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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>

## AS I HAVE DONE...SO YOU MUST ALSO DO!

Today's Gospel (JN 13:31-35) returns us to the table of the Last Supper where Jesus' primary sign of self-giving was the washing of his disciples' feet. John makes the point that Jesus washed everyone's feet (even women's) and adds that Judas had received food from Jesus' own hand. When we understand this shared meal as a communion, we realize that Jesus gave himself to Judas just when Judas was preparing to abandon and betray the group. Once Judas left, Jesus announced that his glorification had begun.

From the beginning of this supper, John has shown Jesus' glory by portraying him as the servant, the least among them all. In the last scene with Judas, Jesus offered himself fully to the traitor. This is a symbolic anticipation of everything that is to come in the Passion; it reveals the glory of God who is all love and forgiveness, whose faithfulness to frail and sinful human beings cannot be overcome, not even by betrayal on the part of Jesus' closest friends or the chosen people. God's glory is the act of loving that nothing can diminish.

Deepening their awareness that he was pronouncing his last testament, Jesus told them he would be with them only a little longer. Then, he put into words what he had already taught them through the symbolic actions of washing their feet and sharing their food: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." He didn't simply ask them to love one another; he set himself up as the model for what love means. As he had said at the supper, they were to wash each other's feet. As he had shown them on the mountain near the Sea of Galilee, they were to share their bread with the hungry and gather up the fragments so that nothing would ever be wasted.

The subtle pretext in Jesus' command is in the phrase, "as I have loved you." Jesus said this to the disciples whose feet he had just washed. Before they could love as he did, they had to comprehend how greatly they were loved. Fulfilling Jesus' command to love is not a task that can be accomplished; it is a response to receiving love. Jesus was telling his table companions that their communion with him and one another would empower their loving. It would reveal the glory of God just as Jesus would reveal it by being lifted up on the cross. Their, and Our, self-giving service would be the sacrament that would make them a sign and source of salvation for the whole world.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

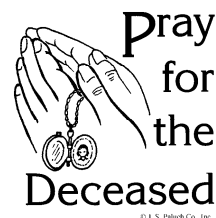
Janine Hoffman, Anne Shea, Carol Luty,  
Lori Lesutis, Fran Ward, Jane Shaw,  
William O'Donnell, Pelham McClellan,  
Bill and Ella Denny, Karen Schubert,  
Michael and Andrew McCaughey  
and all who care for the sick and dying.

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 Joanne Bramley at 610-457-6638 or Sr. Anne at 610-525-0147 ext. 234.



We pray for the happy repose of the souls of Joan Caso and Donald Caso and for the consolation of their families.

### MEMORIAL DAY SCHEDULE

**Monday, May 27**  
**One Mass only at 9:00 a.m.**  
***Parish Office Closed***

### FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

**Thursday, May 30**  
**A Holyday of Obligation**  
**Mass Schedule:**  
***Vigil Mass: Wednesday, May 29 at 7:30 pm***  
***Masses during the Day: 6:30, 8:00 a.m.***  
***and 12:10 p.m.***

**RUMMAGE SALE THIS WEEKEND!**

Please stop by our First Annual Rummage Sale this weekend and purchase some goods, or bid on some beautiful and rare items! We are open from **8 am to 2 pm on Saturday, May 18** and from **10 am to 2 pm on Sunday, May 19**. All monies raised will go to the Roof and Stewardship Fund.

**INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK**

IHN of the Main Line provides emergency shelter for families in Montgomery County who are experiencing homelessness. Families are sheltered at faith congregations throughout the Main Line, like here at OMGC. IHN is looking for people who are interested in serving on its Board of Directors. Directors represent all the congregations in the program and work together to oversee and support the staff of IHN. To be a board member, you do **not** need to be a business executive or to have served on a board previously, only to have a desire to help families in need. If you are interested, please contact Tony Vale at 610-202-2951 or Michele Geraghty at 610-888-6472.

**ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME**

**Wednesday, May 22, 7 p.m. in St Thomas of Villanova Parish Center**

With the help of qualified personnel from Villanova University, we hope to organize a **Fall 2019** workshop of three or four sessions, perhaps on a weekday evening, about 90 minutes long, with refreshments and active participation.

