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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>

MANY WILL REJOICE AT HIS BIRTH

St. Luke has carefully put together the story of the annunciation and birth of John the Baptist in today's Gospel (Luke 1:57-66, 80) to demonstrate that John was the doorway between the old and the new. John's parents look uncannily like the elderly, childless Abraham and Sarah, except that Abraham was the main character in that story and Elizabeth plays the larger role in this one.

In general, Luke records comparable details about the births of John and Jesus, with Jesus being the greater – symbolized by John leaping in his mother's womb when the pregnant Mary entered their house. Nevertheless, the reception that friends and family gave to John far outshone Jesus' lonely birth in Bethlehem. We hear nothing from Luke about how Mary and Joseph dealt with her unexpected pregnancy, but Luke tells us that everybody rejoiced with Elizabeth when they learned that the Lord had shown great mercy to her by giving her a son. Jesus was born in such obscurity that angels had to send shepherds to visit, while the whole clan seemingly gathered for John's circumcision.

The circumstances Luke presents about John's birth symbolically indicate that God's ancient promises are being fulfilled and something radically new is beginning. From the Christian vantage point, Elizabeth and Zechariah are the end of the old, the final chapter of the saga of Abraham and Sarah and the advent of something new. A gentle hint about the radical novelty afoot is that Elizabeth, the new Sarah, does far more than laugh at the wonder of an old woman conceiving a child. Elizabeth had already proclaimed that Mary was the mother of the Savior and Elizabeth took the leading role in this celebration.

When Zechariah sang, the combination of extraordinary signs was finally too much for the gathered group. They had rejoiced with Elizabeth and they were amazed when she named her son. But when they witnessed the miracle of the return of Zechariah's speech and his proclamation, the situation had become downright unnerving. Luke tells us that the people were struck with fear. But even though they felt the need to get away, they couldn't stop talking about it. The story ends with a question that runs through the first half of the Gospel: What will this child be?

The question about John persists as the larger question about what God is doing among us at any moment. When Luke describes the progression of the people's reactions from shared joy to amazement to fear, he is showing us how much safer it feels to hope and wonder than to interpret what God is actually doing among us. Beginning with his parents and Mary, the story of John's birth teaches us to rejoice in the wonders of the day, trusting that only this will prepare us for God's tomorrow.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Janine Hoffman, Anne Shea, Nora Nhek,
Pelham McClellen, Julie Loftus,
William O'Donnell, Carol Luty,,
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,
Bill and Ella Denny,
Lori Lesutis

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.

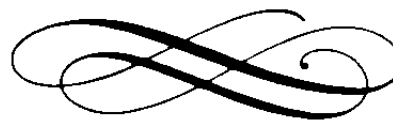
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Helping Other People in Emergencies

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

Baptisms: We welcome to our faith community Jack Alger Whitcraft, son of Michael and Carrie. We also welcome William Campion Olenik son of James and Elizabeth.

Both children were baptized in our Church recently.



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PARISH OFFICE SUMMER SCHEDULE

Fourth of July: The Parish Office will be **closed** on Independence Day, **Wednesday, July 4th**. There will be only **one Mass** celebrated that day at **9:00 a.m.** Enjoy the Holiday!

As has been done for the past few years, the Parish Center/Church Office will be closed on **Fridays during July and August**. The Office will reopen on Fridays, September 10th.



SENIOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS

The Senior Members of our Parish and neighboring parishes will gather on the afternoon of **Friday, June 29 at 12 noon** in the Social Center of the school building. If you plan to join us for a relaxing and community-building afternoon, please bring your usual lunch nourishment. Beverages and desserts will be provided by the members who have already volunteered to do so. If you are not among the volunteers this month, please come and enjoy time with others.



