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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

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PARISH WEB SITE:

<http://www.OMGCPARISH.ORG>

LIVE IN MY LOVE

Today's Gospel (John 15:9-17) begins with an astounding statement: "As the Father loves me, so I love you." That's another way of saying, "I love you as an integral, intimate part of my own identity. I could not be who I am without you."

Then came the invitation: "Remain in my love." The word "remain" can also be translated as "abide" or "live." It expresses Jesus' request that we return the love he is giving. To abide in his love implies a double sense of both receiving life from him and dwelling in him. Far more than any sort of companionship, this is Jesus' request and invitation that disciples, among whom most of us hope to number ourselves, cultivate a relationship with him that makes them ever more conscious that he is the source of their life. Abiding in him allows his approach to life, his values, his loves and desires to take root in us. He is inviting us to relate to him in the same way as he relates to the Father.

The concrete example he gives of this is the request that we keep his commandments just as he keeps the Father's commandments. When we look at Jesus' life, we do not find him concentrating on rules but living out of the heart of his relationship with God. For Jesus to keep God's commands was not a question of law but of sharing God's deepest desires and acting on them in his own life. That relationship with the Father was not only his source of life, but also, as he says here, his joy – the joy he wanted to share with his disciples as well. In that same vein, he tells us that he doesn't look to us to be his servants, but his friends – people who share his own heart's desires.

Then comes the call to mission. Unlike what we hear in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, Jesus does not give disciples a mission job description. Here's no command to preach, baptize or heal. All Jesus tells us to do is bear fruit that springs from love. That of course, is a job description without limits. But he also gives us an unlimited promise of support, assuring us that when we ask the Father anything in his name, in other words, whenever we desire to unite ourselves more deeply to him and his purpose, the Father will grant our petition. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus left with the promise that he would always be with us ("Emmanuel"). Here, he promises not just to be with, but that his life can flourish in us.

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.



Congratulations to **Ed and Eileen Wintrode** who celebrated their **50th Wedding Anniversary** on April 27th. May God continue to bless you with much love and happiness.

H.O.P.E

If you are in need a ride to the doctor, shopping, etc., call Joanne Bramley at 610-457-6638 or 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.

SENIOR COMMUNITY GATHERING

Senior Community Members will gather once again on **Friday, May 18 at 12 noon** to enjoy time together at a "Tea Party." Please plan to join us as we once again strengthen our skills as first-class Bingo experts.

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.

MAIN LINE GUN VIOLENCE Awareness Day – Sunday, May 6th 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.



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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for April 29, 2018

Jesus commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself—my skills and talents, my time and resources—will best demonstrate my love for God’s people?

Envelope Contributions	\$5,749.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$922.00
Mailed in	\$1,300.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$7,971.00
Offering this time last year	\$8,439.00
Good Friday for the Holy Places.....	\$1,661.00
Operation Rice Bowl.....	\$3,355.27

Parish Giving Program: Parish Giving is a safe, secure and easy way to make online parish and church related donations. To get started, log onto our website at www.omgcp parish.org and click on the Parish Giving logo in the upper right hand corner. Follow the easy registration steps. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Juhline at 610-525-0147 or pjuhline@omgcp parish.net.

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

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

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PARISH PICNIC!

On **June 3**, our parish will hold a Family Fun Day/ Picnic in the yard behind the church. We will have organized games (looking for volunteers!), hamburgers, hot dogs, water slides, moon bounces, music and loads of fun! Please consider bringing a dessert or snack to share. Watch the bulletin for more details. If you are interested in helping with planning or setting up, please contact Karen Carey at 610-525-0147, ext. 227 or kcarey@omgcp parish.net.



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VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible Camp will be held **August 20 - 24!** We will be on an adventure where we find ourselves **SHIPWRECKED** and rescued by Jesus! Watch the bulletin for details. All children, ages 4 through 10, are invited to join us. We are looking for middle school and high school helpers!! If interested, please contact Karen Carey at 610-525-0147, ext. 227 or kcarey@omgcp parish.net.



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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.

JOB POSTING INFORMATION

Merion Mercy Academy 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.

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.msacad.org for more information.

SHOE-DRIVE FOR FUNDRAISING

The African Catholic Youth of Philadelphia is having a shoe-drive for fundraising. We are asking for your donations of fairly usable shoes, boots, sneakers, sandals, etc. for us.

Please call Sr. Florence Enechukwu at 267-282-3487 or you can drop them off at 741 Polo Road, Bryn Mawr. You can also drop them off at 222 N. 17th Street in Philadelphia.

Sr. Florence is the coordinator for the African Catholic Apostolate in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and works with the youth and young adults of the first generation of African Catholics in the Archdiocese.

