



# Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish Community

Staffed by the Augustinian Friars and the  
Sisters of Mercy for over a century

31 PENNSWOOD ROAD  
BRYN MAWR, PA 19010

**November 26, 2017**

## PARISH STAFF

Fr. Liam O'Doherty, OSA, Pastor, Ext. 230

Fr. James Martinez, OSA, Pastor Emeritus

Fr. John Deary, OSA, Parochial Vicar...Ext. 228

Fr. James McBurney, OSA, In Residence...Ext. 233

Fr. Thomas Pohto, OSA, In Residence

Br. William C. Harkin, OSA, Deacon...Ext. 249

Mr. Joseph Carey, Facilities Manager...Ext. 262

Mrs. Karen Carey, Coordinator of Religious Education and  
Youth Ministry...Ext. 227

Jo-Ann Stigliano, Director of Music Ministries...Ext. 238

Sr. Anne Woodeshick, RSM, Parish Ministry...Ext. 234

## 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>

## IN OUR CARE FOR OTHERS, CHRIST REIGNS

The parable in today's Gospel (Mt. 25:31-46) is the crown of Jesus' reversal stories; contemporary scholars suggest that it does not say what most people generally think it does. When the triumphant Christ identifies with the lowliest of his people, we have learned to think of them as the poor of the world. But based on how Matthew has used the terms for the lowly and the "least," most commentators suggest that they are not the poor in general; they are the Christian missionaries, the new family of Jesus, who go out representing him. This does not negate service to those who are poor, it simply says that Jesus was not referring to the generic poor of the world in this parable. He was talking about his missionary disciples, the lowly ones who evangelized in his name.

A second dimension of the parable that we often fail to note is that the historical Jesus spoke of the glorious Son of Man just before he entered into his own passion, the time when he would appear in public at his weakest and most rejected. Except when we read the Gospel of John, the images of Christ in glory and Jesus who suffered in weakness and rejection seem to be polar opposites.

But the parable actually weaves them together, indicating that the Son of Man will appear before humanity in hunger and thirst, imprisoned, naked and weak. He appears this way both in his historical passion and death and through those brothers and sisters who carried on his mission. Therefore, the judgment of the nations rests on whether they accept and love a God who does not mirror the powers of the world but comes among them as a suffering servant.

Pope Pius XI established today's feast in 1925 as an antidote to secularism and the church's loss of power and prestige in Europe. At a time when the Vatican had very little tolerance for democracies and freedom of religion, Pius wrote the encyclical *Quas Primas* which established the feast. Pius explained his hope that the fruits of the feast would give royal honors to our Lord and that all "will doubtless be reminded that the church was founded by Christ as a perfect society." There is evangelical irony and a sign of the work of the Holy Spirit in the fact that the readings for the feast of Christ the King all depict Jesus in his weakness, yet the feast itself was established in protest to the church's loss of power and prestige.

Today, our celebration of Christ the King invites us to consider what we believe about where we and the universe are ultimately headed. Do we consider the difference the resurrection makes in our lives?

## PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Janine Hoffman, Adrienne D'Amato,  
Lori Lesutis, P. Snead, Carol Luty,  
Alice Ritter, William O'Donnell,  
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,  
Dahlia Nichols, Joan and Paul Gorham.

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 Alexander Manghisi who recently registered with us.

## H.O.P.E

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



## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION A Holyday of Obligation

**Vigil Mass Thursday, December 7 at 7:30pm**  
**Masses on Friday, December 8**  
**6:30 and 8:00am and 12:10pm**

## SPIRITUAL READING GROUP

The Spiritual Reading Group will meet on  
**Friday, December 1 at 10:00a.m.** here in our  
Parish Center/Church Office building.



## LITURGICAL MINISTRY AT OMGC

Hello, Dear Friends,

A few weeks ago, Fr. Liam spoke at all the Masses with an invitation for all parishioners to become involved in liturgical ministry here at OMGC – as altar servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion or lectors. Since that time, Fr. John has been working with several young members of the parish to train them to serve as altar servers.

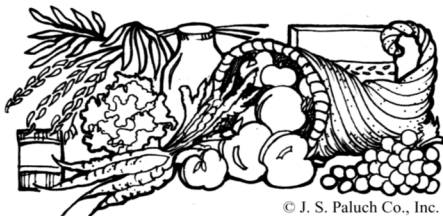
I would like to follow up with my own special invitation to all of you, my fellow parishioners, to share in the joy, the abundant blessings and the immeasurable graces that we who serve in liturgical ministry experience. Our young altar servers, who have received the Sacraments of Initiation, assist the presider at the altar during our weekend liturgies. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist in the distribution of Holy Communion. And lectors, like myself, proclaim the Word of God on a regularly scheduled basis at Mass.

