



Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish Community

Staffed by the Augustinian Friars and the
Sisters of Mercy for over a century

31 PENNSWOOD ROAD
BRYN MAWR, PA 19010

January 6, 2019

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Liam O'Doherty, OSA, Pastor, Ext. 230

Fr. James Martinez, OSA, Pastor Emeritus

Fr. John Deary, OSA, Parochial Vicar...Ext. 228

Fr. James McBurney, OSA, In Residence...Ext. 233

Fr. Thomas Pohto, OSA, In Residence...Ext. 250

Br. William C. Harkin, OSA, Deacon...Ext. 249

Mr. Joseph Carey, Facilities Manager...Ext. 262

Mrs. Karen Carey, Coordinator of Religious Education and
Youth Ministry...Ext. 227

Jo-Ann Stigliano, Director of Music Ministries...Ext. 238

Sr. Anne Woodeshick, RSM, Parish Ministry...Ext. 234

Donna Descano, Administrative Assistant...Ext. 221

Peggy Juhline, Business Manager...Ext. 225

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>

GOD ENCOUNTERS US BEYOND OUR EXPECTATIONS

Because we accept the Gospel of Matthew as part of the canon of Scripture, we assume that it all has value as revelation. Therefore, we look to the story to see what it tells us about our life as a people of God. Matthew uses today's Gospel story of the Epiphany (Mt. 2:1-12) to introduce themes that he will develop in other ways as his Gospel progresses. He situates Jesus' birth in historical time – specifically, the days of King Herod who achieved great fame for his cruelty. He then describes the band of foreigners who journeyed to the geographical heart of Judaism where they would find the priests and theologians who could help them understand what was happening in their day.

In the second stage of their journey, the Magi were overjoyed when a star led them in harmony with the Scriptures: Nature and revelation had coincided. Their physical journey was complete when they encountered the child and mother; they recognized God at home with humanity.

Like the simple people who comprehended Jesus better than the wise, the Magi took the next steps of rejoicing, worshipping and offering the treasures of their heart. Finally, as attentive to dreams as to Scripture and nature, they understood that reporting to Herod would bring no good. Like the Gerasene man possessed by demons whose story we hear in Mark and Luke, they returned to their own people after encountering Jesus. This, the third stage of their journey, had the potential to last the rest of their lives as they assimilated what meeting the Christ meant for them and their own.

If we want to imagine something beyond what our crèche sets depict, we might think of the Magi as a traveling group of families or friends seeking the meaning of a sign they had perceived in the heavens. As happens to many who come to a land not their own, their presence alarmed some people. The travelers were looking for the newborn king of the Jews – and according to the religious professionals, none of the right people had an infant who fit the bill.

The Magi's questions disturbed people. As strangers, they didn't understand that they should keep quiet and leave well enough alone. What did they hope to find in Bethlehem of all places? What were they called to? We might ask the same questions.

The readings for the feast of the Epiphany invite us to begin this new year by asking with whom in today's Gospel we will decide to identify. Will we choose to settle as a sedentary church, quiet in the face of darkness, contented with the minimal ritual and almsgiving that supposedly fulfill our religious obligations? Or do we want to be more like the Magi, people anxious to be on the move in search of God among us? Isaiah is trying to awaken us to what God holds out as possible for us. Paul tells us that we are to steward this mystery. Matthew holds up the example of the Magi to nudge us out of our cozy corners and into areas where we can encounter Emmanuel, God-with-us, in ever new ways.



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Janine Hoffman, Anne Shea,
Carol Luty,
William O'Donnell,
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,
Bill and Ella Denny,
Karen Schubert,

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.

Marriages: Congratulations to Amanda Lawless and Shane Kelly who were married in our Church. May you continue to grow in God's love for you through each other.

© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



New Members: We welcome to our parish community Paul & Marigrace Morris, James & Charlotte Hyer, Daniel & Christine Cooper and Mathew & Amanda Anderson who recently registered with us.

