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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>

HOW MUCH *GOOD* LITTLE ACTS OF SERVICE PROVIDE!

Today’s Gospel narrative (John 6:1-15) sets the stage for John’s Gospel that features Jesus feeding 5,000 people with five barley loaves and two fish. Seeing the crowds gathering around him, Jesus expresses his desire to feed all the people. In contrast to the synoptic accounts of this story, Jesus takes the initiative. By posing a simple yet rhetorical question to Philip, he advances his concern for the people: “Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?” Jesus’s question is similar to the one Moses asked of God in the desert.

The notion of Jesus’ question being a ploy to test Philip, followed by the statement that Jesus knew what he was going to do, is a comment made by the Gospel writer who seems to be providing some sort of analysis of the situation at hand. Such comments tend to muddle the essential story rather than providing clarity. Jesus’ question to Philip is a genuine one. Philip’s response to Jesus is also genuine. The crowd is vast. Feeding everyone is humanly and financially impossible.

Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, offers a possibility, but even five barley loaves and two fish will not be sufficient to feed the crowd. Interestingly, both of today’s passages from the Hebrew Scriptures (2Kings 4: 42-44) and John mention the same kind of bread, barley loaves. Elisha’s servant fed 100 people; now Jesus will feed 5,000 people with five loaves and two fish.

Once again, because the people share, scarcity becomes abundance and mindfulness guards against overconsumption. After feeding everyone and always wanting to stay “under the wire” in order to continue his mission and ministry, Jesus retreats to the mountain. In the biblical world, mountains are frequent places of solace, solitude, prayer and encounter with God.

This Sunday’s readings remind us that we live in a world of abundance. When the global human community learns to share and embrace a life of virtue, maybe then world hunger can be eradicated. Such “miracles” happened once; they can happen again.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

- Janine Hoffman, Anne Shea,
- Lori Lesutis, Joseph Smith
- William O’Donnell, Carol Luty,
- Michael and Andrew McCaughey,
- Bill and Ella Denny, Karen Schubert,
- S. Helena McNeill, MSHR

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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H.O.P.E.

Helping Other People in Emergencies

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

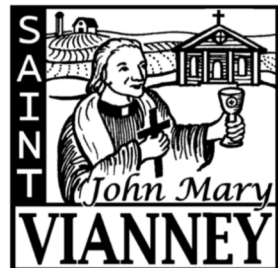
Marriages: Congratulations to Jolanta Nowicki and Donald Mc Bride who were married in our Church last week. May you continue to grow in God’s love for you through each other.

Deceased: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Sarah Ann Mc Gee and for the consolation of her family.



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Tuesday, July 31



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Saturday, August 4

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION
Wednesday, August 15**

**Vigil Mass: Tuesday, August 14
7:30 p.m.**

**Masses on Wednesday, August 15
6:30 and 8:00 a.m.; 12:10 p.m.**

BEWARE OF “GIFT CARD” SCAM

Dear Friends,

The Archdiocese has advised us that there is a nationwide scam that has affected several parishes in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. This particular scam is titled the “Gift Card” scam.

In this scam, the parishioners of a parish are the targets. An unknown person creates an e-mail address account which contains the pastor’s name or the name of the church. An e-mail is then sent to the parishioners requesting them to purchase a gift card and proceeded to tell the unknown person the numbers off of the back of the cards. After the person received the numbers, they stopped sending emails.

Please beware of this or any other internet-based attempt by dishonest people to separate you from your hard-earned money.

Fr. Liam



TESTIMONY REQUESTED

The Historical Commission for the sainthood cause of Fr. Bill Atkinson, OSA (1946-2006), seeks information on him from the general public. We are asking anyone who knew Fr. Atkinson to contact us and relate what you know about him. No story or encounter is too small.

Whether you met him at Msgr. Bonner High School or at Archbishop Prendergast High School, or at any of the parishes where he celebrated Mass or the Sacraments, we wish to have your written recollections. In particular, we are interested in obtaining any personal letters or documents, mementos and unpublished source materials that may be used to foster a greater understanding of Father Atkinson’s life. Photographs or videos of Father Atkinson would also be useful.

Please give your contact information to us, The Historical Commission for the Cause of Fr. Bill Atkinson, OSA by telephone message to 610-519-6937 or by email at Atkinson.cause@gmail.com.

