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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>

LIVE IN THE NEWNESS OF LIFE!

“Stark Mark” ends his Gospel in a typically curt and cryptic fashion. Mark 16:1-8 is generally accepted as the original ending of Mark’s Gospel, a finish so unsatisfactory that later editors added more acceptable conclusions that reported appearances of the risen Lord. Since the early centuries, the church has accepted the longer endings as part of this Gospel, but there is much to learn from the way Mark originally brought his work to its finale.

As the day after the Sabbath dawns, women representing the womb of earthly life go to the tomb, an opening in the earth which has housed death. The sun which had been darkened at Jesus’ death is now rising. They wonder what they can do about the unmovable stone – the symbol of death’s permanence, the gigantic barrier that afflicts everyone on each side of it.

Then the women discovered that the stone had been rolled back as if from the inside. With the strength that can only come from being together, they faced death as never before and entered into the tomb of Jesus, the burial place of all their hopes. There they received the news that he was not there, death had not overcome him. Someone dressed like the newly baptized proclaimed the core Christian message: Jesus, the crucified, has been raised; you will not find him in the realm of death.

Once the women has taken in the impossible scene before them, the messenger who had announced what had happened, now spoke in Christ’s name giving them a mission: “Go and tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.’” These women were sent as the first apostles to tell the news of Christ’s resurrection. It was a message they could barely intuit much less comprehend. Like any newly baptized person, like most of us, they might have had a inkling of what this good news meant, but it was immeasurably more than they could take in.

Their world had been shattered by Jesus’ death, and now everything they thought they knew about life and death was thrown into question. It was impossible for them to immediately grasp the implications of what they had seen and heard. Mark tells us that they fled from the tomb, impelled by such fear that they were actually trembling. Mark ends his Gospel with the words, “They said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.”

Mark opened his Gospel calling it “the beginning of the Gospel.” The finale of Mark’s writing that he called the beginning of the Gospel, is this scene in which the most faithful disciples encounter the most incomprehensible good news and are overwhelmed. That is why the disciples are sent back to Galilee where it all started. There with the risen Lord among them, they can begin again to understand what Jesus had taught them.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Janine Hoffman, Carol Luty,
William O’Donnell, Penelope Marlowe,
Lori Lesutis, Peg McDermott,
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 Vincent Salvati and for the consolation of his family.

H.O.P.E

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



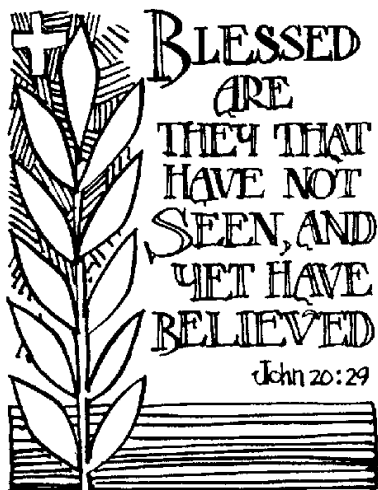
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ANNUAL PARISH-WIDE MEETING
Sunday, April 29: 12:30 – 3:30pm
in the Social Center of the School Building
Save the Date
More Details Later and Registration Info.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Meeting: The Parish Council will hold its next meeting on **Monday, April 9 at 7:30pm** 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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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://omgcp parish.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
for March 18, 2018

Alleluia! Christ is risen and is victorious over sin and death! We are good stewards of our faith if, like St. Paul, we share this good news whenever we can.

Envelope Contributions	\$6,525.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$853.00
Mailed in	\$470.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$7,848.00
Offering this time last year	\$6,377.00

Due to early publishing deadlines, the stewardship totals for March 25th will appear in next week's bulletin.

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

ARE YOU CALLED TO BE A DEACON?

- Minister of the Word**
- Minister at the Altar**
- Minister of Charity**

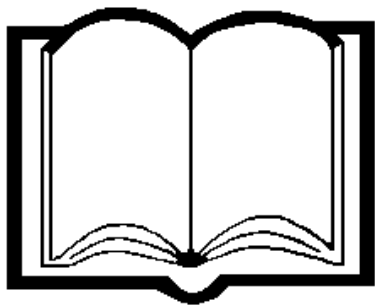
We invite Catholic men (*and their wives if married*) with a deep spiritual life who are between the ages of 29 and 55, and would like to discern a call to serve Jesus Christ and His Church within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia as permanent deacons to take the next step and contact us for more information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



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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.

