



Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish Community

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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>

CALLED TO TEND GOD'S VINEYARD *TODAY!*

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel (Matt 21:33-43), was intended to touch the hearts of those who listened, to move them toward repentance and the experience of God's forgiveness. But this parable also reflects the hand of Matthew as he sought to adapt Jesus' story to his own community in the 80s. Having been ousted from the synagogue in the mid-80s, Jewish Christians were thereafter subject to Roman oppression; they were no longer tolerated by Rome as Judaism was.

Notice that Jesus began by quoting Isaiah's love song in today's first reading, which featured a vineyard, a favored metaphor for speaking about Israel. The vineyard represented the people, so the tenants or caretakers would have been the chief priests and elders, the very ones to whom the parable was being addressed. Those listening to Matthew's adaptation of Jesus' parable would have been aware that the servants who were sent represented the prophets who had been mistreated and even put to death for speaking God's truth to an unwilling people.

Thus, it follows that the son of the vineyard's owner was Jesus. Notice that Matthew alludes to the manner of Jesus' death in saying that they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard and killed him." As Mark told the same parable, he had the son being killed and then dragged out of the vineyard. Matthew reversed that order to reflect the fact that Jesus was crucified outside the city.

There is a harsh tone to this parable. But, rather than focus upon the invective against Jewish leaders, we ought better to center on our own responsibility as Christians. We are charged with bearing the good fruits of the kingdom to create a worthy welcome for our returning Lord. Unfortunately, many of us have become a nation of spectators. We watch TV and movies, we watch our hand-held devices, we watch other people play sports, but we don't take the field ourselves. Maybe it's time for us to rise up from the bench and get to work. Today's Gospel rallies us to join forces to build God's kingdom on earth.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Janine Hoffman, Adrienne D'Amato,
Lori Lesutis, Carol Luty,
Deborah Boss-Cadet, Alice Ritter,
Lenore Lilly, William O'Donnell
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.

New Members: We welcome to our parish community Mr. and Mrs. Reid and Moira Smith, Ms. Elizabeth Woodward, and Mr. and Mrs. Brian and Beth Forde who recently registered with us.

Deceased: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of John Bradford (Brad) Moser and for the consolation of his family.

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.

A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT from Father Liam, our Pastor

If you know of anyone who is not well enough to come to church, but who would like to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the office at 610-525-0147. So many people who are partially homebound feel that asking a priest to come to bring the sacraments to them is an imposition. Believe me, it is not! This ministry is one of the reasons we priests were ordained. We are happy to visit the sick and to pray with them. The same is true when a person is in the hospital.

In an emergency, you can call the parish office at 610-525-0147 at any hour.

Peace

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.



PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US!

Dear Friends,

Happy Fall! It is once again, that time of year where we celebrate the beauty of the Fall colors, the Celebration of

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All Saints and All Souls, the Landing of the Pilgrims, and naturally, the OMGC Fall Festival and Haunted Maze.

This year's **Fall Festival and Haunted Maze**, the weekend of **October 13, 14 and 15**, will be dedicated to a celebration of this season with our Youth Group and Parish Family. We will be holding our Fall Festival and Haunted Maze in the gym and social center of our parish school building.

Each year, our ideas seem to get bigger and more creative in how to make this event family and parish friendly. We will once again have our moonbounces, our carnival games and prizes, and our lovely Fall Café, this year featuring the deconstructed candy apple!! Also new this year, stop by our own White Elephant Table. Come over and purchase some home décor that might just be that thing you have been looking for. This table will be among our other vendors which include: LuLa Roe, Tastefully Simple, Thirty-one Bags, Melmark and much more!

Our amazing donated raffle items this year feature several new companies that have not donated before! This continues to be one of our most popular parts of the festival! Of course, both nights we will be featuring our Haunted Maze! Our Maze Master, Jason Sutch, has created an incredible haunt for you this year! Are you going to be brave enough to make it all the way through the maze? Or, will you choose to wear the no-scare necklace! We challenge you!

All the monies raised will go to our Youth Group and the Programs they support. A portion of the money will be donated to the Sean King Fund for Inclusive Practices, to Alex's Lemonade, and to the Juvenile Diabetes Fund. All of these Corporations have touched our Youth Group in one way or another and we make it a point to give back. Other monies help to pay for various service and social trips we take, as well as projects we do.

Friday and Saturday, our Festival will be open from **5:30 to 9:00pm**. On **Sunday**, we will be open from **10:00am to 2:00pm**. All raffle winners will be announced at 1:30 Sunday afternoon. If you

are interested in helping in any way, please contact Karen Carey at kcarey@omgcp parish.net or 610-525-0147. Come, help, enjoy and volunteer! See you at the Festival!