The Church teaches that we, the faithful, form “a holy people of God” and that we should never refuse to serve “in gladness” whenever asked to perform a particular service or ministry during our liturgical celebrations, (GRIM 95,97). And so, I ask, is Our Lord calling you to liturgical ministry at OMGC? Please search your conscience and your heart, and if you feel called to service, please let Fr. John or me know. You will be well trained and prepared before actually serving, and I can assure you that you will be blessed abundantly for your service.

Sincerely,

Fr. John Deary – [frjdeary@omgcparish.net](mailto:frjdeary@omgcparish.net) or 610-525-0147 ext. 252

Tom Buchanan – [ministerschedule@omgcparish.net](mailto:ministerschedule@omgcparish.net) or 610-299-4298.



## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

When the Son of Man comes in glory, may we be among those who have fed the hungry, welcomed the stranger, and clothed the naked. For Jesus tells us clearly that it is those who have demonstrated good stewardship by sharing their gifts with the less fortunate who will receive God’s blessing and inherit the kingdom.

Due to early bulletin deadlines the collection totals for Sunday, November 19 will not be available until next week.

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

## 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 Dianne Meyer at 610-310-0506 or [dameyer1620@comcast.net](mailto:dameyer1620@comcast.net).

In lieu of its regular first Monday meeting each month, the Parish Council and Staff will be attending an Advent evening of reflection at the IHM Conference Center. We will remember the intentions of our parish community in our prayers.

## INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK



Interfaith Hospitality  
Network-Main Line

**Week of Hosting:** Our parish will be hosting the IHN families once again during the **Week of December 10 – 17**. If you can help in any of the following ways, please give us a call:

- If you can help **set-up** the Social Center on **Saturday, December 9 at 10:00am** or **take-down** and pack away equipment on **Sunday, December 17 at 12:15pm**, please call Sr. Anne at 610-525-0147 (ext. 234) or email her at [awoodeshick@omgcparish.net](mailto:awoodeshick@omgcparish.net).
- If you can **prepare a meal** one evening of that week, please call Toni Betz at 610-525-4499.
- If you can serve as an **evening host** during the week from **6:00 – 8:30pm** or as an **overnight host from 8:30 pm to 6:00am** the following morning, once during the week, please call Michele Geraghty at 610-642-7113 or email her at [mgeraghty@comcast.net](mailto:mgeraghty@comcast.net).

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

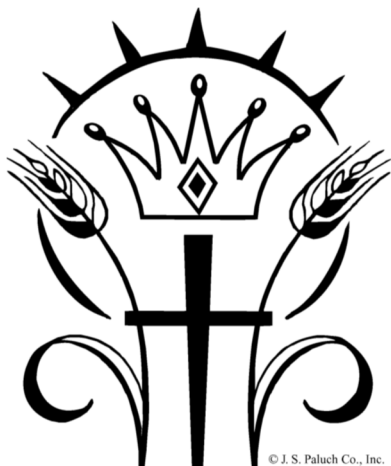
The Advent season calls us to stillness, but amid all the bustle of holiday preparations and events, we can struggle to find time to be still with God. Looking for ways to pray in busy times? Wishing for a bit of Advent calm? Join us in preparing for Advent here at Our Mother of Good Counsel with an 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.



**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN R.C.I.A.?  
A Liturgical Celebration!**

On **Sunday, December 3** at the **9:30 a.m. Mass**, our parish will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance into the Catechumenate on behalf of another young woman, Moira Smith, who will also join the RCIA process as a Catechumen. At this phase of the process, she will officially begin the second stage of her journey through the RCIA process known as the Catechumenate. She will join Camille Kautzmann, who was already accepted into the Catechumenate on January 29, 2017. Together, they will prepare to be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil on March 31, when they will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

We will continue to offer these two adults our prayerful support and welcome as they move closer to their reception into the Catholic Church as committed disciples of Jesus Christ.



**FIRST WORLD DAY OF PRAYER  
For the Poor**

Pope Francis recently announced that the first World Day of Prayer for the Poor will take place on **Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>** so that throughout the world Christian communities can become an ever greater sign of Christ's love for the least and those most in need. In solidarity with the Holy Father, Archbishop Chaput invites the clergy and the faithful in the region to take part. People can respond in one of the many ways provided by the Holy See for this occasion:

<http://www.pcpne.va/content/pcpne/en/attivita/poveri.html>.



