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**February 3, 2019**

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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>

## A LABORIOUS PROCESS

### Letting Go of Old Ways of Thinking and Embracing Something New

Today's Gospel (Luke 4:21-30) begins with the last words we heard Jesus speak in last week's Gospel: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." Last week, we considered that as the way Jesus reintroduced himself to his hometown. We saw that this statement meant that he was about to go into action as God's anointed one. This week, the Lectionary uses that same statement to introduce the story of how Jesus' announcement caused division among his own.

Luke does not do much to help us understand the dynamics at work in this selection. He tells us that Jesus identified himself as the servant of God whom Isaiah had described as one who would bring good news to every sort of outcast. Luke then explains that Jesus' audience had three responses. **First**, they were "amazed." The **second** response was "approval." Luke tells us that the crowd spoke highly of Jesus.

After their spontaneous, somewhat positive/somewhat ambivalent reaction, the audience began to comprehend the fact that Jesus had presented himself as the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy. **Third**, it dawned on them that Jesus was making a real announcement. He was taking himself so seriously that they took a second look. They quickly reckoned that it just couldn't be true. Joseph's son couldn't possibly be all he cracked himself up to be.

Jesus knew them as well as they thought they knew him. So he faced their skepticism head-on and let them know what his announcement meant for them. He told them that if they thought his vocation was to bring them fame and fortune, they hadn't understood a word he had said. Just as Israel's vocation was to be a light to the nations, his vocation was to be good news for the poor. The closer they came to God, the more they would be called beyond themselves for the sake of others.

In a conclusion that foreshadowed the rest of the Gospel, Luke shows that Jesus' invitation to conversion so "angered" some of his own people that they were ready to get rid of him. But their plan would not succeed – not then, not later, not ever. The final line of this selection can be read as a simple conclusion: He left unharmed. Luke says: "Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away." With that, Luke tells us that Christ is always ready to be present, but he will never force himself on anyone. Like the people in the synagogue, today we too hear Jesus' announcement. Now, it is up to us to be amazed, impressed or angry, or to decide to follow him and see what it makes of us.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Janine Hoffman, Anne Shea,  
Carol Luty, Lori Lesutis  
Fran Ward, 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.

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**Deceased:** We pray for the happy repose of the souls of Dr. Donelson Manley and Catherine (Cass) Morris and for the consolation of their families.

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



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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**Meeting:** The Parish Council will hold its next meeting on **Monday, February 4 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](mailto: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.



### AUGUSTINIAN VOLUNTEERS

The Augustinian Volunteers are recent college graduates between the ages of 21 – 29 who feel called to spend a year in service to others while living in an intentional community. Volunteers serve with local community partners in social service, campus ministry and education placements. By engaging in a way of life inspired by the Augustinian Friars, volunteers experience personal and spiritual development as they build relationships with fellow volunteers and those they serve.

Applications are currently being accepted for the 2019 – 2020 volunteer year for our sites in Lawrence, MA; Philadelphia, PA; San Diego, CA; Ventura, CA and Chulucanas, Peru. If interested, please visit [www.augustinianvolunteers.org](http://www.augustinianvolunteers.org) or contact us at [info@augustinianvolunteers.org](mailto:info@augustinianvolunteers.org).



### SEEKING HEALING IN THE CHURCH Thursday, February 7 7:00pm

How can we be about the work of healing in the church?

This February, the National shrine of St. Rita of Cascia, located at 1166 S. Broad Street in Philadelphia, will host an evening of reflection on Seeking Healing in the Church. Fr. Jim Paradis, OSA will provide thoughts addressing healing in the church following new revelations last year pertaining to the sexual abuse crisis.

There is no charge for this event. Free parking in Shrine parking lot off of Ellsworth Street.

### CATHOLIC HISTORY LECTURE

On Sunday, February 17 at 2:00pm, Maureen O’Riordan will speak about “Philadelphia Carmel: The Birthplace of Devotion to St. Therese in the U.S.” at the American Catholic Historical Society (263 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street). Free and Open to the public. For information, visit [www.amchs.org](http://www.amchs.org).

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for January 27

Jeremiah declares that God knew him, before he was born and dedicated and appointed him to his role as prophet even before he drew breath. We, too, are known and sent by God. What deeds of love and service are mine to perform?

Envelope Contributions .....	\$5,764.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$655.00
Mailed in .....	\$1,290.00
Total Offertory Collection .....	\$7,709.00
Offering this time last year .....	\$8,885.00
Electronic Giving as of Feb. 1.....	\$4,210.00
Parish Giving.....	\$440.00

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



### 2018 CONTRIBUTIONS LETTER

The End of the Year Substantiation letter was sent to all parishioners who contributed \$600.00 or more to the parish during 2018.

If you did not receive a letter and need an acknowledgement of your contributions, please email Peggy Juhline at [pjuhline@omgcparish.net](mailto:pjuhline@omgcparish.net) or call 610-525-0147 and a receipt will be provided to you.

### CLOTHING DRIVE Saturday, February 9, 2019

The St. Vincent DePaul Society, through the services of GreenDrop, will be here on **Saturday, February 9 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** to collect donations of usable men’s, women’s and children’s clothing which must be brought in plastic bags or boxes to be distributed to those in need. Please take all donations to the GreenDrop truck which will be parked in the rear parking lot near Barrett Avenue.

They will also accept kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CDs and videos.

Tax receipts are available upon request.

**PREP CALENDAR**

**February 3** – Confirmation Class  
4:00-5:30pm (no morning PREP)

**February 10** – PREP 9:30 – 11am  
Family Catechesis – 4:00-5:00pm

**February 17** – PREP 9:30-11am

**February 24** – Confirmation Class  
4:00-5:30 pm (no morning PREP)

**YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR**

**February 9:** ESCAPE THE ROOM and Dinner Trip – Leaving OMGC at 4:00pm. Must register with Karen no later than February 6.

**February 17:** Lunch and Lent – 1pm to 3 pm. Please register with Karen at 610-525-0147 or email [kcarey@omgcp parish.net](mailto:kcarey@omgcp parish.net). There is no cost for this. We will enjoy a nice lunch and prepare for Lent through various activities.

**February 24:** 3 pm to 4 pm, Prep for Bingo on March 3.

**March 3:** 6 pm to 8 pm, Bingo Hosts for the Parish.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

Friday evening Lent Events are back! Join us on the following Friday evenings for Pizza, Salad and Soup followed by a Spiritual Activity to help us on our Lenten Journey.

Dinner is served in the Social Center from 6 to 6:45. Activities take place in church from 7 to 7:30.

**March 8**

Stations of the Cross for children and adults

**March 15**

Scripture Study for children and adults

**March 22**

Holy ½ hour for adults and children

**March 29**

Taize Prayer for adults and children

**April 5**

Communal Penance Service for everyone

**April 12**

Living Stations by our Confirmation and Youth Group Teams



**ANNUAL PARISH BINGO NIGHT**

Our Annual Parish Bingo Night, hosted by our Youth Group, will take place on **Friday evening, March 3 from 6 pm to 8 pm.** Please plan on joining us for an evening of family fun, pizza, Bingo, prizes and more!

We are looking for donations of prizes. If you are able to donate anything to help build our baskets, please let us know.

We will be looking for donations for our Baskets which will be themed:

- For Gardeners
- Movie Night at Home
- Outdoor Adventures  
(Outside games, camping, etc.)
- Arts and crafts
- Baking
- Dad’s Basket
- All things Philly  
(Eagles, Phillies, Liberty Bell, etc.)
- Mom’s Basket
- Ice Cream Social
- Summer Fun

If you are able to help with a donation of any sort for any of these baskets, please contact Karen at 610-525-0147 or simply drop it off at the Parish Office or Church and mark it **BINGO BASKETS.**

Thank you for all you do to help bring unity to our parish.



**PARISH RUMMAGE SALE**

Our parish will be hosting a rummage sale on the weekend of **May 18–19, 2019.**

Please keep that in mind and begin to watch the bulletin for details on what items we will and will not collect.

At this point in time, we are looking for persons to help with the “committee.” We have chair persons but are in great need of people to help pull this off.

If you are interested in helping with our committee, please contact Karen Carey at 610-525-0147 or [kcarey@omgcp parish.net](mailto:kcarey@omgcp parish.net).

## DONATION REQUEST Old Cellphones, Tablets, Laptops

Last Fall's request for these items resulted in about 50 different items distributed to almost the same number of refugees. Major contributors to the last appeal included Augustinian priests, especially at the Monastery. Once again, please donate your old cell phones, tablets and laptops, in working condition and with passwords deleted. Your specific gift will be matched to the needs of legal refugee families in the Philadelphia area.

This appeal is directed to the three institutions responding so generously to the last appeal: Villanova's Peace and Justice Program, its Catholic Relief Services officer, and the parishes of Our Mother of Good Counsel and St. Thomas of Villanova. If you are willing to donate one of these items, please leave it at the P&J Program office at Villanova, at the parish offices during regular office hours, or give it to me, [joseph.betz@villanova.edu](mailto:joseph.betz@villanova.edu). Please include your name and email address with the item. The recipients can thus thank you.



## SPIRITUAL DIRECTION Companions for the Journey

Spiritual Direction is the contemplative practice of helping others to awaken to the mystery of God in their lives. The Spiritual Direction Ministry at the Daylesford Abbey in Paoli offers trained and experienced Spiritual Directors for those seeking to revitalize their relationship with God and for those who want to deepen their spiritual lives.

For more information on how this ministry can enrich your life, contact Daylesford Abbey at [spiritualdirector@daylesford.org](mailto:spiritualdirector@daylesford.org) or 610-647-2530, ext. 102.

## JOB POSTING

Merion Mercy Academy, an independent, all girls Catholic High School sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, has an opening for a Varsity Track & Field Coach and a JV Lacrosse Coach.

