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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>

## ON THE ROAD TO JERUSALEM

In today's Gospel (Mk 10:17-30), Mark presents this three-part incident occurring "as Jesus was setting out on a journey." He says that to remind us that Jesus is *on the road to Jerusalem* and the climax of the Gospel. At the same time, we might wonder why the man put off this encounter until Jesus was leaving the area. Was he afraid of what he might hear? Whatever his reason for stopping Jesus on the road, he approached him with the utmost respect, running to him and kneeling as would a slave awaiting his master's command. Then comes the curious interlude about true goodness. Declining the label "good," Jesus' response can be translated as "no one is good except one – God." No human being can presume their own goodness, no matter how many commandments they fulfill. Only God is good, only God makes good.

When Jesus goes on to speak of God's commands, he concentrates on those that deal with justice in human relationships. The commands Jesus cited specify ways in which people must avoid harming others, concluding with the demand to honor one's parents. When the man replied that he had observed all those commandments from his youth, Mark says that Jesus looked on him with genuine love, that is, a preferential love demonstrating that he respected and appreciated him and his authenticity. Jesus saw something in this man that led him to invite him to join his group of itinerant disciples – an invitation that he didn't make every day.

Mark tells us that the man was stunned when Jesus invited him to sell and give all he had to the poor and then to come with him. He may have approached Jesus in sincerity but hadn't bargained for the challenge to give up everything. Perhaps he had heard Jesus' invitation to "repent and believe," but he hadn't comprehended that conversion implied an inversion of his life. In the end, all he could do was to depart in grief because the cost of going down Jesus' road was too great for him.

Mark allows us to think that Jesus spoke with as much sympathy as disappointment when he said, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God." Jesus understood how people can be enslaved by their possessions. He knew how hard it is for anyone to enter the kingdom of God. He had been dealing with similar difficulties with his disciples for whom competition and prestige were stumbling blocks. Therefore, Jesus went on with both humor and sympathy to explain that camels go through the eye of a needle more easily than people learn to be little and dependent enough to trust only in God's plan.

Today's readings invite us to consider what we seek most in our life and why we choose to be in the company of Christ and his followers. Christ offers to take all we have and are and transform it as truly as the bread and wine are transformed in our Eucharist. But as we see in today's Gospel, that is simply an offer. We are free to stay on his road or to go our own way.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Janine Hoffman, Anne Shea,  
William O'Donnell, Carol Luty,  
Marie D'Ambrosio, Charles McMenamin  
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,  
Bill and Ella Denny, Karen Schubert,  
S. Helena McNeill, MSHR,  
Deacon George McAndrews

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.

**Baptism:** We welcome to our faith community Abigail Clare Chila, daughter of Daniel and Bridget who was baptized in our Church recently.

**Marriages:** Congratulations to Jennifer Pirri and Brian Hoepfer who were married in our Church last week. May you continue to grow in God's love for you through each other.

**New Members:** We welcome to our parish community Edward and Torri Jackson-Sullivan who recently registered with us.



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Monday, October 15

Thursday, October 18

**HOLY HOUR OF PRAYER**  
**Wednesday, October 17, 2018**  
**7:30 – 8:30 pm**

Now that we have become aware of all the sexual abuse that has taken place, it is important for us to remember that there are a lot of people who are still suffering after all these years. In order for people to experience healing of some kind, it will take time, good people to listen to them, professional counseling and prayer. We would like to offer an evening of prayer for healing on **Wednesday, October 17 from 7:30 to 8:30 (please note change of time)** at Our Mother of Good Counsel Church.

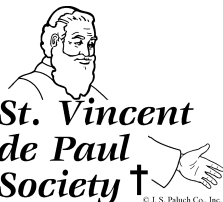
**EMERGENCY COLLECTION FOR  
 Hurricane Florence Relief**

The Archdiocese has asked us to take up a second collection for the victims of Hurricane Florence on the weekend of October 13-14. Please be as generous as your means allow.

**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.



**CLOTHING DRIVE**  
**[www.SVdPPickup.org](http://www.SVdPPickup.org)**

Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish will be hosting a clothing drive to benefit the Society of St. Vincent de Paul on

**Saturday, November 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

The Society will be using the services of GreenDrop to support their clothing drive. Look for the GreenDrop truck in the church parking lot near our dumpsters to allow parking for weddings or funerals, where an attendant will be available to assist you with your donations. Please place your donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as: kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CDs and videos are also accepted. Unfortunately, furniture, large appliances, TVs or computer monitors cannot be accepted. For a full list of acceptable items or to learn more about GreenDrop, visit [www.gogreendrop.com](http://www.gogreendrop.com). Tax receipts are available upon request.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**  
**for October 7**

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the rich young man to give away all that he has in order to have treasure in heaven. But he is unable to free himself from his possessions, and so he goes sadly away.

Does what *I* own keep *me* from following Jesus?

