



# Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish Community

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**November 12, 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>

## A FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM JESUS

In today's Gospel (Mt. 25:1-13), Jesus tells a tale contrasting the foolish and the wise – obviously inviting us to consider who is who, then and now. Here the group is evenly divided with five wise and five foolish virgins – that's a better scorecard than we got in Matthew 22:14 where we heard that many were called but only a few chosen.

The difference between foolishness and wisdom is that the wise hear the word of God and put it into practice. That was not a new revelation; Jesus was drawing on his tradition when he said it. Proverbs 13:9 tells us: "The light of the just gives joy, but the lamp of the wicked goes out." The idea is that the wicked or foolish create nothing worthwhile in their lives. As all creation is moving toward union with God, they have played no part in the drama of advancing toward that end. The little light they had simply fades away.

When we interpret this parable in the context of other parts of Matthew's Gospel, we get the idea that the wise virgins' oil of preparedness came from rock-solid habits of putting Jesus' words into practice.

In his 2017 homily for the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, Pope Francis could have been commenting on this parable when he said: "Let us ask ourselves if we are *parlor* Christians, who love to chat about how things are going in the Church and the world, or apostles on the go, who confess Jesus with their lives because they hold him in their hearts."

The parables that come toward the end of Matthew's Gospel are all calling us to look at our heart. The parable of the wise and foolish virgins asks us about our commitment for the long haul. Are we like the five who went to the house with just enough oil to check out what was happening? They were there for the entertainment, like people who knew about the bride and groom but who didn't have a significant attachment to them or the celebration. In contrast, the wise young women had been saving up for this occasion. They went early and planned to stay late. The wise ones had been practicing for this party. Nothing could dampen their enthusiasm. If the groom was late, that didn't matter; they knew he would come.

*In both their waking and their dreaming, they were ready.*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

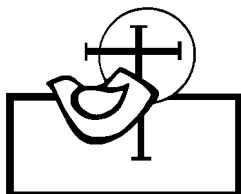
We are asked to remember in our prayers:

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 Riley Patricia Mulhern, daughter of Joseph and Molly, who was baptized in our Church recently.

**New Members:** We welcome to our parish community Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and Tammy Nogles who recently registered with us.



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## 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.

# 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.

## 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 Dominic Di Martino at 610-525-6442.

**THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION  
NOVEMBER 23 – 24  
Parish Office Closed Both Days**

**Thursday, November 23  
Thanksgiving Day  
One Mass only at 9:00 am**

**Friday, November 24  
Regular Mass Schedule  
6:30 and 8:00 a.m.**

**BE STILL AND KNOW THAT  
I AM GOD;  
Praying Through Busy Seasons**

The Advent season calls us to stillness, but amid all the bustle of holiday preparations and events, we can struggle to find time to be still with God. Looking for ways to pray in busy times? Wishing for a bit of Advent calm? Join us in preparing for Advent here at Our Mother of Good Counsel with an evening of reflection on **Thursday, November 30 from 7:00 – 8:00pm** led by writer and parishioner, Michelle Francl-Donnay. The evening will be held in our Daily Chapel.

**PARISH THANKSGIVING DINNER**

All parishioners will be invited to join us on **Sunday, November 19** for our Annual Parish Thanksgiving Dinner. We begin with **Evening Prayer at 4:00 p.m.** and then move to the Gym for our Thanksgiving Dinner. As in previous years, 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@omgcp parish.net](mailto:ddescano@omgcp parish.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 **Monday, November 13 at the very latest.**



The Groom is here!  
Come out and  
greet him!

**.STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE  
for November 5, 2017**

Like the sensible of bridesmaids in today’s parable, good stewards make sure that they, and whatever gifts are theirs to share, are ready to serve when the Master calls.

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| Envelope Contributions .....       | \$7,651.00  |
| Loose Contributions.....           | \$1,105.00  |
| Mailed in .....                    | \$3,188.00  |
| Total Offertory Collection .....   | \$11,944.00 |
| Offering this time last year ..... | \$9,425.00  |
| Parish giving ... ..               | \$450.00    |

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

**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 **rspv** to Karen at [kcarey@omgcp parish.net](mailto:kcarey@omgcp parish.net).

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA  
and Family Advent Day**

It is that time of year again! Mark your calendars and be sure to join our parish as we welcome Santa Claus for Breakfast and activities for yourself and others! On **Sunday, December 3 from 8:30am to 11:00am**, our gym will magically be turned into a breakfast with Santa workshop. There is no charge for the activities or the breakfast. We simply ask that you bring an unopened toy or some blankets or canned food for the pet shelter. We will be writing to the troops, making ornaments, making reindeer food, playing games and more! Please consider joining us!

**GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST**

Get your creative juices flowing! Every family is invited to participate in our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gingerbread House Making Contest. Bring your gingerbread house, created by your family, to the gym on **December 3 by 9:30** in the morning. Voting will take place between 9:30 and 10:30. Winners will be announced at 11:00.

## PROJECT ELF

Once again, our parish will conduct Project Elf. We have a number of families that will have a difficult time making Christmas a happy time in their home due to financial circumstances. We also have a number of families that are able to help out by becoming an Elf for these families. Needy families will be provided with a wish list. Elf families will then be asked to help purchase the items on the family's wish list. Many of these families will also need a family meal. We are in need of Elves to help with that as well.

Last year, we provided a nice Christmas for 13 families in our own parish and two outside our parish. If you are interested in being an Elf, for one gift, or a few gifts, or a meal, or part of a meal, please contact Karen at [kcarey@omgcparish.net](mailto:kcarey@omgcparish.net) or 610-525-0147 ext. 258.

**Families in Need:** If you are, or know of, a family in need of Elf assistance this Christmas, please contact Karen at [kcarey@omgcparish.net](mailto:kcarey@omgcparish.net) or 610-525-0147, ext. 258. All information is kept confidential.

## 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](http://www.gogreendrop.com).



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## 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

## THIRD ANNUAL ADVENT EVENT

The Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus invite you to join us on **Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** for a peaceful pause during the Advent Season to reflect on the true gift of Christmas. People of all ages are welcome. The event takes place at 1341 Montgomery Ave in Rosemont. The Day will provide: A Self-Tour of International Nativity Scenes: 9:30 to 11:15 p.m.; Reflection from 10:45 to 11:00 a.m. and Mass at New Sharon Chapel at 11:30 a.m.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Tara Zoltek at 610-626-1400, ext. 315 or email her at [tzoltek@shcj.org](mailto:tzoltek@shcj.org).

### ST. RAPHAELA CENTER Advent Day of Prayer

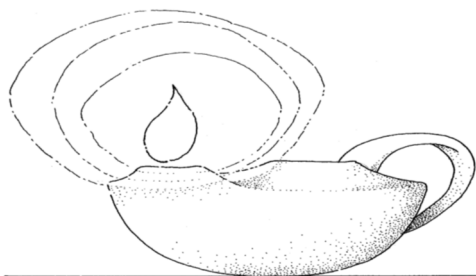
This season calls us to be people of hope and to “wake up” to the presence of God in and around us. What is it that the Lord is inviting us to see? How can we see with depth and compassion? Come and be renewed as we seek to remember and celebrate God’s coming among us.

**Date: December 6 from 9:00am to 3:00pm**

**Director: Rev. Jim McBurney, OSA**

**Cost: \$40.00**

To register: call 610-642-5715 or email [www.straphaelacenter.org](http://www.straphaelacenter.org)



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### GOSPEL IN ACTION Covenant House

This weekend, Robert Zindell of Covenant House is speaking at each of our Masses, explaining their work with young people living on the streets in the Philadelphia area. Thanks to all who have given generously this weekend. We will continue to display information about Covenant House and to accept donations on their behalf at the doors of the church until December 3. For more information about Covenant House, please visit their website at [www.covenanthousepa.org](http://www.covenanthousepa.org).

## Clothing Collection

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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).

### 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](http://www.malvernretreat.com) or call 610-644-0400.



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## 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](mailto:vuhungerweek@gmail.com).



**ST FRANCIS XAVIER CABRINI**  
Monday, November 13

**ST ALBERT THE GREAT**  
Wednesday, November 15



**ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND**  
Thursday, November 16



**ST ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY**  
Friday, November 17



## Mass Intentions



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### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

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

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- 6:30
- 8:00 ESTHER PONZO

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- 6:30 SALVATORE, BIAGGIO AND FRANCIS PEPITONE
- 8:00 KATHLEEN AND GEORGE GUSS

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- 6:30 NOVEMBER LIST
- 8:00 LEWIS H. VAN DUSEN JR. (13TH ANNIVERSARY)

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- 6:30
- 8:00 MARY BARONE (ANNIVERSARY)

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- 6:30
- 8:00 NOVEMBER LIST

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- 8:00 PEGGY GALLAGHER

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHIONERS
- 9:30 ROBERT VALENTINE (24TH ANNIVERSARY)
- 11:15 TRUDY GILDEA (3RD ANNIVERSARY)



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