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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.

Summer: Office Closed on Fridays in July & August

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THE RADICAL SCANDAL OF THE INCARNATION

As we continue with John's "Bread of Life Discourse," Jesus' remarks become more specific and challenging. He had been talking about the bread that comes from heaven. In today's Gospel (John 6:51-58), he says "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Approaching this entire chapter of John 6, we must be aware that it cannot be interpreted with a modern, scientific mindset. Jesus' way of speaking has nothing to do with molecules, atoms or recipe ingredients. In order to enter into this message, we need to be aware that John framed this chapter in a paschal setting. He subtly plants and reinterprets symbols of Passover and Exodus in ways that both resonated with and startled his Jewish audiences.

John recounts that when Jesus said that the bread he would give was his flesh, the people in the synagogue got into vehement arguments among themselves. Balking at the shocking implications of everything he was saying, some objected, "How can he give us his flesh?" Instead of refuting their small literal-mindedness, Jesus expounds on the gift of his flesh and blood which describes his genuine humanity. This is the radical scandal of the incarnation: Jesus is Word and flesh, God and human being. Salvation comes precisely from the fact that Jesus is at the same time, fully human and fully divine.

Jesus' claim to be the bread of life, his offer of his own flesh and blood as the source of life for others, came from the heart of his religious tradition. He claimed to present a moment of redemption and invited those who heard him to make the most of their opportunity, to accept God's offer of union right then and there. Like the invitation to Lady Wisdom's (the personification of God) banquet, Jesus made an offer that only the simple could accept because it required a degree of openness the self-proclaimed wise people eschewed and calculating characters would recognize as unreasonable.

This week's readings call us to take the time to ponder the immensity of Christ's ongoing offer of life. Surely, we who hear these Scriptures have committed ourselves to Christ's way, but this is a call to listen again, to allow ourselves to be astounded and even scandalized. If we permit ourselves to be sufficiently thrown off balance by Jesus' words, we will be ready for next week's final selection from this discourse which will invite us to a renewal of our proclamation of faith in the one who has the words of eternal life.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Janine Hoffman, Anne Shea, Frances Ward,
Joseph Smith, Hank Murray, Jane Shaw,
William O'Donnell, Carol Luty, John Cassandro,
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,
Bill and Ella Denny, Karen Schubert,
Pelham McClellen, April Novasitis,
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.

H.O.P.E.

Helping Other People in Emergencies

If you need a ride to the doctor, shopping, etc., call Joanne Bramley at 610-457-6638 or Sr. Anne at 610-525-0147, ext. 234.

Marriages: Congratulations to Anhthu Vu and Michael Maicher 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 Sr. Mary Thomas Mc Granahan, RSM and for the consolation of her family.



Wednesday, August 22

SOCIAL CENTER, RECTORY KITCHEN AND CHURCH ROOF

Dear Friends,

At the Parish-wide meeting a few months ago, I spoke about three parish projects that were in progress or in planning. I'd like to update you on them today.

Social Center. Many of you have already seen the beautiful new windows in the Social Center. We installed new air conditioning and heating units. Most of the work on the new ADA compliant restrooms has been done, and they will be fully functional within a very short time. A shout-out to Joe Carey for the hard work and planning that he has put in on this project.

Rectory Kitchen. Since at least the 1950s, very little work had been done on the friary (rectory) kitchen except for the occasional coat of paint and replacement of worn-out appliances. Since the beginning of June, Pine Street Carpenters has done an excellent job of modernizing the kitchen. The work was completed last weekend. Many thanks to Fr. Jim McBurney for his leadership on this project!

Church Roof. 30 years ago, Fr. Jim Martinez and the OMGC parishioners did an excellent job of beautifying the interior of our church. Now it is our turn to pay due attention to the roof and exterior in order to preserve our church as the locus of our worship of God and our growth as a Catholic Christian community. We have a debt of gratitude toward the people who came before us and sacrificed so much for the parish. We have a responsibility toward each other in our present community and to our children, grandchildren and all who will come after us here at OMGC. These repairs will be an essential investment in our future. Most of you are aware that especially during severe storms, we sometimes have problems with leaks coming through the ceiling. Water damage, if ignored, can destroy a church.

Besides the roof, we need to make exterior repairs to stonework, copper work and moldings around the stained glass windows.

