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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>

THE MOUNTAINS OF GOD'S REVELATIONS

The images in the story of the Transfiguration in today's Gospel, (Mark 9:2-10), refer to the history of Israel. Elijah went to a mountain, presumably expecting to meet God in overwhelming majesty only to discover that God's self-revelation came unpretentiously in the gentle breeze. Elijah appears in the Transfiguration representing the whole prophetic tradition of Israel, including God's surprising appearance.

Moses went to the mountain to meet God and to receive the commandments and the story of the Transfiguration abounds with images from Exodus. Jesus' dazzling clothing recalls how Moses' face glowed after meeting with God. The cloud is a reminder of that symbol of God's presence that led the people through their trek in the desert. Moses' presence with Jesus and Elijah obviously fills out the summary of Israel's faith: the law and the prophets. This scene on the mountain is narrated carefully to illustrate how it was the climax of salvation history: All that God had done through Moses and the prophets was coming to its fulfillment in Jesus.

As the disciples watch between terror and amazement, they hear a voice come from the cloud which confirms what a similar voice had proclaimed to Jesus at his baptism. This time the disciples hear the voice say, "This is my beloved Son," and the added command, "Listen to him."

The first half of that communication tells the disciples who Jesus is in relation to everything they know from their religious tradition. God had sent prophets, God had given the Law, and now, as Jesus would say in so many parables, God had sent his Son. The second half of the communication is the one command God gives disciples: Listen to him.

Just as the mountain where Abraham took Isaac was the place where his faith was tested and made real, Jesus is revealed on the mountain as God's last word to humanity. Jesus is the one who brings the new covenant, God's offer of life to the world. All God asks is that, like Abraham, we put our lives in God's hands by saying, "Here I am."

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Janine Hoffman, Emily Chaveriat,
Carol Luty, Lori Lesutis, 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.

H.O.P.E

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



Jesus was
transfigured
before them

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FRIDAYS OF LENT

at Our Mother of Counsel Parish

- 6:30 pm** Each week there will be a simple supper in the Social Center of the school building
- 7:00 pm** In the church there will be a different prayer service each week:
- March 2** Adoration, Rosary, Benediction
- March 9** Cross and Light at St. John Bosco
- March 16** Video and discussion on the Bible
- March 23** Living Stations of the Cross

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Meeting: The Parish Council will hold its next meeting on **Monday, March 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 Steve or Colette Sutton at 610-520-2501 or email colettesutton309@yahoo.com.



LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN IS COMING!!

Our parish will begin having Liturgy of the Word for Children at the 11:15 Mass every Sunday, beginning on March 18. This is a program where the Presider invites children, ages 5 to 10, to join the leader who will take the children to the daily chapel and proclaim the Word of God in a manner which is easier for the children to understand. The children will then recite a children’s version of the Creed and have petitions before rejoining their family in the main church. We are in need of ministers to help make this a success. If you are willing to take part in this exciting ministry at our parish, please contact Karen Carey at kcarey@omgcp parish.net or 610-525-0147.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Food Needs for IHN: If you can donate any of the following food items for our guests when they arrive on **Sunday, March 11**, please put them in the food box at the entrance of the church next Sunday:

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| soup | crackers | tuna fish |
| salad dressing | jelly | mustard |
| lemonade mix | ice tea mix | coffee |
| tea bags | cookies | peanut butter |
| cold cereal | mayonnaise | ketchup |
| juices: boxes or bottles | hot cereal packages | |

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I will make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky

.STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for February 18, 2018

Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God “did not spare his own Son.” Are my gifts to God—of my resources, of my time, of myself—also sacrificial?

Envelope Contributions	\$7,369.50
Loose Contributions.....	\$631.00
Mailed in	\$6,585.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$14,585.50
Offering this time last year	\$9,216.00
Parish giving	\$655.00

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

WE PRAY FOR OUR “ELECT”

This year because of the journey with our now “elect” candidates, on **Sundays, March 4, March 11 and March 18 at the 9:30 a.m.** liturgies, our parish will offer special prayers, called SCRUTINIES, for our three “elect”, Camille Kautzmann, Moira Smith and Eva Taberski. In each of these scrutinies, the community prays that the “elect” will be enlightened and purified and that any sinful influences within their hearts, and ours, will be removed by the grace of God promised in each of the specially chosen gospel stories on these three Sundays.

In the Gospel of the **3rd Sunday of Lent (Year A)**, Jesus meets the woman at the well. Like this woman, who in the presence of Jesus, faced all of the falsehood about herself, the elect and all the faithful are reminded that they must never put too much trust in themselves or in their own fragile human abilities.

