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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

Parish Office and Rectory Phone: (610) 525-0147

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PARISH WEB SITE:

<http://www.OMGCPARISH.ORG>

ON THE ROAD WITH JESUS TO JERUSALEM

According to many scholars, today's Gospel (Mk 8:27-35) is the turning point in Mark's Gospel. Jesus had been teaching in Galilee, now he turns toward Jerusalem and begins to focus on teaching his closest disciples about what it means for him to be the Christ, God's anointed one. At this point in Jesus' mission, idle speculation was worthless. After letting them talk about what they had heard, Jesus terminated the opinion poll and put them on the spot: "But you! Who do *you* say that I am?" That was the question of their lives. Why were they on the road with him? What were they seeking? How far were they willing to go?

Peter's answer was complete and Jesus would immediately expose it as completely mistaken. Like a deaf man whose speech was muddled, Peter proclaimed, "You are the Christ." In reply, Jesus warned him not to talk about that to anyone. Mark then says, "He began to teach them that the Christ, (the Messiah, the Anointed One) must suffer." That was hardly what the crowds and his disciples were expecting from a messiah. It was a contradiction in terms. Jesus might as well have offered them dry water or cooling fires. How could the hero-savior, the king of heaven and the ruler of the earth, suffer and die? Rise after three days? Everyone knew that "three days" was code for "in God's good time." That meant we have no clue when it will happen, but we continue to hope.

Unable to believe that Jesus meant what he was saying, Peter pulled him aside to try to talk some sense into him. Jesus, standing with Peter and looking at the disciples, replied: "Tempter! I am the leader here. Follow me!" He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny oneself, take up his cross, and follow me." Jesus then addressed everyone around and put a clear choice before them. In effect, he told them: "Either you try to save yourselves and end up with nothing but yourselves, or you give all that you are to this Gospel message and you will learn what salvation means."

In John's Gospel, Peter responds by saying, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You alone have the words of eternal life." In Mark, Peter makes no reply; he and the others simply continue to walk with Jesus. At this stage of the Gospel, Peter and the disciples are like the deaf man whose ears Jesus opened. Peter, speaking and acting on behalf of the disciples, communicated two important things. First, he professed faith in Jesus. Then, when Jesus told him his faith was distorted, he remained to learn more.

The journey to Jerusalem would be long and hard, and even when they reached the climax of the cross, the disciples hadn't comprehended Jesus' message. But they had the love and faithfulness to remain on the road with him, and that was all that was necessary.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Janine Hoffman, Anne Shea, John Cassandro,
Joseph Smith, William O'Donnell,
Carol Luty, Marie D'Ambrosio,
Pelham McClellan, Jane Shaw, Lori Lesutis,
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.

New Members: We welcome to our parish community Mary Sweeney who recently registered with us.

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.

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 contact Steve or Colette Sutton at colettesutton309@yahoo.com or 610-520-2501.



St. Matthew
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Friday, September 21

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, **September 16**, 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 **September 16 – 23**. 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

COMMUNAL ANOINTING MASS

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on **Saturday evening, October 6 at the 5:00 p.m. Mass**. The name of the Sacrament, Anointing of the Sick, tells us that the sacrament is for those who are sick, not just for the dying. It is a sacrament of healing, and the Church wants us to ask for this sacrament before we are at the point of death. It instructs all those who minister to the sick that great care and concern should be taken to see that those of the faithful whose health is impaired by sickness or old age receive this sacrament.

Please come to church in plenty of time to be registered for the sacrament and helped to be seated in special places for the priests to anoint you. People will be on hand by 4:30 p.m. to welcome you to this special celebration.

SENIOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS

The Senior Members of our Parish will gather on the afternoon of **Friday, September 28 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, simply come and enjoy time with others.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for September 9, 2018

In the second reading today, St. James has harsh words for those who do not put their faith into action. May we be such good stewards of God’s gifts to us that we can never be accused of having “faith that does nothing in practice.”

Envelope Contributions	\$6,034.00
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Total Offertory Collection	\$10,394.00
Offering this time last year	\$8,981.00
Parish Giving.....	\$580.00

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

MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESAN OFFICE FOR LIFE AND FAMILY

On behalf of the Office for Life and Family, I am sharing information about the opening Celebration for Respect Life Month (October) in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia on **Sunday, September 30th** at the Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul.

A presentation by Julia Calandria-Lineberg of the Padre Pio Center will begin at 3:00 pm, followed by the veneration of relics of St. Padre Pio, St. Teresa of Calcutta, St. Gianna Molla and St. Maria Goretti. Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 6:30 pm.