The purpose of the workshop would be to explore how our lifestyle impacts the earth as well as realistic opportunities for reducing those impacts on a local, regional and global basis in light of Pope Francis’ document on the care of creation and the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals.

Please join us on Wednesday, May 22 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center of St Thomas of Villanova and help us discover the best way forward **for a workshop coming this Fall**.

**PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT**

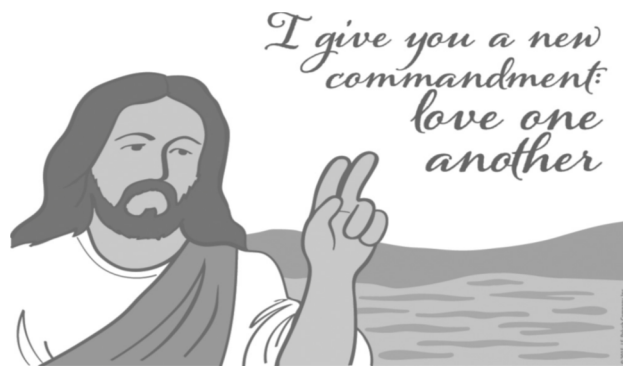
If there is anything you would like to bring to the attention of the Council by way of ideas, suggestions or concerns, please call Ron Hicks at 610-449-2748.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for May 12, 2019**

In today’s Gospel, Jesus gives His disciples — and us — a new commandment: “Love one another.” Good stewards who spend their time and talents in service to others are well on their way to fulfilling this commandment.

Sunday Offertory Envelopes.....	\$4,794.00
Non-Envelope Cash Contributions .....	\$653.00
Mailed in Contributions .....	\$1,560.00
Total Offertory Collection .....	\$7,007.00
Offertory this time last year .....	\$9,983.00
Electronic Giving on 15th.....	\$3,132.00
On-line Parish Giving.....	\$455.00

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



**EVENING PRAYER Feast of St. Rita of Cascia**

Please join us for Evening Prayer on **Wednesday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m. (please note corrected time)** in the Church, celebrating the Feast of St. Rita of Cascia, wife, mother and an Augustinian Nun. Rita spent some 40 years in prayer, contemplation and service to the sick and poor after the tragic deaths of her husband and sons. She is the patron saint of desperate situations.

Fr. Dennis McGowan, OSA will join us once again this year to facilitate our prayer service in her honor. Rita’s Water Ice and Roses will be distributed after the service in memory of St. Rita.

**PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

The Peace and Justice Committee will meet again on **Thursday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center.



Join our parish immediately following the 11:15 Mass on **Sunday, June 2** for a fun afternoon of hot dogs, burgers, bounces, games, slides, and more! We will gather in the "Backyard," the area behind the old school building! Please contact Karen Carey at [kcarey@omgcp parish.net](mailto:kcarey@omgcp parish.net) to help organize!



**RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE**  
**Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> in OMGC Gym**

Please consider donating a pint of blood when the Red Cross Bloodmobile comes to OMGC's gym on **Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 7:00pm**. Please invite a friend to come with you to donate as well. The number of willing donors lessens as the Summer heat arrives. If you can donate, please fill out the pledge form here, or one from the pews, and place it in the Red Cross box on the table at the entrance of the church. Also, you can phone or email your pledge to Joe Betz at 610-525-4499 or [joseph.betz@villanova.edu](mailto:joseph.betz@villanova.edu). Or you can pledge online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: our mother good counsel.

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 Pledge Form:

I will try to donate blood to the Red Cross on  
 Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Appointment Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (in 15 minute intervals between 2:00-7:00pm)



**OMGC ANNUAL  
 VACATION BIBLE  
 CAMP!**

Our Annual Vacation Bible Camp will be held the week of **August 19-23**. All children ages 4 through 10

are invited to join us for a fun-filled week! Our program "ROAR" will teach us that "Life is Wild, God is Good!" Watch the bulletin for details on signing up.