Thank you,
Fr. Joseph Ryan, OSA (chair)

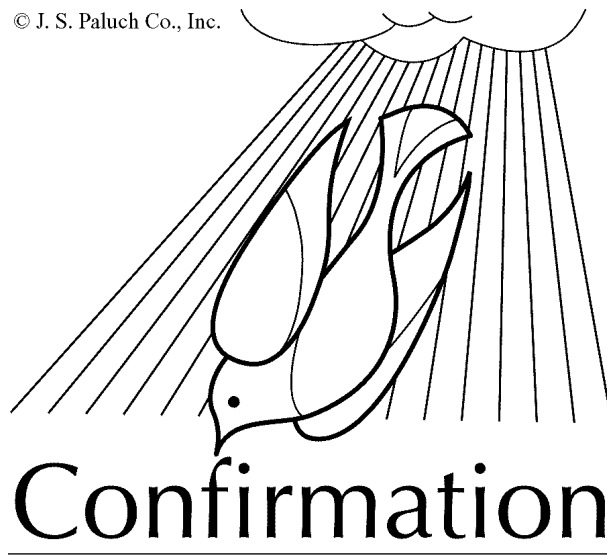
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for July 22, 2018

“The hand of the Lord feeds us,” says the Psalmist, “God answers all our needs.” Both Elisha’s servant in the first reading and the disciples in the Gospel story who witnessed the feeding of the five thousand saw this happen and knew it to be true.

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Loose Contributions.....	\$716.00
Mailed in	\$2,775.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$7,387.00
Offering this time last year	\$7,697.00
Parish Giving.....	\$440.00

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

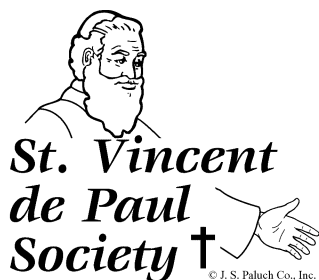
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SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

If your child will be in either 7th or 8th grade for the 2019-2020 School Year, they need to register for Confirmation Preparation Classes by the end of August, 2018. The diocesan rules have changed and parishes are now required to have Confirmation in 8th grade, or 7th and 8th grade if your parish receives it every other year. All students, no matter where they attend school are required to receive Confirmation in their own parish.

Please contact Karen Carey to be placed on the mailing list for Confirmation Preparation. Karen can be reached at kcarey@omgcparish.net or 610-525-0147.



CLOTHING DRIVE Saturday, August 11

The St. Vincent DePaul Society, through the services of GreenDrop, will be here on **Saturday, August 11 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.

MERCY FOCUS ON HAITI

Mercy Focus on Haiti, a Ministry of the Sisters of Mercy, will host a fund-raising event featuring lunch and raffle prizes on **Wednesday, September 12 at noon** at the William Penn Inn in Lower Gwynedd. Your support will bring a better life to Haiti's women and children.

For ticket information and to register, email Sister Anna Marie Lesutis, RSM, at amlrsm@hotmail.com.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

**St. Jeanne Jugan
Pot of Gold Raffle**

**Sunday, September 9, 2018
12:30 – 4:00 pm**

Join us for a Buffet Dinner – Cash Bar at Drexelbrook in Drexel Hill for their annual fund-raising Raffle:

First Prize - \$25,000
Second Prize - \$10,000
Third Prize - \$5,000

Tickets are \$100 per ticket

This year's Honorees are Dan DiMucci, Kathleen Quinn Kagel and Father Michael Olivere.

Please send check to:

Little Sisters of the Poor,
Development Office, Holy Family Home,
5300 Chester Avenue,
Philadelphia, PA 19143



PHILLIES GAME August 29th at 7:05pm

We still have some tickets for the August 29th Phillies game against the Nationals. It is Marvel Super Hero night and our tickets include a ticket for a special Hulk Bobblehead! Join other friends and families as we sit together and enjoy the game! Ticket cost is \$25 each and are in section 202. Children are welcome to come dressed as their favorite Super Hero!

For tickets, contact Karen at 610-525-0147 or email kcarey@omgparish.net.

COACHING OPPORTUNITY

Merion Mercy Academy is looking to hire a Varsity and assistant varsity tennis coach, assistant soccer coach and assistant volleyball coach.

Please contact Athletic Director, Barbara Clarke at bclarke@merion-mercy.com.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Immaculate Conception Church in Jenkintown has an opening for a part-time Director of Religious Education. The position is 15 hours per week, Sundays are mandatory. Qualified applicants with a Bachelor's degree in Theology or related field are asked to submit a cover letter and resume to Mary Kate Guerin at maryguerin@gmail.com.

The Parish also has an opening for a full-time secretary. The position is 40 hours per week and reports to both the Church and the Pre-School. Qualified applicants are asked to submit a cover letter and resume to Mary Kate Guerin at maryguerin@gmail.com.

PADRE PIO FESTIVAL

St. Bede the Venerable Parish in Holland, PA (Southampton, PA) invites you to join them for their Third Annual Padre Pio Festival. We have moved the date for our festival to the weekend of **Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 14, 15 and 16**, in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the death of St. Pio of Pietrelcina.

Our Festival is honored to publically exhibit for all pilgrims the private collection of relics of Padre Pio, which are normally housed in the Philadelphia Monastery of the Carmelite Sisters. The Collection includes Padre Pio's glove, tunic, blood particles from his stigmata and a cushion he used to kneel when praying for the sick.

