



Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish Community

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March 24, 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>

REPENTANCE: BEARING FRUIT THAT WILL LAST

Today's Gospel (Luke 13:1-9) with its juicy gossip and Jesus' responses is unique to the Gospel of Luke. Whatever the social dynamics of the situation, Jesus rebutted the notion that God was working through Pilate's cruelty or any whimsical faulty construction. Then he warned the scandalmongering crowd that they could easily suffer the same fate as the notorious victims. Was he capitulating to their assumptions of divine retribution? Many pious people of Jesus' time assumed that tragedy and wretchedness were divine punishments for sin. It sounds as if Jesus was telling the crowd that they were just as likely to be chastised as the others if they did not repent.

Jesus followed up his comments with the parable about a barren fig tree. If we understand the tree as a symbol of the people, we hear Jesus painting a pretty stark portrait of their situation. The vineyard owner decides that it is costing the soil too much to sustain a sterile plant, a symbol of the unproductive populace that uselessly occupies space and consumes resources that could be better exploited. Note how the conditions have changed here. In the examples of tragic deaths, the focus was sinfulness. In the case of the fig tree, the problem was inactivity.

Then the gardener comes into the story. Without denying the current worthlessness of the tree, he offers to stir things up. In language reminiscent of two of Luke's parables of the person who kept bothering a sleeping neighbor until he gave away some bread and of the unrelenting widow, the gardener offers to disturb the soil and throw manure on the plant to coax it into production. This will be his last-ditch effort.

These readings come to us in the middle of our Lenten journey as a call to take a good look at ourselves and how we profess our faith. In his initial encounter with God, Moses learned that God is not confined to past history or future bliss. I AM is the God of concrete and immediate action. In today's second reading, Paul reminded his community that being related to this God is not something to be taken as a token of privilege; even in a desert, God's role is not to give-in to humanity's every desire. Finally, Jesus reminds those who will hear him that the conversion they need can happen at no other time than NOW! Are we listening?

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,
Pelham McClellan, Jane Shaw

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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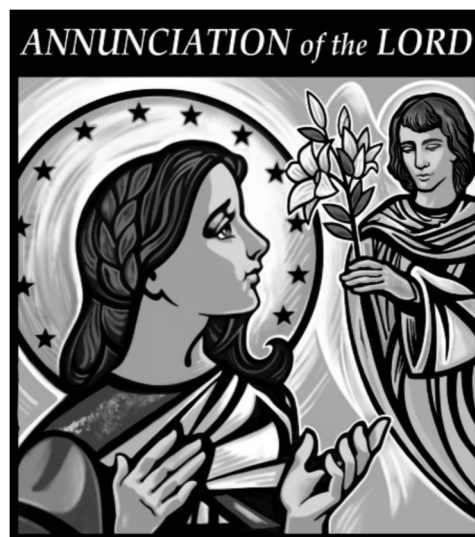


Deceased: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Rose Gildea and for the consolation of her family.

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.



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Monday, March 25

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Meeting: The Parish Council will hold its next meeting on **Monday, April 1 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 contact Steve and Colette Sutton by email at colettesutton309@yahoo.com or by phone at 610-520-2501.



LITURGICAL SPECIAL MEETING for Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion

There will be a special meeting for all Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion on **Monday, March 25th from 7:00- 8:00 pm** in the Church. Fr. John Deary will facilitate this gathering.

SPIRITUAL READING GROUP

The Spiritual Reading Group will meet on **Friday, April 5 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Parish Center/ Church Office building.

LECTORS MEETING

Father Liam will hold a meeting for all current lectors on **Wednesday evening, May 1 at 7:15 PM** in the Church. The meeting will include some time for prayer and reflection on the spiritual and liturgical meaning of this ministry, as well as some practical discussion on how we can better serve God and the parish community through our efforts.

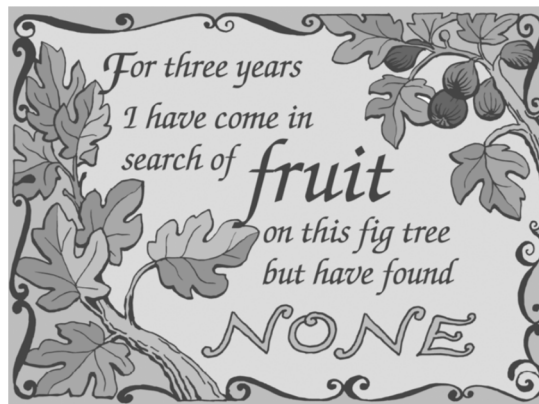
More details to follow as date approaches.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for March 17

The parable in today's Gospel clearly warns that we, like the fig tree, will be judged by our fruit. While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give witness to our faith with deeds of kindness and generosity!

