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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>

FROM A MOUNTAINTOP IN GALILEE, WE, TOO, ARE SENT FORTH

At the beginning of Matthew's Gospel, we were reminded of the prophecy that a virgin would conceive a son: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and name him Emmanuel which means *God is with us*." In the last line of today's Gospel (Matt 28:16-20), Jesus tells the disciples "And behold, *I am with you always*, until the end of the age." Matthew is telling us that what began with the birth of Jesus has no end. That is an especially important promise in light of the fact that Matthew paints a final picture of the disciples as a weak and fallible group.

Matthew opens this final scene of the Gospel telling us that the eleven disciples went to a mountain in Galilee because the women had told them that Jesus promised to meet them there. Although we may not realize it, their encounter on the mountain is the first and only time that Matthew depicts the risen Lord appearing to men disciples. Christ had appeared to the women who went to his tomb, but no men entered into that part of Matthew's story. The only people who saw the risen Lord were the women and then the eleven who believed enough in the good news the women proclaimed to undertake a journey to Galilee.

Matthew gives us much detail about the women's encounter with Christ. When he says that Jesus met them as they left the tomb and greeted them, he implies that Jesus was waiting for them. Matthew tells us that the women drew near Jesus, took hold of his feet and did him homage. Although they may not have understood all that was happening, the women approached him with unqualified faith. With that, Christ commissioned them to tell the disciples to go to Galilee where they would meet him.

At the moment of encounter, Matthew tells us that when they saw him, the men worshipped and doubted. This clearly implies that their faith was less complete than that of the women. As we imagine this scene, we should remember that the group was called "the eleven," a reminder that one of the chosen ones had betrayed them all. Matthew describes the group with all their failings and still indicated that the all-powerful Lord knew exactly what he was doing as he handed on his mission to this frail troupe and those they would bring into their fold.

If we would be tempted to put too much emphasis on the importance of those particular eleven, Matthew quickly forces us to see a much larger picture as he relates Jesus' command: They are to bring what they have to the entire world. Matthew's Gospel ends with hints of its beginning. The first to worship Emmanuel were foreigners, the Magi. In the end, the disciples are to invite the entire world to share the life of Father, Son and Spirit.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Janine Hoffman, Lori Lesutis,
William O'Donnell, Carol Luty, Nora Nhek,
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.

H.O.P.E

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



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MEMORIAL DAY
Monday May 28, 2018
One Mass only at 9:00 a.m.
Parish Office Closed

New Members: We welcome to our parish community Andrew Batt and Julianne Burke who recently registered with us.

Marriages: Congratulations to Lauren McFadden and Luke Musser 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 Harriett E. G. Margolis and for the consolation of her family.



**INTERFAITH
HOSPITALITY
NETWORK (IHN)**

Thank you to all who have volunteered your time, energy and hospitality to the families who will be joining us today, **May 27**, here

in the parish for the week. We ask your prayers for the families in particular, but also that their time with us will be a safe, healthy and profitable one for these families who are temporarily without homes.

Important IHN Phone Numbers: Because of our phone system here in the parish, it is important that you know the numbers to call if you are trying to reach someone helping with the IHN families during the week of **May 27 – June 3**. These numbers will be necessary to have whenever the Parish Office is closed or after 5:00 p.m. on work days this week.

Parish Phone – 610-525-0147 – Ext. 255
(Social Center – school)
IHN Direct Line – 610-525-1727

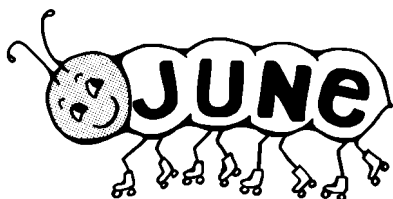
Parish IHN Committee Meeting: The Parish Committee will meet on **Thursday, June 7 at 4:00pm** to prepare for the July 8 – 15 week of hosting which will be upon us next month.

SPIRITUAL READING GROUP

This group will meet for the last time before our summer break on **Friday, June 1 at 10:00 a.m.** in our Parish Center. We will conclude reading the book about Cardinal Joseph Bernardin. In the Fall, we will begin reading about another Catholic man or woman who made a great contribution to the Church. More information will follow sometime in August before we resume our gatherings in September.

P & J COMMITTEE MEETING

The Peace and Justice Committee will hold its next meeting on **Thursday, June 7 at 7:00pm** at Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish Center.



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**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
for May 20, 2018**

Today’s second reading reminds us that we are the adopted sons and daughters—the heirs—of God. We are good stewards of our inheritance when we share our faith and fulfill Our Lord’s command to “go...and make disciples of all the nations.

