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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>

SERVICE IS AS SIMPLE AS SETTING THE TABLE

Mark opens Jesus' public ministry in today's Gospel (Mk 1:29-39) with a flurry of activity that all happens in Capernaum. After the synagogue incident we heard last week, we now hear that Jesus went out of the synagogue, the place of teaching, and immediately entered the home Peter shared with others. They let him know *immediately* that Peter's mother-in-law was ill. Mark tells the rest of the story in very tangible detail: Jesus drew near her, took her hand and raised her. The details of this very short miracle account make a point of Jesus' attentive personal involvement with this woman. It is very little surprise, then, that the next phrase is "she served them."

As Mark introduces us to Jesus, he presents him as the victor over demons and a healer. It is striking that the first person Jesus healed was a woman – quite likely a widow and one whose social standing came through her daughter's husband. In other words, she was one of the lowly. And what do we know of this lowly woman? Only that upon being healed, she "waited on them." The only other people whom Mark presents as servers are the women who remained with Jesus when he went to the cross. Mark presents this woman, the first person healed by Jesus, as the first to understand his message and the implications of following him.

In the second part of our reading, people begin to flock to Jesus at night. If his first exorcism and healing were symbol of what he offered, the "whole town," who came in the night, represented the *world in need*. This is only the first of the crowds who would press on him, seeking healing, and there is no indication that they understood the message of his presence in the way that Peter's mother-in-law did.

That leads to the third part of today's selection. Before dawn, Jesus escaped to a deserted place where "he was absorbed in prayer." This is the first of three times that Mark will depict Jesus at prayer. Mark gives us the idea that Jesus' prayer at the beginning of his ministry was a key to discerning what he was to do. He was an overnight sensation, and Peter and the disciples seemed to be ready to be his managers.

By way of explanation for his decision to go to other villages, Jesus says, "For this purpose I have come." The word Jesus used that is translated as *come* is more like "come out" or "come forth." Here Jesus indicates that he knows his purpose, he has come forth for more than popularity in a small place. As Peter's mother-in-law foreshadowed, his mission, and ours, is to serve.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Janine Hoffman, Emily Chaveriat,
Carol Luty, Serae DePentino
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,
Lori Lesutis and William O'Donnell

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.

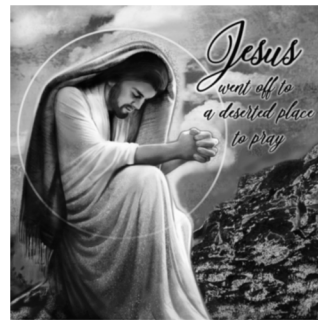
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If you are in need of a ride to the doctor, shopping, etc., call Shelly Preston at 484-412-8309 or S. Anne at 610-525-0147, ext. 234

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Meeting: The Parish Council will hold its next meeting on **Monday, February 5 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 610-527-5197 or rmul742@gmail.com.

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 Domenic DiMartino at 610-525-6442.



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FRIDAY EVENINGS IN LENT

Dear Friends,

Ash Wednesday falls on February 14 this year, so Lent will begin very soon. Let's make this Lent really count for something!

Under the leadership of Father John, our staff has organized a program for us to celebrate Friday evenings together as a parish community around a light supper and some kind of spiritual activity that will appeal to all members of the parish from the very young to seniors. Each evening will take about an hour from start to finish.

We will start at 6:30 PM most Fridays with a simple meatless meal of salad, soup, pizza or some combination of similar items. For most Friday evenings after the meal we will then proceed over to the church to pray together. Our form of prayer together will differ each Friday. One evening we will have very simple Stations of the Cross. Then a Taize prayer service where we will chant simple hymns and listen to Scripture by candlelight. Another night we will have rosary and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist.

On Friday, March 9, as many of us as can will go to St. John Bosco Church in Hatboro to see "Cross and Light." Cross and Light is an international, critically acclaimed, very powerful musical and video surround experience of Christ's Passion, Resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Please see information about tickets elsewhere in today's bulletin.

Friday evening events later in Lent will probably include a movie in the gym and our annual "Living Stations of the Cross."

Besides these Friday evening events, Father John is also offering Lenten Faith Sharing Groups. I'm sure that many of you have seen the light purple forms inserted in the parish bulletin with information about these groups. Father John is offering a wide range of times and days of the week for these groups. I hope as many as can will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

Let us pray for each other during the coming holy season of Lent, that this be a time of grace for all in our parish community.

Sincerely,
Father Liam

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for January 28, 2018

Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, "I do all that I do for the sake of the gospel in the hope of having a share in its blessings".