A PRAYER FOR EPIPHANY

Radiant One, every day is an epiphany in which I, too, can pay you homage. Every day I can kneel before you and open the treasure chest of my life. In there, I find unending gifts of every kind to offer you. Every day I bring my gratitude for you, my desire to grow more loving, my longing to be true. Every day I reach into that treasure chest and offer my trust that you are near, my hope for all you promise, my belief in what is unseen. Every day I offer my desire to live justly, my commitment to be generous, my struggle to be whole.

Divine Light, I give these gifts and so much more. The treasure chest is boundless. Each time I reach within I see you smiling at my gesture, for you, great Giver of Gifts, have placed each treasure there. You greet my gift with welcoming pleasure when it returns back home to you.

Bestower of Gifts, thank you for all that my treasure chest of life holds. I will look daily for my persistent star of recognition. May it stand boldly over the house of my heart where you dwell, so that I will be aware of your presence and pause to give you homage. Amen.

Sr. Joyce Rupp, SM



JOIN US FOR DISCOVERING CHRIST in January

Curious about the meaning of your life? Join us at **6:45 p.m. on Thursdays** for the seven-week series **Discovering Christ** starting **January 17th**. Come for a delicious dinner, great conversation, an engaging talk and the opportunity to share your thoughts about Jesus, Christianity and the meaning of life. There will also be the opportunity for a one-day retreat on **Saturday, February 16th**.

Learn more at <https://omgcparish.org/christlife-discoveringchrist>. This program is free and open to everyone who registers. To sign up, please contact Kevin Potts; kevinpotts7@gmail.com or 617-283-0880 or on the web page above.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for January 6

The three kings in today’s Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?

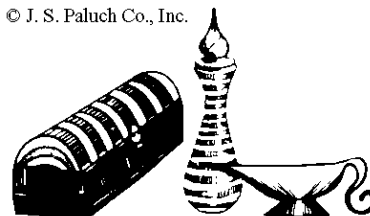
Due to the early Bulletin submission, the collection totals for Sunday December 30, will not be available until next week.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for December 23

Envelope Contributions	\$4,334.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$1,036.00
Mailed in	\$7,880.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$13,250.00
Offering this time last year	\$6,612.00
Electronic Giving of Jan. 2.....	\$4,270.00
Parish Giving.....	\$465.00
Christmas.....	\$26,425.00

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

© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Meeting: The Parish Council will hold its next meeting on **Monday, January 7 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 Domenic DiMartino at 610-525-6442.

PEACE AND JUSTICE

The Peace and Justice Committee will meet again on **Thursday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center.

THE PARISH THANKS...

...The parish would like to thank the 18 donors who donated \$1,420 to the three Sisters and the Deacon who minister with young people or adults. There were four packets of \$355 each, in cash, checks, and gift cards, delivered to the grateful principals on December 23rd by Joe Betz. The immigrants, refugees and boys and girls in the Homes will pleasantly benefit from your generosity.

...The parish thanks the 50 persons who pledged to donate blood to the Red Cross on Tuesday, December 18. Our goal of 44 was exceeded by 2 for 46 pints that were collected. We also thank the phone recruiters, Joe Betz, Laura Piantini and Mary Somers.



ST. RAPHAELA CENTER 616 Coopertown Rd. in Haverford

The next **Taize Prayer** being offered at St. Raphaela Center will be held on **Wednesday, January 9 at 7:30 p.m.** This contemplative communal prayer service is offered in the Center's chapel on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration is also available until midnight after the hour-long Taize service.

All are welcome – no reservations are required.

Shawl Ministry will be offered once again on **Thursday, January 10 from 10:30 – 12 noon.** This ministry is offered by Sr. Kathy acj, every 2nd Thursday of the month at this same time. The materials 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.



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

IHM CONFERENCE CENTER 401 S. Bryn Mawr Ave., in Bryn Mawr

Movie With Meaning: "Julie and Julia"
Wednesday, January 9 - 10:00am and 1:00pm
Lunch is served at 12 noon for both groups
Stipend: \$15

This movie is based on two true stories. "Julie and Julia" intertwines the lives of two women who are both at loose ends until they discover that with the right combination of passion, fearlessness and butter, anything is possible!