Sunday Offertory Envelopes.....	\$5,424.00
Non-Envelope Cash Contributions	\$975.00
Mailed in Contributions	\$490.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$6,889.00
Offertory this time last year	\$7,848.00
On-line Parish Giving.....	\$445.00

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



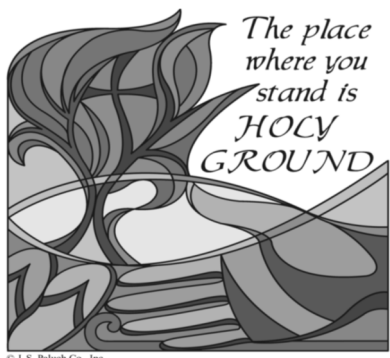
LIVING STATIONS

Any ages, 4 through 17, are encouraged and invited to participate in our Living Stations Presentation on **Friday evening, April 12th at 7:00pm**. We are in need of persons to simply be a part of the crowd as well as other roles, so all are welcome! If you are interested, please contact Karen at kcarey@omgcp parish.net or 610-525-0147.

We will hold practice on the following dates:

- Sunday, March 24 from 12:15 to 1:15pm
- Thursday, March 28 from 6:30 to 7:30pm
- Sunday, March 31 from 12:15 to 1:15pm
- Thursday, April 11 from 6:30 to 7:30pm

Practices will be held in the School building unless otherwise notified. The presentation takes about 30 minutes.



**PARISH WIDE MEETING
Sunday, April 7, 2019**

Our annual Parish-Wide Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 7 from 12:30 until 2:30 in the Social Center. Lunch will be served.

Fr. Liam will present his state of the parish comments with updates on all relevant parish news, including the roof project and the Roof Legacy Campaign.

In addition, we will welcome back Fr. Dennis McGowan, who will talk to us about the stewardship of time and talent as a ministry to which we are called. We will then engage in a short discussion about increasing participation in our many ministry opportunities.

Everyone is encouraged to attend this meeting to get the latest information about Our Mother of Good Counsel parish and to provide your input. If you can attend, please RSVP by contacting Donna Descano at 610-525-0147 during regular business hours or d-descano@omgcp parish.net, or clip the reply form below and drop it in the collection basket. Please be sure to indicate the number of people who will be attending so that we are sure to order enough box lunches. Responses are requested by **April 2**.

RSVP Form for Parish-Wide Meeting

Names of individuals who will attend the Parish-Wide Meeting

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL
NIGHT**

**Wednesday, April 10th at 8:00 pm
Philadelphia 76ers vs. Chicago Bulls**

Join the Catholic Charities Appeal for CCA Night with the Philadelphia 76ers! A portion of the tickets sold will directly benefit the CCA programs which provide support to the homeless, special needs students, food cupboards, after school programs and so much more.

To purchase tickets, please visit: <https://www.fevo.com/edp/Catholic-Charities-Appeal-Night-ur9A3a6>. Your tickets will be emailed to you directly once you check out.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Operation Rice Bowl (ORB) is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the international humanitarian aid agency of the Catholic Community in the United States. 75% of your gifts to Operation Rice Bowl come to CRS to fund development projects overseas and Lenten education efforts in the U.S. 25% remains in dioceses in the U.S. to support local hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Rice Bowl boxes are available in a basket on the table at the entrance of Church for you and your family to participate in this worthwhile effort to relieve poverty at home and abroad. All donations can be made to the parish during Holy Week either in the boxes provided or in envelopes marked "Rice Bowl donation."

**MERION MERCY'S SUMMER
PROGRAMS**

Registration Is Now Open

We have a variety of academic, enrichment and athletic offerings for girls and boys, including our acclaimed pre-eighth Summer Academy and High School Placement Test Preparation course, and our popular (entering) 6th and 7th grade Jump Start Program, which focuses on math, language arts, writing and study skills. We also offer fun enrichment programs and sports camps such as Basketball, Field Hockey, Volleyball, Art Camp and Coding, among others.

Please visit our website at www.merion-mercy.com/summerprograms to download a full brochure and to register online. For more information, you may contact Mrs. Barbara Harrison at 610-664-6655 Ext. 120 or e-mail her at bharrison@merion-mercy.com.

ST. RAPHAELA CENTER
616 Coopertown Rd. in Haverford

Women's Weekend III – from **April 12 at 4:00pm to April 14 at 12 noon**. As Jesus journeyed to Jerusalem, we gather this weekend to continue on our path of life as we reflect upon our baptismal call to be as Jesus was, anointed priest, prophet and king. How do we embrace God's invitation to grow where we are planted, to announce God's good news, and to wholeheartedly "love one another" in our everyday life experiences and relationships? This weekend offers a time away as we prepare to remember and celebrate God's gift, Jesus, during Holy Week and beyond. **Presenter:** Deacon David Schaffer

To **register** call us at 610-642-5715 or email us at staphaelacenter@gmail.com.

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5K RUN/WALK & KIDS RUN
Bonner/Prendergast High Schools

The Sunshine & Bubbles Scholarship Fund was created in memory of Nicole Gallo, Prendie '08 graduate. This Run supports a scholarship fund for Bonner-Prendie students. The Run will be held on **Sunday, March 31**. The Dash Run begins at 1:15pm; the 5K at 2:00pm. Pre-Race Registration: \$25 Adults/ \$15 Kids. Register today! Go to www.runsignup.com/race and Search: Nicole Gallo 5K.

