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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.
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>

BEARING FRUIT – GROWING IN DISCIPLESHIP

Visitors to areas where grapes are cultivated are often impressed by the strength and rugged endurance of their gnarled and fiercely intertwined vines. Staked on poles, pruned vines look as though they are dead, but in several weeks, their foliage is full and lush, and the vines are heavily laden with succulent fruit. Once the grapes are harvested, the cycle begins again – from seeming death to abundant life. With this metaphor of the vine-and-the-branches theme, Jesus has provided his followers with rich and familiar images with which to understand his desire to share his life with them.

Although it is peculiar to the fourth Gospel, the vine-and-the-branches theme is not uniquely Johannine. Indeed, the Hebrew Scriptures contain many such references in which Israel is portrayed as God's vine or vineyard. The evangelist, John, relied on these sources and used the vine/branches motif to describe the special life-giving relationship between God, Jesus and believers. Those who devoted themselves to preserving this relationship were regarded as fruitful; they would be pruned in order to bear even more fruit. Those who did not devote themselves to preserving their relationship with Jesus – who chose sterile unbelief rather than fruitful faith – could be cut away from the vine.

There is also Eucharistic significance in today's Gospel (John 15:1-8). Set within the context of the lengthy Last Supper discourse, the theme of the vine and branches illustrated the unity with Jesus that would thereafter be enjoyed by his disciples at their Eucharistic gatherings. In this instance, the cut-away and withered branches would refer to those who rejected Christ and the Eucharistic assembly in favor of their own ideas and pursuits.

However, even those who adhered to Johannine tradition and remained faithful to Christ and the community would be pruned or trimmed clean so as to bear more fruit. Some scholars understand this concept as a reference to Jesus' earlier action of washing his disciples' feet and declaring that they were "clean." Jesus went on to say that his disciples were also "trimmed clean" by means of the word he spoke to them. Future believers would also be "trimmed clean" by the word in the waters of their baptism, which initiates them into the life of Christ and the community of the church.

In every stage of growth and development, the vine and the branches, i.e., Jesus and his followers, are to remain in one another. From this union will flow good works and authentic witness.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Janine Hoffman, Lori Lesutis, Anne Shea,
William O'Donnell, Carol Luty,
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,
Charles and Patrick Craig, Bill Denny,
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.

Marriages: Congratulations to Lauren Brown and Ryan Rissinger who were married in our Church last week. May you continue to grow in God's love for you through each other.

Deceased: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Duncan Van Dusen and for the consolation of his family.

H.O.P.E

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

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION Holyday of Obligation

Vigil Mass – Wednesday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m.

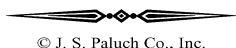
**Thursday, May 10 Masses:
6:30 and 8:00 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.**

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Meeting: The Parish Council will hold its next meeting on **Monday, May 7 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 Ron Hicks at 610-449-2748.

From the Pastor



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PARISH-WIDE MEETING AND PARISH PASTORAL PLAN

Dear Friends,

I'm looking forward to this Sunday's (April 29) Parish-wide Meeting, I look forward to sitting down for lunch with as many of you as can come, and discussing what's going on in the parish.

The Parish Council has been developing a Parish Pastoral Plan for over a year now. Based on input received from table discussions at last year's Parish-wide Meeting (Sunday, Marcy 26, 2017), a meeting of the PREP parents and other group gatherings, the council has been discussing and refining these materials into an organized list of Goals and Objectives.

As we continue this process and refine this document, we again ask you for your comments and input. Even if you can't come to this year's Parish-wide Meeting, you can be part of this process by reading the 3-page document online and commenting on it.

Please go to omgcp parish.org to access a PDF of the current draft of the Plan. You will also find a link where you can give input.

We intend to finalize these Goals and Objective into a Parish Pastoral Plan before September 1. This Parish Pastoral Plan will guide our priorities and activities for the next few years.

God's blessing on you and all your families!

Peace,
Father Liam



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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for April 22, 2018

In today's Gospel, Jesus says that God is glorified when a disciple, grafted in Christ, produces abundantly and bears much fruit. The disciple must then be a good steward of that abundance.

Envelope Contributions	\$7,827.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$697.00
Mailed in	\$1,185.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$9,709.00
Offering this time last year	\$9,198.78
Parish giving	\$635.00

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



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FATHER DAVID CREGAN, OSA Farewell

Please plan on joining us as we celebrate the 11:15 Mass and May Procession on **Sunday, May 6**. Fr. David Cregan, OSA will be our presider and we will follow the Mass and May Procession with a farewell reception in the gym for Fr. Cregan who has been assigned to work in Wisconsin with the Augustinian novices. Fr. David has been a large part of our community for over 15 years. Please join us in prayer and celebrations to send him off with good wishes. If you can help in any way, please go to www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080D4EA5AE22A57-father and sign up to help whatever way you can.