Interested and Qualified applicants are asked to submit a cover letter and resume by February 20<sup>th</sup> to Athletic Director, Barbara Clarke, at

## ST. RAPHAELA CENTER 616 Coopertown Rd. in Haverford

### Help Wanted – Part-Time Cook Like to cook? Looking for flexible work hours?

A part-time, experienced cook is needed for St Raphaela Center. Flexible hours are available for Dinner meal preparation.

Call Sr. Lyan at 610-642-5715 to schedule an interview.

### Charis Young Adult “What’s Next?” Retreat

March 1 from 6:30pm to March 3 - 1:00pm.

Considering making a transition in life? Unsure about what lies ahead next for you? Join us for the “What’s Next?” Retreat to Grow in Faith, Connect with others, Encounter God. This Retreat is for young adults in their 20s and 30s; Cost: \$180, deposit \$100.

Register at 610-642-5715 or email us at [straphaelacenter@gmail.com](mailto:straphaelacenter@gmail.com). To register online go to [www.straphaelacenter.org](http://www.straphaelacenter.org).

## WALDRON MERCY ACADEMY

Waldron Mercy Academy (WMA), a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, located in Merion Station, PA, is a Catholic, co-educational, independent Preschool through Grade 8, with a Montessori program for ages 3 through 6. WMA is a sponsored work of the Sisters of Mercy. A challenging, and well-rounded curriculum offers opportunities to develop the whole child academically, athletically, artistically and socially. Students are prepared to face the challenges of the world today with an enriched spiritual life, fluency in language and advanced technology. To learn more about WMA, please call Admission Director, Sr. Joellen, at 610-664-9847, ext. 113 or [jmcdonnell@waldronmercy.org](mailto:jmcdonnell@waldronmercy.org).



Congratulations are extended to Trish Juhline Brunner on being inducted into the Villanova University Hall of Fame. Trish is one of the most decorated players in Villanova women's basketball history.

## MARDI GRAS POLKA PARTY

All are invited to St. Mary Polish American Society's 3rd Annual Polish Mardi Gras Polka Party at the TK Club at 521 Hector Street in Conshohocken on **Sunday, February 24th** from **Noon to 5 pm**. This event will feature live Polka music, 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 6-12 years old is \$7 each and free for children under the age of 6.

For tickets, please email [stmaryconschy@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryconschy@gmail.com) or call Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861.

## SPIRITUAL SUPPORT FOR ADDICTION Hope In Christ

Seeking spiritual support in the journey towards recovery? Many parishes around the Archdiocese are extending God's merciful and loving hand to those who have an addiction as well as their families and loved ones. The Hope in Christ: Spiritual Support for Addiction webpage provides a central location for resources, ongoing support, events and testimonies that are happening throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Visit [www.archphila.org/hope](http://www.archphila.org/hope) for new postings for Catholic resources available to you or a loved one.

## MOTHERS HOME 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowl-A-Thon March 2, 2019

Mothers Home is having their 8<sup>th</sup> annual Bowl-A-Thon on March 2 at Sproul Lanes, located at 745 So. Sproul Road in Springfield. There are two time slots available: 3-5pm and 6-8pm. For \$150, six bowlers have their own lane for two hours, shoe rental is included as are two pizzas and soda. There will be arts and crafts for youngsters during the 3-5pm time slot. Sponsorships are available for those who would like to support the Home but can't attend. Please go to [www.mothershome.org](http://www.mothershome.org) for details on sponsorships, the Bowl-A-Thon or to learn more about Mothers Home.

Sign up is easy! Online at [www.mothershome.myevent.com](http://www.mothershome.myevent.com). Or send your check to Mothers Home, 51 N. MacDade Blvd, Darby, PA 19023, Attention Bowl-A-Thon. Thank you in advance for your support.



### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 7:30 FELIX BLONSKI  
(ANNIVERSARY MASS)  
9:30 HARRIET M. FINEGAN  
11:15 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL  
PARISHIONERS

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 6:30 JOSEPH M. FIORINO  
8:00 NICOLA FALCONE

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 6:30 MR. ANGELO IANNAcone  
(19TH ANNIVERSARY)  
8:00 JOHN & JANET PHILLIPS

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- 6:30 DECEASED MEMBERS  
& BENEFACTORS OF OSA  
8:00 EUGENE MILLER

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 6:30 BOPHAVY EULING  
8:00 EUGENE MILLER

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 6:30 EDWARD BLONSKI  
(ANNIVERSARY MASS)  
8:00 GERALD LAFFERTY

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 8:00 YVETTE WARE & FAMILY

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL  
PARISHIONERS  
9:30 HARRIET M. FINEGAN  
11:15 PEG CROTHERS

## FEBRUARY





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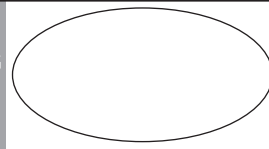
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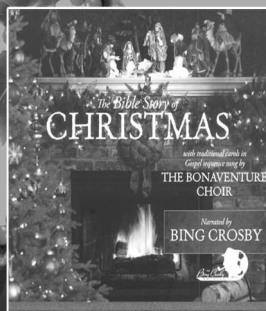
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