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**April 14, 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>

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

**Luke 19:28-40 and 22:14-23:56**

Luke's account of the Passion gives us a crowd for almost every emotion. We have this *jubilant crowd* who praised Jesus as he entered Jerusalem, the *tumultuous crowd* who joined the religious leaders three times in demanding Jesus' crucifixion, and a *mournful crowd* of women who lamented his fate as he walked the way of the cross. Jesus responded differently to the three crowds. When the Pharisees told him to rebuke the crowds accompanying him into Jerusalem, Jesus defended the people singing his praises by saying, "If they keep silent, the stones will cry out!"

Jesus made no reply whatsoever to the crowds who called for his execution. The women were the only group to whom he spoke directly. In anticipation of his prayer for forgiveness for his persecutors, he told them not to weep for him, but for themselves and the fate of the people who remained closed to his message. By doing this, Jesus invited them to lament what he lamented, the tragedy incurred by the people who rejected him. He wanted the women in solidarity with him to lament with him rather than for him.

As we watch the people who were part of the story of Jesus' passion, we might wonder what we should learn from them. The disciples at the supper mightily missed the point of Jesus' prayer over bread and wine. Just after he blessed their meal as a sacrament of his self-giving, they got involved in a jealous argument over status. That quarrel was simply the insiders' petty imitation of the religious leaders who wanted to do away with Jesus because they perceived him as a rival to their power and position.

Peter's greatest act of discipleship came not in his promises, but in his tears. His contrite admission of failure was the opening to grace that Jesus had promised when he said, Peter, "I have prayed for you that... once you have turned back, you must strengthen the others."

In Luke's Gospel, the only two who seemed to grasp and appreciate the meaning of the events of his passion were strangers. The first of them was one of Jesus' fellow victims, the dying criminal who believed that even in his dying, Jesus was indeed coming into his kingdom. The other was the centurion who, upon seeing how Jesus died, glorified God and said, "This man was innocent beyond doubt." These declarations of faith, one presumably by a Jew adjudicated as a sinner, the other by a gentile, were a sign of Jesus' fulfillment of his mission. More than the disciples, more than even the women, these two lead us toward understanding the saving effects of Jesus death.



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### 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 McClellen, 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.

### 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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GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 19  
and  
EASTER MONDAY APRIL 22**

## Unbound: Freedom in Christ

Dear Friends,

St. Paul writes to the Galatians: "For freedom Christ set us free; so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery." (Gal. 5:1) By faith we know that we have been set free from slavery to sin through our baptism into the mystery of Jesus' death on the cross and Resurrection. But often it is difficult for us to experience that freedom. We often feel stuck in the areas of habitual sin, addictions, unforgiveness, resentments and other forms of spiritual difficulty.

I met Neal and Janet Lozano nearly 50 years ago when we were undergrads at Villanova. We were together in a prayer group back then. Very exciting times! Neal went on to get his master's degree in religious education. They raised a family in Ardmore. They have been ministering the love of Jesus to families and individuals for decades now, helping people to experience healing and freedom in Christ.

Neal is the author of *UNBOUND: A Practical Guide to Deliverance* and 8 other books. He and Janet and their son, Matt Lozano, have for many years given workshops around the US and in many foreign countries, praying with people in the power of Christ and the Gospel. They have touched many lives.

Archbishop Chaput has written: "*Unbound Ministry is a vital part of the new evangelization because, through a simple method of prayer based on the Gospel, it helps us help others in moving beyond their spiritual obstacles into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. This model of deliverance reflects the power of our baptism, which moves us from darkness into the kingdom of God.*" ([phillyevang.org/unbound/](http://phillyevang.org/unbound/))

Neal, Janet and Matt Lozano will speak at an Unbound Conference at St. Mary Magdalen School in Media, PA on Friday evening, May 10 and all day Saturday, May 11. I have attended two of their conferences and highly recommend the experience to any of our parishioners.

For more information and to register, call 610-952-3019 or go to: [heartofthefather.com/events/schedule/may-media](http://heartofthefather.com/events/schedule/may-media)

Neal and Janet are members here at OMGC, often attending the 9:30 or 11:15 Mass. Please pray for them and their ministry. I hope many of you can attend the May conference or another in the future

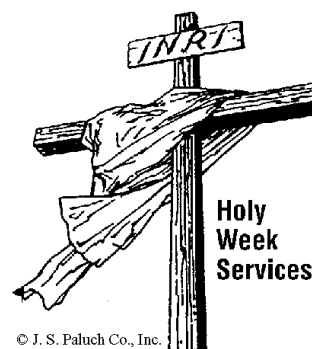
Peace,  
Fr. Liam

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for April 7

In the gospel story of the first Palm Sunday, we hear that the owners of the ass had only to be told, "The Master has need of it," to give the animal gladly. Do I give as readily to the Lord's work?

Due to early publishing submission, the stewardship totals for April 7th will appear in next week's Bulletin.

