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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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<http://www.OMGCPARISH.ORG>

THE SPIRIT GUIDES US TO ALL TRUTH

Our first two readings in today's liturgy challenged our imagination, inviting us to be caught up in awe before the mystery of God so infinitely beyond our capacity to comprehend, and at the same time so attractive, that we can't help but try. Now we hear Jesus tell the disciples that it is OK that they can't take it all in. There is so much more he would have liked to communicate, but it was beyond them. It is beyond *us* still. What is wonderful is that our limitation is not a dead end. Jesus doesn't just say, "You can't get it." He says, "You can't take it in now, but bit by bit you'll be led into it until it takes you in entirely."

When we read today's Gospel (John 16:12-15) in its literary context of the Last Supper discourse, we understand the direct reference Jesus is making. He is explaining that his upcoming suffering and death are too much for the disciples to bear. He promised them that the Spirit would guide them, and we have inherited the Christian faith and scriptures as the proof of that promise fulfilled. When they could not understand, when horrific events frightened the loyalty and faith right out of them, they gradually learned to comprehend it in an entirely new and unexpected way. With the help of the Spirit, they began to realize that their crucified Lord was indeed the one God lifted up and highly exalted. But that wasn't all.

Jesus says that what the Spirit reveals will not be a new creation or invention, but the revelation of what is there, what has always been available to be heard at the heart of the universe. The Spirit will reveal the divine perspective on the happenings of history. In the same way that Jesus could understand his upcoming passion as victory and glorification, the Spirit reveals how God is continually acting in the world and how God desires to act through the community of disciples. Jesus calls that revelation "truth." Calling it truth means that it goes beyond appearances, inferences and prejudices to the very heart of life and human destiny. The Spirit can reveal what is to come because the very same Spirit was part of setting creation on its path toward God and remains present throughout.

This is heady stuff, and it would be easy to get lost in it. That's reflected in the way John writes. His every image has some connection with all that went before and what will come after. But in the end, it is also very simple. If we will accept the fact that the mystery of God is not a theory to be explained but an invitation to participate in love's dynamic, we will finally begin to know what we are talking about. We may come to know it so well that we get caught up in it, realizing that what can't be put into words must be put into action.

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 those who are sick or dying.

Please call the Parish Office at 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.



We pray for the happy repose of the souls of
Robert L. Kelly and Janet Buba
and for the consolation of their families.



FATHERHOOD

My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it.

—Clarence Budington Kelland



INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Our Parish will be hosting the IHN families once again during the **Week of July 7 - 14.**

PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

We need volunteers for our IHN Program here at Our Mother of Good Counsel. It takes many people to help our guests feel as comfortable as possible during their stay with us. Our IHN Program hosts homeless families for a week at a time, five times a year. **We need your help!**

1. **Set-up** the Social Center on **Saturday, July 6 at 10:00 am** this takes about one hour from 10 to 11 am. **Take –down** and pack away equipment on **Sunday, July 14 at 12:15 pm**, after the guests have departed, our volunteers take down the set up. 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.
2. **Cook** one evening during the week, we ask volunteers to cook a meal for the guests and the hosts. Simply cook the meal, drop it off hot at 6:30 pm. If you can **prepare a meal** one evening of that week, please call Toni Betz at 610-525-4499.
3. **Dinner host** during the week from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. enjoy dinner and conversation with the families. Please consider hosting, call Michele Geraghty at 610-642-7113 or email her at mgeraghty@comcast.net.
4. **Overnight Host (one of our greatest needs)** Volunteers are asked to spend from 8:30 pm to 6:00 am with our guests. The guests are usually quiet by then. We ask you to simply be there for them. We need two volunteers per evening. We provide an air mattress for you to sleep on. Please consider overnight hosting, call Michele Geraghty at 610-642-7113 or email her at mgeraghty@comcast.net.

IHN HOSTING DATES

This summer, our parish will be hosting the IHN guests three times because we have air conditioning and some churches do not. If you can help at any time, or with any meal during the following weeks, please notify Karen or Joe Carey at the parish office, 610-525-0147.

July 7-14 August 4-11
 Sept 29- Oct 6 Dec 15- 22

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for June 9, 2019

Today’s Psalm reminds us that we have been crowned with glory and honor and given rule over the works of God’s hands. But we must be good stewards, for God will surely hold us accountable for the use of those gifts!