Envelope Contributions	\$5,758.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$870.00
Mailed in	\$2,257.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$8,885.00
Offering this time last year	\$11,122.00
Electronic giving of February 1	\$5,435.00
Parish Giving.....	\$480.00

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



"CROSS AND LIGHT"

As part of our Lenten Friday Night Series, we are looking to attend CROSS AND LIGHT. We are hoping to get a group to go as a parish on **Friday March 9 at 7PM** at St. John Bosco's in Hatboro. This promises to be an emotionally moving experience for all.

Tickets are available for \$25 and \$40. To purchase tickets on your own, please go to www.crossandlight.org and select St. John Bosco, Hatboro. If you would like to sit together as a parish, please call the parish office at 610-525-0147 to reserve your tickets. Tickets are going quickly!

Lenten Faith Sharing Communities

During the six weeks of Lent there will be people gathering to share their faith based on the Gospel.

The purpose of the groups will be to prepare for the Sunday celebration of Mass during Lent; to have a sense of community with other parishioners and to help us grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ.

If you would like to belong to one of these groups, pick up a flyer in Church, fill it out and return it to the parish office, or put in the collection basket. If you have any questions, contact Fr. John.



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YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Join us on **Sunday, February 11 at 12:15pm** in the school building for lunch and a video of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. All students in grades 6 through 12 are welcome! Please email Karen Carey at kcarey@omgcp parish.net to give your sandwich order and let us know you will be there! This is a great way to kick off Lent!

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to the following students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, January 27:

Madeline Becker	Emily Rieck
Thomas Curry	Donnie Rieck
Catherine D'Arcangelo	Hope Riggs
Will Dagit	Maddie Storck
Kiera Dean	JD Tripiciano
Luke Hough	Daniel Webster
Kevin O'Connell	Timothy Webster
Ryan Potts	

FIRST SUNDAY NEWS

All persons and families in the parish, are invited to join us on the First Sunday of every month at the 11:15 liturgy followed by a pot-luck lunch! This is not just an event for the PREP families. In a parish where there is no school associated with it, this is a great opportunity to meet fellow parishioners and families and talk with our priests! Please plan on joining us on **Sunday, March 4** for what promises to be a delicious pot-luck lunch of finger foods! Please use the following link to bring something OR just come and check it out and bring something next month! If you would like to sign up, please use the following link: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080D4EA5AE22A57-March1.

LIVING STATIONS

Any student in the parish, no matter where you attend school, who is in grades 2 through 12 is encouraged and welcome to participate in our Annual Living Stations. There will be few speaking parts, mostly non-speaking parts and perhaps some singing parts. If you are interested in participating, please contact Karen at kcarey@omgcp parish.net as soon as possible. First rehearsal will take place on **Sunday, February 18**.



BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Once again this year, Our Mother of Good Counsel will be sponsoring a Baby Bottle Drive during the month of February for the Mothers' Home in Darby, located in the former convent of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish. The Mothers' Home depends on the generosity of people to continue their life saving mission. Please take a bottle home with you which, hopefully, will be available on 3 weekends in February: (**February 10-11; February 17-18; February 24-25**) fill it with coins, cash or checks and return it to Church by the weekend of **March 3-4**. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Last year, through your generosity, over \$4,000.00 was donated to the work of this very necessary ministry. Hopefully, we will do as well again this year.



CLOTHING DRIVE

The St. Vincent DePaul Society, through the services of GreenDrop, will be here on **Saturday, February 10 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** to collect donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing which must be brought in plastic bags or boxes to be distributed to those in need. Please take all donations to the GreenDrop truck which will be parked in the rear parking lot near Barrett Avenue.

They will also accept kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CDs and videos. Tax receipts are available upon request.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

The Parish's IHN Committee will meet again on **Thursday, February 15 at 4:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center as we prepare for the next week of hosting: March 11–18, 2018.

PEACE AND JUSTICE

The Peace and Justice Committee will meet on **Thursday evening, February 15 at 7:30 p.m.** at OMGC's Parish Center.



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ADVOCATES CORNER

Rights and Responsibilities/ Solidarity

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) published “Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching” on their website [uscgb.org]. This article considers two Themes, “Rights and Responsibilities” plus “Solidarity.” USCCB writes: “The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Therefore, every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities – to one another, to our families, and to the larger society.”

About Solidarity, USCCB writes: “We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers’ and sisters’ keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. Pope Paul VI taught that “if you want peace, work for justice.” The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict.”

To learn how these Themes apply in advocating for the poor and hungry during this current critical budget process time, contact Bill Jones at conbill4@msn.com.