In the Gospel of the **4th Sunday (Year A)**, Jesus heals the man born blind. Like this man, the elect and each of us are challenged to open our eyes and to begin to see with our hearts.

The Gospel of the **5th Sunday (Year A)** announces the ultimate promise of Jesus Christ as Savior. Jesus raises his friend Lazarus from the tomb. Whatever entombs any one of us, wherever we are spiritually dead, that’s exactly where Jesus calls us forth to new freedom through our dying and rising with him on the day of our Baptism.

Let us continue to pray for our “elected” candidates as they continue to prepare to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil this year.

LIVING STATIONS

Our parish is proud to once again be presenting the Living Stations by our youth and young people in the parish. We are still accepting children who would like to participate. Our practice schedule is as follows:

Sunday, February 25 from 12:15 to 1:30 in the Social Center;

Sunday, March 11 from 12:15 to 1:30 in the Church;

Sunday, March 18 from 12:15 to 1:30 in the Church;

Presentation to be held Friday evening, March 23 at 7:00pm.

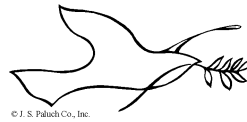
We are still in need of many participants! All children in grades 2 through 12 are invited to join in the program. Please contact Karen Carey at 610-525-0147 or kcarey@omgcp parish.net for more information.

YOU ARE INVITED!

The Advocacy Committee of the parish invites you to a simple Lenten Supper on **Tuesday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m.** at St. Thomas of Villanova Rosemont Auditorium and a conversation with Carla Caple, Director of the Food Pantry at St. Cyprian Catholic Church in West Philadelphia. We will gather for a simple meal of soup and bread and hear from Carla who will share her personal story, together with the work she does to serve the poor and hungry in West Philadelphia, thanks, in part, to the donations made to the parish by STV and OMGC parishioners. If you plan to attend, please call Sr. Anne at 610-525-0147, ext. 234 or email her at awoodeshick@omgcp parish.net.

SPIRITUAL READING GROUP

The Spiritual Reading Group will meet on **Friday, March 9 at 10:00am** as we begin to discuss our reading on the life and ministry of Cardinal Joseph Bernardin. The author of this book, Steven Millies, explores the Cardinal's controversial "seamless garment" approach to life issues, his founding of the Catholic Common Ground Initiative, the disturbing abuse allegations against him that were later recanted, and his experience of cancer that led him to write the bestselling book, *The Gift of Peace*. If you are interested in joining this group as we begin this new book, please contact Sr. Anne at awoodeshick@omgcp parish.net or at 610-525-0147, ext. 234.



ADVOCATES CORNER

Rights and Responsibilities/ Solidarity

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) published "Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching" on their website [usccb.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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2018

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

This year, Bethel AME Church, located at 50 So. Merion Road in Bryn Mawr is hosting the annual WDP. The theme of this year's prayer experience is *ALL God's Creation Is Very Good*. The prayer has been prepared by the WDP Committee of Suriname in South America. Prayer begins at 11:00 a.m. in the Church of Bethel AME. OMGC has been a part of this ecumenical prayer experience for many years. Please plan to join us on this special occasion of praying for Peace in our world.

FIRST SUNDAY NEWS

Join us in March!

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 potluck 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 potluck 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.

THE SHROUD OF TURIN

“A Silent Witness of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ”

A lecture will be held on **Wednesday, February 28 at 7:00pm** at Villanova University, 800 Lancaster Ave., in the Connelly Center Cinema. A basket will be available for those who may wish to offer a free-will donation. The lecture will be offered by Mr. Massimo Paris, who has studied for 30 years all aspects of the Shroud, the ancient linen cloth that bears the image of a crucified man, believed by millions to be Jesus Christ. For information, call Annetta Stowman at 610-519-4612 or Massimo Paris at 610-356-6778. All are welcome.



BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Please take a bottle home with you which are still available at the entrances of church, fill it with coins, cash or checks and **return it to Church by the weekend of March 3-4**. Your support is greatly appreciated by Mothers' Home in Darby.

IMPORTANT REQUEST

Allergies

Please do not bring food that contains peanuts, nuts, peanut products or nut products inside the church. Someone sitting near you may have a serious allergy. Thank you.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Operation Rice Bowl (ORB) is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the international humanitarian aid agency of the Catholic Community in the United States. 75% of your gifts to Operation Rice Bowl come to CRS to fund development projects overseas and Lenten education efforts in the U.S. 25% remains in dioceses in the U.S. to support local hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Rice Bowl boxes are available in a basket on the table at the entrance of Church for you and your family to participate in this worthwhile effort to relieve poverty at home and abroad. All donations can be made to the parish during Holy Week either in the boxes provided or in envelopes marked “Rice Bowl donation.”