We are looking for young persons, ages 11 through 18 to help us facilitate our program. If you are interested in getting some service hours, having some fun, singing and dancing, leading, creating, and laughing...join us for the week! Contact Karen at 610-525-0147 or [kcarey@omgcp parish.net](mailto:kcarey@omgcp parish.net) for more information.

**SENIOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

The Senior members of our parish and neighboring parishes will meet again on **Friday, May 24 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**  
**Weekend Conference Retreat**  
**June 14 – 4:00pm to June 16 – 1:00pm**  
**"A Pentecost People"**

An important element of the Resurrection is the fulfillment of the out-pouring of the Spirit, bestowing on us important gifts for our mission, but also establishing the Christian community as the Spirit-filled "Body of Christ." In this retreat, we will seek that gentle presence of the Spirit, both in the silence of our personal prayer, as well as in the gathering of our retreat community.

**Cost: \$200 - \$240** (depending on room choice);  
 Commuter: \$160

**Registration:** Email [staphaelacenter@gmail.com](mailto:staphaelacenter@gmail.com) or call us at 610-642-5715 no later than June 7, 2019.

**BREAD FOR THE WORLD**  
**2019 Offering of Letters Campaign**  
**Weekend of June 1–2, 2019**

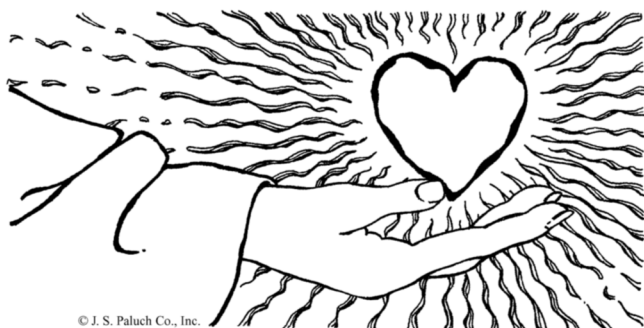
Bread for the World (BFW), has initiated its 2019 Offering of Letters Campaign, “Better Nutrition, Better Tomorrow.” BFW is a Christian, non-partisan organization that urges our nation’s decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad.

From BFW: “Esther Okwir was nearly five months pregnant with her first child when she walked a mile to her local clinic for a nutrition lesson. After a morning’s work in her family’s fields, Esther joined three dozen other moms-to-be and new mothers gathered around midwife Susan Ejang, who made a most astonishing proclamation: **“Your child can achieve great things.”** Greatness?...It was an audacious notion in northern Uganda, where a child’s mere survival was an achievement in a harsh climate for both agriculture and peace.

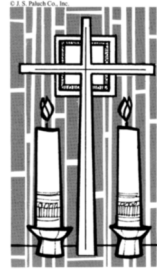
In northern Uganda, the death rate of children under age 5 is the worst in the world: 90 per 1,000 live births. Of the children who survive, 40 percent are stunted physically and cognitively with irreversible life consequences due to malnutrition.

“You take good care in these days and your child won’t be malnourished,” Susan told the moms. “The next president of the country may come from this group!” Doing her part, Esther eagerly embraced a new initiative known as Harvest Plus, a U.S. government-funded program integrating agriculture and nutrition. Harvest Plus raises the nutrient levels already in staple crops, ensuring that more vitamins and minerals enter the diets of poor farmers.

Learn more about the results Esther and her husband reaped from this program in next week’s bulletin. You will have the opportunity to support their efforts after all the Masses during the weekend of June 1-2. We will write and/or sign letters to our Senators and Representative in support of BFW’s 2019 Offering of Letters Campaign.



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**AN EASTER SEASON**  
**REFLECTION**  
**by Sister Renee Yann, RSM**

We expect things, don’t we? Things as simple as rain. Things as complex as babies. We expect to wake up tomorrow, to have a safe drive home from work, to complete the to-do lists stuffed in our pockets. We expect life. We even expect death. We expect much of the in-between.

But it is the things we don’t expect that profoundly change our lives. These things shatter our routine and make a passageway for extraordinary grace. You have had such moments. During them, you were like the ancient Jews standing at the fracture of the Red Sea. Your soul was in a battle between fear and awe.

