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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>

BE VIGILANT ALWAYS

Today's Gospel (Mark 13:24-32) comes from the end of Jesus' public ministry. These are the last verses of Mark's Gospel before the passion narrative opens with the preparation of the Last Supper. Jesus' description of the end includes just about every dread event they could imagine: there would be false prophets, wars, natural disasters, trials, persecution and betrayals – but through it all, the presence of the Spirit and the promise of salvation.

Jesus was describing a situation that would be utterly and completely disorienting. The lack of "fixed light" would mean that the stability of creation had come undone; there would be nothing familiar, nothing comforting, nothing to give them their bearings. It would be almost like drowning on dry land. Then, and only then, would they behold the appearance of "the Son of Man."

We need to remember to whom Jesus was talking. These were his disciples, the ones who had been quick to hope that Jesus would act like the kind of messiah on whom they pinned their hopes and dreams. Jesus wanted them to realize that they could not imagine the reality that was to come; it was only by using mysterious symbolic language that he could speak of it at all. If they could grasp nothing else, he wanted them to know that they would be terrified.

But terror is only part of the message. Yes, they would go through faith-shaking trials they could not imagine, beginning with his passion. Nevertheless, that was not all. In the midst of the chaos of body, mind and heart that was to come, they would see him and discover his true glory and power. Only as they watched everything else pass away would they understand that his words would not pass away.

Mark introduced this discourse with the stories of the widow and the awe-inspiring temple to illustrate the meaning of Jesus' discourse of the end times. While the temple architecture and its cult were impressive, they had no lasting meaning. None of the pomp visible in its liturgies, nothing of its international fame and honor would last. What did have value, what would not pass away, was the example of total giving foreshadowed by the widow and brought to completion by Jesus.

It is unlikely that the disciples understood that in the moment. They were experts at missing the point when it came to comprehending suffering or the need to let go of their own presuppositions. But they did remember the incident and how Jesus used it to contextualize his teaching about the end. Bit by bit, they got it! We can, too.



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We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Janine Hoffman, Anne Shea,
Carol Luty, Lori Lesutis, Jane Shaw,
William O'Donnell, Pelham McClellan,
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.

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 call Sr. Anne at 610-525-0147, ext. 234.

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Deceased: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Angelo Ruberto and for the consolation of his family.

Marriages: Congratulations to Brigid McGrath and Martin Larson 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 Jeffrey & Vashni Nilon who recently registered with us.

THANKSGIVING DAY SCHEDULE

Thursday, November 22
9:00 am – One Mass Only

Parish Office will be closed
on Thursday November 22
and Friday, November 23



A THANKSGIVING BLESSING

*May an abundance of gratitude burst forth
as you reflect upon what you have received.
May thanksgiving overflow in your heart,
and often be proclaimed in your prayer.
May you gather around the table of your heart
the ardent faithfulness, kindness and goodness
of each person who is true to you.*

*May the harvest of your good actions
bring forth plentiful fruit each day.
May you discover a cache of hidden wisdom
among the people and events
that has brought you distress and sorrow.
May your basket of blessings surprise you
with its rich diversity of gifts
and its opportunities for growth.*

*May all that nourishes and resources your life
bring you daily satisfaction and renewed hope.
May you slow your hurried pace of life
so you can be aware of, and enjoy,
what you too easily take for granted.
May you always be open, willing,
and ready to share your blessings with others.
May you never forget the Generous One
who loves you lavishly and unconditionally.*

(From: *Out of the Ordinary* by Joyce Rupp)

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for November 11

The readings today speak of the end of the world and the coming of the Kingdom. The bishops’ pastoral on stewardship says clearly that “that ‘life to come’ is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now.” May our good stewardship cause us to be numbered among the chosen on the last day!

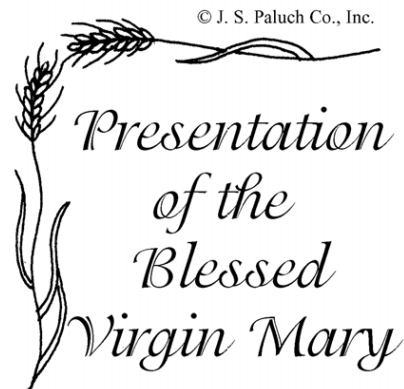
Envelope Contributions	\$6,420.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$724.00
Mailed in	\$785.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$7,929.00
Offering this time last year	\$7,948.00
Electronic Giving Nov. 15.....	\$3,552.00
Parish Giving.....	\$630.00

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

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

November 18, 2018 – Join us from **9:45 to 10:30am** to help set up for the Parish Thanksgiving Dinner. Mr. Carey will meet you in the gym to help with the tables and chairs.

