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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

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<http://www.OMGCPARISH.ORG>

THE GOD-LIKE USE OF POWER

When Jesus talked about morality, he didn't mince words. One word that could summarize his teaching on the moral life might be "integrity." As we search the Gospels we have to look hard to find Jesus talking much about sexuality. When he met sinners of any ilk, he offered them forgiveness and told them to change their ways. He rarely quoted the law except to comment on its deeper meaning. But what really seemed to get Jesus going was *hypocrisy*, especially on the part of people with power or position. We might say that he critiqued them unmercifully, except that his prophetic critique was another expression of the mercy that called them to conversion. As is to be expected, the authorities he lambasted were the ones who became his bitterest enemies. Nobody likes to be unmasked as a phony.

The problem that set Jesus off in today's Gospel (Mt. 23:1-12) was that the scribes and Pharisees were saying the right things for the wrong purpose. They had legitimate authority but they used it destructively. They wielded the letter of the law like a hatchet that severed the simple people's hope for justice and cut their sense of being close to a loving God. In Jesus' eyes, that took away all the legitimacy of their leadership. It didn't destroy the teaching they quoted, only their authority to represent it.

It's easy to imagine that Jesus' tirade had been building up for a long time. He had watched as the self-proclaimed orthodox preached, caring far more about their precision and eloquence than about the needs of those whom they addressed. He had seen them parade in their oh-so-obvious religious garb, focusing public attention on their fine façade, while their hearts were hidden – perhaps even from themselves. They might have spoken God's word accurately, but they perverted it in their attitudes and actions.

When he preached and even more when he interacted with people, Jesus presented a model of God like that found in Isaiah 49 where God is described as even more loving than a nursing mother. In verse 16, God says: "See, upon the palms of my hands I have engraved you." That engraving was the mark of slaves whose master's name was tattooed or scarred onto their hands.

That shows how far God goes in dedication to humanity. The God Jesus reveals is great enough to be able to give everything. Anyone who wants to be God-like must start with integrity and humble service.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Janine Hoffman, Adrienne D'Amato,
Lori Lesutis, Lenore Lilly, P. Snead,
Alice Ritter, 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.

Baptisms: We welcome to our faith community Cavan Joseph Harriger, son of David and Ann Marie, who was baptized in our Church recently.

Marriages: Congratulations to Kelly Dougherty and Matthew Frie who were married in our Church last week. May you continue to grow in God's love for you through one another.

H.O.P.E

If you need a trip to the doctor, shopping, etc., call Carol Way at 610-525-5817 or S. Anne at 610-525-0147, ext. 234.

Seniors

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SENIOR COMMUNITY GATHERING

Our parish Seniors and friends from neighboring parishes will gather on **Friday, November 17 beginning at 12 noon** for an afternoon of companionship and mind-stretching exercises that are always enjoyable. Please bring your usual lunch nourishment, knowing that dessert and beverages will be provided.



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Meeting: The Parish Council will hold its next meeting on **Monday, November 6 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 call President Barry Mulhern at rmul742@gmail.com or 610-527-5197.

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 Colette or Steve Sutton at 610-520-2501 or email colettesutton309@yahoo.com.



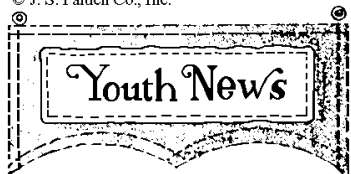
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PARISH THANKSGIVING DINNER

All parishioners are invited to join us on **Sunday, November 19** for our Annual Parish Thanksgiving Dinner. We begin with **Evening Prayer at 4:00 p.m.** and then move to the Gym for our Thanksgiving Dinner. As in the past, the price of admission is a non-perishable food donation. To reserve a spot, please call 610-525-0147 and leave your name and number attending. You can also email your response to ddescano@omgcparish.net.

You may also respond by leaving your name and the number attending in the box marked Thanksgiving Dinner on the table on the back left side of the church. All responses must be in by **November 10**.

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YOUTH GROUP

All students grades 6th through 12th are invited to join us on **November 12** for an Advent Reflection Afternoon. We will meet at noon and go until 3:00pm. Let's talk about what Advent is and what we can do to make it more meaningful in our lives. We will begin with lunch, so please be sure to **rsvp** to Karen at kcarey@omgcparish.net.

**.STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
for October 29, 2017**

“The greatest among you will be the one who serves the rest,” Jesus says in today’s Gospel. What wonderful good news for those who give of their time in service to others!

Envelope Contributions	\$5,572.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$978.00
Mailed in	\$1,157.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$7,707.00
Offering this time last year	\$10,201.00
Electronic giving of 11/1/17.....	\$5,422.00
Parish Giving.....	\$460.00

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.omgcparish.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@omgcparish.net.