Bereavement Day: **"Footsteps Through Grief: Learning How to Live"** **Thursday, January 17 - 10:00am – 2:00pm**

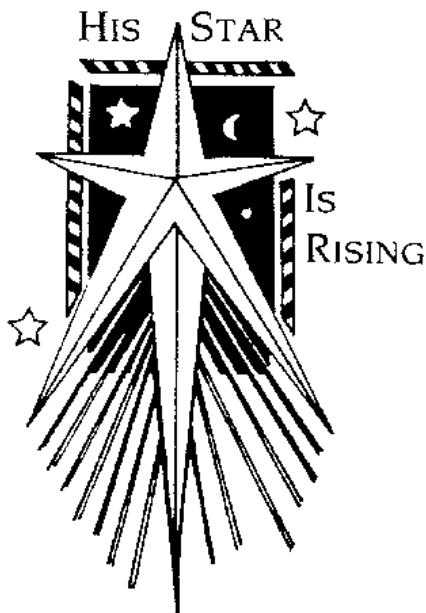
If you are grieving the death of a loved one (recent or not), this time of reflection will help you explore ways of moving forward through this time of sorrow. The presenter of this session is Domenica Rafferty. Stipend of \$25 includes lunch.

To register for either of these events, please email ihmconferencecenter@gmail.com or call 610-581-0120.



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Monday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Ceasar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called "pontiffs" were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named "The Last Year of Confusion." The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

ACADEMY OF NOTRE DAME Annual Fine Art Show & Sale

The Academy of Notre Dame de Namur in Villanova, is holding its 46th Annual Fine Art Show and Sale from **Friday, January 25th to Sunday, February 3rd**. The exhibition and sale will open with a catered preview reception with the artists on Friday, January 25 from 6:00 – 9:00pm in the Academy Mansion, located at 560 Sproul Road in Villanova. This year's featured artist is Delaware artist, Shawn Faust.

The public is cordially invited to attend both the catered reception and the weeklong exhibit. Tickets to the preview reception are \$60 in advance and \$70 at the door. The Fine Art Show will be on display from noon to 4:00pm daily, beginning Saturday, January 26 through Sunday, February 3. Free Admission. For more information, visit www.ndapa.org/artshow.

RETRouvaille A Lifeline for Marriages

Is your marriage hurting? Do you feel helpless? Hopeless? Retrouvaille (retro-VIE) can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples who can help you re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought you together, just as they have done in their own marriages.

The next program begins on the weekend of **February 8 – 10** at the Family Life Center, 315 S. Warren Ave. in Malvern. Additional weekends will be held in April and August. For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 1-800-470-2230.

All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



PARISH SECRETARY POSITION

A Parish Secretary is needed at Saint Colman Parish.

Please send resume to:

Rev. John Ames,
Saint Colman Parish,
11 Simpson Road,
Ardmore, PA 19003

EPIPHANY

They listened deep inside,
far into the darkness
where even a tiny bit of light
seemed like sunburst in the heart.

They pondered the silent music
that echoed in their prayer:
“Go. Search. Look. Follow. Find.”

A journey without precedent,
adventure wrought with risk,
a time of travel filled with faith.

They went lovingly, eagerly,
into the night of their lives,
trusting they would find the way.

They paused to inquire, to study,
they went on in faith, patiently,
following with the hearts’ eye
and “the sight of the star
filled them with delight.”

A journey not in vain,
a patient search rewarded,
their steady courage in the unknown
led them to their heart’s delight.

They found the long-sought One,
waiting to be found,
longing to be discovered,
as they traveled the far stretches
of their long and hidden night.

From: Joyce Rupp, SM
in *Out of the Ordinary*
Used by permission by Ave Maria Press



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**Mass Intentions
For The Week**



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHIONERS
- 9:30 GEORGE C. GUSS (44TH ANNIVERSARY)
- 11:15 SALVATORE PETROCCIA (WEDDING ANNIVERSARY)

MONDAY, JANUARY 7

- 6:30 ANGELO RUBERTO
- 8:00 JAMES F. YOUNG

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

- 6:30 DECEASED MEMBERS & BENEFACTORS OF OSA
- 8:00 SR. HELENA McNEILL, MSHR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

- 6:30 RONALD F. DUSKA
- 8:00 JOHN & JANET PHILLIPS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

- 6:30 EDWARD J. FITZGERALD, JR.
- 8:00 JULIA K. HAGENBACH

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

- 6:30
- 8:00 ANGELO RUBERTO

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

- 8:00 CHARLES P. SWEENEY (5TH ANNIVERSARY)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHIONERS
- 9:30 HARRY GALLAGHER
- 11:15 JOANN DALESANDRO



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

John J. Stretch, III F.D.
(Supervisor)

John J. Stretch, IV F.D.

