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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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<http://www.OMGCPARISH.ORG>

“WHAT’S IN YOUR WALLET?”

In the past few weeks, we have heard Jesus narrate parables that called friends and enemies to conversion. That’s another way of saying that he told parables that angered his opposition. Today’s Gospel (Mt. 22:15–21) opens with the explanation that Jesus’ enemies were forging new alliances in their campaign to undo him. This is the first time we hear about the Herodians – a group that doesn’t need any more description than their name indicates; they aligned themselves with the brutal ruler, Herod Antipas. The disciples of the Pharisees and the Herodians, a very odd coalition, plan a verbal trap for Jesus.

The oil of insincerity oozes through the scene as they open their ambush with praise for Jesus as a truthful teacher who doesn’t pander to anyone. The devious questioners finally get to their point and ask about the legitimacy of collaborating with the Romans by paying taxes. Lest anyone wonder what Jesus really thought about his questioners and their creative dilemma, he immediately addresses them as hypocrites, and makes it clear to everyone listening that their intent is only to test him. They have no interest in looking for an answer and no personal investment in the question.

However, their question is legitimate. If Jesus tells people to refuse to pay taxes, he’s siding with rebels and perhaps calling down more wrath than the case warrants. On the other hand, paying taxes could be read as a sign of accepting and thereby legitimizing the rule of the pagan Romans. This is probably the first description of a church/state conflict in Christian history.

When Jesus asks to see a coin, the first thing we notice is that his questioners have Roman money, thereby collaborating with the system at least to the extent that they carry something that bears the sort of graven image forbidden by strict Jews. When Jesus asked whose image was on the coin, the group’s ability to produce one pointed out that they carried Roman money which features an image of Caesar, the inscription on which called Caesar Augustus a divinity.

While our translation says “repay” to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, others say “give” or “render.” Whichever translation one uses, the answer is a riddle. The first part is fairly simple: with some prayer and discernment, we can determine what belongs to Caesar. There may be some debate about government’s legitimate rights, but at some point, there will be a limit to what the government can demand of citizens. We can be genuinely dedicated to the nation and the common good without falling into the idolatry of blind obedience. But when it comes to giving to God what belongs to God, what falls outside of that category?

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Janine Hoffman, Adrienne D’Amato,
Lori Lesutis, Carol Luty,
Deborah Boss-Cadet, P. Snead,
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 Christina Caprice, Frank Raimo, Amanda Lawless, Shane Kelly and Heather Peters who recently registered with us.

Deceased: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Mary Louise Grow and for the consolation of their families.

Baptisms: We welcome to our faith community Adelaide Louise Ann Reger, daughter of Adam Reger and Dr. Adelaide Eichman.

Marriages: Congratulations to Danielle Taggart & Jason Orlando and to Meghan Magargee & Alex Brescia who were married in our Church last week. May you continue to grow in God’s love for you through each other.

H.O.P.E

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

Seniors

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SENIOR COMMUNITY GATHERING

The Senior members of our parish and neighboring parishes will meet again on **Friday, October 27 at 12 noon**. At this Gathering, we will enjoy an activity called, "Crazy Bingo." You are asked to bring an inexpensive, **wrapped** gift that you have at home to be used as prizes for our Bingo winners.

Please remember to bring a sandwich or your typical lunch nourishment with you to this Gathering. Desserts and beverages will be provided.

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

This year, the Feast of All Saints is celebrated on **Wednesday, November 1**. It is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses are as follows:

Vigil Mass – Tuesday, October 31 at 7:30 p.m.
Masses on Wednesday, November 1
6:30 and 8:00 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.

FEAST OF ALL SOULS Thursday, November 2

This is the day we remember in our prayers all who have died, especially our loved ones. In addition to our regular daily Masses, there will be a **special Mass at 7:30 p.m.** to remember all the members of our parish who have died this past year. Family members of the deceased have been invited, and all parishioners are welcome to attend as well.

PEACE AND JUSTICE MEETING

The P & J Committee will meet again on **Thursday, October 26 at 7:30 p.m.** at St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Center in Rosemont.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for (October 15, 2017)

Each year at tax time, we conscientiously give "to Caesar what belongs to Caesar." Does my stewardship indicate that I am as faithful about giving "to God what belongs to God"?