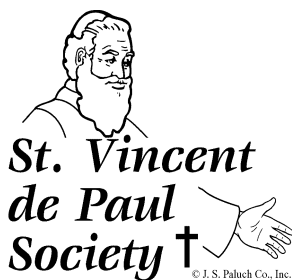
**Thank you for your Stewardship to your Parish.
Please remember the Church in your will.**

**GOSPEL IN ACTION
Covenant House**

Young people living on the street are especially susceptible to predators who trap them into dangerous and illegal activities. Covenant House PA serves runaway, homeless and trafficked youth throughout the Philadelphia area with absolute respect and unconditional love. They provide emergency care, shelter, food, clothing, personal hygiene and medical attention, but their goal is to provide long-term support. Each new resident reads and signs a handbook outlining what they are provided and what their responsibilities are. In addition to good behavior and showing respect, they must develop a Goal Plan with the help of an advisor. The Goal Plan is a long-term plan for developing the skills necessary to be an independent, self-sufficient adult. On the weekend of **November 11-12**, Robert Zindell, Stewardship Coordinator of Covenant House PA will speak at each of our Masses, explaining their mission and programs and how we can help. For more information about Covenant House, visit their website www.covenanthousepa.org.

PROJECT ELF

As we have done in the past several years, we will conduct our Project Elf again this year. Project Elf allows our own parishioners to help each other. There are a number of families in our parish that could benefit from some extra help around the holidays. If your family, or a family you know, could benefit from some assistance from our "Elves", please contact Karen at 610-525-0147, ext. 258 or kcarey@omgcp parish.net. If you are in a position where you might be able to be an Elf and purchase a gift or two for these families, or perhaps help with their holiday meal, please contact Karen and let her know! We will get back to you as soon as possible.



CLOTHING DRIVE

The St. Vincent DePaul Society will be here on **Saturday, November 18 from 9:00am to 2:00pm** to collect donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing for those who are in need in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Also, they could use donations of blankets, linens, pots, pans, dishes and eating utensils. Please take all donations to the GreenDrop truck which will be parked in the Parish parking lot near our dumpsters during these hours. Tax receipts are available upon request. To learn more about GreenDrop, visit their website: www.gogreendrop.com.

HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK

Fr. Ray Jackson, OSA instituted Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week on the campus of Villanova University in 1975 to draw attention to the plight of those among us who do not have access to adequate food and shelter. Now there are over 700 campuses and organizations nationwide who observe Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week the week before Thanksgiving. Of course, Villanova has many activities planned for the week, including:

- Mon., Nov. 13 ACT Real Talk on Homelessness!
Bartley 32 – 6:00-7:30pm
- Tue., Nov. 14 Fair Trade Fair – 9:00-3:00pm
Connelly Atrium
- Wed., Nov. 15 "Witness to Hunger"
-Michelle Taylor
7:00pm Driscoll 134
- Thu., Nov. 16 Solidarity Sleep Out
Oreo Are, 9:00pm

For more information and a complete schedule, e-mail vuhungerweek@gmail.com.



VETERANS DAY

NOTICE FROM THE VICAR OF CLERGY

At the request of Archbishop Chaput, I am sharing information regarding a free webinar that is being sponsored by the Religious Alliance Against Pornography (RAAP). RAAP is composed of national religious leaders from the Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant, Jewish and Muslim faith communities in joint response to the scourge of pornography and the increased ease of access to such material which is negatively impacting the moral fabric of society.

The webinar, "Parents, Kids and Pornography: The Attack on a Generation," is being conducted on **November 7th at 12:00pm (noon)** and **November 16th at 8:00pm**. This web-based program is offered at no cost to participants. Kindly share this material in your parish communities.

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Msgr. Daniel J. Sullivan



The word of God is at work in you



ANNUAL MERCY ASSOCIATES

Craft Show

Saturday, November 18

10:00am to 3:00pm

Waldron Mercy Gymnasium

515 Montgomery Avenue in Merion

Crafters! Bake Sale! Raffles! Lunch!

Join us and get started on your holiday shopping!

SPIRITUALITY COMMITTEE

The Spirituality Committee will meet again on **Tuesday, November 14th at 4:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center.

RCIA TEAM MEETING

The RCIA Team will meet in the Parish Center at **7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening, November 14.**

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK (IHN)

The Parish Committee will meet on **Wednesday, November 15 at 4:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center as we plan for the December 10 – 17 week of hosting families who are temporarily homeless.