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INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Week of Hosting: Our parish will be hosting the IHN families once again during the **Week of May 27 – June 3**. If you can help in any of the following ways, please give us a call:

- A. If you can help set-up the Social Center on Saturday, May 26 at 10:00am or take-down and pack away equipment on Sunday, June 3 at 12:15pm, please call Karen Carey at 610-525-0147, ext. 227 or email kcarey@omgcp parish.net or Joe Carey at ext. 262 or email jcarey@omgcp parish.net.
- B. If you can **prepare a meal** one evening of that week, please call Toni Betz at 610-525-4499.
- C. If you can serve as an **evening host** during the week from 6:00 – 8:30 pm or serve as an **overnight host** from 8:30pm to 6:00am the following morning, once during the week, please call Barbara Noone at 610-649-4268 or email her at banoone9@gmail.com.

PEACE AND JUSTICE MEETING

The Peace and Justice Committee will meet again on **Thursday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Center.

SPIRITUAL READING GROUP

The Spiritual Reading Group will gather again on **Friday, May 4 at 10:00am** in our Parish Center to continue reading about the life and ministry of Cardinal Joseph Bernardin.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

On **June 3**, we will hold our annual Family Fun Day behind the church. We will celebrate the upcoming days of summer, vacations, and a little more restful days. We will have moon bounces, water slides, games, fun and much more! Please put the date on your calendar for June 3 immediately following the 11:15 Mass! Watch the bulletin for details.

MAIN LINE GUN VIOLENCE

**Awareness Day – Friday, May 4
4:00 – 6:00pm**

Beginning at 4:00pm at Bethel AME Church, 50 South Merion Avenue in Bryn Mawr, there will be an educational forum and a call to action. At 4:30pm, a Witness Walk through Bryn Mawr to Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church on Montgomery Avenue will take place. A Remembrance Service will be held on the front lawn of BMPC followed by an art exhibit honoring those lost to gun violence and participation in an advocacy-action activity. The afternoon is sponsored by Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence. Come join us if you can. Refreshments will be provided.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT FACILITATOR

We are looking for one or two persons who are willing to take a full two day course to become a Safe Environment Facilitator. The person(s) must be willing to facilitate two Safe Environment Training Sessions per year. We are constantly training volunteers who would like to work with children, (Catechists, Liturgy of the Word Ministers, Coaches and assistants), in the mandated Virtus Safe Environment Program. If you are interested in attaining this certification, or would like more information, please contact Karen Carey at 610-525-0147, ext. 258.

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Presents

The Wizard of Oz

Friday, May 4th at 7:00pm

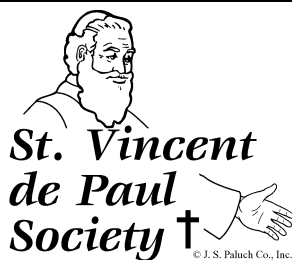
Saturday, May 5th at 2:00 and 7:00pm

in the SCJN Parish Center

Tickets: \$8 Adults and \$5 Children

Tickets will also be sold at the door.





CLOTHING DRIVE

The St. Vincent DePaul Society, through the services of GreenDrop, will be here on **Saturday, May 12th** 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.



UPCOMING VOLLEYBALL SESSIONS

Attention 2nd to 8th Grade Students

St. Thomas/Good Counsel CYO will sponsor 2 volleyball inquiry/open houses **Saturday, May 5 and May 19 from 9:00 – 11:00AM** at OMGC Gym. Come learn the basic facts and have some fun. Let's see if we have enough interest for an intramural group or maybe even a team in the future. The dates have been determined by our volleyball coaches who have graciously offered their expertise! Both boys and girls are welcome! For more information, contact Joe Carey at jcarey@omgcp parish.net.

MOUNT ST. JOSEPH ACADEMY

Offers 7th Grade Visitations

We invite seventh grade girls to experience life at the Mount. Join us for a morning visit. Visitations will continue through May. All visits can be arranged online. Visit our website at www.msjacad.org for more information.

JOB POSTING INFORMATION

Merion Mercy Academy, an independent, all girls Catholic High School sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, has an opening for a full-time teaching position in the **English department** for the 2018 – 2019 school year. Qualified applicants with an English degree and secondary certification are asked to submit a cover letter and resume by **Monday, April 30th**. Experienced preferred. Send email to: Mary Ann Danovich, Assistant Head of School for Academic Affairs, madanovich@merion-mercy.com.