Karen Carey
Coordinator of Religious Education
and Youth Ministry

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
for October 1, 2017**

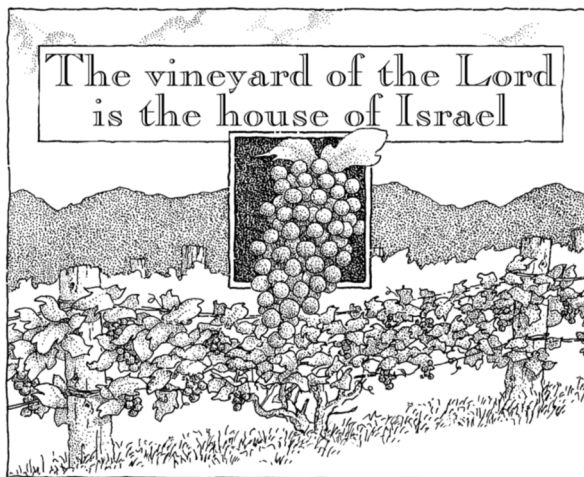
In the Gospel today, the owner of the vineyard sent messengers to collect his share of the harvest from the tenant farmers: but there was not a single good steward on the property! God is the owner, we are the tenants. What sort of stewards are we?

Envelope Contributions	\$7,055.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$902.00
Mailed in	\$890.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$8,847.00
Offering this time last year	\$12,585.00
Parish giving	\$910.00

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

RCIA INQUIRY SESSIONS

The RCIA Inquiry sessions will continue to be held on **Tuesday evenings from 7:30 - 9:00pm until November 7**. If you are interested in knowing more about the Catholic Church because you may be considering looking more closely to this Church as a faith community you might want to be a part of, you are welcome to join us for the remaining evenings, October 10, 17, 24 and November 7 or beyond. If interested, call Sr. Anne Woodshick at 610-525-0147, ext. 234 or email her at awoodshick@omgcp parish.net.



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ADVOCATES CORNER

Welcome to Advocates Corner, In this column, we will provide information on urgent needs for advocacy on behalf of the poor, hungry and others that society typically ignores, undervalues or otherwise excludes. Advocacy to change systems, policies and programs that allow such exclusion to persist is equally important to the service and charity Christ also calls us to provide. We will give you tools and resources to help make it easy for you to respond. Often the most effective response is calling or emailing our Senators and Representatives in Washington and Harrisburg. The contact information for those representing most of us in the US Congress follows. Emails must be sent using the form under the "Contact" tab of the individual's website that is indicated.

Senator Patrick Toomey

Website: www.toomey.senate.gov
Washington phone: 202-224-4254
Philadelphia Phone: 215-241-1090

Senator Robert Casey

Website: www.casey.senate.gov
Washington Phone: 202-224-6324
Philadelphia Phone: 215-405-9660

Representative Patrick Meehan

Website: www.meehan.house.gov
Washington Phone: 202-225-2011
Springfield Phone: 610-690-7323

FUEL THE FLAME

Monday, October 30 from 7:00-9:00pm
St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
Vianney Auditorium

All Church Leaders, Clergy and Church Volunteers are invited to this engaging, informative and vibrant evening! Special Guest, Mike Patin, national speaker, will present practical strategies for promoting vocations and helping to create a culture of vocations in our parishes, schools and communities. This event is free, but all are asked to register at <http://heedthecall.org/event/fueltheflame>.



500th ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION

Sunday, October 29th at 3:00 p.m.
The Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral
23 South 38th Street in Philadelphia

This gathering is sponsored by the Philadelphia Liturgical Institute. It will feature presentations by Rev. G. Dennis Gill, Rector of the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul and Director of the Archdiocesan Office for Divine Worship, as well as Rev. Dr. Gordon Lathrup, a pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

All are welcome to gather with Christians of all traditions as we celebrate our unity in Christ while heeding God's call to renew the church.



CYO INFORMATION

New Athletic Directors: John O'Brien has been appointed as the new Athletic Director for Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish.

Matt Hutlemyer has been appointed as the New Athletic Director for St. Thomas of Villanova Parish.

John and Matt will work together as co-ADs to support our parishes with their combined sports programs.

Registration: CYO information can be found in the Parish Bulletin and Religious Education Bulletins one month prior to sign-ups for the CYO Athletics Programs offered at OMGC and STV Parishes.

Winter Sports – Basketball registration is currently open on the www.wagdogs.com site. Volleyball sign-ups will come in January for the Spring.

All OMGC and STV parishioners in Grades 5 through 12 are eligible to play sports with the Parish CYO Programs. Students must be active participants in Parish Religious Education and Youth Group Programs.

If you have any questions, or for additional information, please contact the ADs at their new email: cyoomgcstv@gmail.com.

