



# Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish Community

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**March 18, 2018**

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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>

## “WHEN LIFTED UP, I WILL DRAW EVERYONE TO MYSELF”

“Dead Man Walking,” the 1995 film starring Susan Sarandon and Sean Penn, brought to life Sr. Helen Prejean’s book of the same name, which launched Prejean’s worldwide crusade to abolish the death penalty. When a condemned prisoner begins that somber procession toward the execution chamber, the prison guard announces those words: “Dead man walking.” They begin moving down the corridor under the stark fluorescent lights, shrouded in silence for this last grim ritual.

Jesus himself was a dead man walking in those final days in Jerusalem. He knew death awaited him. There was no turning back. There was no way out of walking to his execution. But his death would not be the end. In today’s Gospel (John 22:20-33), Jesus announces his death and his resurrection to his friends: “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.”

Jesus makes no pretense that this is easy. In fact, Jesus, who usually maintains peaceful control of everything, now admits his own anguish. His grief, like everything else in his life, stems from love. It flows from his love of humanity as he mourns the plight of those who have committed themselves to love of the world. It comes, too, from his own unbounded love of life. As a human being, he cannot but abhor the prospect of his violent death, both for the suffering it must entail and for the sacrilege that any such death is.

Knowing what the future holds for him and for those who are his own, Jesus shares his prayer with them. Letting them in on his anguish, he asks how he should pray. Should he ask to be spared? Asking that would amount to forsaking the very meaning of his life. The purpose of his life was to show the way beyond this world; to ask for escape would ultimately signify lack of faith in his vocation. Instead, he chooses to be who he was sent to be and says, “Father, glorify your name.” Without seeing the details of his future, he remains true to who he is, and that will bring the revelation of his glory, the glory of the one who allowed God to love through him to the very end.

In the end, these are not easy readings to understand or to live. But God has graced us with the example of people who have shown the way to abandon love of the world for the sake of life in God. As we move toward Holy Week, let us pray, even with loud cries and tears, asking the intercession of Archbishop Oscar Romero (whose anniversary of his death in El Salvador we commemorate on March 24) and all the saints and martyrs so that our hearts may be open to God’s gift and that it will guide our actions...no matter what the cost.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Janine Hoffman, Carol Luty, Peg McDermott,  
William O’Donnell, Penelope Marlowe,  
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,  
and all who care for the sick and dying.

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 Brendan James Stephens, son of Lauren and Jason, who was baptized in our Church recently.

**Deceased:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Donald J. McBride and for the consolation of his family.

### H.O.P.E

If you are in need of a ride to the doctor, shopping, etc., S. Anne at 610-525-0147, ext. 234.



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### SENIOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS

The Senior Group will meet on **Friday, March 23 at 12 noon** in the Social Center of our school building. On this occasion, we will enjoy a “Penny Auction”. Those attending are asked to bring one or several items from your home that are barely used or not used at all. Bring these items which you no longer have any use or need for, unwrapped, and enjoy watching your friends and neighbors bid on them. It’s always a fun afternoon. Come and join us for lunch. Bring a sandwich or your usual lunch nourishment and we will provide beverages and desserts

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# PASTOR'S LETTER

## Discovering Christ, Lenten Penance Service, Holy Week

Dear Friends,

You may have seen the impressive poster and the brochures that Kevin Potts and the **Discovering Christ** team have put together with information about our program that will take place on seven Thursday evenings starting on April 12. The team has been meeting every week since January 18 and we have received many blessings during this time of preparation. Borrowing from the brochure: "Discovering Christ is a seven-week experience where anyone and everyone...is invited to hear the Good News and personally encounter Jesus Christ. Discovering Christ helps people enter into or renew a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, experience the love of God the Father, and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to live as God's children."

For more information, please take home a brochure or go to <http://omgcp parish.org/DC>. Please continue to pray for the team and for those who sign up for the program!

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a wonderful opportunity to encounter Christ's overflowing mercy and forgiveness leading up to Holy Week and Easter. Please join us for our **Lenten Penance Service** on Monday evening, March 19 at 7:30. If you can't attend this service, please try to come to Confession here at OMGC on a Saturday morning at 11:30 AM or at one of the neighboring parishes. And if none of those times works for you, of course you can always call one of us priests at OMGC to make an appointment.