Envelope Contributions .....	\$6,450.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$998.00
Mailed in .....	\$2,043.00
Total Offertory Collection .....	\$9,491.00
Offering this time last year .....	\$10,436.00
Parish Giving .....	\$615.00
Catholic University .....	\$853.00

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

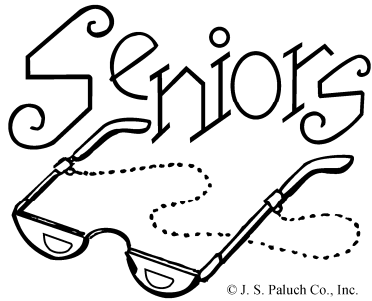


**PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT**

If there is anything you would like to bring to the attention of the Council by way of ideas, suggestions or concerns, please call Domenic DiMartino at 610-525-6442.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY FEATURE**  
**Ministry of Altar Server**

..... To be an Altar Server is a serious responsibility because so many people depend upon her or him. The Server leads the procession to and from the altar, holds the Sacramentary for the priest to pray the prayer for the day and sets the altar for the celebration of the Eucharist. All these things are important for the celebration of the Mass. When everything is done well, it helps the congregation to pray without distraction. This ministry is open to adults and children who are in the fourth grade and older. If you would like to be an Altar Server, contact Fr. John at the parish office (610-525-0147) or at church.



## SENIOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS

The Senior members of our parish and neighboring parishes will meet again on **Friday, October 26 at 12 noon**. At this Gathering, we will enjoy an activity called, "Crazy Bingo." You are asked to bring an inexpensive, **wrapped** gift that you have at home to be used as prizes for our Bingo winners.

Please remember to bring a sandwich or your typical lunch nourishment with you to this Gathering. Desserts and beverages will be provided.

## RCIA INQUIRY SESSIONS

The RCIA Inquiry sessions will continue to be held on six (6) **Wednesday evenings from 7:30 - 9:00pm**, beginning on **October 10 through November 28**. If you are interested in knowing more about the Catholic Church because you may be considering looking more closely into the Catholic Church as a faith community you might want to be a part of, you are welcome to join us for the evenings of October 10, 24, 31 and November 7, 14 and 28. If interested, contact Sr. Anne Woodeshick at 610-525-0147, ext. 234 or email her at [awoodeshick@omgcp parish.net](mailto:awoodeshick@omgcp parish.net).

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

**All 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to participate in any and all Youth Group Activities.**

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.

**ALL YOUTH ARE NEEDED FOR THE FALL FESTIVAL!!** The Fall Festival raises money that we use to help defray the cost of other activities we do during the year! We need everyone's help so that we can have fun doing things we love! Space is very limited for the Haunted Maze but we still need your help in other areas. Please contact Karen if you are interested in any way in participating! [kcarey@omgcp parish.net](mailto:kcarey@omgcp parish.net).



## FALL FESTIVAL NEWS How Can You Help?

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. Are you brave enough?

### How Can You Help???

1. We are looking for volunteers to help supervise the games and prizes. If you are able to help with the games and prizes, please contact Shannon at [sscardecchio@gmail.com](mailto:sscardecchio@gmail.com) or Brittany at [brittgallagher22@gmail.com](mailto:brittgallagher22@gmail.com).
2. If you are not able to be here, perhaps you can bake or cook something to be sold! Please contact Dave Gaudio by email at [dgaudio13@gmail.com](mailto:dgaudio13@gmail.com).
3. Please spread the word about our great event!!!



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Friday evening, October 26**, OMGC will hold its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual BYOB Pumpkin Carving! Bring your beverage and your pumpkin!

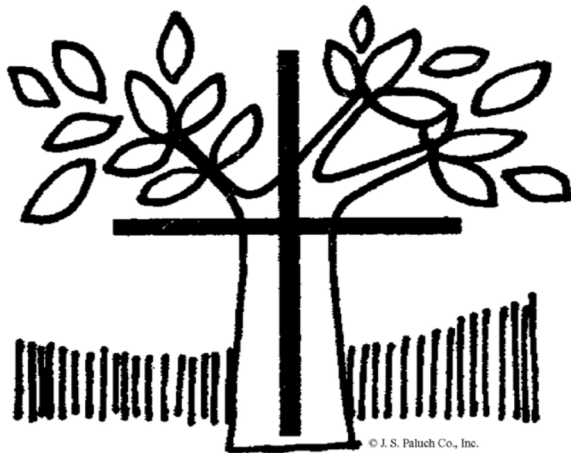
Meet us in the Social Center for some snack food and fun! Party begins at 6 pm and ends at 8 pm. **ALL ARE WELCOME!!!** For more information, contact Karen at [kcarey@omgcp parish.net](mailto:kcarey@omgcp parish.net).

## OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH Another Look at Contraception

To some, the Catholic Church's consistent teaching against birth control may seem outdated. Yet, with each passing year, evidence of contraception's negative consequences keeps piling up.

In the time since birth control first became widely used, science has shown that some contraceptives can cause early abortions; procured abortions and non-marital birth skyrocketed; and women have been subjected to sometimes serious or fatal health issues as well as what economist George Akerlof calls "the feminization of poverty."