Interfaith Hospitality
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INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Food Needs for IHN: If you can donate any of the following food items for our guests when they arrive on **Sunday, July 8**, please put them in the food box at the entrance of the church next Sunday:

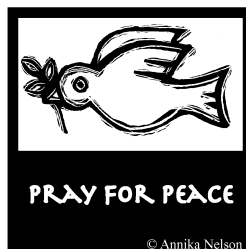
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| Soup | Crackers | Tuna Fish |
| Salad Dressing | Jelly | Mustard |
| Lemonade Mix | Iced Tea Mix | Coffee |
| Tea Bags | Cookies | Peanut Butter |
| Cold Cereal | Mayonnaise | Ketchup |
| Juices: Boxes or Bottles | | |

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME for June 17, 2018

It is important that we budget our hours as we budget our income so we are able to give our **time** to be involved in church and community activities. Why not keep a record for one week of how you spend your time? How much do the church and community organizations get of that time?

Envelope Contributions	\$6,776.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$878.00
Mailed in	\$859.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$8,513.00
Offering this time last year	\$6,515.06
Electronic Giving of June 15, 2018.....	\$3,727.00

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



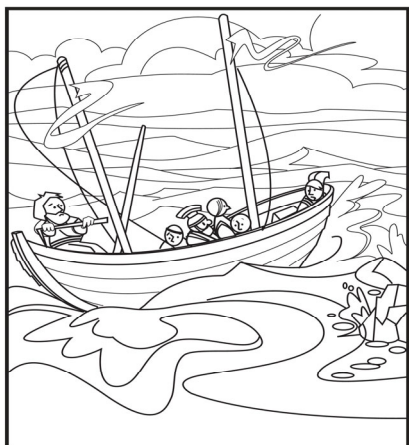
**PEACE AND JUSTICE
Summer Film Series
Wednesday, June 27th 7:00pm
in the Rosemont Auditorium**

Join us for the 1st of three films that the Peace and Justice Committee of St. Thomas of Villanova and Our Mother of Good Counsel will be hosting this summer. The first film to be shown will be: *“White Like Me”* by Tim Wise. A short discussion will follow the viewing of the film.

Timothy Jacob “Tim” Wise is an American anti-racism activist and writer. Since 1995, he has given speeches at over 600 college campuses across the United States. Please plan to join us for this important educational experience from which we can all grow in understanding and awareness of the evil of racism and the need of conversion.



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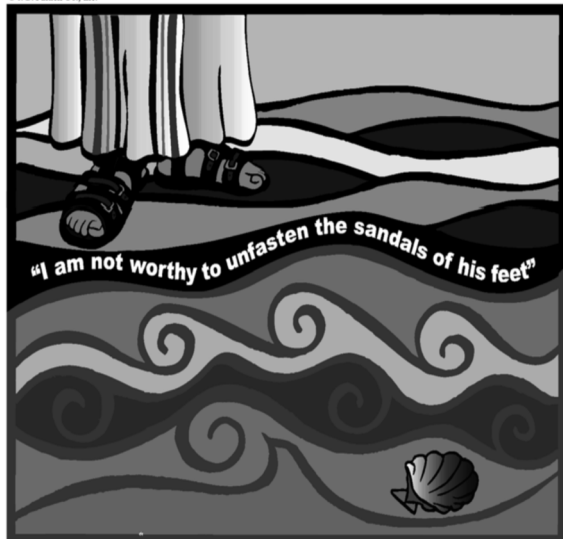
SHIPWRECKED!!!

All children, ages 4 through 10, are invited to join us on an adventure where we find ourselves: SHIPWRECKED, BUT SAVED BY JESUS! Our Vacation Bible Camp will run from August 20 through August 24 from 9:00a.m. until Noon. Come join the adventure! If interested, please call the Parish office at 610-525-0147 for registration.

HELP NEEDED

Our Vacation Bible Camp is looking for students in Grades 6 – 12 to be part of our camp which will run from August 20 to August 24, 9:00 a.m. until Noon. We need station leaders and crew leaders. This is a great opportunity for those who might be looking for service hours, or for those who are just looking to have some fun! Please contact Karen Carey at 610-525-0147 or kcarey@omgcp parish.net.

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ST. RAPHAELA CENTER 616 Coopertown Rd. in Haverford

Furniture Needed: St. Raphaela Center is looking to furnish 7 bedrooms. Please contact us at 610-642-5715 or email straphaelacenter@gmail.com if you would like to donate twin size beds, desks, recliners, dressers and night stands. Thank you for being part of our mission!