ST. MARGARET SCHOOL
"Walk in Wednesday"
Enrollment for prekindergarten
and 1st Grade

St. Margaret School is rooted in a rich legacy of faith formation, academic achievement and social development. A goal for 2019-2020 remains serving area parishes and providing a quality Catholic education. Your next family blessing could be St. Margaret School located at 227 N. Narberth Ave. in Narberth. **Visit us to learn more of our enrollment opportunity for Prekindergarten 4 year olds and 1st grade.** Come on Walk in Wednesday from 9:00 to 11:00am or email for more information. Our diverse school community welcomes you and your family. Email: info@smsnarberth.org.



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A WOMEN'S INTERFAITH
GATHERING

Refugees and Asylum Seekers
Share Their Stories of Exodus
Sunday, April 7 from 3:00 – 5:00pm
Main Line Reform Temple
410 Montgomery Ave. in Wynnewood

There is no charge for this event, but please consider donating some of the following: paper towels, sponges, dish detergent, toilet paper, facial tissue, deodorant, can openers, razors, etc. RSVP to Linda Finkelstein at ldfink999@gmail.com or 610-331-7136 by March 29.

CATHOLIC HISTORY LECTURE

On **Tuesday, April 9 (6pm dinner; 7pm lecture)**, Dr. Mary Ellen O'Donnell will speak on her book, "Ingrained Habits: Growing Up Catholic in Mid-20th C America" at the American Catholic Historical Society, 263 South 4th Street. RSVP required. For information, visit www.amchs.org.

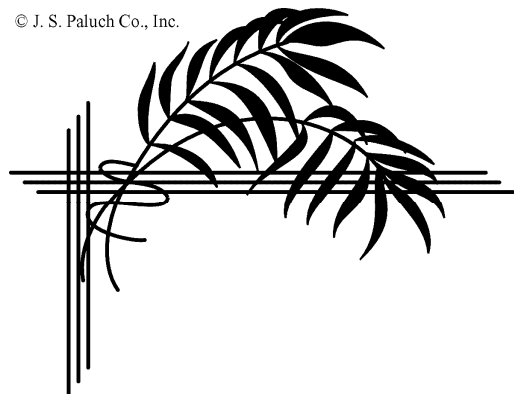
CAREER OPPORTUNITY

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing our insurance program in the Greater Philadelphia area. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact, Joseph Grayeske, General Agent, at 215-362-2469 or Joseph.Grayeske@Kofc.org.

JUNE PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Michael Milano from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish is leading a pilgrimage to Italy from **June 2 - 14, 2019**. We will visit Venice, Florence, Bologna, Siena, Assisi, San Giovanni Rotondo and Rome. Mass will be offered Daily. Breakfast and Dinner Daily. Cost is \$4,199.00 per person with air from Philadelphia. For a flyer or more detailed information, please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660.

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LENTEN FASTING AND FEASTING

*Fasting from judging others;
Feasting on the Christ within them*

*Fasting from thoughts of illness;
Feasting on the healing power of God*

*Fasting from anger;
Feasting on forgiveness*

*Fasting from pessimism;
Feasting on optimism*

*Fasting from worry;
Feasting on trust in God*

*Fasting from complaining,
Feasting on appreciation*

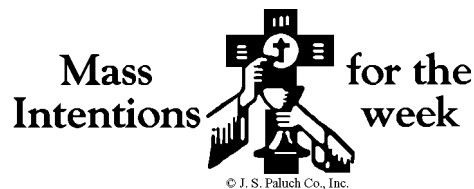
*Fasting on negatives;
Feasting on affirmatives*

*Fasting on selfishness;
Feasting on compassion for others*

*Fasting from discouragement;
Feasting on hope*

*Fasting from depression;
Feasting on enthusiasm*

*Fasting from suspicion;
Feasting on trust in people*



SUNDAY, MARCH 24

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
9:30 SR HELENA McNEILL, MSHR
11:15 ACHILLE BARONE
(26TH ANNIVERSARY)

MONDAY, MARCH 25

- 6:30 SPECIAL INTENTION
8:00 ROSE GILDEA

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

- 6:30 SPECIAL INTENTION
8:00 MARK, MICHELLE & MICHAEL
CONNOR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

- 6:30
8:00 HARRY GALLAGHER

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

- 6:30 FRANK QUINN (ANNIVERSARY MASS)
8:00 PHIL & NELLIE SHERIDAN

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

- 6:30 SPECIAL INTENTION
8:00 PATSY KNOX

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

- 8:00 PATSY KNOX

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
9:30 JOSEPHINE DESCANO
(11TH ANNIVERSARY)
11:15 JOSEPH KALINOSKI

The LORD secures justice
and the rights of all the oppressed.
—*Psalm: 103:6*

