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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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PARISH WEB SITE:

<http://www.OMGCPARISH.ORG>

PRAYER: THE FOUNDATION OF OUR SERVICE

The story of Martha and Mary in today's Gospel (Luke 10:38-42) has been interpreted in very diverse ways. For some, it confirms that women belong in the kitchen or in quiet contemplation. That is part of the old hierarchical model that puts pope, bishops and priests at the top; contemplative women next; religious brothers and sisters after them. Then, if we bother to mention them, come the laity. For others, the Martha and Mary story demonstrates Jesus' acceptance and promotion of women far beyond what his culture permitted.

The action of this incident eventually moves inside the house, often a symbol for the community or church. Now, things do not go smoothly. Luke doesn't highlight Jesus' countercultural decision to enter the home of two women to whom he was not related, which was taboo in his culture. A man could go into another man's house without question but since there is no mention of anyone else in the home, Jesus apparently accepted Martha's invitation as if it had come from a male. Then Martha's sister, Mary, took up the posture of a student/disciple, sitting at Jesus' feet and listening to his teaching. At this point, Luke has depicted Jesus as interacting with two women who act as if they don't know their place, and he seems to think nothing of it.

The tension of this story has nothing to do with the women's failure to play their prescribed social roles. The problem is that Martha feels overburdened with her serving. When she turns to Jesus, he tells her she is too worried about "many things." Martha is the first disciple Jesus advises not to worry; later he will say the same to those who risk arrest because of him. He also advises his disciples to avoid worry about their life, their food or clothes, because such worry can't add a minute to their lives. Instead of the many things Martha is concerned about, Jesus says there is only one thing necessary, and Mary has chosen a good that he will not take away from her.

The tension portrayed in this story has not disappeared. Some disciples strive to attend to all the details – the hungry need food and the refugees need shelter. At the same time, the tasks of service, the constant commitment to respond to the needs of others, can become so burdensome that we lose touch with Christ and the Gospel for whom we started it all.

There is no single correct interpretation of the story of Martha and Mary. It seems that Luke sandwiched it between the story of the generous Samaritan and Jesus' teaching on prayer to indicate that the tension itself is important. Martha and Mary both chose the good, but there can be too much of a good thing. Christian disciples must continually seek the balance.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Janine Hoffman, Anne Shea,
Lori Lesutis, Carol Luty,
William O'Donnell,

Fran Ward, Jonathan Perez,
Michael & Andrew McCaughey,
Bill & Ella Denny, Kaye Grasso

and all who care for those who are sick and 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 Joanne Bramley at 610-457-6638 or Sr. Anne at 610-525-0147 ext. 234.

New Members

We welcome to our parish community *Nancy Lamason* and *Hal and Suzanne Walsh* who recently registered with us.



We pray for the happy repose of the soul of *Joan Keating* and for the consolation of her family.



THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Thursday, August 15, 2019

A Holyday of Obligation

Vigil Mass: Wednesday, August 14 at 7:30 pm

Thursday Masses: 6:30, 8:00am & 12:10pm

HERBS, PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS, WAGON AND ROOF

Dear Friends,

Herbs. Do you know about our Herb garden? Only two types of herbs right now. I'm not sure if Fr. Denny or someone else planted them. They're growing beside the path that leads from the entrance of the Parish Center to the back door of the friary (rectory). On the corner, there's a lot of mint. About 6 or 8 feet from the corner you will find Thai basil. Please feel free to cut some anytime.

Ministries Tent Event. At our Parish-wide Meeting this past spring, many parishioners expressed a desire to hold a Stewardship "Tent Event." OMGC held these events often in the past. We pitch a large tent on the lawn in front of the friary (rectory) and beside the church. We set up tables for each Ministry of our Parish. It's an opportunity to get to know all the wonderful ministries our parishioners are engaging in.

This year we plan to have it Saturday and Sunday, September 21 and 22 following each of the Masses. We are in the process of contacting the leaders of each ministry to start preparations. Watch this space for details.