**GOSPEL IN ACTION  
Covenant House**

Two weekends ago, Robert Zindell spoke to our parish about the important work Covenant House does for the homeless youth in the Philadelphia area, providing both emergency care and long-term guidance to prepare them for their future. If you are interested in learning more about Covenant House or would still like to donate, there will be information and collection houses at the doors of the church until December 3. We are very grateful to the generous response we have already received.

**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.

## FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

**The People's Saint**

**Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Bryn Mawr Film Institute**

Please consider joining us for the premiere of the new documentary film, Frances Xavier Cabrini: The People's Saint. Ticket prices begin at \$20 and include popcorn and soda. This event is likely to draw people from the all-over Philadelphia area with a connection to Mother Cabrini and her charism; come out and enjoy an enlightening evening of good conversation and fine filmmaking.

For more information, contact Tom Southard at 610-902-8122 or [ts849@cabrini.edu](mailto:ts849@cabrini.edu). Proceeds will benefit Cabrini College.

## MUSIC ON THE STAIRS

Our Prendie Tradition continues on **Monday, December 4 at 7:00pm** in the Prendie Building Main Hall. Admission is Free! Light refreshments immediately following. Contact Patti Mellon Germanovich at [pattig@kdi-inc.com](mailto:pattig@kdi-inc.com). Singers, please email me so we can get numbers and arrive at 6:30 for a quick practice!

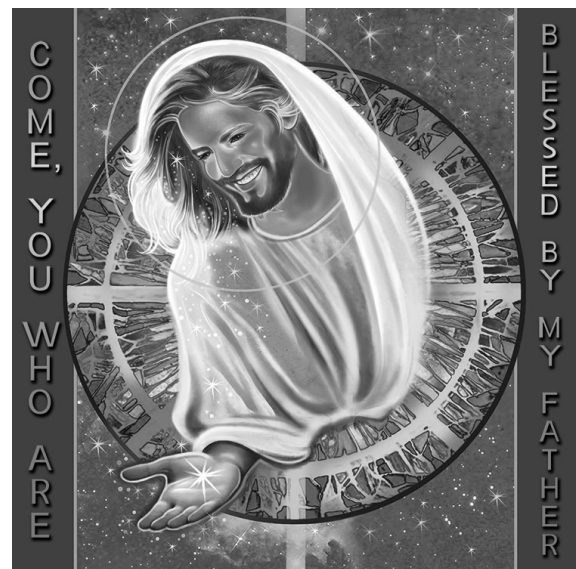
## DO YOU HAVE A CAR TO DONATE to an Afghani Refugee?

Joe Betz of OMGC's parish spent an afternoon a month ago visiting with a newly arrived family of Afghani refugees brought to Ardmore by members of the Ardmore Presbyterian Church. There was Latif, the father, his wife and his 5 children; 3 girls and 2 boys, ages 12 to 19. Latif has a bachelor's degree and worked in Afghanistan with U. S. Association for International Development for more than a dozen years. He received his PA driver's license last week, but he still does not have a job. A car would make an enormous, positive difference to this family of 7, especially in enabling the well-qualified father to find a good job at some distance from his home. If you are interested in looking into this possibility for Latif, please contact Joe Betz at [joseph.betz@villanova.edu](mailto:joseph.betz@villanova.edu) or call at 610-525-4499.

## "CAROL NIGHT AT THE MANSION" Wednesday, December 13 - 7:00-8:30pm

Evening includes prayer, reflection, scripture readings, and caroling throughout the mansion at the IHM Conference Center, 401 S. Bryn Mawr Ave in Bryn Mawr in the midst of its Advent/Christmas setting.

Light refreshments and conversation will follow. A free-will donation to support our ministry of spiritual hospitality will be appreciated. To register for the above, please call: 610-581-0120 or email [mdgipprich@gmail.com](mailto:mdgipprich@gmail.com).



## CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL

December 10<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-5:00pm

Our annual Christmas celebration is back and better than ever. Cathedral Music Director Charlene Angelini leads an uplifting program of beautiful carols and the traditional music of Christmas, performed by the combined forces of the Cathedral Choir and the choirs of the Philadelphia Archdiocese. Resounding brass add to the spectacle as voices rise in celebration of the festive season!

The Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul is located at 1723 Race Street in Philadelphia, 19103. To purchase tickets: visit [www.cathedralphilaconcerts.org](http://www.cathedralphilaconcerts.org).

## ARCHDIOCESAN HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Walk where Jesus walked. Pray at the site of Jesus' conception at Nazareth's Basilica of the Annunciation and His birth in Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity. Sail on the Sea of Galilee. Walk the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Share the trip of a lifetime with Christians from the Holy Land and fellow pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from **February 1-11, 2018**. For more information about the itinerary, pricing and registration, contact Susan at 1-800-842-4842 or [susan@select-intl.com](mailto:susan@select-intl.com) or visit [www.selectinternationaltours.com](http://www.selectinternationaltours.com).