SCHOOLS' INVITATIONS

Sacred Heart Academy Bryn

Mawr: On **Saturday, October 21**, Sacred Heart Academy, located at 480 S. Bryn Mawr Avenue, will host its 9th Grade Scholarship/Entrance Exam at 8:45 a.m. Register online at www.cdssh.org. Upper School Open House immediately following at 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. No registration required.

LaSalle College High School: The Scholarship and Entrance Exam for 8th Grade Boys will be held at the school, located at 8605 Cheltenham Avenue in Wyndmoor, on **Saturday, October 28 at 8:30 am**. For questions or additional information, please contact the Admissions Office at 215-402-4800 or admissions@lschs.org. Information can also be found on the school's web site at www.lschs.org.

Little Flower Forever! On **October 28**, Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls, located at 1000 West Lycoming Street in Philadelphia, invites you to join us in celebrating 25 years since Saving our Beloved School. There will be tours, a program and social. The Flossie Shop will be open from 3:00-6:00pm. RSVP to alumnaupdates@littleflowerhighschool.org or 215-455-6900.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

at St. Raphaela Center
616 Coopertown Road in Haverford

Full-Time Cook and Kitchen Manager: The Center is hiring a full-time cook who would also serve as the kitchen manager. 11:00am to 7:00pm, Monday thru Thursday, earlier hours on Friday. Cooking experience and organizational skills required. Call Sister Lyan at 610-642-5715 to schedule an interview.

Dishwasher: Two hours needed in the evening, 1 – 5days per week at \$11 an hour. High School Students are welcome to apply. Please contact Sister Lyan at 610-642-5715.

IHM CONFERENCE/RETREAT CENTER

401 S. Bryn Mawr Avenue in Bryn Mawr
610-581-0120

Saints and Saintly People

“A Morning With Therese of Lisieux”

First in a series beginning on October 25
from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Offered by Joann Conn

Cost: \$15

CLASSIC WHIFFENPOOFS CONCERT

Saturday, October 28 at 4:00 p.m.

The Church of the Redeemer

230 Pennswood Road in Bryn Mawr

The Classic Whiffenpoofs are a 13-man group of former Yale Whiffenpoofs, the world's oldest collegiate a capella singing group. They are from the Classes of 1962-1966 and, since 2011, have been pleasing audiences along the East Coast with their classic ensemble sound and wonderful renditions of traditional Yale songs, original compositions and standards of the 50s, 60s and 70s. Tickets : \$30 pre-sale; \$35 at door. Patron Ticket \$75 with acknowledgement in program.

This concert benefits the Interfaith Hospitality Network of the Main Line, ElderNet of Lower Merion and Narberth and Episcopal Community Services.

HELP WANTED

We are still in need of many helpers for our **Fall Festival**. If you can work half an evening, by helping to run a game, or man a moonbounce or help in other ways, please use the following link to sign up: www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4EA5AE22A57-fall4

Can't be with us to help? How about baking something to donate to our Bake Sale.

If you can help in this way, please use the following link to sign up: www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4ea5ae22a57-2017

We look forward to seeing you there!!!



WAKEN IN ME A SENSE OF JOY

O Extravagant God,
in this ripening, red-tinged autumn,
waken in me a sense of joy in just being alive,
joy for nothing in general
except everything in particular;

joy in sun and rain mating with earth
to birth a harvest;
joy in soft light through shyly disrobing trees;

joy in the acolyte moon
setting halos around processing clouds;
joy in the beating of a thousand wings
mysteriously knowing which way is warm;

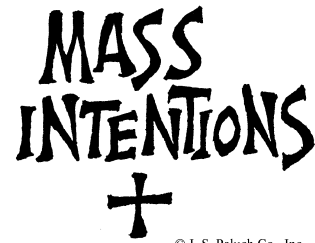
joy in wagging tails and kids' smiles
and in this spunky old city;
joy in the taste of bread and wine,
the smell of dawn, a touch, a song, a presence;

joy in having what I cannot live without –
other people to hold and cry and laugh with;
joy in love, in You;
and that all at first and last is grace.

From *Guerrillas of Grace*
By Ted Loder



Feast of St. Pope John XXIII
Wednesday, October 11

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8**

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
9:30 JOHN POWELL
11:15 JOANN DALESANDRO

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

- 6:30
8:00 DANIEL FOLEY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 6:30 MRS. THERESA IANNAcone
(16TH ANNIVERSARY)
8:00 PAUL MC GAHARN
(80TH BIRTHDAY)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

- 6:30 FRANK TINSLEY SR.
8:00 JOHN PHILLIPS JR.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

- 6:30
8:00 MILDRED HOGAN MURTAUGH

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

- 6:30 HUGH MC CORMICK
8:00 DECEASED BENEFACTORS OF
ORDER OF ST. AUGUSTINE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

- 8:00 THE VALENTINE FAMILY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 7:30 RITA C. RYDER
9:30 ANTONIO MARCHESANI
(ANNIVERSARY MASS)
11:15 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS.