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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**

**FAX NUMBER: (610) 525-0157**

## PARISH WEB SITE:

<http://www.OMGCPARISH.ORG>

**“HUMBLY WELCOME THE WORD THAT HAS BEEN PLANTED IN YOU”**

After our long sojourn through John’s Gospel, chapter 6, we return to the Gospel of Mark at what is nearly its crucial midpoint (Mk 7:1ff). Mark presents this interaction between Jesus and the Pharisees without specifying its precise time or place, thereby placing it in a category of widely applicable controversy and teaching. While Mark frames the incident as a conflict between Jesus and the Pharisees and scribes, what is really at stake is the question of the heart of religion in contrast to customs or traditions that may or may not function to bring people closer to God.

When the Pharisees speak of compulsory hand-washings, they are referring to the traditions that grew up around the Mosaic law. While not the law itself, these practices were intended to work like a “fence around the Torah;” they were behaviors which would facilitate full obedience to the law. Jesus disapproved of the Pharisees, not for their hygienic practices, but because they had allowed their ritual behaviors, the fence around the Torah, to supersede the underlying intent of the law itself.

The value of ritual purity originated in respect for the Temple, but in some cases, it had become degraded into a practical elitism that marginated others. Women and men came to be labeled as sinners or unclean on account of their professions or even conditions of gender. Jesus criticized the Pharisees for sanctifying legalisms that their lifestyle allowed them to maintain while they denigrated the people of God who could not afford the same privilege. Jesus quoted Isaiah and declared that the worship of those scribes and Pharisees was worthless because they had made doctrines of their preferences while ignoring the intent of God’s commandments.

This week’s readings call us to ever-deeper and broader integrity. Do we admit our own need for conversion and help to grow in grace? The readings warn us that our critiques of others put our own values and integrity on show and reveal whether our priorities come from a God-touched heart or a desire to look pious. When we discuss what “should” be done, our remembrance of Moses and Jesus demands that we question whether our interpretation of God’s will is life-giving to all people or self-serving.

James, in our 2nd reading, gives us the final test: Religion that is pure is this – care for the most needy and freedom from the false values of society.

**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 McClellan, April Novasitis, Lori Lesutis
- 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**

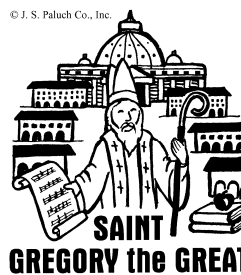
If you need a ride to the doctor, shopping, etc., call Sr. Anne at 610-525-0147, ext. 234.

**LABOR DAY SCHEDULE**

**Monday, September 3, 2018**

*One Mass Only at 9:00 a.m.*

*Parish Office is Closed*



**Monday, September 3**



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**Saturday, September 8**

### PLASTER CHIPS IN OUR PEWS

Dear Friends,

Most of us carry around cameras in our pockets these days. Two weeks ago, I walked into the church a couple days after we had that terrible rainstorm. There were plaster chips all over the third and fourth pews and surrounding floor on the railroad side of the church. I'm kind of kicking myself right now that I didn't pull out my camera/smartphone and take a few photos that I could have posted with this letter. Paul Umana was cleaning them up. There was probably enough to cover the bottom of his dustpan.

A few days later, I climbed up between the ceiling and the roof of the church with our facilities manager, Joe Carey. It was my first time to visit that space. Joe climbed along the narrow spaces to get to the spot where the leak had occurred, to spread some plastic sheeting to prevent a repeat of this kind of damage. This, of course, is a temporary remedy. We as a parish have known for quite a while that our existing roof needs to be replaced.

Two weeks ago in this space, I gave updates on three projects: The Social Center, the friary kitchen, and the church roof. The members of the Finance Council, the parish staff, Fr. John and I have been discussing the structure and makeup of the campaign committee to raise funds for the roof. We already have a few volunteers, and I am in the process of inviting parishioners to participate on that team.

In light of the publication of the grand jury report and other recent revelations, some have wondered as to whether or not this is the best time to begin this campaign. People are justifiably angry, frustrated, and discouraged by the horrific stories recounted in the report, and the cover-up by church leaders that compounded and multiplied the crimes committed against the innocent. As you know, I addressed this scandalous situation in last week's bulletin and at Mass the last two weekends, as did Fr. John. We intend to speak out and respond to the situation as is necessary.

We need to work through our rightful anger, praying for and assisting the victims of abuse and their families, and urging structural changes in the institutional church. Archbishop Chaput has called for an evening of prayer and reparation on Friday, September 14.

While doing this, we cannot neglect the physical needs of our church building, where as a Christian community we offer our prayers and our love for God, and have done so for 120 years. The process is already well begun; we are waiting for only one or two approvals before we give the go-ahead for the work to begin.

Please keep the committee and their work in your prayers.

In Him,  
Fr. Liam

### PRAYER VIGIL of Reparation and Petition Friday, September 14 – 5:00pm–Midnight Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul 18<sup>th</sup> St. and Benjamin Franklin Pkwy

All Catholics of the greater Philadelphia area are invited to an evening of prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to ask for His mercy upon His Church in this moment of profound crisis. We come to make reparation for our own sins and those of our bishops and priests. We come also in confident hope that from Christ's superabounding mercy will come the purification, healing and restoration of holiness for which we long. Friday, September 14, 2018, 5 PM to Midnight, Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia. The doors of the Cathedral will be open to all who wish to come and pray during this vigil. More information: [www.archphila.org/vigil](http://www.archphila.org/vigil).

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for August 26, 2018

“Every worthwhile gift, every genuine benefit comes from above,” says St. James in the second reading. But, he reminds us, true worship of God involves *using* those good gifts to benefit the less fortunate. Good stewardship is not optional; it is the hallmark of our faith!

Envelope Contributions .....	\$4,984.00
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Mailed in .....	\$1,200.00
Total Offertory Collection .....	\$6,847.00
Offering this time last year .....	\$7,747.00
Parish Giving.....	\$370.00

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

### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**Meeting:** The Parish Council will hold its first meeting of this new year of work on **Monday, September 10 at 7:30pm** in the Parish Center. Parishioners are always welcome and encouraged to attend these monthly meetings. If you plan to do so, please call President Barry Mulhern at 610-527-5197 or [rmul742@gmail.com](mailto:rmul742@gmail.com).

**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 call Dominic DiMartino at 610-525-6442.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

We are looking for parents to assist with our Liturgy of the Word for Children Program. This program takes place at the 11:15 Liturgy each Sunday. The children are called forth and sent with a blessing to the daily chapel. There, they hear the Word of God on a level that is more understandable to them. We are looking for ministers to teach the lessons. There is no training needed and all materials are provided for you.

If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Karen Carey at 610-525-0147.

### MANNA

On **September 9**, our children will be handing out Manna Food Bags. The Patrician Society in Norristown will be the recipient of our donations. This time of year their food cupboard runs very low as it is before the holiday season. Please consider taking a food bag, filling it with non-perishable food items, and returning it on the weekends of **September 16 or 23**. We are grateful for your generosity.



### YOUTH GROUP

All Youth in the parish, grades 6 through 12, are invited to help pass out the Manna Bags following the Masses on September 8 and 9. If you are able to help, please contact Karen Carey at 610-525-0147.

### 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, September 16**, 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             | ice tea mix | coffee        |
| tea bags                 | cookies     | peanut butter |
| cold cereal              | mayonnaise  | ketchup       |
| juices: boxes or bottles |             |               |

### VOCAL TALENT NEEDED

Music and singing enhance Liturgy, promoting deeper prayer and worship. Adult Choir is in need of more male and female voices from soprano and alto, to tenor and bass.

There is also a need for more cantors. All ages are welcome, starting with sixth grade through junior and senior high, college, young adults and beyond! Instruction and training will be provided.

Please contact Jo-Ann Stigliano, Director of Music Ministries at 610-525-0147, extension 238.



### 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*.

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](mailto:awoodeshick@omgcp parish.net). Several books are still available for newcomers and more can be ordered if needed.

## PREP INFORMATION

Registrations were mailed to all PREP families that were in the program last year. If you are new to the area, or are in need of registering your child for PREP, please contact Karen Carey at 610-525-0147 for information and registration forms.

All children, ages 4 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, are encouraged to participate.

## FALL FESTIVAL

Our Annual Fall Festival will take place this year on **October 19, 20 and 21**. We are looking for your help! We are in great need of committee chairpersons or members. The event takes many hands to pull off and is so much fun!

If you are looking for an opportunity to participate in any fashion, please contact Karen Carey at 610-525-0147. Your talent, whatever it is, is needed.



