



Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish Community

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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>

VISION IS POSSIBLE EVEN IN DARKNESS

In today's Gospel (Mark 10:46-52), Mark introduces us to Bartimaeus sitting by the road that Jesus was taking to Jerusalem and the events of his passion. While roadsides, markets and the temple area were great locations for beggars, there is more to this placement; it is symbolic of being near but not quite on the same path as Jesus. As he just sat there, Bartimaeus' blindness determined his identity.

Unexpectedly, Bartimaeus would be transformed from ordinary blind beggar into a model of discipleship. Unlike others whose hearts were hardened or whose ears were closed, Bartimaeus heard about Jesus of Nazareth and began to call to him for help. Rather than addressing him by name, Bartimaeus shouted out a title that would call Jesus forth as a savior. Identifying him as "Son of David," Bartimaeus was acknowledging Jesus as a man as wise and kind as Solomon. Just as likely, he was confessing faith in Jesus with a messianic title that would soon be picked up by the crowds who acclaimed him as he made his entry into Jerusalem.

Bartimaeus, like various others who were persistent in seeking Jesus' help, got Jesus' attention. In the next two sentences, Mark uses the word "call" three times as Jesus tells his disciples or the crowd in general to *call* him; as they actually *call* him, and as they tell Bartimaeus, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is *calling* you." Bartimaeus' immediate response was to spring up. The detail that he left behind his cloak indicates his enthusiasm while it also suggests willingness to abandon the old and take on a new identity.

Finally, after all those details, Mark describes the encounter between Jesus and Bartimaeus. Jesus had called and Bartimaeus had come to him. Then Jesus asks the all-important, pivotal, incomparable question: "What do you want me to do for you?" Bartimaeus, the model for disciples, responds, "Master, I want to see." That is the one thing that the disciples had not asked of Jesus. They had asked him to avoid his suffering; they had asked him for places of honor; they had asked him for many things, but they had never begged him for such understanding. Therefore, Jesus could respond to Bartimaeus, "Your faith has saved you," and he received his sight.

What Bartimaeus saw is clear from the last line of the story: "He followed Jesus down the road." Bartimaeus had asked the Son of David to have pity on him, and because of his faith-filled request, he was able to perceive who Jesus was and gain the courage to follow him.



PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Janine Hoffman, Anne Shea,
Carol Luty, Lori Lesutis
William O'Donnell, Charles McMenamin
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,
Bill and Ella Denny, Karen Schubert,
S. Helena McNeill, MSHR,

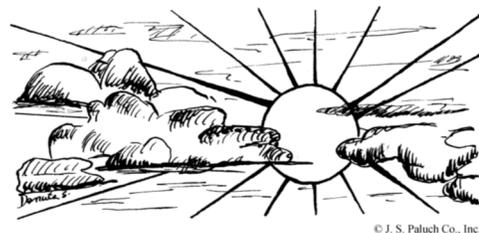
and all who care for the sick and dying.

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.

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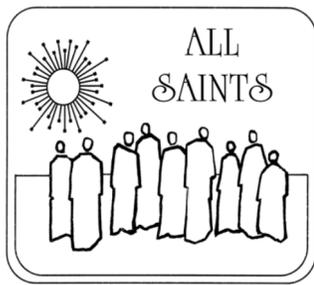
Helping Other People in Emergencies

If you need a ride to the doctor, shopping, etc., call Carol Way at 610-525-5817 or call Sr. Anne at 610-525-0147, ext. 234.



Marriages: Congratulations to Rachel Weber and Sean Davidson 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 Javier and Claudia Ramirez who recently registered with us.



FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

This year, the Feast of All Saints is celebrated on **Thursday, November 1**. It is a Holyday of Obligation, Masses are as follows:

Vigil Mass – Wednesday, October 31 at 7:30pm
Masses on Thursday, November 1
6:30 and 8:00 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.



FEAST OF ALL SOULS
Friday, November 2

This is the day we remember in our prayers all who have died, especially our loved ones. In addition to our regular daily morning Masses, there will be a **special Mass at 7:30 p.m.** to remember all the members of our parish who have died this past year. Family members of the deceased have been invited, and all parishioners are welcome to attend as well.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Meeting: The Parish Council will hold its next meeting on **Monday, November 5 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 email 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 Steve and Colette Sutton at 610-520-2501 or colettesutton309@yahoo.com.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
for October 21

Today’s Psalm says, “The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.” Good stewards demonstrate by their living and giving that they understand God as the Source of all they are and have.

Envelope Contributions	\$4,103.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$1,045.00
Mailed in	\$1,370.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$6,518.00
Offering this time last year	\$5,991.00
Parish Giving.....	\$465.00
Sisters of Mercy.....	\$1,385.00

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



EXTRAORDINARY
MINISTERS
OF HOLY COMMUNION

There will be an important meeting for all **present** and **new** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on **Monday, November 5** from **7 to 8 pm** in the Church.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Week of Hosting: Our Parish will be hosting the IHN families once again during the **Week of November 25 – December 2**. 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, November 24 at 10:00 am** or take-down and pack away equipment on **Sunday, December 2 at 12:15 pm**, 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 – 8:30 p.m.** or as an **overnight host** from **8:30 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.** once during the week, please email Michele Geraghty at mseraghty@comcast.net or call 610-642-7113.

