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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>

## JESUS' PREACHING FAVORED THE POOR, HUNGRY, WEEPING!

Many people identify today's reading as a version of "The Sermon on the Mount" in Matthew's Gospel. In reality, only the Gospel of Matthew presents it as a discourse on a mountain. In contrast with Matthew's presentation, Luke sets the stage by having Jesus come down from the mountain where he had been praying before naming the Twelve who would be called apostles. When they came to the level ground where a crowd awaited him, Jesus addressed his disciples with the words we hear in today's Gospel. (Luke 6:17, 20-26)

Beginning with his blunt, "Blessed are you who are poor," Luke's presentation of Jesus' blessings and curses is much more direct than Matthew's seemingly gentler, "Blessed are the poor in spirit." Jesus' word for "poor" referred to people who were bowed down or cowering like beggars. It was the same word Jesus used to describe Lazarus, the poor man who crouched near the gate of a wealthy man who never noticed him.

Luke makes it very clear that the poor, the hungry, the weeping and the rejected are particularly blessed in God's eyes, while those who have more than they need and think their affluence gives them the security to laugh at tomorrow are the ones to be pitied. Jesus' message is scathingly direct: He says "you" to both those who are poor and those who are rich, the hungry and the satiated, those who weep about the conditions of the world and those who enjoy them.

If we really desire the blessings Jesus promises in this selection, it seems that our only entry point is by being among those who weep. Luke mentions weeping at least three times as often as does any other evangelist. In addition to the Beatitudes, Luke portrays people weeping over death; he shows Peter weeping after denying Jesus; and he mentions the weeping of the woman who washed Jesus' feet. Most uniquely, Luke tells us that Jesus himself wept over the city of Jerusalem, the city that was about to demand his death. Luke portrays holy tears as the response to conversion, death, betrayal and hardness of heart.

Because of our privilege, most of us will never be truly poor or hungry. But there are very few among us who are incapable of compassion, the openness to others that makes us vulnerable to their pain. If we wish to be among the blessed in Jesus' reign of God, we must learn from and about the poor so that their hope becomes our own. Then, step by step, we will experience beatitude.

### 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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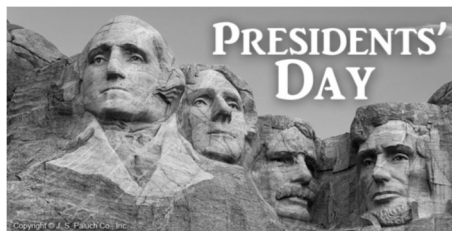


**New Members:** We welcome to our parish community Justin & Alexandra Kobeski and Victor & Clair Moran who recently registered with us.

### 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.



#### 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 Domenic DiMartino at 610-525-6442.



### PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The Parish Council has been moving forward with the Objectives set forth in the Parish Pastoral Plan that was approved last September. Steps that have been undertaken include the ongoing ChristLife Series; the scheduling of Lenten Friday night events for adults and youth that will include dinner followed by a spiritual activity; the continued recruitment of ushers, greeters, lectors and Eucharistic ministers; our family-friendly 11:15 Mass the first Sunday of each month and other PREP activities; evaluation of the possibility of creating a parish directory; and more. Also, a Parish Council portal will soon be available on our new parish web page.

Updated bylaws for the Parish Council have been drafted and circulated for comment within a sub-committee of the Parish Council, and we expect that they will be adopted shortly.

There have not been elections for new Parish Council members for several years and Fr. Liam has asked that we re-institute elections. Please consider whether you would like to participate in the ministry of service on the Parish Council, or whether you can identify and nominate another parishioner who would be a good representative. Details will be provided soon about the nomination and election processes that will occur during the spring.

Finally, you will note the announcement elsewhere in this Bulletin that our parish conversation about the clergy abuse scandal and cover up will continue with a presentation by Dan Cellucci, the CEO of Catholic Leadership Institute. Information about this organization and Dan can be found at this link: [www.catholicleaders.org](http://www.catholicleaders.org). Dan is an outgoing and personable speaker who has substantial experience with Catholic Church issues. You are encouraged to attend if your schedule permits.

If you have any questions for the Parish Council, please contact Barry Mulhern at 610-527-5197 or [rmul742@gmail.com](mailto:rmul742@gmail.com).

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for February 10

The words of the Psalmist echo the theme of all of today’s readings. “Happy are they who hope in the Lord.” As good stewards, firmly grounded in that hope, may we bear fruit in due season—assisting the poor, feeding the hungry, and consoling the sorrowful whenever we have the chance.

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Offering this time last year .....	\$9,135.00
Parish Giving.....	\$490.00

**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@omgcp parish.net](mailto:pjuhline@omgcp parish.net) or call 610-525-0147 and a receipt will be provided to you.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

In order to maintain adequate funding to the traditional ministries which received Catholic Charities funding in the past, up to \$10 Million will be reserved for their needs. The appeal’s beneficiaries are grouped into five key areas of focus: *Education; Social Services; Evangelization, Parish and Spiritual Life; Clergy; Local Mission Activities.*

### PEACE AND JUSTICE

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

**MAN UP PHILLY**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019**  
**Neumann University – Mirinda Center**  
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Man Up Philly 2019 invites the men of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Men's Spirituality Conference. We encourage all men – fathers, sons, brothers, friends – to join us for an inspiring day of faith and fellowship. Become the man God is calling you to be! Rediscover the power and meaning of your faith!

