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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>

THE WORK OF GOD: RESTORATION, HEALING AND WHOLENESS

In today's Gospel (Mark 7:31-37), people bring to Jesus a man who is deaf and beg Jesus to heal him. Mark tells us that Jesus took the deaf man aside, away from the crowd. The Greek word for taking him aside is usually translated as "receive" rather than "take," giving us the impression that by going apart, Jesus was receiving the man into his private company for an encounter more personal than what can happen in the midst of a crowd. Jesus then performed the healing by putting his fingers in the man's ears and placing his own spit on his tongue.

Those healing gestures were typical in Jesus' cultural milieu. Nevertheless, the willingness to touch an infirm person was a particular sign of solidarity and, even though some people in Jesus' day considered spittle as a healing agent, sharing his saliva with the man was a gesture of special intimacy. After performing those gestures, Jesus assumed a posture of prayer. He then spoke as God had spoken at the creation; just as light appeared at God's command, when Jesus said "*Ephphatha!*" the man's ears were opened and he could speak clearly.

Jesus' healing ministry always went beyond a simple cure. Everyone freed from an infirmity remains subject to other physical problems and ultimately to death. Jesus' healings did not eliminate human mortality, but they were oriented to the whole person, not just a health condition. Opening the ears of the deaf brought about a transformation on both a human and the theological level. On the human level, dialog, hearing and speaking, characterize and differentiate people from the animals and other parts of creation. When we listen, we freely allow something of the very being of another to enter into us. Speech is one of our primary ways of communing with others. Theologically, we understand God's communication with human beings as word and with the *Word made Flesh*. Opening the deaf man's ears enriched his ability to relate to others. On the theological level, the healing was symbolic of allowing the word of God to communicate with his heart.

Mark is careful to let us know that the man's speech became clear only after his ears were opened. On both the natural and the theological levels, hearing must precede speech. Mark drives home that idea in what is usually called the "messianic secret." Jesus ordered the witnesses not to tell anyone, but "the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it." On the more profound level, Jesus' reason for the prohibition was that they hadn't truly heard/understood his message. Like the deaf man with a speech impediment, their proclamation could not be clear because their understanding remained shallow.

Taken together, this week's readings remind us of how much we have to learn and how cautious we should be in making judgments. The first reading from Isaiah and the Gospel promise that God will open our ears if we ask. The second reading from James advises us that God's word will often come from what we consider the least likely sources. In some ways, these readings are a prelude to what will come next week. For now, we need to remember that salvation comes with a hook: The more we want from God, the more like God we are called to become.

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 Joanne Bramley at 610-457-6638 or Sr. Anne at 610-525-0147, ext. 234.

New Members: We welcome to our parish community Mr. and Mrs. Daniel & Bridget Chila, who recently registered with us.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office/Parish Center resumed its Monday thru Friday office hours this week. We enjoyed our four-day week during July and August.



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.

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 Ron Hicks at 610-449-2748.

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PRAYER VIGIL

of Reparation and Petition

**Friday, September 14 – 5:00pm–Midnight
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul
18th 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.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
for September 2, 2018**

The good steward must not show favoritism. The rich may have many material gifts to share, but St. James reminds us in the second reading that God has chosen the world’s poor to be rich in faith and inheritors of God’s kingdom.

Envelope Contributions	\$5,279.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$488.00
Mailed in	\$459.38
Total Offertory Collection	\$6,226.38
Offering this time last year	\$8,088.00
Electronic Giving of September 4.....	\$4,770.00
Parish Giving.....	\$280.00

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



**METROPOLITAN TRIBUNAL
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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.

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 handed 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.

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:

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.

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!

PEACE AND JUSTICE MEETING

The Peace and Justice Committee will meet again after its summer break on **Thursday, September 13 at 7:00p.m.** at St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Center in Rosemont.



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 8th 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.

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.

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.



ST. RAPHAELA CENTER 1616 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>.

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.



Rachel's Vineyard Ministries POST-ABORTION HEALING RETREAT October 12, 13, 14, 2018 Malvern-Frazer, PA

For information call: Lauren at 215-720-5828 or Priscilla at 215-906-6337. Sponsored by Rachel's Vineyard of Philadelphia. All inquiries are strictly confidential. Financial aid is offered if needed. National website: www.rachelsvineyard.org.

POSITION AVAILABLE Director of Mercy After Care (MAC) Waldron Mercy Academy

This position was scheduled to begin 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 or Kristen at 610-664-9847, ext. 13.

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/>.

ARCHBISHOP CARROLL GRADS!

Save the Date...

...for the 2018 Carroll Hall of Fame Event, on **Saturday, October 20** at Archbishop John Carroll High School. For more information, visit www.jcarroll.org/alumni/hof-2018.

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.



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Friday, September 14



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Saturday, September 15

Mass Intentions For The Week 

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 6:30
- 8:00 KATHLEEN M. O'DOHERTY (1ST ANNIVERSARY)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 6:30
- 8:00 HAROLD & ROSE IRVING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 6:30
- 8:00 EDWARD C. HARKIN (1ST ANNIVERSARY)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 6:30 IN MEMORY OF 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
- 8:00 JAMES CORRIGAN

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- 6:30
- 8:00 JAMES J. CORRIGAN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- 8:00 BILLY FERRY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

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



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