Good Counsel for the recent gift of \$1,800.00 to Bethesda Project. This gift is a real blessing to us. Not just because it helps us directly with our mission, but because it is a sign of the vitality of your faith, and is an encouragement to all of us who seek to build a more caring society.

Your gift ensures that our homeless brothers and sisters will continue to feel the compassionate support of their Bethesda Project family. We are so grateful for your support! Thank you for being part of the Bethesda family.

Father Dominic Rossi, Founder  
Tina Pagotto, Chief Executive Officer



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## PREP REGISTRATION

Our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) is held for children in non-catholic schools who are seeking Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation. Classes are held on Sunday mornings from 9:40 until 11:00am. Registrations for returning PREP students have been mailed. If you have not yet received your registration, or if you are new to the program, please contact Karen Carey at 610-525-0147 as soon as possible.

## PREP BEGINNINGS

**September 10:** All PREP families are invited to attend the 11:15 Mass for Fr. Liam's installation as pastor. There will be no classes on that morning.

**September 17:** All PREP students and families are to attend the 9:30 Mass as we commission our catechists for the year. Coffee and treats will follow the Mass.

**September 24:** Classes will begin. While children are in class, parents are to stay in the gym for an overview of the year.

## COFFEE HOUSE AT OMGC

The Sean King Fund for Inclusive Practices will be hosting a coffee house on Friday, September 15th from 7:30-10:00pm at the Parish Social Center. The coffee house welcomes seasoned and emerging performers of all ages. Suggested donation is \$5.00. Free coffee, tea, cocoa and deserts. Please visit [seankingfund.com/events](http://seankingfund.com/events) for more information and to sign up to perform.

## CYO BASKETBALL

### Fall Open Sessions

Open gym sessions will take place this fall for boys and girls, grades 5 through 8, who are interested in trying out for CYO basketball. Open gym sessions started this past week and will run through the week of October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Fall open gym is an opportunity to come work on your skills through group drills and playing games.

**Boys open gym: Friday evenings, 5:30 – 7:00pm  
in OMGC gym;**

**Girls open gym: Thursday evenings, 7:00 – 8:30  
pm at OMGC gym.**

Please email Matt Hutelmyer with any questions: [mhutelmyer@gmail.com](mailto:mhutelmyer@gmail.com).



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED As School Mentors

We are invited to join St. Thomas of Villanova volunteers who mentor students at St. Frances Cabrini Regional School where many of our former sister-parish students attend grade school. The group meets the students on Tuesdays from 1:00 -3:00pm from October to early May. This ministry includes carpooling to and from the school in West Philadelphia.

Join us for an Information Session on **Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm** in St. Thomas' Parish Center. If interested, contact Barb Gollin at [mmggbcc@hotmail.com](mailto:mmggbcc@hotmail.com) or 610-688-4168.

## SEASON OF CREATION

During the Season of Creation, from September 1 through October 4, Christians around the world are invited to pray and care for creation. As we approach this special time of prayer and action, please consider how you and your family, community, parish and ministry can engage this special season. Please answer Pope Francis' **urgent** call in *Laudato Si* and pledge to:

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## ST. RAPHAELA CENTER

**Monthly Taize Prayer with Nocturnal Adoration:** Come join us for a monthly Taize prayer, including Eucharistic Adoration that will extend to midnight at St. Raphaela Center, 616 Coopertown Road in Haverford. Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 7:30 – 8:30pm. No registration is needed. Next Taize prayer is scheduled for **September 13**.

**Day of Prayer for Widows and Widowers:** A day of prayer and guided reflection to offer peace and support for those who have lost a spouse (recently or years ago). Led by Deacon David Schaffer. Eucharist will be celebrated. Date: **November 8 from 9:30 am to 3:00pm**. Please register at St. Raphaela Center in Haverford at 610-642-5715 or [www.straphaelacenter.org](http://www.straphaelacenter.org).

## 90<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION of St. Timothy Parish in Mayfair

St. Timothy Parish in Mayfair, Philadelphia, rich in a vibrant heritage and strong tradition, will be commemorating the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding with a year-long celebration, beginning in October, 2017 and ending in October, 2018. The opening of our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary observance will take place on **Sunday, October 1** with a Solemn Mass celebrated at **12 noon** in the upper church. The presider and homilist will be Archbishop James P. Green, who is the Apostolic Nuncio to Sweden and Iceland and is a son of St. Timothy parish. A reception will follow in the school gym for all who attend. We cordially invite and encourage all present and former St. Timothy parishioners, as well as graduates of St. Timothy School to join us for this momentous occasion. Please call the rectory at 215-624-6188 to let us know if you will be attending. For more information on all the events of our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, please go to [www.st-tims.org](http://www.st-tims.org).



**September 12th**

## SCHOOLS' OPEN HOUSE and Entrance Exam

**Academy of Notre Dame de Namur:** Scholarship and Entrance Exam will be offered on **Saturday, October 21 and Sunday, October 29.** Open House will be held on **Sunday, October 1 from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm.** For more information, call 610- 971-0498 or visit [ndapa.org/admissions](http://ndapa.org/admissions). Notre Dame Academy is a private, Catholic, college preparatory school for girls in grades 6 – 12, located at 560 Sproul Road in Villanova.

**Mount Saint Joseph Academy:** Open House – **Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 3:00 pm.** To pre-register for the Open House online visit our website at [www.msjacad.org](http://www.msjacad.org) and scroll down to Quick Links – Open House. Scholarship and Entrance Exam will be given on **Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am.** For more information, please call the Admission Office at 215-233-9133 or visit us online at the above address.

## FLAME OF LOVE The Diary of Elizabeth Kindlemann

This special event will be hosted at the IHM Conference Center, 401 Bryn Mawr Ave. on **Thursday, September 14** beginning at **8:30 am.** Dismissal will be at 12 noon. Fr. James Otto, Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Philadelphia will facilitate the retreat. He will explain the directions and words given to Elizabeth Kindlemann. Each participant will receive a handout of these quotes. Cost is \$25. Please register by calling the IHM Conference Center at 610-581-0120.

## CATHOLIC HISTORY LECTURE

On **Sunday, September 17,** Dr. Maggie McGuinness of La Salle University will speak on St. Katharine Drexel and the ministry of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament in Philadelphia at the American Catholic Historical Society, 263 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Free and open to the public. For information, visit [www.amchs.org](http://www.amchs.org).

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### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL  
PARISHIONERS  
9:30 FR. JOHN DENNY, OSA  
11:15 FILOMENA SANTANGELO

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 6:30 WOLFGANG AND INGRID JORDAN  
8:00

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 6:30  
8:00 JAMES CORRIGAN

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 6:30  
8:00

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- 6:30  
8:00 BILLY FERRY

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- 6:30  
8:00 JOANN DALESANDRO

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- 8:00 HOPE M. HAYES  
(20TH ANNIVERSARY)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL  
PARISHIONERS  
9:30 BOB RYAN  
11:15 PATSY DUSHANE



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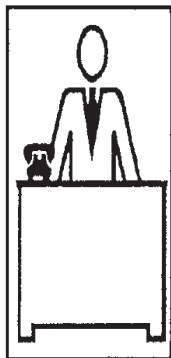
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