**Holy Week** begins with Palm Sunday, March 25. Please consider participating in some or all of the liturgies of the **Sacred Pascal Triduum** [Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday]. These liturgies have a richness and tradition that draw us deeper into the mystery of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection. They are well worth making the time and effort to attend and worship together. At the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night (March 31) we will baptize Eva Taberski, Camille Kautzmann and Moira Smith. Then they will

receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, completing the Sacraments of Initiation. It's always a thrill to welcome new members into the Christian community during the Vigil.

Please pray for these young women during these final weeks of their preparation.

Peace,  
Fr. Liam

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for March 11, 2018

"If anyone would serve me," says Jesus in today's Gospel, "let him follow me; where I am, there will my servant be." In what ways is Jesus inviting me to follow Him: What service is He asking of me?

Envelope Contributions .....	\$6,598.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$852.00
Mailed in .....	\$3,240.00
Total Offertory Collection .....	\$10,690.00
Offering this time last year .....	\$6,377.00
Parish giving .....	\$665.00

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

## ANNUAL PARISH-WIDE MEETING

**Sunday, April 29: 12:30 – 3:30pm  
in the Social Center of the School Building  
Save the Date  
More Details Later and Registration Info.**

## 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 email Dianne Meyer at [dameyer1620@comcast.net](mailto:dameyer1620@comcast.net).

## COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Our Parish's Communal Penance Service will be held on **Monday evening, March 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church.**

## FRIDAYS OF LENT at Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish

**March 23** 6:30pm – simple supper in the Social Center  
7:00pm - Living Stations of the Cross in Church



## EASTER LITURGY SCHEDULE

### Rehearsals for Triduum Liturgies

Monday, March 26 at 7:00pm – Easter Vigil  
 Tuesday, March 27 at 7:00pm – Music Ministries  
 Wednesday, March 28 at 7:00pm – Good Friday  
 Wednesday, March 28 at 7:30pm – Holy Thursday

### Holy Thursday – March 29

9:00 am - Morning Prayer  
 7:30 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper  
 10:30 pm - Night Prayer

### Good Friday – March 30

#### Parish Office Closed

9:00 am - Morning Prayer  
 3:00pm - Lord's Passion Liturgy

### Holy Saturday - March 31

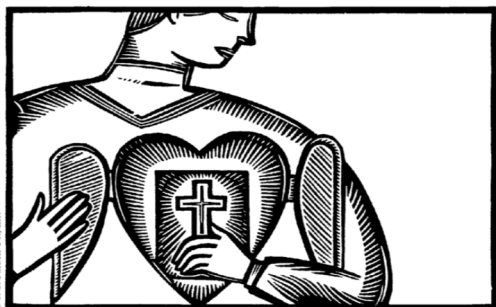
9:00am - Morning Prayer  
 8:00pm - Easter Vigil

### Easter Sunday - April 1

Masses at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:15am  
 Children's Easter Egg Hunt – after  
 the 11:15am Mass

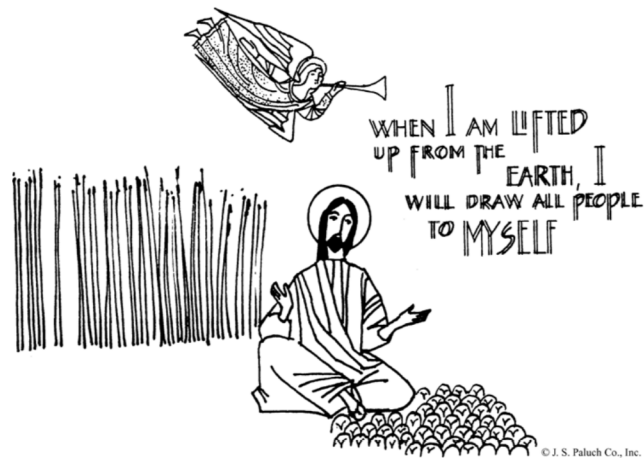
## DISCOVERING CHRIST

Curious about the meaning of your life? Come join **Discovering Christ**, something new and exciting at OMGC Parish. Centered around a delicious dinner, an inspirational video and small group discussion, **Discovering Christ** is a seven-week experience where anyone and everyone can explore life's big questions and encounter Jesus in an intimate and safe setting. The program starts on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Find out more at <http://omgcparish.org/DC> and join us for an **information night on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.** in the Social Center. This program is free and open to everyone who registers.