PARISH THANKSGIVING DINNER

Please mark your calendars, folks! Our Annual Parish Thanksgiving Dinner and Evening Prayer will be held on **Sunday, November 18 at 4:00pm.** All parishioners are invited to join us for Evening Prayer at 4pm in the Church, followed by a Thanksgiving Dinner with all the trimmings in the Gym. Please consider joining this family friendly event sponsored by our parish. The only catch is, you **MUST RSVP!!** This dinner is pretty much done by exact count so if you or your family would like to attend, please call Donna in the parish office at 610-525-0147 no later than **Friday, November 9.** No reservations can be accepted after that date.

CLOTHING DRIVE Saturday, November 10 9:00a.m. – 2:00p.m.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be using the services of GreenDrop to support their clothing drive. Look for the GreenDrop truck in the church parking area in the back lot near Barrett Avenue 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 video are also accepted. Unfortunately, furniture, large appliances, TVs or computer monitors cannot be accepted. For a full list of acceptable items visit www.gogreendrop.com. Tax receipts are available upon request.

SPIRITUAL READING GROUP

The Spiritual Reading Group will meet again on **Friday, November 2 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Parish Center. This group usually meets on the first Friday of each month. For more information, contact S. Anne Woodshick at 610-525-0147, ext. 234.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

On **Sunday, December 2,** we will hold our Annual Parish Breakfast with Santa and Service Day! Join us for Breakfast with Santa from **8 am until 11 am.** While you are here, help us out with a variety of service projects that will help those who are not as fortunate as ourselves. Then, complete your morning by attending the 11:15 Mass. Please plan on joining us. If you would like to help with the setup or planning of all of this, please contact Karen at 610-525-0147 or kcarey@omgparish.net.



FALL FESTIVAL THANK YOU!

Joe and Karen Carey would like to thank every single person who did anything to make the Fall Festival a success! It was such a great feeling to see so many parishioners and non-parishioners come together to have a little Fall Fun, a little October scare, enjoy some tasty treats and do some Christmas Shopping! We are so grateful for all those who helped, donated, setup, cleaned up, manned moon bounces, oversaw games, worked the bake sale or kitchen; it was just a great parish to belong to this weekend!

We do need to recognize a few people who were our committee chairpersons and went above and beyond to help us out! Thanks to Fr. Liam for all his backing and support. Thanks to the committee persons: Jen and Dave Gaudio, Brittany Gallagher, Shannon Scardecchio, Terri Keffer, Bernadette Carey, Maryann Gallagher, Jamie Scardecchio, Lauren Stephens and, of course, the Haunt Master, Jason Sutch! We can't wait until next year!

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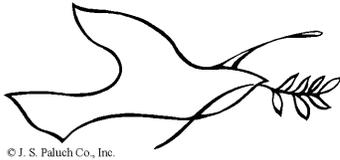


WALKING WITH PURPOSE For Young Women!

Would you like to engage with the hearts of other young women while encountering the Lord's love for you? If so, we invite you to join us at St. Thomas of Villanova as we delve into the Walking with Purpose Opening Your Heart Young adult series just for young women ages 18-30. This program is composed of three six-week foundational Bible studies done at your pace and your convenience.

It is for young women new to scripture study as well as those with more Bible study experience. We will begin with the first of three studies, Beloved, and together, we will dive into what it means to be God's beloved daughters. The goal of our time together will be to become rooted in the reality of God's love for each and every one of us.

When we have a small group together, we will decide on a meeting place and time convenient for all. For additional information and to sign up, please call Maria O'Malley at 215-740-6742 or email mariaomalley@comcast.net.



PLEASE DONATE to Recently Resettled Legal Refugees

An advocate for refugees at HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) contacted the office of President Peter Donahue, OSA at Villanova. That advocate, David Broida, invited Villanova and the Augustinians to join him in a mission for which David has already had considerable success. He begs for used but workable **cell phones, tablets and laptops**. David knows the needs of legal refugee families in the Philadelphia area and he matches the specific gift with the needs of the mother, father or children who should have these items. The children tend to need the tablets and laptops for school, and mothers tend to need the phones. The items must be in working condition with passwords deleted.

Fr. Peter's office, knowing that I have some experience with resettling refugees, contacted me to invite my help. I have the cooperation of Villanova University's Peace and Justice Program and its Catholic Relief Services officer. I am asking the cooperation of the parishioners at Our Mother of Good Counsel. If you are willing to donate one of these items, please leave it at the parish office during regular office hours or give it to me. joseph.betz@villanova.edu. I anticipate that we will receive enough of these items to share them with refugees sponsored by the Archdiocese and First Place in Ardmore. Please include your name and email address with the item. Thank you.
Fellow Parishioner, Joe Betz.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR at St. John the Baptist in Manayunk November 10-11, 2018

Come to a Bazaar that will bring back old memories and create new ones! Get in the Christmas Spirit, meet old and new neighbors and begin a festive season. St. John the Baptist's Social Hall, is located at 119 Rector Street in Philadelphia and is open on **Saturday November 10 from 10am to 7pm** and on **Sunday, November 11 from 10am to 2pm**. The Hall entrance is on Cresson St. at the Corner of Rector St.

