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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>

FEEDING ON THE WORD OF GOD

Typical of John's Gospel today (John 6:24-35) when the people asked Jesus a question, he responded to what they were really thinking but not saying. The child had given them an example of unstinting generosity and they came looking for Jesus, seeking food and oblivious to the signs. Jesus' invitation that they work for the food that endures for eternal life apparently got through to them because they moved from seeking Jesus as the source of bread to asking how they could do the *works* of God. With that, we get another Johannine twist. Jesus dropped their plural noun "works" to offer them a singular focus. If they wanted to do the *work* of God, the only requirement was to accept what God was doing in their midst. Jesus was doing God's own work on their behalf. All they needed to do was believe in the one God sent them.

In response, the crowd fell back into their desire for convincing proof and asked for a sign like their ancestors had seen. Jesus challenged them to take those memories to a deeper level, not only to remember what God did for their ancestors, but to see God's action in the present. Instead of speaking of Moses, their ancestors and historical miracles, Jesus challenged them to recognize God's offer of true life to them in the present.

The people who sought Jesus out seemed to have forgotten that the bread they had shared the day before came as a donation from a child who gave Jesus five loaves and two fish. On one hand, it was very little, on the other it was everything he had. That was what allowed it to become the bread of life.

We share the challenge faced by the people who sought Jesus after eating the bread that nourished the multitude. Jesus offered his people the bread of life, but like their ancestors, they kept focusing on "Manna?" Looking so hard for miracles, they missed what was right before their eyes.

God's providence is all-around us. We don't have to look far to find reflections of the child who gave everything he had so that Jesus could share it with the hungry. How often do we remain oblivious to simple signs of the reign of God in our midst while pining for miracles and saints whose holiness shines irrefutably in the public square? The work God gives us is to realize that our eyes can perceive God's presence in simple ways. Faith has no need of miraculous coercion.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

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

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.

Helping Other People in Emergencies

If you need a ride to the doctor, shopping, etc., call Carol Way at 610-525-5817 or Sr. Anne at 610-525-0147, ext. 234.

Deceased: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Ann D. Boas and for the consolation of her family.

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.**



Monday, August 6

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2019

The Mass Intentions for 2019 is now open.

As in the past, each parishioner may request intentions for up to four (4) Sunday Masses per year. Likewise, in order to ensure fairness for persons at the back of the line, each parishioner may request intentions for up to twelve (12) weekday Masses at this time. Then on **Wednesday, August 22** after everyone has had a chance to make their requests, all parishioners who have already secured 12 weekday Mass intentions will be free to request as many as they need.

Thank you very much for your understanding.

Peace,
Fr. Liam

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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 29, 2018

The crowd in today's Gospel demanded a sign of Jesus and wanted to know what "work" He did to inspire their faith. May our faithful stewardship be a sign to others that we, like the Ephesians in the second reading, have laid aside our former way of life and acquired a "fresh", spiritual way of thinking" in Christ.

Envelope Contributions	\$4,438.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$671.00
Mailed in	\$930.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$6,039.00
Offering this time last year	\$9,933.00

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

2018 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL Goal Achievement

Congratulations to the OMGC community on exceeding your Catholic Charities Appeal (CCA) Parish Goal of \$48,377! We express our gratitude for your continued generosity. By meeting your goal, you have shared in the collective efforts of the Catholic Church in "Giving Hope to All." Your kindness will support tens of thousands of people through countless organizations and ministries throughout the greater Philadelphia area.

While your generous call to love and action is greatly appreciated, we encourage you to remain involved in the Catholic Charities Appeal. Through your generosity, help us to inspire others to fulfill the needs of our larger community. Together, we can be the tangible expression of Christ's message of love and unity.

In gratitude and prayers,
David Ripsom
President CCA Board



Wednesday, August 8

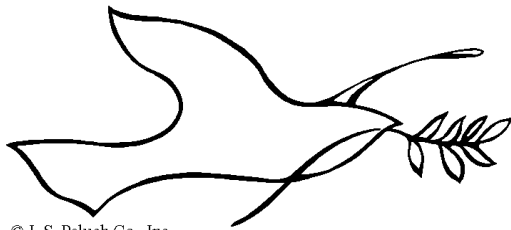


Friday, August 10

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@omgcp parish.net or 610-525-0147.