Envelope Contributions	\$5,526.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$837.00
Mailed in	\$940.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$7,303.00
Offering this time last year	\$9,387.00
Electronic giving of (10/16).....	\$4,072.00
Parish Giving.....	\$840.00

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

COLLECTION FOR PUERTO RICO

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has sent the following request to parishes:

"The destruction and suffering caused by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico is extensive and probably long-lasting. If you feel you can call upon the generosity of your parishioners yet again, please consider having a collection for the Church in Puerto Rico sometime during the present month. If you feel this month is too soon, please find a time in November or December to consider collecting for the needs of the Church in Puerto Rico. Since addressing the needs will be ongoing, contributions over the next couple of months will still be helpful and timely."

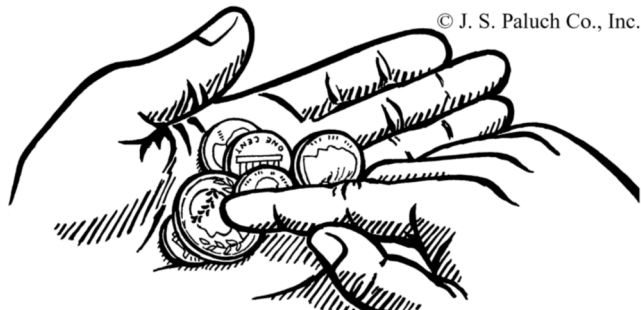
Fr. Liam has chosen the **weekend of October 28-29** for a 2nd collection to be taken up. Please be generous as you always are. Thank you.

SPIRITUAL READING GROUP

The Spiritual Reading Group will meet again on **Friday, November 3 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Parish Center/Church Office building.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

All parishioners will be invited to join us on **Sunday, November 19** for our Annual Parish Thanksgiving Dinner. We begin with **Evening Prayer at 4:00pm** and then move to the gym for our Thanksgiving Dinner. Watch your email and bulletin for details on reserving a spot!





WORLD MISSION SUNDAY October 22, 2017

This year's theme, chosen by Pope Francis for World Mission Sunday, is *Mission—the Heart of Christian faith*.

It invites us to understand more than ever that Mission constitutes an essential aspect of the Christian faith; we are sent to our brothers and sisters in order to bear witness of our faith in Christ and to proclaim his Gospel. Beginning with the Second Vatican Council, the Church has worked to restore the essential importance of every baptized person's Missionary dimension.

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, November 18 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.

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YOUTH GROUP NEWS

All Youth Group Participants are invited to help facilitate our Family Pumpkin Decorating on **Friday evening, October 27**. Helpers are needed at 4:30 to set up tables and chairs and for kitchen work. Please email Karen at kcarey@omgcparish.net if you are able to help.

ADVOCATES



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Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching

The Catholic Church has a long history of teaching about building a just society and living lives of holiness. It is rooted in Scripture and is defined in Church documents. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) published a summary of key themes from the teaching in "Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching" on their website (usccb.org). The themes are:

1. Life and Dignity of the Human Person
2. Call to Family, Community and Participation
3. Rights and Responsibilities
4. Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
5. The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
6. Solidarity
7. Care of God's Creation

OMGC/STV Advocates for the Poor and Hungry use this publication to guide our work. The Church, in the first theme, proclaims that human life is sacred and the dignity of the human person is the foundation for a moral society and for all the principles of our social teaching. In the second, USCCB includes: "How we organize our society – in economics and politics, in law and policy – directly affects human dignity...". We will more fully explain how these themes are used in future articles for this column.

FALL FESTIVAL THANK YOU!

Thank you to all those who came and supported our Annual Fall Festival. The Haunted Maze saw over 150 brave persons who made it through! The moonbounces were well enjoyed and the vendors were happy! Thanks to our Committee Chairs: Joe Carey, Colette Sutton, Terri Keffer, Phyllis Hart, Danica Campanale, Siobhan Arnold, Jason Sutch and Maryann Gallagher. You and your teams were absolutely aMAZEing. Many people went above and beyond to help out and deserve a special shout out! Thanks to Steve Sutton, Ron Hicks, Domenick Scardecchio, Jack McGoldrick, Michelle Fronckiewicz, Jim Carr, Matt Wroblewski, Sara Boyes, Jamie Saldutti and John Gallo.