POST-ABORTION HEALING

RETREAT

March 10-12

We have an upcoming retreat for healing after abortion. It is designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. It will help you focus on the buried emotions of the past and begin healing in a non-judgmental, safe, loving and confidential environment. It will give you hope for your future and freedom from the pain within your heart and soul.

The retreat is being held at Malvern Retreat House, 315 So. Warren Avenue in Malvern, PA. For information, call: Geri at 610-399-0890 or Priscilla at 215-906-6337.

IHM CONFERENCE CENTER

401 Bryn Mawr Ave. in Bryn Mawr
Conference Day

“Transfigured and Transformed”

Tuesday, March 13: 9:30 – 2:30p.m.

Presenter: S. Patricia McCormack, IHM

Stipend: \$40 (includes breakfast, lunch, Mass)

To register, please call 610-581-0120 or email mdgipprich@gmail.com.



ST. RAPHAELA CENTER
616 Coopertown Road in Haverford
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610-642-5715

Centering Prayer for Beginners: Wednesday, March 7th - 6:00–9:00p.m. Centering Prayer is a remarkably simple method that opens one to God's gift of contemplative prayer. This evening will introduce Centering Prayer to those who are curious and would like to learn more. Regular practitioners are also welcome to come and enrich their experience.

Celtic Day of Prayer: Thursday, March 15 - Whether you have Irish blood or not, everyone is Irish around the 17th of March! Come for a day of reflection and celebration, led by Sister Megan Brown, RSM. Lunch will be particularly Irish!

10th ANNUAL MAN UP PHILLY CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

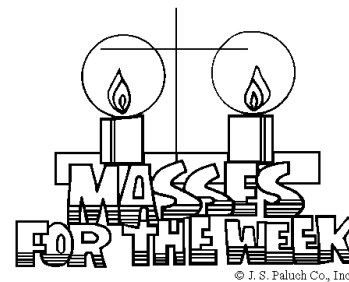
**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR
 MAN UP PHILLY 2018!**

On **Saturday, March 3, 2018** at Neumann University's Mirenda Center—the men of our parish are invited to join Catholic Men from throughout the Archdiocese for the **10th Annual Archdiocesan Catholic Men's Conference—Christ Crucified—the Power and Wisdom of God.**

To celebrate our 10th anniversary our keynote speaker will be **Seth Joyner**, former Philadelphia Eagle and Pro Bowler. We welcome back **Jim Towey**, President of Ave Marie University and personal attorney of St. Teresa of Calcutta, **Don Saleski**, Stanley Cup Champion with the Philadelphia Flyers, and **Brian Gale**, author of the trilogy **Fatherless, Motherless, and Childless**. Acclaimed Irish Tenor, **Mark Forrest**, will again provide inspirational accompaniment during a special Eucharistic Adoration. **Marty Rotella**, singer and evangelist will provide musical accompaniment for the conference.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered, and the Conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by the **Most Reverend Archbishop Charles Chaput**. Lunch is included. Join us at our new spacious venue—Neumann University!

Register now at manupphilly.com.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
 PARISHIONERS
 9:30 PAUL J. AND MARGARET LAWLESS
 11:15 NICK SOLANO

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 6:30 MATTHEW PROCTOR
 8:00 JANET D. DAGIT

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- 6:30 DR. JOSEPH FOOTE
 8:00 MARK, MICHELLE, AND
 MICHAEL CONNOR

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- 6:30 SPECIAL INTENTIONS
 8:00

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

- 6:30 JOE MC DERMOTT
 8:00 SPECIAL INTENTIONS

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

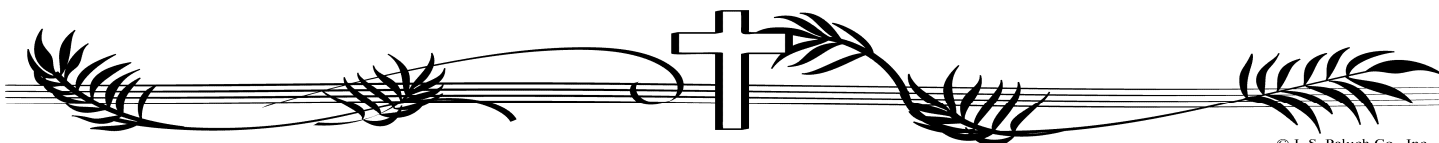
- 6:30 SPECIAL INTENTIONS
 8:00 VINCENT MURTAUGH, SR.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

- 8:00 MICHELINA GAGLIARDI

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
 PARISHIONERS
 9:30 JOHN PIUS ONUMAH
 11:15 JOSEPH KALONISKI



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