Thank you for your generous donations that will help us meet our target number of 300 lbs. of shoes.



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BREAD FOR THE WORLD 2018 Offering of Letters Campaign

Bread for the World (BFW) has initiated its 2018 Offering of Letters Campaign, "For Such a Time as This". BFW is a Christian, non-partisan organization that urges our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. The current Hunger and Poverty situation:

- US poverty and food insecurity rates continued to decline in 2016.
- Still, more than 41 million Americans, including 13 million children, lived in households that struggled to put food on the table.
- More than 40 million Americans lived below the poverty line in 2016.
- Philadelphia remained the poorest of America's ten most populous cities with a poverty rate of nearly 26 percent (400,000) residents). Nearly half lived in deep poverty.

The poverty and food insecurity rate reductions have occurred because of several life-saving programs funded by the US Government. These include Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program, Earned Income Tax Credits (EIC), Medicare, Medicaid and others. Funding for these programs is now under great pressure from Washington officials. Congressional Budget Office (CBO) analysis indicates that the combination of the 2017 Tax cuts and the 2018 budget resolution will add \$1.8 trillion to the deficit over the coming decade after factoring in the positive effects on the economy. Administration and Congressional leaders are focusing on significant cuts in the programs listed along with major structural changes to save money. Independent analysis about the impact and cost of these programs:

- SNAP moved an estimated 3.6 million people out of poverty in 2016.
- About two thirds of SNAP recipients are children, elderly, or disabled and 93 percent of SNAP funding is spent on food.
- 1.8 million Pennsylvanians received SNAP benefits in 2017 adding more than \$215 million into our economy creating jobs in that industry, farming and food production.
- More than 7.6 million low income women and young children benefited from WIC.
- EIC moved 8.2 million people out of poverty in 2016 including 4.8 million children.
- Fraud rates have been reduced to levels estimated at 1.5 percent last year.

The BFW 2018 Offering of Letters will focus on these benefits during the 2019 Spending Bill process which is underway from now through the current fiscal year ending in Fall. Won't you join others in our Parish after all the Masses during the weekend of June 09/10 to write and/or sign letters to our Senators in support of BFW's efforts?

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.

YOU ARE INVITED To a Brown Bag Lunch At St. Thomas of Villanova Wednesday, May 16 at 12:45pm In the Rosemont Chapel

Join us for a "Balance Workshop" presented by Dr. Nathaniel Haas, a Balance and Dizziness expert from Bounce Back Physical Therapy Center in Wayne. If you or a loved one is experiencing dizziness, or feel less stable than you used to when walking, or are afraid of falling and getting hurt, then this is the perfect seminar for you. Bring your lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided.

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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).

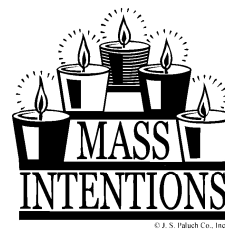
To register for either of the above, call: 610-581-0120 or email mdgipprich@gmail.com.

MALVERN RETREAT HOUSE
OFFERINGS
315 S. Warren Avenue in Malvern

Fr. Larry Richards, international author, evangelist, TV and radio host will be directing a 24-hour retreat for men on **June 8-9**, entitled, *Be A Man*. This is the first time he has preached at Malvern Retreat House and we invite all men, of all ages, to attend this dynamic, life-changing retreat. Register early at 610-644-0400 or online at www.malvernretreat.com.



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SUNDAY, MAY 6

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

MONDAY, MAY 7

- 6:30 DUNCAN VAN DUSEN
 8:00 JAMES CORRIGAN

TUESDAY, MAY 8

- 6:30 DECEASED MEMBERS AND
 BENEFACTORS OF OSA
 8:00 DOMENIC DI MARTINO, SR.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

- 6:30 ANNE TINSLEY MARK
 8:00 MARK, MICHELLE, AND
 MICHAEL CONNOR
 7:30 VIGIL OF THE ASCENSION

THURSDAY, MAY 10
FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

- 6:30 SHIRLEY TINSLEY
 8:00 JAMES J. FOLEY
 12:10 DUNCAN VAN DUSEN

FRIDAY, MAY 11

- 6:30 MR. AND MRS. ANGELO IANNAcone
 8:00 JOSEPHINE DESCANO
 (IN HONOR OF MOTHERS' DAY)

SATURDAY, MAY 12

- 8:00 LUISETTA CONICELLA AND
 MARIA DI MARTINO

SUNDAY, MAY 13

- 6:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
 PARISHIONERS
 8:00 EILEEN GALLAGHER
 11:15 JOHN HURLEY

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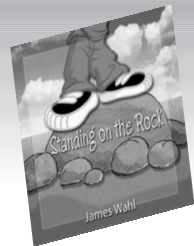
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