November 19, 2018 – Youth Group goes to the 76ers!! Join us as a group to watch the Philadelphia 76ers play the Phoenix Suns! We will meet in the OMGC Parking lot at 5:30. The game begins at 7:00 and we should be home by 10 or 10:30. Tickets cost \$22. Please let Karen know if you will be attending as there are a limited number of tickets. First come, first serve.



Wednesday, November 21



**CORRECTED
DATE
FOR
BREAKFAST
WITH SANTA**

Because of so many other events happening on the Original Date planned for the Breakfast with Santa (December 2), the Annual Parish Breakfast with Santa and Service Day has been moved to

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 from 8:00 to 11:00 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@omgcp parish.net.

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 and Colette Sutton at colettesutton309@Yahoo.com or call 610-520-2501.

LECTORS' WORKBOOKS AVAILABLE

Lectors' workbooks for the new liturgical year are available in the sacristy. The First Sunday of Advent is December 2nd.

**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, November 25**, 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 |
| hot cereal | juices: boxes or bottles | |

LIFE IS NOT A DRESS REHEARSAL

“God calls you to make definitive choices... to discover that plan and to respond to your vocation is to move toward personal fulfillment.”

Pope Francis

If you are interested in learning more about the Order of St. Augustine and what it means to be an Augustinian, please visit our website:

www.augustinianvocations.org.

THANKSGIVING



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IHN NEWS

Did you know that you can designate the IHN of the Main Line to receive a percentage of your Amazon Prime purchases? Sign into smile.amazon.com and you can designate the Interfaith Hospitality Network of the Main Line to receive a small percentage of your purchases. Every little bit helps!

The “Day Center” of the IHN is in need of the following items:

- Gift Cards: Visa, Shoprite, Walmart, Giant and Uber
- Tall kitchen trash bags for the day center
- Toilet paper for the day center
- Paper towels
- Tissues
- Shampoos
- Body wash
- Body lotion: men’s and women’s
- Deodorant: men’s and women’s
- Lysol Disinfectant Spray
- Lysol Multipurpose Cleaner
- Dish Soap
- Laundry Detergent
- Feminine Products (sanitary napkins)
- New bottles and toddler sippy cups
- Batteries: 9V for smoke alarms

If you are in a position where you might be able to help by donating to this cause, please place your donations in the entrance of the church and mark them IHN, or drop them off at the Parish Office! Thank you!

ST. RAPHAELA CENTER
616 Coopertown Rd. in Haverford
Advent Directed Retreat Extended
December 7 – 4pm to December 14 – 11am

Consider making a silent retreat this Advent, preparing yourself interiorly for the coming of Christ, for the continual coming of Christ...the coming of love, of hope, of truth. It is a week of prayer and silence to listen more deeply to the voice of God within, and to share what is heard during this silence with an experienced spiritual guide.

Cost: \$535 - \$605

(Depending upon room choice).

Registration: Please register online
 (www.straphaelcenter.org)
 or call the Center at 610-642-5715 by
Monday, November 26.

Shawl Ministry...

...will be offered once again on **Thursday, December 13 from 10:30 – 12 noon.** This ministry is offered by Sr. Kathy Gaize, acj, every 2nd Thursday of the month at this time. The material needed for this experience is Yarn: 3 skeins of Home Spun and needles (size 11 or 13). There is no cost for this prayerful experience of a work of Mercy for someone who is experiencing an occasion of joy or challenge in their lives.

**FATIMA, LOURDES AND SHRINES
 OF SPAIN**
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June 11 – 22, 2019

Take your FAITH ON A JOURNEY, to Fatima, Lourdes and Shrines of Spain on this 12-night experience from June 11 – June 22, 2019. Your included destinations while on this Journey are: Lisbon-Santaren-Fatima-Brage-Santiago De Compostela in Spain; Burgossan Ignacio De Loyola, Lourdes in France and Carcassonne-Barcelona in Spain.