Envelope Contributions	\$6,453.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$1,144.00
Mailed in	\$650.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$8,247.00
Offering this time last year	\$8,517.00

**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, June 4 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 colettesutton309@yahoo.com.



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PARISH PICNIC!

On **Sunday, June 3**, OMGC will host a Parish Picnic in the yard behind the school! (**Note the change in area**). Come join us outside our new Social Center for moon bounces, water slides, burgers and hot dogs and some good old fashioned games! You need to bring: lawn chairs, beach blankets, salad or dessert to share, and of course BYOB—we will have openers and cups. We are looking for persons to help with bbq, games, moon bounce monitors and clean-up crews! Please help us start off the summer with this family friendly parish wide event! We are excited to invite ALL PARISHIONERS, OLD AND YOUNG AND IN BETWEEN! Please RSVP to Karen at kcarey@omgparish.net or 610-525-0147, ext. 227.



BREAD FOR THE WORLD 2018 Offering of Letters Campaign

Who are the “Food Insecure” for whom we advocate in the US Budget process through our Parish participation in the Bread for the World (BFW) 2018 Offering of Letters? In previous bulletins, we identified the American working poor. They are the majority of those who are helped out of poverty by temporary assistance from the many National programs that make up the Safety Net. We considered stories of school age children, low-income women, infants and children up to five, plus college students. American Seniors also need assistance from these programs at an alarming rate. 3.9 million Seniors live below the poverty level and countless others live marginally above in food insecurity. Their numbers have been growing and could grow by another 50 percent by 2025. Is this how we want to treat our beloved parents, grandparents and elders in what should be their golden years?

US Foreign Assistance programs, which save millions of lives each year, are also targeted for drastic cuts. US Agency for International Development (USAID) assistance helps countries develop self-sufficiency and provides food and humanitarian relief for emergency/disaster situations. Globally, 815 million people live in undernourished situations leading to 2.5 million child deaths annually. South Sudan, where 8 of 10 people live on \$1 per day, demonstrates USAID effectiveness. South Sudan faces famine from years of war and drought yet has thousands of acres of fertile land in the County of Renk. USAID projects have helped farmers there to develop their ability to grow their own food and export as well. Bishop Atern, Episcopal Bishop of the growing region, said that the region could feed the whole country with further assistance. The constant war violence makes it difficult and dangerous for aid workers to do so.

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) wrote letters to the US Congress on March 03, 2017: “Our Conference supports the goal of reducing future unsustainable deficits, and believe our nation has an obligation to address their impact on the health of the economy. At the same time, a just framework for the federal budget cannot rely on disproportionate cuts in essential services to poor and vulnerable persons.” “The needs of those who are hungry and homeless, vulnerable and at risk, without work or in poverty should come first.”

You can help by signing letters to our Senators the weekend of June 09/10 in support of maintaining these critical programs. Details on the process will be in next week’s bulletin.



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 kcarey@omgparish.net or 610-525-0147, ext. 227.

ST. RAPHAELA CENTER 616 Coopertown Rd. in Haverford Vocation Discernment Retreat June 15 – 4:00pm to June 17 – 12:00pm

Learn how to discern God’s will for you; Pray about your future; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; Mass; Divine Office prayed with Sisters; Shared Prayer; Private time; There is no cost for this retreat.

Please contact Sr. Uyen-Chi at ucdang@straphaelacenter.org or 610-642-5715 to register for this retreat.

Summer Directed Retreat Week/Weekend:

St. Raphaela Center offers retreats for an extended time of prayer and silence, accompanied by a Spiritual Director.

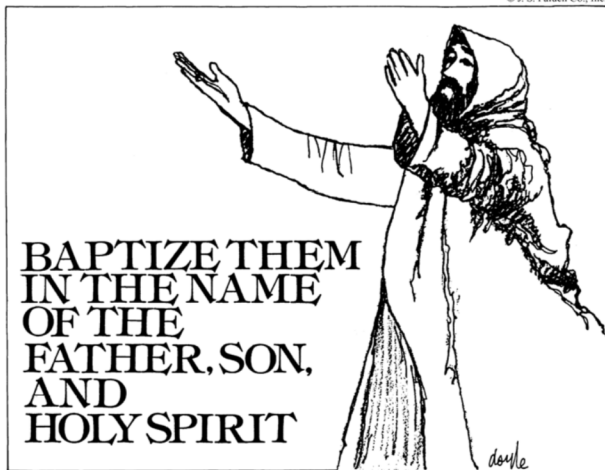
Summer Directed Retreat I: July 13 – 20, 2018

Summer Directed Retreat II: July 23 – 30, 2018

To register, call 610-642-5715 or www.straphaelacenter.org.