With solid guidance from an expert consultant from the Archdiocese, we put the project out to bid to three companies and selected Miller Roofing in Ardmore to do the job. We are now in the process of getting the contract approved through the Archdiocese. If all goes according to plan, work should start early in the fall.

At the same time, we have been quietly soliciting donations for this project from among some of our parishioners and friends of the parish. Between your contributions to the annual appeal over the past four years, a generous gift from a deceased parishioner, and the donations mentioned above, we have raised \$550,000 of our projected goal of \$1,300,000.

At the August 6th Parish Finance Council meeting, we decided to form a Campaign Committee to raise the rest of the funds we will need to pay for this critical project. We are currently recruiting members for this committee. The kick-off date for the campaign will probably be in early October. I will keep you informed.

Please pray for the success of this very important work!

In Him,
Fr. Liam



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for August 12, 2018

“Those who seek the Lord want for no good thing,” says today’s Psalm. But in the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that, thus blessed by the Lord, the good steward should “give thanks to God always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Envelope Contributions	\$4,950.50
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Mailed in	\$2,900.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$8,650.50
Offering this time last year	\$7,939.00
Electronic giving of August 15.....	\$3,552.00
Parish Giving.....	\$590.00

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

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Week of Hosting: Our parish will be hosting the IHN families once again during the week of **September 16 – 23, 2018**. If you can help in any of the following ways, please give us a call:

- If you can help **set-up** the Social Center on **Saturday, September 15 at 10:00am** or **take-down** and pack away equipment on **Sunday, September 23 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.
- If you can **prepare a meal** one evening of that week, please call Toni Betz at 610-525-4499.
- If you can serve as an **evening host** during the week from 6:00 – 8:30pm or serve as an **overnight host** from 8:30pm to 6:00am the following morning, once during the week, please contact Mary Callan at 610-789-2297 or email mliz82@aol.com.



PEACE AND JUSTICE Summer Film Series

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

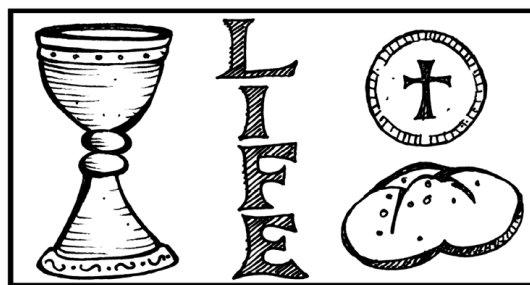
The Peace and Justice Committee of Our Mother of Counsel and St. Thomas of Villanova presents the Third and final evening of a three-part Series featuring different topics of interest and concern to all of us: Racism – Food Insecurity – Gun Violence. **On Monday evening, August 20 at 7:00 pm**, we will view a film entitled “Trigger. The Ripple Effect of Violence.”

The film begins 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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

During the month of August at the suggestion of Fr. John, we’ve introduced a short refrain to be sung before Communion, entitled “This is Jesus” by Jim Cowan. This was a favorite hymn at Fr. John’s former parish, where this was sung each week as a communion antiphon.

This composition is perhaps the most popular download at the publisher’s website. Cards will be in the pews and you can listen to it on line at the following link: <https://youtu.be/p7-bF1LxOr8>.



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SPIRITUAL READING GROUP

The Spiritual Reading Group will resume its monthly gatherings on **Friday, September 7 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Church Office/Parish Center building. The books we have been reading recently are published by Liturgical Press in Collegeville, Minnesota. The group will begin reading a biography of Flannery O’Connor: Fiction Fired by Faith.

In this insightful new biography, Angela Alaimo O’Donnell depicts O’Connor’s passionate devotion to her vocation, despite her crippling illness, the rich interior life she lived through her reading and correspondence, and the development of her deep and abiding faith in the face of her own impending mortality. O’Donnell’s biography recounts the poignant story of America’s pre-eminent Catholic writer and offers the reader a guide to her novels and stories so deeply informed by her Catholic faith.

The Spiritual Reading Group usually meets on the first Friday of each month from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. If you think you would like to join us, beginning on September 7, please call S. Anne Woodeshick at 610-525-0147, ext. 234 or email her at awoodeshick@omgcp parish.net. Several books are still available for newcomers and more can be ordered if needed.

OMGC AT THE PHILLIES TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE August 29th at 7:05pm

Join OMGC as we take a trip to see the Philadelphia Phillies play the Washington Nationals on August 29. Tickets are \$25 and include a ticket to receive a HULK Bobblehead as it is Super Hero Night. All are invited to dress up as your favorite Super Hero and come down and cheer your Philadelphia Phillies!!! There are a limited number of tickets still available so please contact Karen Carey at 610-525-0147 now to reserve your seats!