Plus Mass and Rosary will be offered throughout your journey. Land prices begin at \$1,729 per person, based on double occupancy. Deposits of only \$400 per person will reserve your space. Space is **very limited.**

For further information or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785 or Eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com.

INVITATION TO OPEN HOUSE
St. Aloysius Academy

You are invited to our **November 27 Open House**
from 9:30 – 11:00am.

Go to www.stalloysiusacademy.org and click on "Visit Us" to register or call 610-525-1670 to request a private tour. We are the only IHM-sponsored, private, Catholic, K-8 Academy for Boys in the five-county Philadelphia metro area.

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**NEEDED: A FEW GOOD MEN AND
 WOMEN**

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www.dolphinsofdelawarevalley.org

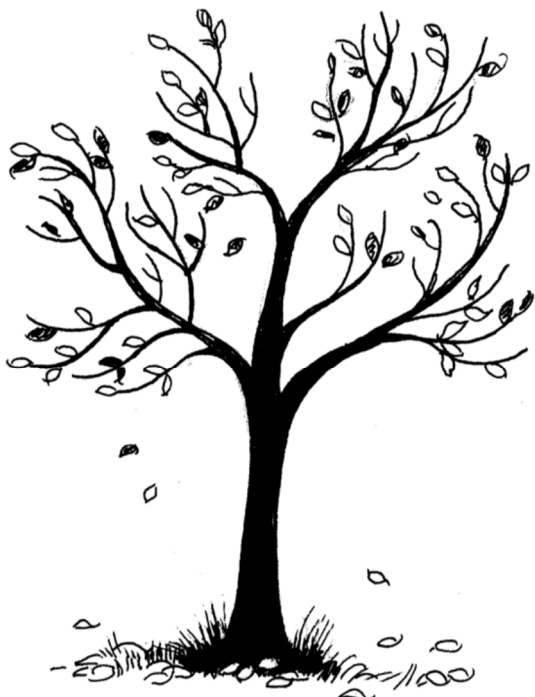
or contact Marilyn Knox at 610-585-7141 or MarilynK@ecsphilly.org.

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**TRAINING FOR THE
 FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS**
Saturday, December 1, 2018
at St. Mary Magdalen Parish in Media

The day begins with Mass at 8:30 am. At 9:00 am – First Saturday Devotions. 10:00am - Training to help make you ready to spread the First Saturday Devotions in your parish as Our Lady has asked at Fatima. 11:30 am – Conclusion. Visit: www.flameoflove.us, or call 610-622-4257 for more information or to register.



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WAKEN IN ME A SENSE OF JOY

O Extravagant God,
 in this ripening, red-tinged autumn,
 waken in me a sense of joy in just being alive,
 joy for nothing in general
 except everything in particular;
 joy in sun and rain mating with earth
 to birth a harvest;
 joy in soft light through shyly disrobing trees;
 joy in the acolyte moon
 setting halos around processing clouds;
 joy in the beating of a thousand wings
 mysteriously knowing which way is warm;
 joy in wagging tails and kids' smiles
 and in this spunky old city;
 joy in the taste of bread and wine,
 the smell of dawn, a touch, a song, a presence;
 joy in having what I cannot live without –
 other people to hold and cry and laugh with;
 joy in love, in You;
and that all at first and last is grace.

From Guerrillas of Grace
 By Ted Loder



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHIONERS
- 9:30 PEGGY GALLAGHER
- 11:15 ACHILLE & MARY BARONE (BIRTHDAY)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- 6:30 THERESA M. ARMSTRONG
- 8:00 JAMES J. CORRIGAN

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- 6:30 SHIRLEY JABLONSKI (ANNIVERSARY MASS)
- 8:00 MURIEL LEILA LUND VAN DUSEN (73RD ANNIVERSARY)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- 6:30
- 8:00 THE PHILLIPS FAMILY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- 9:00 HARRIET FINEGAN

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- 6:30 MR. & MRS. ANGELO IANNACONE
- 8:00 JAMES CORRIGAN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- 8:00 VINCENZO SALVATI

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHIONERS
- 9:30 JOSEPH MANDES
- 11:15 NICK RANDAZZO



Thursday, November 22

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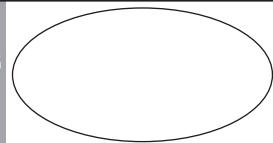
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