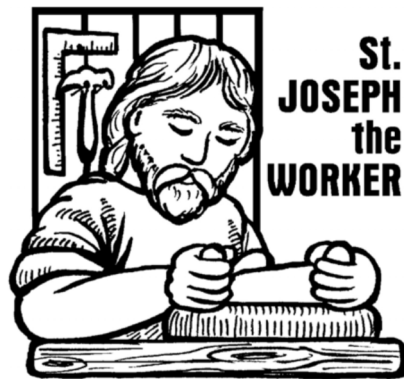
The school also has an opening for a full-time teaching position in the **Theology department** for the 2018 – 2019 school year. Roman Catholics with a religious studies degree and secondary certification are asked to submit a cover letter and resume by **Monday, May 7th**. Experienced preferred. Send to: Mary Ann Danovich, Assistant Head of School for Academic Affairs, at madanovich@merion-mercy.com.

UNBOUND:
FREEDOM IN CHRIST Conference
Victory Church
2650 Audubon Road in Norristown
June 15 and 16

Unbound is a ministry of freedom and healing that helps us to release the Power of the Gospel into our lives. We all have areas in our lives where we don't experience freedom. These can be patterns of habitual sin, addictions, negative thoughts, resentments and other forms of spiritual difficulty. Speakers at the conference are Neal Lozano and his wife Janet, members of our parish. Their son, Matt Lozano, is an experienced teacher, who travels across the globe to teach people to use **Unbound Ministry**.

To register, go to www.heartofthefather.com/event or call 610-952-3019, ext. 1.

Feast of
St. Joseph
the Worker
Tuesday, May 1



MALVERN RETREAT HOUSE OFFERINGS

315 S. Warren Avenue in Malvern

Sr. Suzanne Mayer, IHM will offer a Retreat Day for Mothers of Children with Disabilities on **Tuesday, May 1 from 9:30am to 2:00pm**. The theme of the retreat day is "The Spirituality of Caregiving." We invite mothers who are raising children with disabilities and also those who have adult children with disabilities to attend this retreat day. There will be time to pray, reflect and chat with other mothers. Cost of the day is \$35.00. Registration: www.malvernretreat.com. or 610-644-0400.

ST. RAPHAELA CENTER

Taize Prayer with Adoration

May 9, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

The practice of contemplative prayer opens us to encounter and to be formed by this love that is poured out. Taize worship is a contemplative communal prayer service that consists of meditative singing, Scripture reading and periods of silence in order to reach a contemplative state of presence to the moment. St. Raphaela offers Taize Prayer on the **2nd Wednesday of each month from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.** Eucharistic Adoration is available until midnight after Taize service for those who wish to remain for an extended time.

IHM CONFERENCE CENTER

May Offerings

Wednesday, May 9 - Saints and Saintly People: St. Katharine Drexel, Philadelphia's Saint for the People of God. **9:00 – 11:30 a.m.** Presenter, Sister Beth Woodward, will share how Katharine's life and vocation impacted the Church and American history. Stipend - \$15.00.

Wednesday, May 23 – Movie with Meaning – "The Reluctant Saint"

In an impoverished village in Cupertino, Italy, a kindly bishop accepts a simple but pious young Joseph into the monastery and a series of miraculous events follow! Stipend \$15 (includes lunch).

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



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SUNDAY, APRIL 29

- 7:30 EMELIO PALERMO
9:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
11:15 JOANN DALESANDRO

MONDAY, APRIL 30

- 6:30
8:00 MATTHEW MARKFORD LUTY

TUESDAY, MAY 1

- 6:30 NICOLE CHIANELLI
8:00 JOHN ROBINSON

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

- 6:30
8:00 DANIEL T. STIGLIANO
(98TH BIRTHDAY)

THURSDAY, MAY 3

- 6:30
8:00 CARL DALESANDRO

FRIDAY, MAY 4

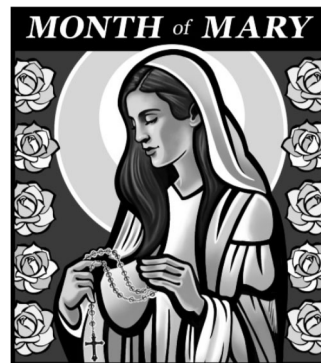
- 6:30
8:00 WILLIAM C. TOMLINSON

SATURDAY, MAY 5

- 8:00 ANTHONY TETI

SUNDAY, MAY 6

- 7:30 CHARLES P. SWEENEY
(82ND BIRTHDAY)
9:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
11:15 CARL DALESANDRO



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