Sunday Offertory Envelopes.....	\$6,010.00
Non-Envelope Cash Contributions	\$502.00
Mailed in Contributions	\$2,160.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$8,672.00
Offertory this time last year	\$7,263.00
On-line Parish Giving.....	\$455.00

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

SUMMER FILM SERIES

As part of our mission to educate the parishioners about Catholic social teaching, the Peace and Justice Committee of Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish Community invites you to participate in our Summer Film Series. Each of the films has been chosen for its connection to Catholic social teaching.

In May 2015, in keeping with the Catholic social teaching, **Care for God’s Creation**, Pope Francis issued his encyclical, *Laudato Si*, an “urgent challenge to protect our common home...to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change.” When Pope Francis addressed the U.S. Congress and the United Nations in 2015, he included this challenge in his remarks.

Following the publication of *Laudato Si*, several American theologians, who are experts in Catholic social teaching, met to discuss the content and the significance of the teachings in the encyclical and its possible impact on national and international politics. We have the privilege of viewing a recording of this meeting.

Please join us in the Social Center of the school building on **Thursday, June 27 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.** Time for a short reflection and discussion will follow each of the films presented.

- The two remaining evenings will be:
- **Wednesday, July 24 on the issue of Immigration**
 - **Thursday, August 29 on the issue of injustice as experienced in the Criminal Justice System**

SENIOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Join us for our June Gathering on **Friday, June 28 at 12 noon** for the next Gathering of our Senior Parish Members and their friends. There is no need to bring a lunch or desserts with you. All will be provided at a cost of \$5.00 per person. If you have not already registered to join us on the 28th, please call Sr. Anne at 610-525-0147, ext. 234 so that we can be prepared to welcome you with a "place at the table." We are looking forward to celebrating this special time of the year with each other.



VACATION BIBLE CAMP — ROAR!!!

Life is Wild, God is Good!

Get ready for an African adventure that engages the whole herd! Life is sometimes wild, but God is always good! All children, ages 4 through 10 are invited to be a part of the herd! We will learn Bible Stories, songs, crafts, snacks and drama in our week long Bible Camp – **August 19 – 23!** Cost of the camp is \$45 for the week! But don't let that keep you from joining... contact Karen at 610-525-0147 if the cost is prohibitive to your children! All are welcome! Contact Michelle at the Parish Office for registration forms! Space is limited, so register now!

VACATION BIBLE CAMP COUNSELORS NEEDED!

We are looking for students ages 11 through high school to help out at our Vacation Bible Camp. Join our team of singers, crafters, dancers, leaders, guides, and runners to have a week of fun working with the younger students!

Week is August 19-23!

Contact Karen at kcarey@omgcp parish.net or call 610-525-0147 for information.

ABBEYFEST

**Daylesford Abbey
220 S. Valley Road in Paoli
September 21 – Noon to 9:30 p.m.**

Tickets are available at www.TheAbbeyFest.com
Join us for an afternoon and evening of faith, music and family.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD 2019 Offering of Letters Campaign

There will be baskets on the table at the entrance of Church over this weekend, **June 15-16** for you to drop your BFW letters which some of you took home to sign and address envelopes to our two Senators and the Representative of your district if you chose to do so. **Thank you** to all who took the time to come over to the Parish Center to express your concern about serious hunger issues occurring in the own country and in many countries in the world today. Bread For the World continues to tell us how effective these letters are in moving legislation through Congress at a rate that maintains or increases aid to those who suffer daily from debilitating food insecurity or non-nutritional food, esp. to women and children.



**ST. THOMAS OF
VILLANOVA CHURCH
Stewardship Summer Camp
July 8–July 12 from 10:00am
to 2:00pm**

We invite OMGC parishioners to register their child preparing to enter 3rd, 4th and 5th Grades for the 2019 St. Thomas of Villanova Stewardship Summer Camp. Camp begins each day in the Rosemont Auditorium and then campers travel by bus to other locations for team building, service and fun! To register your child, please contact Maria Luby, Dir. of Family Life and Youth Ministry at fl-youth@stvparish.org or 610-525-4801, ext. 225. Cost of the Camp is \$100.00.

“THAT MAN IS YOU”

Steve Bollman, founder of the catechetical program for men called “That Man Is You” is introducing a Family Catechetical program to strengthen the faith of married couples to pass on the gift of faith. His men’s program has reached over 15,000 men and his new book, “The Choice Wine: 7 Steps to a Superabundant Marriage” is excellent in strengthening married couples in passing on the gift of faith.