Timothy J. Stretch F.D.

Edward F. (Ted) Power, F.D.

STRETCH FUNERAL HOME, INC.

Serving The Augustinian Community For Over 75 Years

E. EAGLE RD. & ST. DENIS CHURCH



HAVERTOWN, PA

(610) 446-1075 • (610) 642-9075

www.StretchFuneralHome.com

Please Cut Out This "Thank You Ad" and Present It The Next Time You Patronize One of Our Advertisers

Thank You

Thank you for advertising in our church bulletin. I am patronizing your business because of it!

OVER 3,800 PEOPLE EVERY DAY.

Saint Margaret Sunday Missal

An ideal companion for personal prayer.

In Stock & Ready to Order Today. CALL OR ORDER ONLINE. \$39.95

Medicare Health Plans

Dan Small

Email: dansmall@comcast.net

Phone: 610-409-1998

800-566-6150 • www.wlpmusic.com

Borzell and Norbury Plumbing & Heating

227 Conestoga Road • Wayne, PA 19087
610.688.3366 www.borzellandnorbury.com



GARAGE DOORS

New Doors & Openers
Repairs — All Major Brands

Michael Carr

Since 1980 610-356-2902

From the WLP Vault comes the Bible Story of Christmas featuring 8 Classic Christmas Carols and a reading of the Gospel of Luke 2: 4-20 by Bing Crosby! Also available on vinyl.

WHOLE HOUSE DUCT CLEANING \$189.00

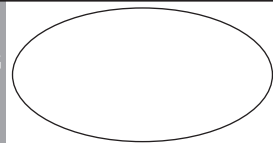
Up to 10 vents
Negative Air Methods

DRYER VENT CLEANING \$79.00

Up to 8 Ft.

CHIMNEY CLEANING \$69.00

Up to 10 Ft.



215-936-5155

greenhome018@gmail.com

FREE IN-HOME ESTIMATES

* Duct cleaning improves air quality and furnace efficiency

* Dryer vent cleaning prevents a major fire hazard, and improves dryer efficiency.

* Tile & Grout Clean & Seal...Kitchen, Bath, Foyer.

CARPET & UPHOLSTERY CLEANING 15% OFF

CARPET STRETCH & REPAIR 20% OFF

TILE & GROUT CLEANING 20% OFF

PARISHIONER AND SENIOR DISCOUNT

UNION ROOFING

15 YEAR GUARANTEE • FREE ESTIMATES • 215.464.6425

NEW ROOFS \$695.00 as low as

REPAIRS \$95.00 as low as

NEW PORCH ROOFS \$250.00 as low as

HOT COATING \$195.00 as low as

FRANK LUBISKY
Member of Resurrection PA010759
unionroofing.net

Grow in your faith, find a Mass, and connect with your Catholic Community with OneParish!

Download Our Free App or Visit MY.ONEPARISH.COM

McCONAGHY FUNERAL HOME

William C. McConaghy John J. McConaghy
Christopher C. McConaghy
Four Generations Since 1894
Traditional Funerals • Cremation
Advance Funeral Planning
328 W. Lancaster Ave., Ardmore
(610) 642-7954
www.mcconaghyfuneralhome.com

Our SHARING ADVANTAGE program enables you to support a worthy local cause at no cost to you, when you close a purchase/refinance loan w/us.

Call today!

Regina Hurley
Cell: (610) 513-2539
Phone: (610) 296-9060

Setting the Standard for Quality
Over 3 Decades

Roofing • Siding • Gutters

484-568-4457

Best Prices & Warranties in the Business • Fully Licensed & Insured

morganroofingpa.com