## GLADWYNE FIRE COMPANY

### Christmas Tree Sale

Sale begins on **Saturday, November 25 at 9:00am**. Sale hours are: Monday through Friday – 2:00-8:00pm; Saturday and Sunday – 9:00am – 6:00pm. Fraser and Douglas Fir Trees, White Pine Roping, Tree Accessories, Decorated and Undecorated Wreaths are available



**Feast of St. Andrew**  
**Thursday, November 30**



### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHIONERS  
9:30 BOB RYAN  
11:15 MARCELLA AHR

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- 6:30  
8:00 THOMAS L. ROSSER  
(66TH ANNIVERSARY)

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- 6:30  
8:00 ANNA & BARTOLOMEO PEPITONE

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- 6:30 SHIRLEY TINSLEY  
8:00 JOHN AND JANET PHILLIPS

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- 6:30 NOVEMBER LIST  
8:00 MARGARET AND THOMAS  
MC GRANAHAN & THE DECEASED  
MEMBERS OF THE MC GRANAHAN  
FAMILIES

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

- 6:30  
8:00 ETHEL MARCHESANI  
(5TH ANNIVERSARY)

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

- 8:00 TERESA DE LACY

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

- 7:30 LAWRENCE GUINAN  
9:30 THOMAS AND LUCILLE RYAN  
11:15 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL  
PARISHIONERS





John J. Stretch, III F.D.  
(Supervisor)

John J. Stretch, IV F.D.

Timothy J. Stretch F.D.

Edward F. (Ted) Power, F.D.

# STRETCH FUNERAL HOME, INC.

Serving The Augustinian Community For Over 75 Years

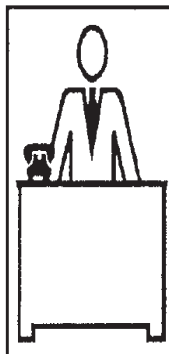
E. EAGLE RD. & ST. DENIS CHURCH



HAVERTOWN, PA

(610) 446-1075 • (610) 642-9075

[www.StretchFuneralHome.com](http://www.StretchFuneralHome.com)



*Your  
ad  
could  
be in  
this  
space!*

Our SHARING ADVANTAGE program enables you to support a worthy local cause at no cost to you, when you close a purchase/refinance loan w/us.

Call today!

Regina Hurley  
Cell: (610) 513-2539  
Phone: (610) 296-9060

## UNION ROOFING

15 YEAR GUARANTEE • FREE ESTIMATES • 215.464.6425

NEW ROOFS  
\$695.00  
as low as

REPAIRS  
\$95.00  
as low as

NEW PORCH ROOFS  
\$250.00  
as low as

HOT COATING  
\$195.00  
as low as

FRANK LUBISKY  
Member of Resurrection  
PA010759  
[unionroofing.net](http://unionroofing.net)

## Live Alone LIFEWatch!

24 Hour Protection at HOME and AWAY!

Ambulance

Police Fire

Friends/Family

FREE Shipping

FREE Activation

NO Long Term Contracts

Solutions as Low as

**\$19.<sup>95</sup> a month**

CALL NOW! 800.809.3352

No Landline? No Problem!

\* Real Time GPS Tracking \* Fall Detection

Same Day Repair Service  
(610) 640-4444

## McCONAGHY FUNERAL HOME

William C. McConaghy John J. McConaghy

Christopher C. McConaghy

Four Generations Since 1894

Traditional Funerals • Cremation

Advance Funeral Planning

328 W. Lancaster Ave., Ardmore

(610) 642-7954

[www.mcconaghyfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcconaghyfuneralhome.com)

**WILLIAM P. CULP, Jr.**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW

Wills • Estates • Probate  
Home Appointments Available

614 Darby Rd.,  
Havertown, PA 19083

(610) 789-6800

## Advertising Sales

DO YOU HAVE SALES EXPERIENCE AND ENJOY  
CALLING ON LOCAL BUSINESSES?

WE MAY HAVE AN IDEAL POSITION FOR YOU.

FULL TIME AVAILABLE

**\$45K TO \$60K EARNING POTENTIAL**

BECOME AN ADVERTISING SALESPERSON FOR

J.S. PALUCH COMPANY,

NATIONAL PUBLISHER OF CHURCH BULLETINS.

- Excellent Commission Compensation Program
- Medical Benefits, 401K, Life & Disability Insurance Available

If interested, email resume to

[boberr@jspaluch.com](mailto:boberr@jspaluch.com)

[www.jspaluch.com](http://www.jspaluch.com)

EOE