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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

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PARISH WEB SITE:

<http://www.OMGCPARISH.ORG>

THERE IS A FULLNESS IN DISCIPLESHIP THAT SURPASSES EVERY EXPECTATION

In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus calls Simon and his companions as he is walking by the shore and sees them fixing their nets. They leave everything behind and follow him immediately. Luke sets the story up differently. In today's Gospel (Lk 5:1-11) Jesus has already visited Simon's house and healed his mother-in-law. Then, Jesus was teaching near the shore and asked Simon to let him address the crowd from Simon's boat.

Luke has no interest in telling us what Jesus taught that day. He mentions neither the preaching nor the audience again. The dialog and direct quotations in the story focus on Jesus and Peter whose boat had served for nothing that day until it became Jesus' preaching perch. When Jesus had finished teaching, he used a highly symbolic phrase, asking Simon to put out into the "deep" for a catch. Simon answered that they had tried all they could, but nevertheless, he obeyed a command that made no sense on a professional level.

When he saw the results of his obedience, Peter was overwhelmed. He realized that Jesus was more than a builder and healer – he was extraordinary in a way that could only have to do with God. Peter realized that the difference between Jesus and the fishermen was too great for him to breach. He was a sinner, so speaking for the group, he asked Jesus to leave them.

Without denying their weakness, Jesus let them know they were capable of more than they had ever dreamed of. Peter, the spokesperson, had heard Jesus and seen his healing power. He had invited Jesus into his home and work space. Ultimately, he had obeyed Jesus' command, even though it made no sense, and that was the step that changed Peter's sense of everything.

Today's first (Isaiah) and third (Luke) readings combine to invite us to recall the reasons for our faith. Like Peter, we need to renew our awe at the power and love that has led us to fall on our knees and recognize our littleness and our desire to become all God intends us to be. We also need to be prepared for the fact that opening ourselves to a renewed encounter with Christ will change us. He will again come into our homes and invade our workspace. And all of that is simply a prelude to transforming our lives and enticing us into his mission.

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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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.

Deceased: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Alicia Sterling and for the consolation of her family.

New Members: We welcome to our faith community Meghan Buckley and Michael Sprys who recently registered with us.

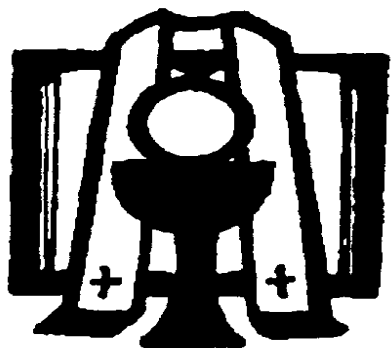


PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, February 18** in celebration of Presidents' Day. It will re-open on Tuesday, February 19 at 9:00am for parish activity.

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 610-250-2501 or email: colettesutton309@yahoo.com.



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the Gospel of St. Luke, we will hear next weekend, Jesus proclaims His well-known “Sermon on the Mount”, offering the Beatitudes as a design for living our lives. In this scripture reading, Jesus relates the foundation of the central tenets for Christian discipleship.

Our priests strive to live Jesus’ message faithfully through their pastoral service and sacramental ministry in parish communities, schools and institutions. Many retired priests continue to assist parishes with great dedication. Others, due to advanced age and declining health have been compelled to withdraw from active ministry. These priests reside at Villa Saint Joseph in Darby, Regina Coeli in Warminster, as well as various other health care facilities where they continue to carry a message of hope to all by their lives of prayer and sacrifice offered for the people of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. They now depend on you for your prayers and support.

The annual Collection for the Care of Aging and Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will be taken in all parishes on the weekend of **February 16th and 17th** throughout the Archdiocese. This annual collection is an opportunity for the faithful to express their gratitude for the many blessings received through the ministry of priests. I’m very grateful for your generous response to this collection in the past. Through your continued kindness we can be assured that they will be cared for in their retirement.

Your kindness will be remembered daily in my prayers. I ask that you continue to remember our retired priests in yours. May God bless you and your loved ones for your generous response to this annual appeal.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Christ.
Most Reverent Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M.Cap.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for February 3

In today’s readings, both Isaiah and Peter hear the call of God and feel themselves unworthy. But, reassured by God, both answer and follow. Do I hear God asking, “Whom shall I send?” Am I prepared to answer “Here I am. Send me!”?

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| Envelope Contributions | \$6,256.00 |
| Loose Contributions..... | \$672.00 |
| Mailed in | \$942.00 |
| Total Offertory Collection | \$7,870.00 |
| Offering this time last year | \$9,941.00 |
| Parish Giving..... | \$570.00 |

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

Here I am; send me!



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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.