Special Masses will be held on Saturday evening, September 15 and again on Sunday, September 16. A street procession and healing service, with confessions and blessing with relics, will follow the Sunday Mass. Buses welcome. Plenty of free parking, food vendors, live free entertainment, tents and tables.

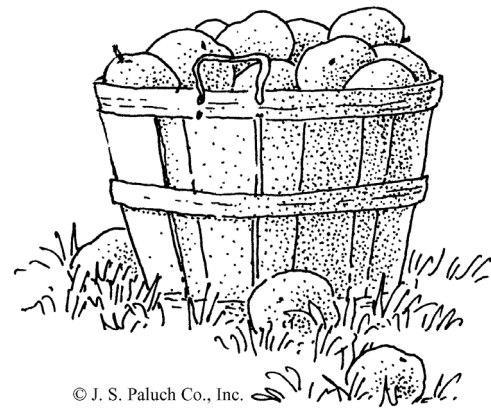
Visit www.padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com for more details, or simply call 215-357-5720.



CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER RETREAT

September 24 – 27 (mid-week)
 Marianist Family Retreat Center
 Cape May Point, NJ 08212
 609-884-3829
www.capemaymarianists.org

This retreat is intended for those interested in a contemplative prayer experience. First-timers as well as those who are familiar and experienced with this type of retreat are all welcomed. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, quiet personal time, special liturgies and daily Eucharist. Cost: \$150/pp (includes: meals, room and program).



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DUTCH APPLE DINNER THEATER

“Sister Act”

October 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

You asked for it and here it is! A bus trip to Dutch Apple Dinner Theater to see “Sister Act.” Pick up at Surrey in Havertown at 9:00 a.m. Pick up at Surrey in Broomall at 9:30 a.m.

A minimum number of riders are required. We will return directly after the show. Cost is \$80 per person - \$40 non-refundable due ASAP. Balance is due on September 6th.

Contact Susan Purcell at 610-446-2027 - Olga Mayorca at 215-307-7158 - Joan Ehly during the evening at 610-449-2570. Please leave a message for Joan.

SPECIAL ALUMNI REUNION

Monsignor Bonner High School for the Founding Classes of '57, '58 and '59 will hold a Special Alumni Reunion at Springfield Country Club **Saturday, September 29 from Noon to 4:00 p.m.** If you are one or know of someone else, please contact Mrs. Georgine Richards at Msgr. Bonner High School at 610-259-0280.



IMPORTANT REQUEST Concerning 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.

SILENCE

“Be quiet, you’re in church now!” Many of us grew up being reminded regularly that the appropriate behavior for us during Mass was to be silent. Church and the library had that in common. With the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, active participation became the norm. Usually active participation is understood as joining in the singing and saying the responses along with everyone else. Rarely do we expand the definition of participation to include communal silence.

Public silence is frequently very awkward. We assume someone forgot their cue or made an embarrassing mistake. Yet, we also know the heart-gripping impact when a grandstand full of people observes a moment of silence. The liturgy invites us to pray without words several times during Sunday Mass. Before the opening prayer, after the readings and the homily, perhaps during the intercessions and again after communion, we are given the opportunity to call to mind God’s presence in our midst, to offer our personal petitions and express our thanks for God’s continuing blessings.

Such silence is not a passive “shutting down” but rather an attentive awareness of our intimate connection with the Lord and with one another. Such awareness requires ample time to develop – ample time not only at a particular liturgy, but Sunday after Sunday after Sunday. Only then will the inevitable coughing, kneeler banging and fussing babies mark the beginning of our silence and not the end of it!

In another, more profound sense, we are always silent at liturgy – even when we speak. We sing psalms and speak prayers that are not our own but rather the words of our ancestors in faith and the words of the church. Our individualistic American culture finds such behavior suspicious or even threatening: “I am my own person!” But it is precisely in that surrender to the power of ritual and the life of the larger community that we discover our true voice.

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Mass Intentions For The Week



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SUNDAY, JULY 29

- 7:30 THOMAS DUNCAN WHELEN
(87TH ANNIVERSARY)
9:30 ELIZABETH BLIMM
11:15 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, JULY 30

- 6:30 JOSEPHINE ODORISIO
8:00 DANIEL T. STIGLIANO
(1ST ANNIVERSARY)

TUESDAY, JULY 31

- 6:30
8:00 CATHERINE MONICK

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

- 6:30 NICOLE CHIANELLI
8:00 ELIZABETH BLIMM

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

- 6:30
8:00 EUGENE MANCUSO

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

- 6:30
8:00 JAMES & MARY CORRIGAN, SR.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

- 8:00 JOHN DERHAM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

- 7:30 HELEN LUIPERSBECK
9:30 PATRICIA & JOSEPH ADCROFT
11:15 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
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