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



## EASTER LITURGY SCHEDULE

### Rehearsals for Triduum Liturgies

Monday, April 15 at 7:00pm – Easter Vigil  
Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00pm – Music Ministries  
Wednesday, April 17 at 7:00pm – Good Friday  
Wednesday, April 17 at 7:45pm – Holy Thursday

### **Holy Thursday – April 18**

9:00 am – Morning Prayer  
7:30 pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper  
10:30 pm – Night Prayer

### **Good Friday – April 19**

9:00 am – Morning Prayer  
3:00 pm – Passion of the Lord

### **Holy Saturday – April 20**

9:00 am – Morning Prayer  
7:50 pm – Easter Vigil begins

### **Easter Sunday – April 21**

Masses at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:15 am  
Children's Easter Egg Hunt  
follows the 11:15 am Mass

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## PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Membership on the Parish Council consists of elected members, pastor's appointees and ex officio members (such as the pastor, the parochial vicar and representatives of various parish committees). We have not held elections for a few years, and they will resume this spring.

We are looking for at least four nominees to run for election for two open positions on the Parish Council. Terms are two years with a limit of two consecutive terms. Service on the Parish Council involves participating in meetings on the first Monday of each month from September through June and also participating in other parish activities like the Parish-Wide Meeting and the New Parishioners Brunch. The qualification for nominees is current active membership in the parish and the approval of the Pastor.

Elections will be held for a three week period that includes the last Sunday of April and the first two Sundays of May. Votes will be submitted in written form with ballots that will be available in the pews and placed in the collection basket, or electronically on the parish web site.

Service on the Parish Council is a way to have your voice heard for the betterment of Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish and to work collaboratively with a number of very good parish staff members and fellow parishioners.

If you would like to run for election, or if you can recommend someone whom you believe would be a good representative on the Parish Council, please contact Fr. Liam at [liamod@omgcp parish.net](mailto:liamod@omgcp parish.net) or 610-525-0147.

## 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 email Steve and Colette Sutton at [colettesutton309@yahoo.com](mailto:colettesutton309@yahoo.com) or call 610-520-2501.

## 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.

## INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

**IHN-ML Annual Spring Fundraiser  
Sunday, April 28 – 5:00–7:30 p.m.**

We are holding our annual fundraiser on **Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>** and would love for you to join us. The event will take place at Appleford Estate, 770 Mt. Moro Road in Villanova. At this festive evening of music and dining to benefit the IHN, we will be honoring Susan Ayres of the Church of the Redeemer, one of our founding coordinators, and will hear from our special guest, Mark E. Talbot, Sr., Norristown Chief of Police. As in former years, music will be compliments of The Jazz Sanctuary.

If you would like to contribute to the event, donations can be mailed to IHN of the Main Line, 1449 DeKalb Street, Norristown, PA 19401. Checks are to be made payable to: IHN of the Main Line.



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## PREP CALENDAR FOR APRIL

**Sunday, April 14 – PREP Class  
9:30-11:00am in the Gym**

**Sunday, April 28 – Confirmation Class  
4:00-6:00pm in the Social Center**

## OMGC ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

The OMGC Youth Group will once again host an Easter Egg Hunt on **Easter Sunday** following the 11:15 Mass. All children up to age 10 are invited to bring their basket and hunt for eggs following Mass! We hope to see you there!

### Youth Group

We need many hands to help with our Annual Easter Egg Hunt! All youth group members are invited to join us on Easter Sunday following the 11:15 Mass to help us with the little ones and the Easter Egg Hunt! Email Karen at [kcarey@omgcp parish.net](mailto:kcarey@omgcp parish.net) if you are available!

**CLOTHING DRIVE**  
**Saturday, May 11, 2019**  
**9:00a.m. – 2:00p.m.**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be using the services of GreenDrop to support their clothing drive. Look for the GreenDrop truck in the church parking area in the back lot near Barrett Avenue where an attendant will be available to assist you with your donations. Please place your donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as: kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CDs and video are also accepted. Unfortunately, furniture, large appliances, TVs or computer monitors cannot be accepted. For a full list of acceptable items visit [www.gogreendrop.com](http://www.gogreendrop.com). Tax receipts are available upon request.

**Youth  
Choir**



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**YOUNG SINGERS**

Looking for young singers ranging from grade school through high school who wish to sing Mass for Our Mother of Good Counsel. You are invited to join with our present group of the Umana family to sing once a month, either on a Saturday at 5:00 pm or a Sunday at 11:15 am. Practice is minimal, usually before Mass, and preparation can be done from home.

For further details, please contact Ms. Stigliano, Director of Music Ministries at the parish office, 610.525.0147 ext. 238.

**CONFIRMATION OF ADULTS**

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Pentecost Sunday, June 9 at 6:30 p.m. Mass** at the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul. Those invited to this celebration are Baptized Roman Catholics who have never been confirmed. If you are interested in receiving this Sacrament at this time and place, please call Sr. Anne Woodshick at 610-525-0147 (ext. 234) so that some preparation may be made available for you.

**AN INVITATION**  
**from the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas**

If you or someone you know is curious about religious life, visit [www.sistersofmercy.org](http://www.sistersofmercy.org).