SENIOR COMMUNITY GATHERING

The Senior members of our Parish and friends will gather again on **Friday, August 31 at 12 noon** for their monthly gathering in our Social Center of the school building. Folks attending bring their own sandwiches, with beverages and desserts being provided. The theme that was suggested for this time of the year is a trip to **Hawaii**. Wear your most colorful outfit, an "island type hat" if you have one, and enjoy the afternoon with some Hawaiian desserts and activities. Looking forward to seeing you there.

TAKE TIME TO GET IN TOUCH...

*with whom you are called to be,
with what God's purpose is for you...
by quiet, reflection, prayer and conversation.*

A Fall Retreat for young adult single women, ages 21+ is being offered by the Sisters of Mercy on **Saturday, September 8 from 10:00am – 3:00pm**. The retreat will be held at the Sisters of Mercy Convent, 515 Montgomery Avenue in Merion, PA. RSVP by August 31 to tsaetta@mercymidatlantic.org. Response is needed for a lunch count.

INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES and Autism Help-Line

Do you need help accessing services and supports for someone with an intellectual disability or Autism? A collaboration of Catholic Social Services-Developmental Programs, the Office for Persons with Disabilities and the Schools of Special Education of the Archdiocese is offering this convenient help-line to assist families connect to disabilities services provided by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. To reach the **Help-Line** call: 484-472-5041 or email: IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org.

ST. RAPHAELA CENTER 616 Coopertown Rd. in Haverford

The next **Taize Prayer** being offered at St. Raphaela Center will be held on **Wednesday, September 12 at 7:30 p.m.** This contemplative communal prayer service is offered in the Center's chapel on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration is also available until midnight after the hour-long Taize service. All are welcome – no reservations are required.

Shawl Ministry will be offered once again on **Thursday, September 13 from 10:30 – 12 noon**. This ministry is offered by Sr. Kathy Gaize, acj, every 2nd Thursday of the month at this time. The material needed for this experience is Yarn: 3 Skeins of Home Spun and needles (size 11 or 13). There is no cost for this prayerful experience of a work of Mercy for someone who is experiencing an occasion of joy or challenge in their lives.

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For more information and to become a *Cathedral Ambassador*, please contact Martha Ortiz, the coordinator of the *Cathedral Ambassadors*, at cathedral.ambassadors@gmail.com.

The next orientation is scheduled for early September, 2018.

Learn more about our Cathedral Basilica at www.cathedralphila.org.

HEARTS ON FIRE

...there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart.

Jeremiah 20:9


I wanted it.
 Desired it greatly.
 Yearned for its coming.
 But when it did come, I fought,
 resisted, ran, hid away.
 I said, "Go home!"
 I didn't know
 the fire of God could be more
 than a gentle glow
 or a cozy consolation.
 I didn't know
 it could come as a blaze,
 a wildfire, uncontrolled,
 searing my soul,
 chasing my old ways,
 smoking them out.
 Only when I stopped running,
 gave up the chase, surrendered,
 did I know the fire's flaming
 as consolation and joy.
 Only then could I welcome
 the One whose fire
 I had long sought.

By S. Joyce Rupp, OSM
May I Have his Dance?
 Ave Maria Press, Notre Dame, IN.



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MASS INTENTIONS



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SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
 9:30 JOHN F. SEIFERT
 11:15 SALVATORE PETROCCIA
(3RD ANNIVERSARY)

MONDAY, AUGUST 20

- 6:30
 8:00 SARAH A. MC GEE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

- 6:30
 8:00 MARK, MICHELLE & MICHAEL
CONNOR

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

- 6:30
 8:00 SALVATORE BUCCIERI

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

- 6:30 SUE & JOE UPHOFF
(50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

- 6:30 NELL TRAVERS
 8:00 MR. & MRS. ANGELO IANNACONE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

- 8:00 JOHN DERHAM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

- 7:30 PAUL, MAUREEN & TOMMY BRENNAN
 9:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
 11:15 CONCETTA D'ORAZIO

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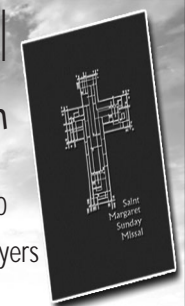
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