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## FALL FESTIVAL RAFFLE

We are once again looking for donations for our Fall Festival Raffle. If you would like to create a raffle basket, OR you are in a position to offer some donations such as gift cards, sporting tickets, movie passes, restaurant gift certificates, or any kind of donation, please contact Karen Carey for more details at 610-525-0147.

## POSITION AVAILABLE

### Director of Mercy After Care (MAC) Waldron Mercy Academy

This position begins on September 4 – Hours: 2:45-6:15pm. Responsibilities include: hire/staff/monitor MAC employees; manage children (K-8) in MAC setting; communicate with parents/teachers of MAC students; be responsible for payroll for MAC employees; be available on Waldron's In-service days from 7:30am – 4:00pm; other duties as assigned.

Contact: [kromano@waldronmercy.org](mailto:kromano@waldronmercy.org) or Kristen at 610-664-9847, ext. 13.

## OUR LADY OF CONFIDENCE Christian Retreat for Persons with Disabilities

A three-day retreat at Malvern Retreat House has been scheduled for **Tuesday through Thursday, October 9, 10 and 11** for adults with disabilities. The retreat is geared for adults with intellectual, physical or emotional disabilities. If you or someone you know would enjoy a three-day retreat that includes having your faith in God refreshed and strengthened, please email [OLCRetreat@gmail.com](mailto:OLCRetreat@gmail.com) or call Malvern Retreat Center at 610-644-0400 for a brochure and registration form. The registration form is on line at [www.opdarchphilly.org](http://www.opdarchphilly.org).

If you would like to be a volunteer companion on this retreat, contact Ed Seiders at [OLCRetreat@gmail.com](mailto:OLCRetreat@gmail.com).

## CATHOLIC TENT REVIVAL Sunday, October 7 – 1:00-7:00pm

Join thousands of teens, adults and families as we come together for The Catholic Tent Revival, a day of prayer, worship, fun and celebration of God's love for us. This is a bilingual event. Malvern Retreat House in Malvern, PA. No cost to attend; Registration is required. For full details go to <https://www.malvernretreat.com/2018-catholic-tent-revival/>.

## MOTHERS' HOME First Annual Fundraiser Dinner

Mothers' Home, a shelter for pregnant women, is holding its inaugural fundraiser dinner on **Friday, September 21st at 7:00 p.m.** at Drexelbrook, Drexel Hill, PA. Tickets are \$85 pp, \$75 with table of 10. Dinner and dancing. Register at [www.mothershome.org](http://www.mothershome.org). Sponsors and ADs welcome.

## HOUSING AVAILABLE

An offer came in from a woman home-owner who has space in her home to share with someone in need of housing. The home is located on College Avenue in Haverford. If interested in more information, please contact Alexis at 610-420-8731. The woman does not need companion services or housekeeping work done. She simply wants to offer space in her home to someone who is looking for a place to live.

## **A LABOR DAY BLESSING**

*May the light of your soul guide you.*

*May the light of your soul bless the work you do  
with the secret love and warmth of your heart.*

*May you see in what you do,  
the beauty of your own soul.*

*May the sacredness of your work  
bring healing, light and renewal  
to those who work with you and  
to those who see and receive your work.*

*May your work never weary you.  
May it release within you wellsprings of  
refreshment, inspiration and excitement.*

*May you be present in what you do.  
May you never become lost in the bland absences.  
May the day never burden.*

*May dawn find you awake and alert,  
approaching your new day  
with dreams, possibilities and promises.*

*May the evening find you gracious and fulfilled.  
May you go into the night blessed,  
sheltered and protected.*

*May your soul calm, console and renew you.*

*From Anam Cara (Soul Friend)  
by John O'Donohue*



## **Mass Intentions**



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### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

- 7:30 CIRO IANNOTTA  
9:30 MILDRED MURTAUGH  
(1ST ANNIVERSARY)  
11:15 FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

- 9:00 BETTY & JOHN BRENNAN

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

- 6:30 MR. & MRS. ANGELO IANNACONE  
8:00 ROCCO MARCACCIO

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

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

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

- 6:30 DECEASED MEMBERS  
& BENEFACTORS OF OSA  
8:00

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

- 6:30  
8:00 MARY BETH STANVITCH

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

- 8:00 CATHERINE SCHALK

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL  
PARISHIONERS  
9:30 FILOMENA SANTANGELO  
11:15 ROSE MARKS



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