Visit us at www.stjohnmanayunk.org and on facebook.com/sjbmanayunk.

ST. RAPHAELA CENTER 616 Coopertown Rd. in Haverford Bereavement: A Day of Prayer November 13 – 8:30am – 3:00pm

This Day of Prayer and Reflection offers you peace and support that will help you deal with loss as it affects your life. The day will be directed by Deacon David Schaffer, MS, a Pastoral Counselor, and will provide time for personal prayer as well as sharing. The Eucharist will be celebrated by Fr. Frank Doyle, OSA.

Grief has a way of plundering our prayer life often leaving us feeling empty and alone. Join us for a day of prayer and reflection away from the busyness of daily life.

Tuesday, November 13

Cost: \$40.00

Please register online at www.straphaelcenter.org or call 610-642-5715.

Awareness

November 10 at 1:00 pm

As Richard Rohr states "Awareness is a way of living in the Presence, and even of enjoying the Presence. The contemplative is not just aware of God's presence but trusts, allows and delights in it." As you participate in the opportunity to listen, observe, reflect, risk and enjoy yourself and others, you will experience greater inner-freedom, a more relaxed attitude toward life and the freedom to be yourself. The program incorporates contemplative prayer, reflection, and sharing experiences from former members of the group as well as articles and audio visuals.

The cost of this session is \$20.00. Deadline Date for registration is due 1 week prior to the day. Register via email info@straphaelcenter.org or phone 610-642-5715.



MALVERN RETREAT HOUSE 315 So. Warren Avenue November 16 – 18

St. Teresa of Calcutta Retreat for Women, directed by Marty Rotella, 3-time Grammy nominee, evangelist and retreat master. The theme is

Love Will Heal Your Brokenness and will involve uplifting music, inspirational talks and prayer. Hosted in the McShain-Horstmann Family Life Center. Register at www.malvernretreat.com/calendar or call 610-644-0400.

REQUEST FROM PATRICIAN SOCIETY

The Patrician Society located in Norristown is in special need of soup, peanut butter and jelly. Anyone who is able to purchase a few cans or jars, please bring donations to the vestibule of Church, next **Sunday, November 4**. Thank you.

IHM CONFERENCE CENTER 401 S. Bryn Mawr Ave. in Bryn Mawr Offers two Seminars

- Conference Day: “Becoming Bread: You are What You Eat” on **Tuesday, November 6 from 9:30am to 2:30pm**. The presentations are offered by S. Marie Gipprich, IHM and Michaele Wicks. A Stipend of \$40 will include breakfast, lunch and Mass.

Attendees at this Conference Day will consider the meaning of the words of St. Augustine, “Be what you see. Receive what you already are.” Augustine’s words encourage us to receive Eucharist as nourishment for what we are and what we become: more the persons we already are, the Body of Christ.

To register, please call 610-581-0120 or email ihmconferencecenter@gmail.com.

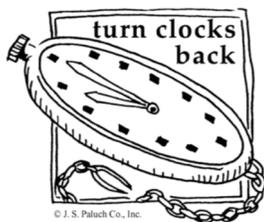
- Saints and Sainly People: “Oscar Romero” on **Thursday, November 29 from 9:00 – 11:30am**. The presenter of this event is Teena Weisler-Vega. A stipend of \$15 is asked.

Our newly canonized saint, Oscar Romero, is the focus of this day. Romero epitomized the unity of faith and justice, and was an outspoken advocate for the poor of El Salvador during the country’s civil war in the 1980s.

See above for the registration information.

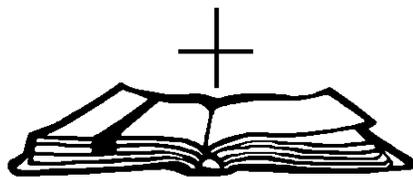


Wednesday, October 31



Sunday, November 4

Mass Intentions



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHIONERS
- 9:30 THOMAS & LUCILLE RYAN
- 11:15 JOHN & MARGARET McELWEE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 6:30 FLORENCE WHITEHURST (ANNIVERSARY MASS)
- 8:00 HELEN KRIPAK (ANNIVERSARY MASS)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 6:30 PAUL & ANN MARK
- 8:00 CATHERINE YOUNG

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

- 6:30 MARY LOUISE GROW
- 8:00 ANNAMAE CROUMBLEY
- 7:30 RASMEY NHEK

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- 6:30 BEATRICE COSENZA
- 8:00 LUISETTA & DOMENICO CONICELLA
- 12:10 SALVATORE PETROCCIA

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- 6:30 MANCHIO & DESCANO FAMILIES
- 8:00 CATHERINE YOUNG
- 7:30 ALL SOULS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- 8:00 MARIA & DOMENIC DI MARTINO

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHIONERS
- 9:30 JAMES SCHIMMINGER (BIRTHDAY)
- 11:15 JOANN DALESANDRO