Welcome Committee. Also at that Parish-wide Meeting, many voiced a desire for a "Welcome Wagon" type of ministry to reach out to newly registered parishioners. Mary & David Manuszak have volunteered for this ministry. I'm looking forward to sitting down with them to work out details. Please contact me if you would like to be part of this critical outreach. We'd like to begin in the fall.

This is embarrassing: Someone besides Mary and David also verbalized the desire to join this ministry. At the time, I gratefully accepted the person's offer and had the best of intentions to write that person's name down. I got busy with things, and never did. If you are that person, I apologize. And if you are still interested, please contact me again. I promise to put you on our list immediately.

Parish Council Elections. Partly because of time constraints and partly because of sparsity of nominees, we were not able to hold elections for the four openings on the Parish Pastoral Council last spring. We now have three probable nominees.

If you would like to run for election, or if you want to nominate someone whom you believe would be a good representative on the Parish Council, please contact me through the parish office.

Roof is 90%! Pleased I am to report that the main portion of the roof is 90% finished. The scaffolding will go away in a couple of weeks. We still have the cleaning of the exterior walls, the masonry work, and the window molding repairs. Those tasks will go on for a few more months.

Let us continue to pray for each other.

Peace,
Fr. Liam

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for JULY 14, 2019

Today's readings speak of hospitality. Abraham, who cheerfully did for his guests all that desert hospitality required, was rewarded with his heart's desire — an offering. Martha also busied herself with all the details of hospitality, but grudgingly and with complaint. Am I a cheerful or a grudging giver?

Sunday Offertory Envelopes.....	\$4,965.00
Non-Envelope Cash Contributions	\$562.00
Mailed in Contributions	\$1,754.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$7,281.00
Offertory this time last year	\$11,906.00
Electronic Giving on (1st or 15th).....	\$3,254.00
On-line Parish Giving.....	\$455.00

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



FORGIVENESS

To forgive is to set a prisoner free
and to discover that the prisoner is *me*.

—Anonymous



INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Next Week of Hosting: Our Parish will be hosting the IHN families once again during the Week of **August 4-11**. We are hosting again because some of the host churches do not have air conditioning so we host more often during the summer months so our guests can be comfortable. If you can help in any of the following ways, please give us a call:

- A. If you can help **set-up** the Social Center on **Saturday, August 3 at 10:00 am** or **take-down** and pack away equipment on **Sunday, August 11 at 12:15 pm**, please call Karen Carey at 610-525-0147, ext. 227 or email kcarey@omgcp parish.net or call Joe Carey at ext. 262 or email jcarey@omgcp parish.net.
- B. If you can **prepare a meal** one evening of that week, please call Toni Betz at 610-525-4499.
- C. 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. – 6:00 a.m. once during the week, please call Megan Carey at 484-809-8313 or email her at mcarey728@gmail.com.

Food Needs for IHN: If you can donate any of the following food items for our guests when they arrive on **Sunday, August 4**, please put them in the food box at the entrance of the church next Sunday:

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| soup | crackers |
| tuna fish | salad dressing |
| jelly | mustard |
| lemonade mix | ice tea mix |
| coffee | tea bags |
| cookies | peanut butter |
| cold cereal | mayonnaise |
| ketchup | juices: boxes or bottles |



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SUMMER FILM SERIES #2

Tuesday, July 23 (new date)
Gospel Without Borders
Please join us in the School Gym on
Tuesday, July 23 from 7:00 – 8:30 P.M.

The focus of the 2nd film of the OMGC summer Film Series is the Catholic social teaching, *Solidarity*, and its bearing on immigration reform. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops tells us that: “We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers’ and sisters’ keepers, wherever they may be...At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of peace and justice.”

Gospel without Borders, a documentary, produced by the Baptist Center for Ethics, follows the plight of immigrants in five states and the interdenominational help provided to these immigrants by people who believe in the Gospel. In 2011, Bishop Anthony Taylor of the Diocese of Little Rock, Arkansas, urged Catholic leaders to distribute this documentary to their parishes. He wrote, “Immigration reform is one area where we can learn to work together in a united way to build bridges of shared humanity and Christian faith in line with Vatican II’s vision of the demands of the Gospel today.” Time for a short reflection and discussion will follow.