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FAMILY PUMPKIN DECORATING

All families are invited to join us on **Friday evening, October 27 from 6:00-8:00pm** for a Pumpkin Decorating Party! Please bring your pumpkins. We will provide carving tools, paints, and decorative items. **Please RSVP to kcarev@omgcp parish.net if interested. Please also let us know if you would like to order a pizza for \$12. We will have juice, water and adults may bring your own beverages.**

INVITATIONS FROM St. Thomas of Villanova Parish

- Bereavement Evening: Tuesday, November 7** at STV Parish Center in Rosemont. Jess Packard, M.S.W., L.C.S.W. is a parishioner and former bereavement counselor with Main Line Health Home Care and Hospice. RSVP to Anne Murphy at 610-525-4801, ext. 205 or email her at pastoral@stvparish.org.
- Brown Bag Lunch: Wednesday, November 8 at 12:45** in the Rosemont Auditorium. Topic: *End of Life Issues: A Catholic Perspective*. Speaker: Deacon and Physician Alfred J. Mauriello II will present an overview of the Church's teaching on complex medical and ethical issues related to the end of life. Bring your lunch. Beverages and Dessert provided.

IHM CONFERENCE CENTER

Friday, November 3 from 10:00am to 2:00pm
"The Lord Is Close to the Brokenhearted"
Speaker: Sr. Susan Lindinger, SSJ
Stipend: \$25.00 (includes lunch)



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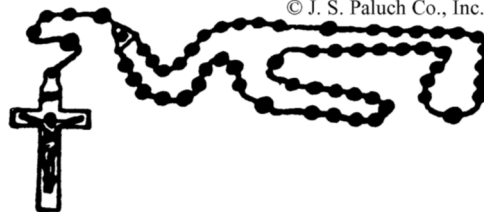
Wednesday, October 25 – 6:00-9:00pm

Day of Prayer for Widows and Widowers:
 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.

Wednesday, November 8 from 9:30am–3:00pm

Spiritual Direction: Spiritual Direction enables you to grow into a closer relationship with God. In the midst of a busy life, many people find it difficult to notice God's action in their daily affairs. Spiritual direction helps us to develop a more conscious experience of God's presence and love. To inquire further about spiritual direction, please contact us either by phone or email as listed above.

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INVITATION TO PRODUCTION OF VIANNEY

Vianney, the inspiring live production performed by Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church in West Chester on **Thursday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m.** Experience the gripping story of St. John Vianney, the humble priest who battled the devil to save souls. Filled with all of the elements of professional theater, the production runs 90 minutes and is suitable for ages 9 and up.

Admission is \$8 for a single ticket, \$10 for two tickets, or \$15 for families of 3 or more. For tickets and additional information, contact St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish Office at 610-399-6936 or saintmax@comcast.net or visit www.stmax.org. Watch the gripping trailer at www.VianneyDrama.com.

PART-TIME RECEPTIONIST NEEDED

The Society of the Holy Child Jesus has an immediate need for a Receptionist to greet visitors, transfer incoming calls and provide clerical assistance such as photocopying, preparing labels, collating materials and performing light typing duties.

We are seeking candidates with 3+ years of receptionist experience, strong communication skills, and a working knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel. Prior customer service background is a plus. High School diploma or equivalent is required.

Interested and qualified candidates may submit a cover letter and resume stating salary requirements to: hr@shcj.org, fax: 610-525-2910 or mail: Society of the Holy Child Jesus, 1341 Montgomery Avenue, Rosemont, PA 19010, Attn: Human Resources.

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: cyoomgctv@gmail.com.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 7:30 KATHLEEN M. O'DOHERTY
 9:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
 PARISHIONERS
 11:15 PETE J. FARRELLY

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 6:30
 8:00 JOANN DALESANDRO

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

- 6:30 THE TRAVERS & THOMEY FAMILIES
 8:00 JOSEPHINE CUNNINGHAM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

- 6:30 EVELINE MC GARVEY-WALKER
 8:00 EVELINE WALKER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

- 6:30 AURELIO & FLOR DERENZO
 8:00 TED JABLONSKI
 (ANNIVERSARY MASS)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 6:30
 8:00 KATHLEEN M. O'DOHERTY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

- 8:00 FLORENCE WHITEHURST
 (ANNIVERSARY MASS)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 7:30 HELEN KRIPAK
 (ANNIVERSARY MASS)
 9:30 PATSY DUSHANE
 11:15 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
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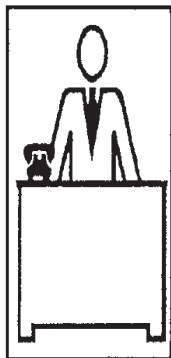
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