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Msgr. Daniel J. Sullivan

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PREP INFORMATION

Our PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) begins regular classes next week, **September 23**. Classes begin at 9:30 and students will be dismissed at 11:00. Classes are held for children ages 4 through 6th grade. All students who attend non-Catholic schools are invited to participate in classes. Students need to be in class for two years before they can receive sacraments. If you have not already registered, please do so this week!! You can register by calling Karen at 610-525-0147.



**Take
up
your
cross**

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**A BIT OF LENTEN
MUSIC**
In September!
Notes from J. Zimmerman

Today, we are incorporating some of our Lenten and Triduum songs to go along with the readings centered on the cross, sacrifice and discipleship.

To be one of Jesus' followers, one must be ready to "take up his cross, and follow."

Jesus does not need admirers. But he does want followers, and those followers might get hurt.

Christian life is not likened to a recliner, but a cross. Peter recognized Jesus for who he is, the Christ, yet misunderstood and rebuked Him for saying He would have to suffer and die. It's so much easier to be an admirer of Jesus rather than a follower. Taking up our own cross is performing the corporal works of mercy, taking us outside ourselves and placing others' needs ahead of our own.

As Jesus had his cross, we have ours. To be his disciples, we are to take it up and carry it.

Jo-Ann Stigliano
Director of Music Ministries

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help a parishioner who is blind do her grocery shopping. Volunteers would need to drive with parishioner to the local Acme, shop, carry groceries into her home and unload them. Volunteers can shop once, twice, three or more times a year – usually on weekends or evenings. Each shopping trip takes about 2-1/2 hours. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Karen Fitch at kirste4@comcast.net or 610-527-8193. Thank you!

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**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF
ADULTS**
R.C.I.A. Beginnings

Our Parish Community invites interested candidates who are considering becoming fully-initiated members of the Catholic Church to participate in the first phase of the RCIA process, known as the Inquiry Sessions. These sessions, **beginning in early October**, will be held on 6 consecutive evenings in our Parish Center and will begin whenever a person or persons are ready to begin this journey.

Vatican II's Decree on the Church's Missionary Activity states: "But this Christian initiation through the RCIA process should be taken care of not only by catechists or priests, but by the entire community of the faithful, so that right from the outset, the candidates may feel that they belong to the people of God."

The Council Fathers emphasized that the RCIA is a journey of conversion for the person participating in the initiation process, and by extension, it is also a journey of conversion for the whole parish. Conversion happens if the parish fully embraces the process of initiation and walks the journey of faith with the candidates for initiation.

Every baptized parishioner has a role in initiation of our new members. We are part of that mentoring community that apprentices the new disciples. By observing our prayer, words, deeds and actions in the parish and in the broader community, our newest members learn what it means to live as a Catholic Christian today. We provide the examples. RCIA depends on all of us because we make up the Christian community.

Every worshiping parishioner is involved in the RCIA through participation in the liturgical rites of initiation that usually happen at our 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass especially in the months before Easter, but also throughout the year. These are major liturgical rituals that mark the progress of the candidates who are in the initiation process. These liturgical rites are major events not only for the candidates in the process, but also for the entire parish. During the rites, the parish recognizes and celebrates the candidates. As a member of this parish, you are asked to pray with and for those in the initiation process. As a member of the Body of Christ, you also make manifest Christ's presence in the community. We are all signs of Christ to the candidates in the RCIA process.

FALL FESTIVAL NEWS

Our Fall Festival is well underway and only a few short weeks away. We need your help!

Our Festival this year will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 19 and 20 from 5:30 until 9:00 and on Sunday from 10am until 2pm. Please watch the bulletin for pre-sale information! The Annual HAUNTED MAZE will take place on Friday and Saturday nights.

We are looking for donations of gift cards, raffle baskets, or items to put in the raffle baskets. If you are in a position to help us out, please drop your donations off at the Parish Office marked Fall Festival. If you have any questions, please contact Maryann Gallagher at marebritt@msn.com.

We are looking for volunteers to help supervise the games, prizes, help with vendors and help with publicity. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Karen at kcarey@omgcp parish.net or Joe at jcarey@omgcp parish.net or either at 610-525-0147.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

All 6th through 12th grade students are invited to participate in any and all Youth Group Activities. Our first meeting of the Youth Group will take place on **Sunday, September 23 from 4:30pm until 6:00pm**. We will meet in the school building. If you are interested in participating in the Fall Festival in ANY way, you must attend this meeting. Snacks will be provided.

On **October 6**, Youth Group will take their Annual trip to Cherry Crest Farms to complete the aMAZE-ing Corn Maze. All those interested should sign up by contacting Karen at 610-525-0147. The cost is \$15. Transportation will be provided.