IHM CONFERENCE CENTER

Tuesday, November 14 from 9:30am–2:30pm

“Faith, Religion, Spirituality:

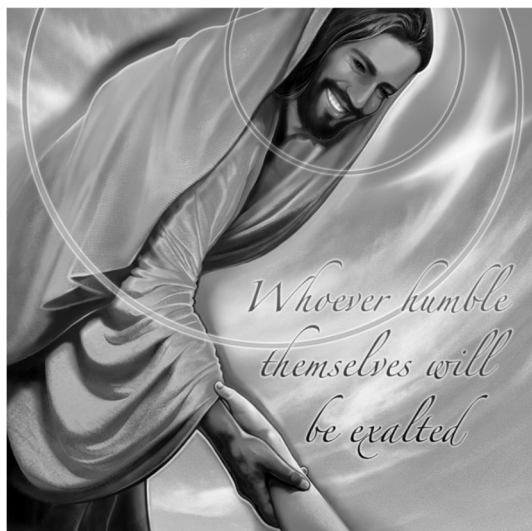
Can You Have One Without the Other?”

Speaker: Ernie Sherretta, D. Min.

Stipend \$40.00, includes lunch and Liturgy

To register, please call: 610-581-0120

or email mdgipprich@gmail.com



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WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

The Refugees Resettlement Program of the Catholic Social Services, Archdiocese of Philadelphia, is seeking donations of winter clothing to help its refugees resettled in our community stay warm during the cold months. The Warm Welcome Winter Clothing Drive focuses specifically on items that will keep people warm during the coldest months of the year. However, we are limited in the items that we can accept and not able to accept everyday clothing items at this time during the Winter Clothing Drive. We are in need of the following items in new or good used condition: Coats and jackets; Winter Hats; Gloves and Scarves; Winter Boots; Mittens; Pajamas; Sweat Suits; Warm socks; Comforters and blankets; Holiday Gift Cards from Major Department Stores; Cash.

Clothes can be dropped off from Monday to Friday from 10am to 2pm at our Resettlement Office, located at 130 E. Seventh St., Chester City, PA. To schedule another time, please call or email Samuel Abu, at [610-656-9473/sabu@chs-adphila.org](mailto:sabu@chs-adphila.org).

SMALL APARTMENT BEING SOUGHT

A retired, active woman is seeking a small apartment in a house. Please contact Sister Theresa at St. Pius Convent, 610-356-6848.

**ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA
Women's Retreat**

All women are welcome to attend this **November 17-19** weekend retreat that will be directed by a former close associate of St. Teresa, Fr. Tom Sullivan. A first-class relic of St. Teresa, along with the presence of some of St. Teresa's Sisters of Charity, will be incorporated into this powerful weekend at Malvern Retreat House, located at 315 South Warren Ave. in Malvern. The theme for the weekend will focus on the mission of St. Teresa of Calcutta and the message of Our Lady of Fatima. For more information or to register for this retreat, please visit www.malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400.

A HEALING DAY RETREAT

**Our Lady of Lourdes Church
6315 Lancaster Ave., Overbrook
Saturday, November 18 starting at 9:00am**

Are you feeling Broken or Hurt because of Separation or Divorce? Come journey with Rose Sweet, national Catholic speaker as she brings heart, hope and humor to her talks. Join others for this Day Retreat and find the path to healing, answers to some touch questions and practical ways to move forward. Cost for the day is \$25.00. Call 215-870-9913 or visit www.nonnatus.org for registration and/or more information.

COCKTAIL PARTY

**To Benefit the Sisters of the Visitation
Saturday, November 11 from 5:00-8:00pm**

The Guadalupe Guild invites you to attend a cocktail party and buffet to benefit and honor the Sisters of the Visitation at Millridge Manor House in Bryn Mawr. Please come and enjoy an open bar, valet parking and fabulous prizes! For more information, call Isabel Momenee at 610-853-1871.



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**Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica
Thursday, November 9**

The Dedication
of the
Lateran Basilica

**St. Leo the Great
Friday, November 10**



St. Leo the Great

**St. Martin of Tours
Saturday,
November 11**



St. Martin of Tours

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MASSes for the WEEK

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- 7:30 HELEN LUIPERSBECK
- 9:30 JAMES AND PATRICIA SCHIMMINGER
- 11:15 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- 6:30 RASMEY NHEK
- 8:00 CARMEN MARCHESANI (1ST ANNIVERSARY)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- 6:30 DECEASED MEMBERS OF ORDER OF ST. AUGUSTINE
- 8:00 MARTHA BUCHANAN

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- 6:30 JOHN AND JACK FANELLI
- 8:00 MICHAEL, MARK, AND MICHELLE CONNOR

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- 6:30 BEATRICE COSENZA
- 8:00 DARLENE DANIELS (ANNIVERSARY MASS)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 6:30 DECEASED MEMBER AND BENEFACTORS OF OSA
- 8:00 CONNOR P. DAY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- 8:00 ANNA AND CON HARKIN

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- 7:30 MARTHA BUCHANAN
- 9:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHIONERS
- 11:15 DAVID HILL

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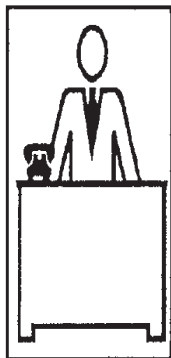
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