**RICE BOWL CONTRIBUTIONS**  
**to Catholic Relief Services**

We ask you to bring the contents of your Rice Bowl boxes to Mass with you when you attend one of the services of Holy Week from Palm Sunday through to the Triduum from Holy Thursday evening through Easter Sunday morning. Please bring your Rice Bowl container or put your donation in an envelope marked "Rice Bowl" and drop it into the collection basket in Church.

Thank you to all who participated in this journey of prayer, fasting and almsgiving in order to serve the needs of others during this Lenten season.

**PEACE AND JUSTICE**

The Peace and Justice Committee will meet again on **Thursday, April 25 at 7:00pm** in the Parish Center/Church Office Building.



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**SENIOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

The Senior members of our parish and neighboring parishes will meet again on **Friday, April 26 at 12 noon**. At this Gathering, we will enjoy an activity called, "Crazy Bingo." You are asked to bring an inexpensive, wrapped gift that you have at home to be used as prizes for our Bingo winners.

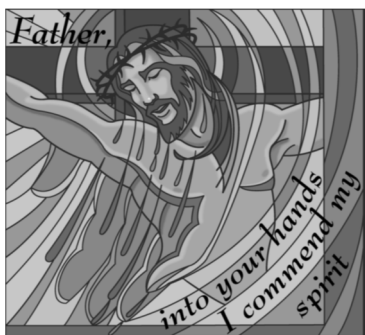
Please remember to bring a sandwich or your typical lunch nourishment with you to this Gathering. Desserts and beverages will be provided.

**ST. RAPHAELA CENTER**  
**616 Coopertown Rd. in Haverford**  
*Care for Creation...a Day of Service*  
*and Reflection on Environmental Awareness*  
**April 29 – 8:30am-3:00pm**

**Highlights** of the day include: Outside gardening, Education and Reflection on Pope Francis' Encyclical on "Laudato Si," Resources for going green in everyday living, Mass, Adoration, meditation, spiritual direction. All are welcome!

**Cost:** \$40.00 (including lunch); Spiritual Direction: To be booked in advance: Sliding scale \$35-\$75.

**Register** online at [www.straphaelacenter.org](http://www.straphaelacenter.org)  
 OR call us at 610-642-5715 OR email us at [straphaelacenter@gmail.com](mailto:straphaelacenter@gmail.com).



**IHM CONFERENCE CENTER**  
 401 S. Bryn Mawr Ave. in Bryn Mawr  
 610-581-0120

**Women in the Old Testament**  
*“Our Mothers in Faith”*  
 Tuesdays, April 23 and April 30  
 10:00am – 1:00pm

Many women of the Old Testament stories are our Mothers in faith. Their lives were intertwined with the life of the Israelite people and they are an important part of our salvation history. We will look at such women as Sarah (and Hagar), Miriam, Ruth (and Naomi), and Hannah. This event is a two-day presentation)

**Presenter:** Sister Marie Gipprich, IHM;  
**Stipend:** \$20 each session (includes lunch)

**ST. JOHN NEUMANN GARAGE SALE**

The annual gigantic garage sale at St. John Neumann Church, 380 Highland Lane in Bryn Mawr is planned for **Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 3:00pm** and **Sunday, April 28 from 8:30am to 1:30pm**. This is a major fund-raiser for the parish. You will find wonderful treasures at bargain prices, all donated by parishioners. Included are better clothing, a designer Boutique for lovely ready-to-wear apparel, accessories, jewelry, bric-a-brac, housewares, linens, toys, books, small appliances, electronics, holiday decorations and furniture. The sale is held in two indoor locations.

**RACHEL’S VINEYARD RETREAT**

Our next retreat will be held on the weekend of May 3-5 at Malvern Retreat House, located at 315 S. Warren Ave. in Malvern. The retreat weekend is a beautiful opportunity for emotional and spiritual healing for any woman or man who has struggled with abortion.

For more information, contact Nan Freeman at 302-333-1904 or visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

**Mass Schedule**  
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**PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14**

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHIONERS
- 9:30 SALVATORE PETROCCIA
- 11:15 VINCENZO SALVATI

**MONDAY, APRIL 15**

- 6:30 MARY KILLILEA
- 8:00 VINCENT McNALLY, JR.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 16**

- 6:30 MR. & MRS. ANGELO IANNACONE
- 8:00 HAROLD & ROSE IRVING

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17**

- 6:30 JENNIE BLONSKI (ANNIVERSARY MASS)
- 8:00 CATHERINE (CASS) MORRIS

**HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 18**

- 9:00AM MORNING PRAYER
- 7:30PM MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER
- 10:30PM NIGHT PRAYER

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19**

- 9:00AM MORNING PRAYER
- 3:00PM PASSION OF THE LORD

**HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 20**

- 9:00AM MORNING PRAYER
- 7:50PM EASTER VIGIL

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21**

- 7:30 EASTER
- 9:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHIONERS
- 11:15 EASTER







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