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Taize Prayer: Offered on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

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. The next Taize Prayer will be offered on **Wednesday, July 11 at 7:30 p.m.** The opportunity for additional Eucharistic Adoration in silence is offered until midnight.



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES at Merion-Mercy Academy

Merion Mercy Academy is looking to hire a Varsity & assistant Varsity tennis coach, assistant soccer coach and assistant volleyball coach. Please contact Athletic Director Barbara Clarke at bclarke@merion-mercy.com.

CHARISMATIC RETREAT

June 29 – July 1, 2018

Malvern Retreat House

315 S. Warren Ave., in Malvern

All are welcome to attend a Charismatic Retreat in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Office for the Charismatic Renewal, with Sr. Ann Shields, SGL and Fr. James Blount, SOLT, with Kathleen McCarthy participating in a Healing Prayer Service during the weekend of **June 29 – July 1.**

Register at www.malvernretreat.com/register or call 610-644-0400.

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For more information or to register, go to www.wwme-philly.org or call 484-393-1645.

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THE JOY OF RESTORATION

Retreat for Men and Women

August 3 – 5, 2018

All of us need restoration from time to time in our spiritual lives, our relationships with God and others, in our families and communities. This retreat will look at restoration in terms of: forgiveness and accountability, impediments to evangelization and spiritual growth, relationships with God and others, mercy and healing. This retreat will feature nationally acclaimed speakers and experts from various disciplines and perspectives.

When: August 3 – 5, 2018

Where: Malvern Retreat House
315 S. Warren Ave., in Malvern

Cost: \$265.00 per person
includes accommodations and meals

Register: malvernretreat.com/register
or call 610-644-0400.

CARDINAL O'HARA HIGH SCHOOL50th Reunion

The class of 1968 will celebrate their 50th reunion on **Friday, October 5, 2018** at Springfield Country Club in Springfield, PA beginning at **5:30 p.m.** For more information, contact Nancy Cooney at nancycooney@hotmail.com or Pat Murphy Doman at pmdoman@gmail.com.



Thursday, June 28



Friday, June 29

A PSALM OF THE PROPHET SUMMER

O Sacred Creator of heaven and earth,
like a loving parent with a
choice Christmas gift,
You keep your present of paradise
hidden away from my sight.

Your son, Jesus, said that eye has not seen
nor ear heard what you have dreamed up for us
when we finally come home to you.
But I wonder: are there seasons in Heaven
just as there are on earth?

Or have you chosen one of earth's four
as your favorite, one unending, changeless
season of bliss for those who love you?
If so, I'd bet that you selected summer,
with its picnics and leisurely pace,
with its fun and play and whole-hearted zest.

I'd lay odds that you set apart summer,
the season of vacations –
children's favorite free-time,
when both young and old
drink in the enjoyment of life –
to be the work-free environment
of your heavenly paradise.

May I, by your grace,
taste your eternal Sabbath in the warm
pleasures of this summer day,
and slowly savor the flavor of your reward
in the nectar of this summer night.



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SUNDAY, JUNE 24

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
9:30 FRANCES KENNEY
11:15 JOSEPH MC NAMARA
(36TH ANNIVERSARY)

MONDAY, JUNE 25

- 6:30 FR. JOHN DENNY, OSA
8:00 DUNCAN VAN DUSEN

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

- 6:30 FR. JOHN DENNY, OSA
8:00 JOHN J. DERHAM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

- 6:30 RUSTY & SHIRLEY TINSLEY
8:00 FR. JOHN DENNY, OSA

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

- 6:30 FR. JOHN DENNY, OSA
8:00 ANNE TRONDREAU

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

- 6:30 FR. JOHN DENNY, OSA
8:00 DUNCAN VAN DUSEN

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

- 8:00 NICOLA FALCONE

SUNDAY, JULY 1

- 7:30 KATHERINE IANNOTTA
9:30 CATHERINE SOLANO
11:15 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
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