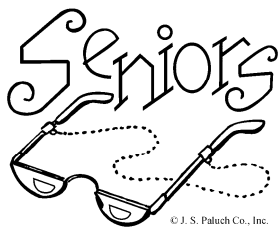
To register, visit [www.ManUpPhilly.com](http://www.ManUpPhilly.com) for more information and to register. Registration is \$50 per person which includes lunch.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:kcarey@omgcp parish.net) or Joe Carey at ext. 262 or email [jcarey@omgcp parish.net](mailto: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](mailto:mliz82@aol.com).



### PREP CALENDAR

**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@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 – 4 pm – Prep for Bingo on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**March 1<sup>st</sup>** – 6 pm to 8 pm. Bingo Hosts for the Parish.

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## 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.

## 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.

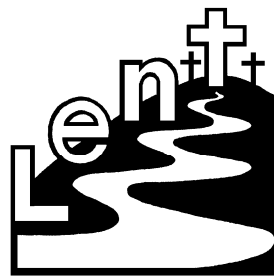
At this point in time, we are looking for persons to help with the "committee." We have chair persons but are in great need of people to help pull this off. If you are interested in helping with our committee, please contact Karen Carey at 610-525-0147 or [kcarey@omgcparish.net](mailto:kcarey@omgcparish.net).

## LENT FAITH SHARING

During the six weeks of Lent there will be two Faith Sharing groups offered in the parish for all who are interested. Faith Sharing is not Bible Study, it is a sharing of our response to the Gospel message. Faith can be strengthened when we share it with others and when we listen to others share their Faith with us.

To help us share our Faith, questions will be presented based on the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday. These gatherings will help us prepare for Sunday as well as strengthen our sense of belonging to a Faith community.

The gatherings are being offered on Tuesdays of Lent from 1 to 2:30pm and on Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30pm in the parish center. If you have any questions, please call Fr. John at 610-525-0147 ext. 252.



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## 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

**LECTURE AT VILLANOVA  
UNIVERSITY**  
**Augustine on Clerical Misconduct**

On **Thursday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m.**, in Driscoll Hall Auditorium, Dr. David Hunter will give a lecture, "Between Discipline and Doctrine: Augustine's Response to Clerical Misconduct." All are invited to attend. It is free. Driscoll Hall is the nursing school building near the Ithan Avenue gate.

**CULTURAL HERITAGE Mass 2019**  
**Saturday, March 23 at 2:30 p.m.**

**One Faith, Many Cultures, One Family.** Native American, Asian, African, European, Caribbean and Brazilian Catholics in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia welcome all to join us in this celebration of the **Extraordinary Year of Mission!** Presider and Homilist will be Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap. The Mass will be held at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, 18<sup>th</sup> Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway. Procession begins at 2:00 p.m.



**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 and includes lunch for students. For more information and to register, please visit our website at [www.merion-mercy.com](http://www.merion-mercy.com) and click on the link for the practice test, listed on the homepage.

**SISTER ACT!** Merion Mercy Music Theater presents the smash hit musical, Sister Act! Performances are February 22, 23, March 1 and 2 at 7:30 p.m. and February 24 and March 3 at 2:00 p.m. Visit Merion Mercy's website at [www.merion-mercy.com](http://www.merion-mercy.com) to order tickets.

**Mass Intentions  
For The Week**   
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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

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

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

- 6:30 KATHERINE QUINN  
(ANNIVERSARY MASS)  
8:00 JOANN DALESANDRO

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

- 6:30  
8:00 MARY FAULKNER  
(25TH ANNIVERSARY)

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

- 6:30 WILLIAM J. EHLERS, SR.  
(1ST ANNIVERSARY)  
8:00 JOHN PHILLIPS, JR.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

- 6:30  
8:00 JAMES SHERIDAN

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

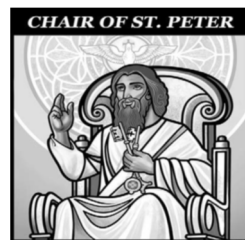
- 6:30  
8:00 EUGENE MILLER

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

- 8:00 CATHERINE M. MORRIS

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

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



**Friday, February 22**



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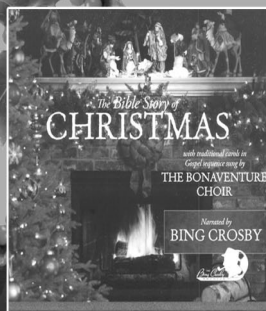


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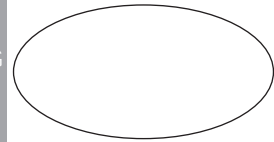
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