## THE EASTER MINISTRY NEEDS YOU

Each Sunday we are warmly welcomed to our Eucharistic celebration by the lector. On Easter Sunday 2017 we had more than 900 people celebrate Easter with us at Our Mother of Good Counsel. We would like to offer that warm welcome to our visitors and the extended families of our parishioners by having **Hospitality Ministers** on Easter Sunday. Job description: Come 15 minutes before Mass begins. Stand at the doors of the church, opening the doors and expressing a warm welcome. Help people find seats when it gets crowded or whatever their needs might be. After Mass you will stand at the doors wishing them a Happy Easter and inviting them to come back again. There is no age requirement. If you are interested in this Easter Hospitality Ministry, contact Fr. John at 610-525-0147 x252 or [FrJDeary@omgcparish.net](mailto:FrJDeary@omgcparish.net).



## PEACE AND JUSTICE

The Peace and Justice Committee will meet once again on **Thursday, March 15 at 7:00pm** (Please note **new time** for meeting) at St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Center in Rosemont.

## JOHN DEAR BOOK TOUR

### Nobel Peace Prize Nominee

Join us on **Friday, March 23 from 7:00-8:30pm** at the Convent of Mercy Auditorium, 515 Montgomery Avenue in Merion as John Dear launches his new book, entitled: *They Will Inherit the Earth: Peace and Nonviolence in a Time of Climate Change*. In this landmark work, author and activist, John Dear, connects the way of active nonviolence with solidarity with Creation! A free will offering will be collected for Pace e Bene, an organization working for peace and non-violence. All Are Welcome!

## LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN Ministers Needed

As we begin this ministry in our parish, we are looking for Ministers of the Word to help out by proclaiming the Word of God to our young persons at the 11:15 Liturgy each week. You must be 18 years of age or older and be able to attain your clearances as well as be Safe Environment Certified. Anyone interested in being a Minister of the Word, please join us on **Sunday, April 22** immediately following the 11:15 Mass in the Daily Chapel. We will have a training session as well as information on what clearances are needed. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Carey at [kcarey@omgcp parish.net](mailto:kcarey@omgcp parish.net) or 610-525-0147.

## Stations of



the Cross

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## 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, March 18** from 12:15 to **2:00**

(note change in time) in the Church. The Presentation will be held on **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](mailto:kcarey@omgcp parish.net) for more information.

## YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING DATES:

**Sunday, March 25** – General Meeting and prep for Easter Egg Hunt – **2:30 to 4:30pm**

**Sunday, April 1** – During the 11:15 Mass, prep for Easter Egg Hunt, and help with Hunt following 11:15 Mass

**Donations Needed:** The OMGC Youth Group is looking for donations of candy to fill Easter Eggs with. Candy must be small enough to fit in plastic Easter Eggs AND individually wrapped. If you are able to help contribute, please drop your donations in the food basket at church and mark them: Easter Egg Hunt OR drop them off at the Parish Office any time during the week.

**ST. RAPHAELA CENTER**  
616 Coopertown Road in Haverford  
[www.straphaelacenter.org](http://www.straphaelacenter.org)  
610-642-5715

**Women's Weekend Retreat:** "Life in the Risen Lord." A preached retreat with time for personal prayer, group sharing and liturgies will be held on the **weekend of April 6-8**. Please register at the above phone number or email address.

**IHM CONFERENCE CENTER**  
401 Bryn Mawr Ave. in Bryn Mawr

### Taize Prayer

Prayer Around the Cross

Tuesday, March 20: 7:30-8:30

Stipend: Donation

To register, please call 610-581-0120 or email [mdgipprich@gmail.com](mailto:mdgipprich@gmail.com).

## AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT The Catholic Charities Appeal

Watch the Philadelphia 76ers take on the Charlotte Hornets at the Wells Fargo Center on **Monday, March 19**. A portion of all tickets sold will directly benefit Catholic Charities Appeal programs which provide support to the homeless, special needs students, food cupboards, afterschool programs and much more.

To purchase tickets to this game please visit: <https://groupmatics.events/event/CCA76ers>.

## YOU ARE INVITED

**Lenten Bereavement Evening**  
**Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

Join us for a presentation on "How to Channel Your Grief, presented by Domenica Rafferty, LPC Grief Counselor at St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Center, 1229 E. Lancaster Ave. in Rosemont. Please RSVP to Anne Murphy at [pastoral@stvparish.org](mailto:pastoral@stvparish.org).



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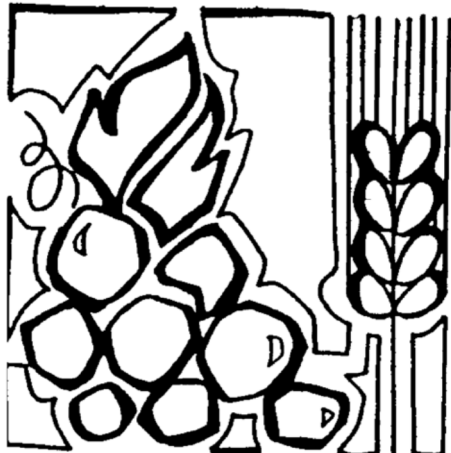
### ST. JOHN NEUMANN GARAGE SALE

The annual garage sale at St. John Neumann Church, 380 Highland Lane, Bryn Mawr is planned for **Saturday, April 7 from 9:00am to 3:00pm** and **Sunday, April 8 from 8:30am to 1:30pm**. This is a major fund-raiser for the parish. You will find wonderful treasures at bargain prices, all donated by parishioners. Included are better clothing, a designer Boutique for lovely ready-to-wear apparel, accessories, jewelry, bric-a-brac, housewares, linens, toys, books, small appliances, electronics, holiday decorations and furniture. The sale is held in two indoor locations.

### CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANTS

Holy Child Center, a small retirement community of religious sisters located in Rosemont, PA, have part-time C.N.A. positions available. We are looking for Nursing Assistants who enjoy providing compassionate care and have a strong work ethic. We have day and evening shifts available (40-52 hours) bi-weekly. **Must be a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) with a minimum of one (1) year-long term care experience. Experience in a person-centered care environment is a must.** Resumes can be sent via email or fax: Email: [hr@shcj.org](mailto:hr@shcj.org); Fax: 610-525-2910. E-O-E

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## Mass Intentions For The Week



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### SUNDAY, MARCH 18

- 7:30 JAMES WELSH
- 9:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL  
PARISHIONERS
- 11:15 JOANN DALESANDRO

### MONDAY, MARCH 19

- 6:30 CHARLES KRIPAK  
(ANNIVERSARY MASS)
- 8:00 JOSEPH A. BRENNAN

### TUESDAY, MARCH 20

- 6:30 BOPHAVY EULING
- 8:00 HAROLD AND ROSE IRVING

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

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

### THURSDAY, MARCH 22

- 6:30
- 8:00 PHIL SHERIDAN

### FRIDAY, MARCH 23

- 6:30
- 8:00 GEORGE RAZIONALE

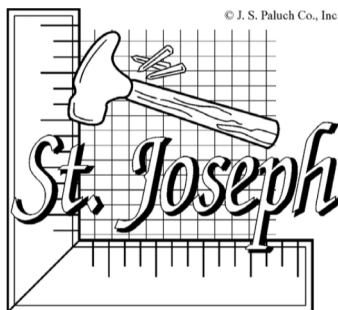
### SATURDAY, MARCH 24

- 8:00 HARRY GALLAGHER

### SUNDAY, MARCH 25

- 6:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL  
PARISHIONERS
- 9:30 SALVATORE PETROCCIA
- 11:15 ACHILLE BARONE  
(25TH ANNIVERSARY)

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FEAST OF  
ST. JOSEPH  
MONDAY,  
MARCH 19