As human beings made in God's image, we are called to imitate God's generous, sacrificial, life-giving and eternal love. Through the Church's teaching, God invites us to a fuller, richer and deeper way of life and love.



### THANK YOU

On behalf of the Patrician Society Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and patrons, I thank the parishioners at Our Mother of Good Church for their generosity in the Archdiocesan Manna Food Drive and indeed for their kindness throughout the year.

The food that you have collected will be sorted and re-packaged into grocery baskets for distribution among the approximately 1,300 needy families who utilize our pantry. Your kindness makes a real difference in the lives of the members of these families!

With best wishes to all who participated, I am sincerely grateful,

Joseph Maccolini,  
Director of Development



### 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 email at [Atkinson.cause@gmail.com](mailto:Atkinson.cause@gmail.com) or by telephone message to 610-519-6937.

Thank you,  
Fr. Joseph Ryan, OSA (chair)



**ST. RAPHAELA CENTER**  
**616 Coopertown Rd. in**  
**Haverford**  
**Sponsored Day of Prayer**  
**October 23 – 8:30 – 5:00 pm**

Come for a day of spiritual renewal and discover some peace and quiet in this whirlwind of a life that we all live. The Center sets aside one Private Retreat Day, one **Tuesday** of each month from August to June from 8:30am to 5:00pm. Cost is \$15; an additional \$20 if you would like to meet with a Spiritual Director on staff.

Please register for one or more of our monthly sessions by calling 610-642-5715 or email [info@staphaelacenter.org](mailto:info@staphaelacenter.org).

## MAKIN' MUSIC ROCKIN' RHYTHM

Join us for a free Rhythm session for children from infant to kindergarteners and their parents on **Thursday, October 18 from 10 – 10:45** at St. Aloysius Academy, 401 S. Bryn Mawr Avenue in Bryn Mawr.

RSVP to [lhanson@stalloysiusacademy.org](mailto:lhanson@stalloysiusacademy.org)

## HIGH SCHOOLS' OPEN HOUSE and Entrance Exams

- **Merion Mercy Academy:** The Scholarship and Entrance Exam will be given on **Saturday, October 27 from 9:00am – 12:30pm.** The Application/Test Registration can be completed on line at [www.merion-mercy.com](http://www.merion-mercy.com).
- **Sacred Heart Academy:** 9th Grade Scholarship/Entrance Exam will be administered on **Saturday, October 20 at 8:45AM.** The test registration/application can be completed online at [www.SHAbrynmaur.org](http://www.SHAbrynmaur.org).

6th Grade Scholarship exam is on **Saturday, October 20 at 8:45 am.**

K-12 Open House on **Tuesday, October 23 from 9:00am-11:00am**

School Office number: 610-527-3915 for more information.

- **La Salle College High School:** The Scholarship and Entrance Exam for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys will be held at the school at **8:30 am on Saturday, October 27 and again on Saturday, November 10.**

For questions or additional information, please contact the Admissions Office at 215-402-4800 or [admissions@lschs.org](mailto:admissions@lschs.org). Information can also be found on the school's web site at [www.lschs.org](http://www.lschs.org).

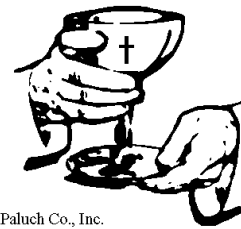
- **Mount St. Joseph Academy:** The Mount's Open House will be on **October 21 from 12 – 3:00pm.** Girls in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend with their parents to explore the innovative programs and spaces at the Mount.

Please register at [www.msjacad.org](http://www.msjacad.org).

Eighth grade girls can register for a full day visit to the Mount

The Scholarship/Entrance exam will be on **Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 – 12 noon.**

## Mass Intentions



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### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

7:30 FRANCIS IANNOTTA  
9:30 ETHEL DAGIT CUNNINGHAM  
11:15 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHIONERS

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

6:30 JAMES & HELEN COWAN  
& NANCY COWAN  
8:00 HARRIET FINEGAN

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

6:30 JOSEPH HOULIHAN  
8:00 MARY HAGENBACH

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

6:30 MARY KILLILEA  
8:00 HAROLD & ROSE IRVING

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

6:30 NATALIE FANELLI  
8:00 PEG CROTHERS

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

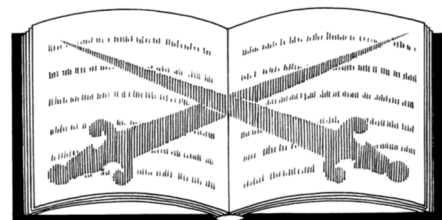
6:30 REGINA SARACINO  
8:00 NICHOLA MARCHESANI

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

8:00 ANN DEVANEY

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHIONERS  
9:30 PETE J. FARRELLY  
11:15 JOANN DALESANDRO



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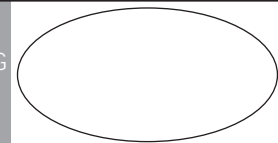
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