



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

Palm Sunday March 25, 2018

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...Ext. 250
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
Donna Descano, Administrative Assistant...Ext. 221
Peggy Juhline, Business Manager...Ext. 225

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>

WE ENTER INTO OUR HOLIEST WEEK OF THE YEAR

The four narrations of the last days of Jesus' on earth are the most similar of all Gospel narratives even though each evangelist (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) makes his own particular theological points. Those points often come out in subtle details. By paying attention to some of Mark's details, we can appreciate what he is telling us about Jesus and how he is challenging us as disciples to take up our part in the Gospel.

When Jesus sent the disciples for the "colt," he instructed the disciples to explain why they were going off with it by saying, "The Lord has need of it." This is the only time Jesus refers to himself as "Lord" and the only time he says he is in need of something. Mark tells us that they brought Jesus the colt and they put their own cloaks on it for him. Symbolically, like blind Bartimaeus who threw off his cloak to come to Jesus, they gave him their all, their cloak of protection and identity. For the moment, at least, they were fully with him.

At this point the people cry out "Hosanna!" which means "Save!" Some spread their cloaks on the road and others waved branches as in a triumphal procession. As he recorded this, Mark understood well the irony of the people's cry and their acclamation of the one humbly riding a donkey as the Son of David. They shouted, "Blessed is the kingdom...that is to come," but they had no idea of what they were saying.

After the procession with palms, we will hear the passion story according to Mark. In contrast to the scene with a crowd who processed with Jesus acclaiming him as the successor to David, our Gospel opens simply with Jesus at table in a home. A woman enters the scene and pours oil over his head. In Jeremiah 31:22, we hear that as the Lord is creating something new, the woman is solicitous for the man; here, we see a woman anointing Jesus the way a prophet would anoint a king. In response to her critics, Jesus tells them that the anointing is preparation for his death – which we can interpret as a reference to his burial but also to the inscription over his head which publicly identified him as king of the Jews.

The rest of the drama will play out showing how the disciples were both willing and weak. When Jesus died on the cross, according to Mark, the only disciples on the scene were some women who did all they could by simply standing by him. The entire story invites us to see where we stand and where we wish we would stand. The good news is that, in the end, an angel tells the women to send the disciples back to Galilee. They can start all over again, this time more ready to remain in solidarity with their humble Lord.

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.

Deceased: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Bette Anne Barr and for the consolation of her family.

H.O.P.E

If you are in need of a ride to the doctor, shopping, etc., call Joanne Bramley at 610-457-6638 or S. Anne at 610-525-0147, ext. 234.

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 call or email Steve or Colette Sutton at 610-520-2501 or colettesutton309@yahoo.com.





© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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 12th. Find out more at <http://omgcparish.org/DC> and join us for an **information night on April 5th at 7 p.m.** in the Social Center. This program is free and open to everyone who registers.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Good stewards strive to conform their lives to that of Christ—emptying themselves of all pride and putting themselves at the service of others.

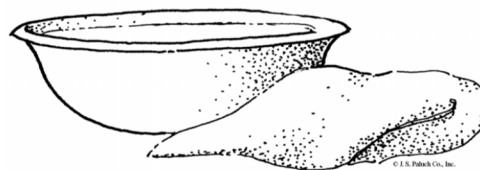
Due to early publishing deadlines, the stewardship totals for March 18th will appear in next week's bulletin.

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

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 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, please contact Fr. John at 610-525-0147 x252 or FrJDeary@omgcparish.net.



RICE BOWL CONTRIBUTIONS to Catholic Relief Services

We ask you to bring the contents of your Rice Bowl boxes to Mass with you when you attend one of the services of Holy Week from Palm Sunday through to the Triduum from Holy Thursday evening through Easter Sunday morning. Please bring your Rice Bowl container or put your donation in an envelope marked "Rice Bowl" and drop it into the collection basket in Church. Thank you to all who participated in this journey of prayer, fasting and almsgiving in order to serve the needs of others during this Lenten season.



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 or 610-525-0147.

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.