These moments came to you in various disguises: tragedy, surprise, celebration, disappointment, betrayal of forgiveness. From the vantage point of time, you may be able to see how these moments freed you, redeemed you. Or, now within such a moment, you may still be struggling to discover its truth.

We are not unlike the disciples experiencing the Passover of Jesus’ life. They, even He, may not have expected the Thursday of Transubstantiation – the giving of his body into the eternal bread and wine. They did not expect the cleavage of their sacred world by an unholy crucifixion. They did not expect a dislodged stone to yield a golden resurrection.

All that they did not expect we now call “Easter” – a rebirth in the steadfast assurance that God’s life ever triumphs. May we all be broken and blessed by this astounding and unexpected grace!

**TEACHING POSITION OPENING**

Merion Mercy Academy, an independent, all girls Catholic High School sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, has an opening for a full-time joint teaching position in the Social Studies and Spanish departments for the 2019-2020 school year. The candidate must have proficiency in upper level Spanish and background in teaching Social Studies. Degrees in Social Studies and Spanish are required. Secondary certification and experience teaching in both fields is preferred. Qualified applicants are asked to submit a cover letter and resume by **Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**. Please send to Mary Ann Danovich, Assistant Head of School for Academic Affairs, at [madanovich@merion-mercy.com](mailto:madanovich@merion-mercy.com)

# Special Announcement

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## CARDINAL O'HARA CLASS OF 1969

We are looking for you! Plans are now underway for our 50th class reunion.

When: Friday, October 11, 2019

Where: Springfield Country Club

Cost: \$75.00

This reunion coincides with O'Hara's Homecoming Weekend and we are so excited to announce an event gathering full of activities for the entire weekend.

**SPECIAL INVITATION:** The O'Hara Class of 2019 has invited the Class of '69 to "walk" at their Graduation Ceremony, Wednesday, June 5 at Neumann University in honor of our 50 year Anniversary! Please contact the following communication website to make sure you receive all updated information : [Ohara50th@gmail.com](mailto:Ohara50th@gmail.com).

### **CAMP GLEE** at Mount St. Joseph Academy June 17<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>

If you have a passion for performance, don't miss this opportunity to meet new friends while learning what it takes to be a star! Camp Glee is a song, dance and musical theater workshop open to girls who will be enrolled in grades 5-9 during the upcoming school year.

A performance will be held at the end of camp and will be open to family and friends! This will be a fun and rewarding experience for performers of all skill levels.

For more information, contact [kochs@msjacad.org](mailto:kochs@msjacad.org) or visit [www.msjacad.org](http://www.msjacad.org).

### **ARCHDIOCESAN HELP-LINE** for Intellectual Disabilities and Autism

Do you need help accessing services and supports for someone with an intellectual disability or autism? The Catholic Social Services Developmental Programs Help-Line is available to answer your questions. Call 484-472-5041 or email [IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org](mailto:IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org).

# MASS INTENTIONS



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## SUNDAY, MAY 19

- 7:30 ELIZABETH MURRAY  
9:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL  
PARISHIONERS  
11:15 ANGELO D'ORAZIO

## MONDAY, MAY 20

- 6:30 ELIZABETH MURRAY  
8:00 GEORGE RAZIONALE

## TUESDAY, MAY 21

- 6:30 ELIZABETH MURRAY  
8:00 JOHN PHILLIPS, JR.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

- 6:30 ELIZABETH MURRAY  
8:00 PEG CROTHERS

## THURSDAY, MAY 23

- 6:30 ELIZABETH MURRAY  
8:00 EVELINE McGARVEY WALKER

## FRIDAY, MAY 24

- 6:30 ALICE McKENNA  
8:00 MARY TATAR

## SATURDAY, MAY 25

- 8:00 KAREN De TEMPLE

## SUNDAY, MAY 26

- 7:30 MAREK KAMUDA  
9:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL  
PARISHIONERS  
11:15 VINCENZO SALVATI  
(87TH BIRTHDAY)

### *Fifth Sunday of Easter* *May 19, 2019*

*"Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race."  
— Revelations 21:3*



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