RICE BOWL DONATION

If you have not already put your Rice Bowl donation into our collection basket during Holy Week, please do so by the weekend of **April 7-8**. You may do so either in the Rice Bowl boxes or in an envelope, marked "Rice Bowl Donation." Our contribution to the Catholic Relief Services, the sponsors of the Lenten Rice Bowl program, will then be sent to them. Thank you for all who participated in this special Almsgiving feature of Lent.

SPIRITUAL READING

The Spiritual Reading Group will meet again on **Friday, April 6 at 10:00 am** in the Parish Center/Church Office building.

PEACE AND JUSTICE MEETING

The Peace and Justice Committee will meet on **Thursday evening, April 12 at 7:00 pm** at Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish Center.

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.

Movie with Meaning: "The Pursuit of Happyness" - a moving story of a life struggle for single father Chris Gardner (Will Smith and his young son, Chris (Jaden Christopher Syre Smith) will be shown on **Wednesday, April 18 from 10:00am – 1:00pm**. Stipend: \$15 (lunch included)

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



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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.

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.

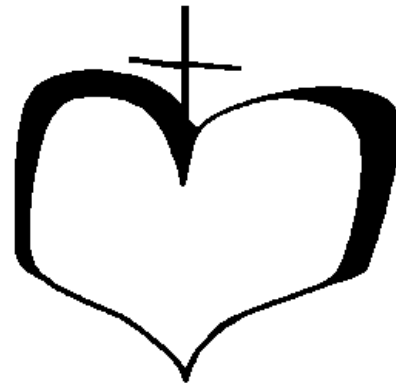
Please visit www.ndapa.org/summercamps for specific details on dates and grade levels or call 610-687-0650.



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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.



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RETROUVAILLE

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!

Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? *Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship.* Retrouvaille (retro-VIE) is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is 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 will be held at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA on **the weekend of April 13-15**. For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

AN EASTER PSALM

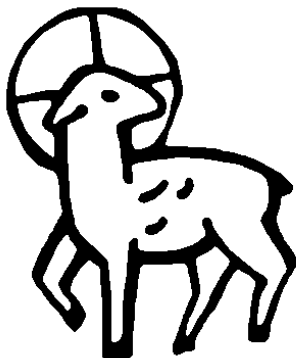
“Christ is risen, Alleluia!”
 The feast of feasts,
 the festival of hope,
 the mother of all Sundays,
 luminous in the full moon of spring,
 radiant in the rising of the sun,
 Easter dances upon my rooftop
 and plays like a newborn child
 in the cradle of my heart.

I rejoice like all of creation,
 sailing on springtime’s
 seed-bearing breezes,
 and like the lily’s trumpet,
 I open wide my throat and my heart
 to join with all of heaven and earth
 in singing out the symphony of joy
 at Easter’s annual return.

I take hope in Christ’s victory over death,
 hope that, one with him,
 I will also have my Easter morning
 when I will be freed from the prison,
 the decaying dusty tomb,
 of my narrow and stony spirit.

I trust that I too will spring-like arise
 to a fullness of living and loving,
 to a life beyond all time and space,
 to a life one with you, my God.
 “Christ is risen, Alleluia!”

(From *Prayers for a Planetary Pilgrim*
 By Fr. Edward Hays)



**He has been
 raised!**

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SUNDAY, APRIL 1

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

MONDAY, APRIL 2

6:30 JOSEPH BLONSKI
 8:00 JOANN DALESANDRO

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

6:30 REV. RICH SUTTON
 8:00 DONALD C. HALL

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

6:30
 8:00 LUISETTA DI LEO CONICELLA

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

6:30 DECEASED MEMBERS
 & BENEFACTORS OF OSA
 8:00 TOM, JOHN, BILL, JIM
 & BETTY NEVILLE

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

6:30 JOHN BERRESFORD
 8:00 JOSEPHINE DESCANO
 (84TH BIRTHDAY)

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

8:00 JOHN CASEY (3RD ANNIVERSARY)

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
 PARISHIONERS
 9:30 FRANK & ANN MINTON
 11:15 JOSEPH MANDES

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