SUMMER FILM SERIES

The one remaining evening will be:
Thursday, August 29 on the issue of injustice
as experienced in the Criminal Justice System

HOSPITALITY

Christians should offer those in need simple and unpretentious hospitality.

~St. Basil

ST. VINCENT DePAUL

Clothing Drive
Saturday, August 10th – 9:00am – 2:00pm

The Society of St. Vincent DePaul will be using the services of GreenDrop to support their clothing drive. Look for the **GreenDrop** truck in the church parking lot 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 videos 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.

The GreenDrop truck is usually parked near the dumpsters close to Barrett Avenue.



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 about Bible Stories, sing songs, do crafts, drama and have snacks in our week long Bible Camp – **August 19 – 23 from 9:00 am to Noon.** Cost of the camp is \$45 for the week! If the cost is prohibitive for your family, don't let that keep you from joining... contact Karen at 610-525-0147. 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 children.

The week is **August 19 – 23**
 Contact Karen at 610-525-0147 or
kcarey@omgparish.net for more information.

CHARISMATIC RETREAT

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ARCHDIOCESAN UNBOUND MINISTRY

Feeling stuck and looking for freedom? Unbound is a ministry of healing that helps individuals find freedom in areas of their life where they feel bound. A trained prayer team prays with a person using the Five Keys of the Unbound model of deliverance to help them find freedom and peace. Situations where Unbound can help include: relationship problems, inability to forgive, habitual sin, chronic anger, fear, or sadness, any area of your life where you feel stuck and desire freedom.

For more information, visit the Archdiocesan website www.phillyevang.org/unbound or call 215-320-8065 to inquire about scheduling a prayer session.

HEARTS ON FIRE

I wanted it.
Desired it greatly.
Yearned for its coming.

But when it did come
I fought, resisted, ran, hid away.

I said, "Go home!"
I didn't know the fire of God
could be more than a gentle glow
or a cozy consolation.

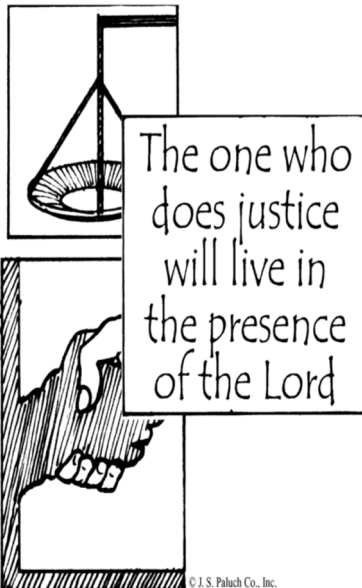
I didn't know
it could come as a blaze.

A wildfire
uncontrolled,
searing my soul,
chasing my old ways,
smoking them out.

Only when I stopped running,
gave up the chase, surrendered,
did I know the fire's flaming
as consolation and joy.

Only then could I welcome
the One whose fire
I had long sought.

Joyce Rupp, OSM
from *May I have This Dance*
Ave Maria Press, Notre Dame, IN



MASS INTENTIONS



SUNDAY, JULY 21

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
9:30 ROBERT D. CAMPO
11:15 SARAH MCGEE

MONDAY, JULY 22

- 6:30 JOAN KEATING
8:00 RYAN COLLERAN

TUESDAY, JULY 23

- 6:30 ANTONIO ZUCCHINI
8:00 JOHN PHILLIPS, JR.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

- 6:30
8:00 PEG CROTHERS

THURSDAY, JULY 25

- 6:30
8:00 ROBERT KELLY

FRIDAY, JULY 26

- 6:30
8:00 JOAN KEATING

SATURDAY, JULY 27

- 8:00 JARRET COHANE

SUNDAY, JULY 28

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
9:30 MARGARET KELLY
11:15 KEN FREDA

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 21, 2019

It is [Christ] whom we proclaim,
admonishing everyone and teaching everyone
with all wisdom, that we may present
everyone perfect in Christ.

— *Colossians 1:28b*

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