IHM CONFERENCE CENTER 401 Bryn Mawr Ave. in Bryn Mawr “Spirituality of Gospel Women” Tuesdays, April 17 and 24 10:00am – 1:00pm

Guide, Sister Marie Gipprich, IHM, will discuss Mary Magdalen, the Woman at the Well, the Bent Over Woman, and the Woman with the Hemorrhage, noting the impact of their spirituality on *our* spirituality and prayer. Stipend: \$20 each session (includes lunch). You may attend one or both.

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

ARE YOU CALLED TO BE A DEACON? Minister of the Word Minister at the Altar Minister of Charity

We invite Catholic men (*and their wives if married*) with a deep spiritual life who are between the ages of 29 and 55, and would like to discern a call to serve Jesus Christ and His Church within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia as permanent deacons to take the next step and contact us for more information and to register for the upcoming Permanent Diaconate Information Night.

Thursday, April 19 from 7:00 – 9:00PM
St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
Vianney Auditorium
100 East Wynnewood Road
Wynnewood, PA 19096

Registration for this event is required. Please email the following information to Laura Nimmons at lnimmons@archphila.org: Name * Address * Age * Parish * Email * Marital Status * If married, wife's name.

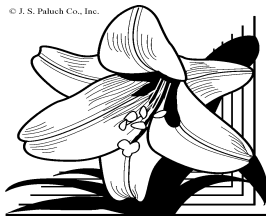


INVITATION TO OPEN HOUSE

Waldron Mercy Academy (WMA), a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, located in Merion Station, Pa., is a Catholic, co-educational, independent Preschool through Grade 8. WMA is sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy. This school provides a nurturing and enriching environment for children. A challenging and well-rounded curriculum offers opportunities to develop the whole child academically, athletically and artistically. Students are prepared to face the challenges of the world today with an enriched spiritual life, fluency in language and advanced technology and science. To learn more about WMA, please call Sr. Joellen at 610-664-9847, ext. 113 or www.waldronmercy.org.

Open House opportunity will be held on **Tuesday, April 10 at 9:00am.**

**ST. RAPHAELA
CENTER**
616 Coopertown Road
in Haverford
www.straphaelcenter.org
610-642-5715



Spiritual Direction: Spiritual Direction enables you to grow into a closer relationship with God. In the midst of a busy life, many people find it difficult to notice God's action in their daily affairs. Spiritual direction helps us to develop a more conscious experience of God's presence and love. To inquire further about spiritual direction, please contact us at the above phone number or email address.

Monthly Taize Prayer: Come join us for a monthly Taize prayer on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from **7:30-8:30pm**. The next Taize prayer is on **Wednesday, April 11**. No registration is needed. Eucharistic Adoration is available as well.

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; Fax: 610-525-2910. E-O-E

SUMMER PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Merion Mercy Academy: We have a variety of academic, enrichment and athletic offerings for girls and boys, including our acclaimed pre-eighth grade *Summer Academy* and *High School Placement Test Preparation* course, and our popular (entering) 6th and 7th grade **Jump Start Program**, which focuses on math, language arts, writing and study skills. We also offer fun enrichment programs and sports camps such as Basketball, Volleyball, Art Camp and Coding, among others.

Please visit our website at www.merion-mercy.com/summerprograms to download a full brochure and to register online. For more information, you may also contact Mrs. Barbara Harrison, Director of Summer Programs at 610-664-6655, ext. 120 or email her at bharrison@merion-mercy.com.

Academy of Notre Dame de Namur: The Academy will offer summer enrichment programs and athletic camps for elementary (basketball), middle and high school girls on its Villanova campus. Science and Dance enrichment programs will also be available in July in Stone Harbor, NJ.

Please visit www.ndapa.org/summercamps for specific details on dates and grade levels or call 610-687-0650.

MATRIMONY: REDISCOVERING ITS TRUTH

Please join us for an all-day conference on *Matrimony: Rediscovering Its Truth* on **Saturday, April 21 from 10:00am to 6:15pm** at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul in Philadelphia with some well-known speakers. We will have Eucharistic Adoration and recitation of the Rosary and the presence of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. His Eminence Raymond Cardinal Burke, D.D., J.C.D. will be the presider at the 5:15pm Mass in the Cathedral Basilica. The Cathedral Basilica Choir will sing at the Mass. Reservations are required. To download a flyer and registration forms, please go to our website: www.saintjohnneumannchapter.org. For more information, call: 215-247-2585.