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PEACE AND JUSTICE

Summer Film Series

**Monday, August 20th - 7:00-8:30pm
in the Rosemont Auditorium**

The Peace and Justice Committee of Our Mother of Counsel and St. Thomas of Villanova presents the Third and final evening of a three-part Series featuring different topics of interest and concern to all of us: Racism – Food Insecurity – Gun Violence.

On **Monday evening, August 20** at 7:00 pm, we will view a film entitled “Trigger. The Ripple Effect of Violence.”

The films begin at 7pm with time for discussion to follow at St. Thomas of Villanova Parish’s Auditorium, 1229 E. Lancaster Ave in Rosemont. Beverages and desserts will be provided. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

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.



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@omgcp parish.net.

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.



JOB OFFER

Theology Department

Merion Mercy Academy, an independent, all girls Catholic High School, has an opening for a first semester substitute position in the Theology department for the 2018 – 2019 school year.

The position will start on August 20th and end on January 18th. Roman Catholic educators with a religious studies degree are asked to submit a cover letter and resume by Monday, August 13th.

Experience preferred. Send to Mary Ann Danovich, Assistant Head of School for Academic Affairs, at www.madanovich@merion-mercy.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.padrefiofestivalhollandpa.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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Saturday, August 11

5TH ANNUAL ABBEYFEST

Saturday, September 22: 1:00-9:30 pm

Experience AbbeyFest: Faith, Music, Family – a celebration of family, friends and contemporary Catholic/Christian music. Featuring Matt Maher, Building429, Oscar Romero, 7eventh Time Down, Rhett Walker Band, OBB and Firehill Worship.

Includes Christian vendors, food court, family and kid-friendly activities, Confession, prayer and healing teams, Mass and Adoration at Daylesford Abbey in Paoli. Tickets at www.theabbeyfest.com. Information available at 484-320-7879.

TOLTON: FROM SLAVE TO PRIEST at LaSalle University

Tolton is a live theatrical one-man drama based on the life of Father Augustus Tolton, the first African-American priest. Performed by actor, Jim Coleman, and directed by Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, *Tolton* is a true story of courage, forgiveness and reconciliation, which resonates deeply with modern American audiences.

Faithful throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are invited to attend.

Limited tickets are available. LaSalle University, Dan Rodden Theater, 1900 West Olney Avenue in Philadelphia. More information and tickets: www.ToltonDrama.com.

ST. TIMOTHY'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY Closing Celebration

St. Timothy Parish in Mayfair, Philadelphia, has been commemorating the 90th anniversary of its founding with a year-long celebration. The closing of our 90th anniversary observance will take place on **Sunday, October 14, 2018**, with a Solemn Concelebrated Mass celebrated at 12:00 Noon in the upper church. A gala 90th anniversary banquet will follow at the Regal Ballroom, 5411 Oxford Ave., where we will continue our celebration with cocktails, dinner and dancing. We cordially invite and encourage all present and former St. Timothy parishioners, as well as all graduates of St. Timothy School, to join us for this historic occasion. Tables of ten will be able to be reserved. Please call the rectory at 215-624-6188 to purchase tickets. For more information on our 90th anniversary year, please go to www.st-tims.org.

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.

CATHOLIC MEXICAN RIVIERA CRUISE

Come and sail away on a 7-night Cruise with Father John Jimnicky on **October 21 – 28th** on Holland America’s Eurodam out of San Diego, CA. Ports of Call: Cabo San Lucas, Mexico; Mazatlan, Mexico; Puerto Vallarta, Mexico and back to San Diego, CA.

Prices begin at \$1,816.00 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Ask us about our lower non-refundable snap fares. Daily Mass offered. Deposits of only \$350.00 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further information or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785 or Eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com.

**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.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 6

- 6:30
- 8:00 LOUIS CARITA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

- 6:30 DECEASED MEMBERS & BENEFACTORS OF OSA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8

- 6:30
- 8:00 THE PHILLIPS FAMILY

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

- 6:30 JOHN TRAVERS
- 8:00 BARBARA DANDO

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

- 6:30
- 8:00 JOSEPH KALINOSKI

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

- 8:00 GLORIA M. RUSH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHIONERS
- 9:30 STEPHANIE WALSH-BEILMAN
- 11:15 JOSEPH KALINOSKI



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