IHM CONFERENCE CENTER

401 Bryn Mawr Ave. in Bryn Mawr

Offerings

Wednesday, February 7: Movie with Meaning: “August Rush” – a modern Oliver-style plot with some of the best music around! **10:00 am to 1:00 pm** – Stipend \$15 (lunch included).

Tuesdays, February 20 and 27: Taize Prayer (Prayer Around the Cross): Contemplative prayer with scripture reading, song, brief meditation, intercessory prayer, silence. 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. Stipend: Donation.

To register for either of these offerings, please call 610-581-0120 or email mdgipprich@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC HISTORY LECTURE

On **Sunday, February 11 at 2:00pm**, Dr. Tia Pratt of St. Joseph’s University will talk about her sociological research into the legacy of racism in the urban parish at the American Catholic Historical Society, 263 South 4th Street. The event is free and open to the public. For information, visit www.amchs.org.

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Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you to learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is a Christian-based and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. The next program begins on the weekend of **February 16-18** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, 315 S. Warren Avenue. Additional weekends will be held in April and August. For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

RCIA HAPPENINGS

“Rite of Sending”

The Community of Our Mother of Good Counsel will celebrate at the **9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, February 11** the “Rite of Sending” our parish’s three candidates for the Sacraments of Initiation at our Easter Vigil this year. Two adults, Camille Kautzmann and Moira Smith, together with a young 7th grade student in our Religious Education Program, Eva Taberski, will celebrate with other catechumens from the Montgomery County and Bucks County Vicariates the *Rite of Election* with Archbishop Charles Chaput on **Saturday, February 17 at 3:00 p.m.** This Rite is celebrated on the first weekend of Lent which ushers our catechumens into the final period of preparation (Lent) for their reception into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

As a parish community, we will journey with them throughout Lent which calls each of us into this period of purification and enlightenment as we prepare to celebrate the Easter mysteries enhanced by their presence among us. Let us keep each of these “elect” in our thoughts and prayers during this holy season of 40 days.

NEW!
“COMMITTEE AGAINST RACISM”

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has created a “Committee Against Racism” and is preparing a document on this subject which will be available approximately in November. How might we prepare ourselves to reflect on his document?

The Peace and Justice Committee has begun a new sub-committee, the “Committee Against Racism.” You are invited to meet together with Catholics from St. Thomas of Villanova, Our Mother of Good Counsel and other parishes to plan initiatives such as: Education, Dialogue, Interfaith Service, Prayer and Worship on:

Monday, February 12 – 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
St Thomas of Villanova RC Parish
1229 E. Lancaster Ave. in Rosemont
 Questions: anne.minicozzi@villanova.edu

POSITION AVAILABLE
Part-Time Housekeeper

A position is available at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary for a part-time Housekeeper. The position is available up to 19 hours per week – Monday through Friday mornings. If interested, contact Joanne White, Human Resource Coordinator at jwhite@scs.edu or call her at 610-785-6553.

Catholic Charities Appeal 2018

Today we launch the 2018 Catholic Charities Appeal: 60 YEARS OF GIVING HOPE TO ALL.

Gifts made to the Appeal will provide support needed to tens of thousands of people through countless organizations, programs and ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The goal for the 2018 Appeal is \$12.5 million. Any gift you make will be appropriately stewarded to ensure your funds are spent according to the purpose you donated towards.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 7:30 FELIX BLONSKI
(ANNIVERSARY MASS)
- 9:30 MR. JOSEPH J. HURLEY, SR.
& MRS. JANE H. HURLEY
- 11:15 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 6:30 MR. ANGELO IANNAcone
(18TH ANNIVERSARY)
- 8:00 GERARD J. BRENNAN

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- 6:30 DECEASED MEMBERS
& BENEFACTORS OF OSA
- 8:00

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 6:30 BOPHAVY EULING
- 8:00 MARIA P. W. VAN DUSEN

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 6:30 EDWARD BLONSKI
(ANNIVERSARY MASS)
- 8:00

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 6:30 BOPHAVY EULING & RASMEY NHEK
- 8:00 JOHN CASEY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 8:00

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- 7:30 SEAN QUINN (ANNIVERSARY MASS)
- 9:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
- 11:15 JOANN DALESANDRO

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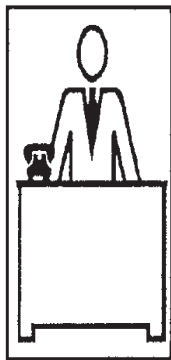
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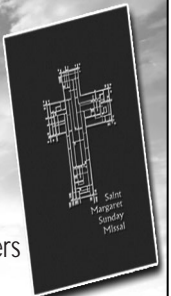
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