THE FAREWELL TEAR

a feast of friendship
a story of betrayal
a memory of gifts given

you look with such intense love
on each one gathered there,
mist covers your deep brown eyes
as you hold each one in your gaze,
you close your eyes and I see
the farewell tear of friendship
as it follows the curve of your cheek.

you take the bread
bless it gently, profoundly,
with old words and new.
(do you mean to say it is yourself?)

and then the wine,
again with words old and new.
(do you mean to say this, too,
is now yourself?)

you look again at each one there
and give the eternal gift:
“remember me and do the same.”

like those around the table then,
so with us who gather now,
if we knew how close our hearts
are held inside of yours,
we would always be amazed
that you meant this for us, too.

how shall we ever be brave enough
to do what you have done,
when grief engulfs our every breath
and each memorial word
is laden with our loss?

Taken from *Out of the Ordinary* *2000
by Joyce Rupp
Used by permission of Ave Maria Press
All rights reserved



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

MASS INTENTIONS



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
9:30 SALVATORE PETROCCIA
11:15 ACHILLE BARONE
(25TH ANNIVERSARY)

MONDAY, MARCH 26

- 6:30
8:00 PHIL & NELLIE SHERIDAN

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

- 6:30
8:00 MARIA P. W. VAN DUSEN
(24TH ANNIVERSARY)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

- 6:30 FRANK QUINN (ANNIVERSARY MASS)
8:00 JOSEPHINE DESCANO
(10TH ANNIVERSARY—MARCH 31ST)

THURSDAY, MARCH 29—HOLY THURSDAY

- 9:00AM MORNING PRAYER
7:30PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
10:30PM NIGHT PRAYER

FRIDAY, MARCH 30—GOOD FRIDAY

- 9:00AM MORNING PRAYER
3:00PM LORD'S PASSION LITURGY

SATURDAY, MARCH 31—HOLY SATURDAY

- 9:00AM MORNING PRAYER
8:00PM EASTER VIGIL

SUNDAY, APRIL 1—EASTER SUNDAY

- 7:30
9:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
11:15

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

WANTED! All Firearms

Antique Guns
Military / Hunting
Gun Collections
Military Artifacts
Swords / Bayonets
We pay CASH on the spot!

Call John Now
610-716-5353

AntiqueAndRareGuns@gmail.com

We are Catholics Serving
the Local Community.



Help at Home
484-441-3225
servingspirithomecare.com

SERVING SPIRIT HOME CARE JOB OPENINGS

Catholic Companions & Faith-Based Care

Meal Prep - Housekeeping - Shopping - Faith Sharing - Good Pay
Rides to Church - No Certs Needed (We Train)- Very Rewarding!

Other Openings - CNA / HHA / LPN / RN / LSW

Borzell and Norbury Plumbing & Heating

227 Conestoga Road • Wayne, PA 19087
610.688.3366 www.borzellandnorbury.com



GARAGE DOORS

New Doors & Openers
Repairs — All Major Brands

Michael Carr

Since 1980 **610-356-2902**

Download Our Free App or Visit
MY.ONEPARISH.COM

Grow in your faith,
find a Mass, and
connect with your
Catholic Community
with OneParish!

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

Setting the Standard
for Quality
Over 3 Decades

Roofing • Siding • Gutters
484-568-4457

Best Prices & Warranties in the Business • Fully Licensed & Insured
morganroofingpa.com

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



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

www.jspaluch.com

Consider
Remembering
Your Parish in
Your Will.

For further information,
please call the Parish Office.

Brian or Sally, coordinators

860.399.1785 an Official Travel
Agency of Apostleship
of the Sea-USA
CST 2117990-70

www.CatholicCruisesAndTours.com

For Ads: J.S. Paluch Co., Inc. 1-800-524-0263