The presentation is on **Thursday, June 20th from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.** at St. Mary Magdalen Church hall. The address is 2400 N. Providence Road, Media 19063. (Phone is 610-566-8821). You can also register by using the link below or email me at fralph@stmarymagdalen.net.
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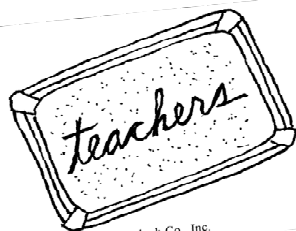
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AND APOLOGIES To our Blood Donors

On **Tuesday, June 4th**, Red Cross bloodmobile was almost a disaster. Though the crew of about 12 phlebotomists was in our gym at the scheduled opening time of 2 PM, the truck with all the equipment had not arrived. Soon we learned that the truck had broken down on the way. A replacement truck arrived at 2:35, but many would-be donors on the early schedule had to leave without donating. The final results were only 35 pints of blood collected. To make things worse, there were many spontaneous would-be walk in donors who had to be refused. Woe was we recruiters!

Anyway, many thanks to those who came and gave, or tried to give. And many thanks to our recruiters: Laura Piantini, Mary Somers and Joe Betz.



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TEACHING POSITION AVAILABLE

Merion Mercy Academy, an independent, all girls Catholic High School, sponsored by the Sisters of

Mercy, has an opening for a full-time teaching position in the Science department for the 2019-2020 school year. The schedule is teaching chemistry. Qualified applicants with a Chemistry degree and secondary certification are asked to submit a cover letter and resume by **Thursday, June 27**. Experienced preferred. Send to Assistant Head of School for Academic Affairs, Mary Ann Danovich at madanovich@merion-mercy.com

ST. RAPHAELA CENTER 616 Coopertown Rd. in Haverford Jobs Available

Part-Time Gardeners: Love working in the garden? Have some time and want to help out? Contact Sister Lyan for more information at 610-642-5715 or ltri@straphaelacenter.org.

Part-Time Cook: Part-time, experienced cook needed for St. Raphaela Center. Flexible hours. Call Sr. Lyan at 610-642-5715 to schedule an interview.



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WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND July 19-21, 2019 at Doubletree Plymouth Meeting, PA

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To Register: Contact Al and Mary Liz at Applications@wwme-philly.org/ or call 610-449-1859. For more information, go to <https://www.wwme-philly.org>.

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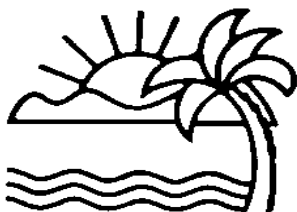
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LET ME LIVE GRACE-FULLY
In Praise of Summer

Summer



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Thank you, Gracious God,
 for this season of sun and slow motion,
 of games and porch sitting,
 of picnics and light green fireflies
 on heavy purple evenings;
 and praise for slight breezes.
 It's good, dear God,
 as the first long days of your creation.

Let this season be for me
 a time of gathering together the pieces
 into which my busyness has broken me.
 O God, enable me now
 to grow wise through reflection,
 peaceful through the song of the cricket,
 recreated through the laughter of play.

Most of all, O God,
 let me live easily and grace-fully for a spell,
 so that I may see other souls deeply,
 share in a silence unhurried,
 listen to the sound of sunlight and shadows,
 explore barefoot the land of forgotten dreams and
 shy hopes,
 and find the right words to tell another who I am.

Ted Loder from *Guerrillas of Grace*



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SUNDAY, JUNE 16

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHIONERS
- 9:30 EILEEN GALLAGHER
- 11:15 MR. & MRS. SCHINA & ANGELA

MONDAY, JUNE 17

- 6:30 EDWARD J. RIDEOUT, JR.
- 8:00 ANGELO RUBERTO
 (BIRTHDAY JUNE 16TH)

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

- 6:30 MARY & CAMILLE VOLPI
 (WEDDING ANNIVERSARY)
- 8:00 PATRICIA HAMILTON

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

- 6:30 MICHELE R. FINA
- 8:00 JAKE PHILLIPS, JR.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

- 6:30 MR. & MRS. ANGELO IANNOCONO
- 8:00 FR. JOHN DENNY, O.S.A
 (3RD ANNIVERSARY)

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

- 6:30 JUDITH L. SHAW
- 8:00 JEANNE A. CROSSAN

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

- 8:00 DOROTHY & JOHN GROMLEY

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

- 7:30 JEANNETTE GULEZIAN
- 9:30 JEAN RANDAZZO
- 11:15 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHIONERS

The Most Holy Trinity
June 16, 2019

[T]he love of God has been poured out into
 our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

— *Romans 5:5b*

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