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THE CATHOLIC ALTERNATIVE TO MINDFULNESS

**A 24-Hour Retreat
Saturday, June 9—6:30pm to
Sunday, June 10—2:30pm**

Mindfulness has come a long way from its days as an obscure Buddhist meditation technique known only to monks and a few New Age enthusiasts to what it is now – one of the hottest new spiritual practices of our day. Do We Need Mindfulness to be Mindful? Sue Brinkmann answers! As a Third Order Carmelite and researcher of that which is New Age, Brinkmann presents a compelling, authentic teaching from a Christian perspective.

Location: Malvern Retreat House, Our Lady's Hall

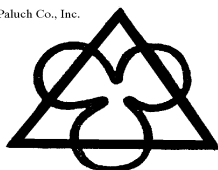
Cost: \$150.00 per person – includes accommodations and all meals

To register: Please call 610-644-0400 or visit www.malvernretreat.com.

**IMPORTANT REQUEST
Allergies**

Please do not bring food that contains peanuts, nuts, peanut products or nut products inside the church. Someone sitting near you may have a serious allergy. Thank you.

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**Father, Son,
Holy Spirit**



**RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE
Here in our Gym – Tuesday, June 5**

Please consider donating a pint of blood when the Red Cross Bloodmobile comes to OMGC's gym on **Tuesday, June 5 from 2:00 – 7:00 PM**. Please invite a friend to come with you to donate as well. The number of willing donors lessens as the Summer heat arrives. If you can donate, please fill out the pledge form here, or one from the pews, and place it in the Red Cross box at the entrance of the church. Also, you can phone or email your pledge to Joe Betz at 610-525-4499, joseph.betz@villanova.edu, or Frank Quinn at 610-525-7262, fc.quinn@verizon.net. Or you can pledge on line at www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: our mother good counsel.

Pledge Form (Please place in box at entrance of church)

I will try to donate blood to the Red Cross at OMGC's gym on Tuesday, June 5th.

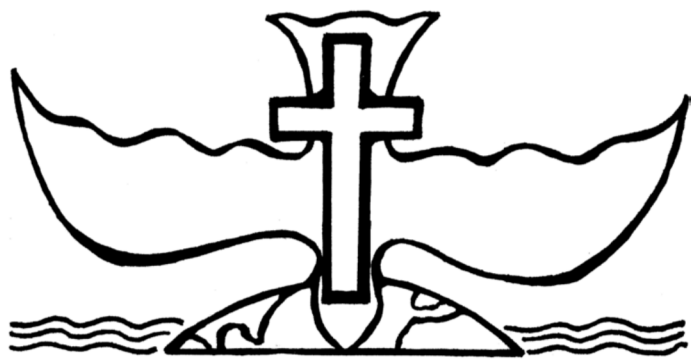
Name: _____

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Postal Address _____

Email Address _____

Appointment Time _____
(in 15 minute intervals between 2 and 7 pm)



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A "MEMORIAL DAY" PRAYER

God of all nations, we ask Your blessing
of peace, happiness and rest
for those who gave their lives for our country and
for us.

Make us worthy of their sacrifice.

Unite us in our determination to live in peace
and harmony with one another.

Give us the will and the courage
to make justice and freedom realities,
not only for ourselves, but for people the world over.

Guide us in our efforts toward the formation
of not only a better America but a better world,
a world in which all of us can see Your presence
more clearly; can share Your love more fully; and
reflect more faithfully through the quality of our
lives

the concern for the common good
as expressed by the founders of this nation
and by all those who died to make
freedom and peace our heritage.

Amen.

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*Visitation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*

Mass Intentions



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SUNDAY, MAY 27

- 7:30 FRANCES KENNEY
9:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
11:15 BILL AND MARY LONG

MONDAY, MAY 28

- 9:00 JOHN DERHAM

TUESDAY, MAY 29

- 6:30 REV. CHARLES VIVIANO
8:00 JAMES AND ANNA FOLEY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

- 6:30 STAN MALIS
8:00 FRANCESCA R. FARLEY

THURSDAY, MAY 31

- 6:30
8:00 CATHERINE ANNE IMMS

FRIDAY, JUNE 1

- 6:30
8:00 MARGARET ROSSER
(24TH ANNIVERSARY)

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

- 8:00 NANCY MURRAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
9:30 SALVATORE PETROCCIA
(80TH BIRTHDAY)
11:15 BRIDGET GILLESPIE

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