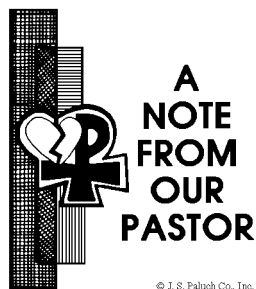
If you did not receive a letter and need an acknowledgement of your contributions, please email Peggy Juhline at pjuhline@omgcp parish.net or call 610-525-0147 and a receipt will be provided to you.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

The Catholic Charities Appeal is the Archdiocese of Philadelphia’s single most important annual fundraising initiative, and they are counting on your support. Poverty, hunger and homelessness remain serious challenges to our community. Please look deeply within your heart to help reach the goal of \$12.5 million, as we strive to bring the gift of hope to our brothers and sisters in need.

PEACE AND JUSTICE

The Peace and Justice Committee will meet again on **Thursday, February 21 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center.

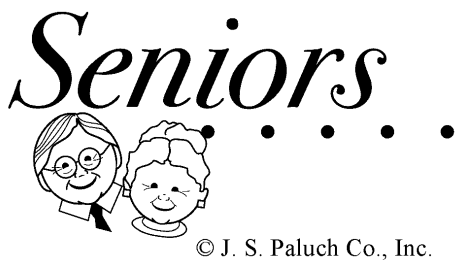


THE CONVERSATION CONTINUES

Last Fall Our Mother of Good Counsel hosted two parish conversations led by Patricia Kelly, Ph.D. about the clergy abuse scandal and cover up. There has been much positive feedback from parishioners about the opportunity to discuss these issues in an open and honest forum.

We will continue this conversation at **1:00 pm on Sunday, March 3 in the Social Center** of our school building by hosting Dan Cellucci. Dan is the CEO of Catholic Leadership Institute, which is an apostolate providing leadership consulting and training to bishops, priests, deacons and religious and lay leaders in more than 100 dioceses throughout the country. We are fortunate that its headquarters is located in Wayne and that Dan is willing to share his experiences and insights with us. Dan's talk is titled "The Truth of Where We Are as a Church and What It Means for Us."

We encourage all interested parishioners to join us. If you plan to do so, please send an email message to Donna Descano at ddescano@omgcp parish.net so that we can have adequate seating arrangements prepared.



SENIOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS

The Senior Members of our Parish and surrounding parishes will meet once again on **Friday, February 22 at 12 noon** in the Social Center of the school building. Please join us for an afternoon of gathering with very young-at-heart members who enjoy spending time with each other. Please bring your usual lunch nourishment with you. Desserts and Beverages will be provided.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Week of Hosting: Our Parish will be hosting the IHN families once again during the Week of **March 10 – 17**. 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, March 9 at 10:00 am** or **take-down** and pack away equipment on **Sunday, March 17 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 call Mary Callan at 610-789-2297 or email her at mliz82@aol.com.

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 or contact us at info@augustinianvolunteers.org.

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 or 610-647-2530, ext. 102.

PREP CALENDAR

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

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

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

February 24 – 3 pm – 4 pm – Prep for Bingo on March 1st.

March 1st – 6 pm to 8 pm. Bingo Hosts for the Parish.

ANNUAL PARISH BINGO NIGHT HELP NEEDED

Our Annual Parish Bingo Night, hosted by our Youth Group, will take place on **Friday evening, March 1 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.



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



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@omgcparish.net.

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**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. To register online go to www.straphaelacenter.org.

The next **Taize Prayer** being offered at St. Raphaela Center will be held on **Wednesday, February 13 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, February 14 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.

MERION MERCY ACADEMY

High School Placement Test: We welcome all seventh grade students, both girls and boys, to take the practice High School Placement Test at Merion Mercy on **Saturday, February 23 from 9:00am to 1:00pm.** Parents are offered a school tour at 9:15am on the test day. The cost is \$40.00 and includes lunch for students. For more information and to register, please visit our website at www.merion-mercy.com and click on the link for the practice test, listed on the homepage.

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 20th to Athletic Director, Barbara Clarke, at blclarke@merion-mercy.com.

Mass Intentions



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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- 6:30 SEAN QUINN (ANNIVERSARY MASS)
- 8:00 DOMENICO & LUISETTA CONICELLA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 6:30 ANNE TINSLEY MARK
- 8:00 ROBERT GRANDE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- 6:30
- 8:00 HAROLD & ROSE IRVING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- 6:30
- 8:00 ELIZABETH KELLY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- 6:30 JOHN McGUCKIN
- 8:00 JAMES JENSEN

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8:00

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHIONERS
- 9:30 PATRICIA SCHIMMINGER
- 11:15 BRIAN McMENAMIN

**Our Lady
 of
 Lourdes**



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Monday, February 11

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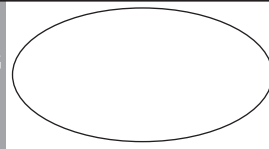
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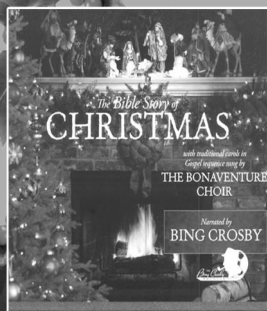
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