On Sunday, **October 14**, Youth Group will meet in the school from 2:30 until 4:00pm. We will work on final preparations for the Fall Festival. Snacks will be provided.

SMORE'S FIREPIT EVENING Parish Event

All parishioners are invited to join us for an evening of smore's (chocolate, marshmallow, graham treat) and conversation in the "backyard," the area outside of the Social Center. Bring your own lawn chairs, favorite beverage, and relax and enjoy the company of fellow parishioners. All are invited to join us **Friday, September 21 from 6pm to 8pm**. Bring the family and some lawn games and fun conversation.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE!

The Walking with Purpose parish program at St. Thomas of Villanova invites you to join us this fall. This 22-week Bible study is designed for women who are new to scripture study as well as those with more Bible study experience. We welcome back all past participants and invite new women to join us!

Walking with Purpose is a Women's Catholic Bible study that aims to bring us to a deeper, personal relationship with Christ through personal study and small group discussions that link our everyday challenges with solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church.

We meet **Thursday Mornings from 9:15-11:30** and **Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm** beginning October 4.

Free Child care is available for the morning session.

For more information, go to www.walkingwithpurpose.com or contact our chapter coordinator, Maria O'Malley at 215-740-6742 or mariaomalley@comcast.net.

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DO YOU KNOW YOUR TRIBUNAL?

The Tribunal is available to help people who have experienced divorce and who may wish to remarry in the Catholic Church.

When a divorce occurs, the Catholic Church always seeks to balance two realities. One is the durable bond of marriage. This is God's law. On the other hand, the Church is concerned about the spiritual welfare of the people involved. Even though a Catholic marriage was celebrated, perhaps there was some deficiency in the consent of the parties involved regarding intentions, understanding or ability. The annulment procedure addresses these circumstances.

If you are divorced and want to marry in the Church or remarried outside the Catholic Church, please find us on the web at www.archphila.org under the "How Do I" tab.

ST. RAPHAELA CENTER 616 Coopertown Road in Haverford

Back to School...A Morning Retreat for Parents is being offered at St. Raphaela Center on **Tuesday, September 18 from 8:30am to 11:30am.**

Are you a parent of a child going to school for the first time, i.e. PRE-K, High School, College or somewhere in between? Do you need time to reflect on your new ministry as a parent if you are an "empty-nester"? Come experience a morning of reflection to pray for your children, meet other parents in similar life stages and find support and peace for this new academic year.

A highlight of the morning includes Mass of the Holy Spirit, presider: Fr. Dan Joyce, S.J. from Saint Joseph's University. To register or learn more, email straphaelacenter@gmail.com, call 610-642-5715, or visit <http://straphaelacenter.org/index.php?page=calendar>.



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CATHOLIC HISTORY LECTURE

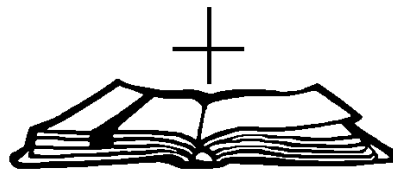
On **Sunday, September 23 at 2:00 p.m.**, Dr. Marian Ronan will speak on the history of the movement and its role in promoting women's spiritual development at the American Catholic Historical Society, 263 South 4th Street. Free and Open to the public. For more information, visit www.amchs.org.

POLISH HARVEST FESTIVAL

All are invited to our 3rd Annual Polish Harvest Festival at the TK Club at 521 East Hector Street in Conshohocken on **Sunday, September 30th from Noon to 5:00p.m.** The event will feature live Polka music from the Naturalistix Polka Band, delicious Polish food, a 50/50 drawing and other games of chance, a basket raffle and baked goods for sale.

Admission is \$10 in advance and \$15 on the day of the event. Admission for children is \$7 each and free for children under the age of 6. For discounted tickets purchased before Wednesday, September 19th, please call Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861 or email stmaryconshy@gmail.com.

Mass Intentions



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- 7:30 HOPE M. HAYES
(21ST ANNIVERSARY)
9:30 BOB RYAN
11:15 JOANN DALESANDRO

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- 6:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
8:00 JOSEPHINE ODORISIO

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 6:30
8:00 THE PHILLIPS FAMILY

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- 6:30
8:00 NOELLE SCHRADER

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- 6:30
8:00 MICHAEL JOYCE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 6:30 ROBERT CAPONE
8:00 MARY AND PHIL CIRRITO

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- 8:00 VINCENZO SALVATI

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 7:30 DR. RUTH PATRICK HODGE
VAN DUSEN (50TH ANNIVERSARY)
9:30 PATRICIA SCHIMMINGER
11:15 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS



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