



# Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish Community

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**AUGUST 4, 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>



## BECOME RICH IN WHAT MATTERS TO GOD

In Leo Tolstoy's famous short story, "How Much Land Does a Man Need?", a peasant makes a deal – for 1,000 rubles, the peasant can have all the land he can circle in one day. But if he does not make it back to the starting point by sunset, he will lose his money and receive no land. In a thrilling finish to the story, the peasant is racing against the setting sun. He was greedy and tried to cover too much area. He drops dead from exhaustion just short of the finish line. The peasant is buried in an ordinary grave, only six feet long, thus ironically answering the question posed in the title of the story.

Asked to arbitrate in a dispute between brothers over an inheritance in today's Gospel (Luke 12:13-21), Jesus refused. Instead, he responded with a pronouncement regarding greed and the acquisition of possessions, and with an illustrative parable. In his pronouncement "Take care...life does not consist in one's possessions," Jesus invited his listeners to shift their focus from transitory things, however valuable these may be, and to devote themselves to becoming rich in what matters to God.

When Luke recounted this parable for his contemporaries in the 80s, he was intent upon sharpening their preparation for the coming of the kingdom of God. Because decades had passed since Jesus promised that he would return, it was imperative that believers not lose hope or forget the lessons he had taught them. With eyes set on God and with hands and heart dedicated to the service of others, believers are to live each day as if it were their last.

Believers are also to learn how to use their possessions in a manner that frees them so that they are able to accept God's gifts, as well as benefit the needy. None of us earns God's gifts. The poor cannot buy them with their poverty, nor can the rich with their riches. All is gift, but in order to be able to receive, your hands and heart cannot be full of other things. You cannot make room for God if all your rooms are full. You cannot follow God if you are not free to go. Therefore, let us take care to find our true and lasting treasure in God alone.

## 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

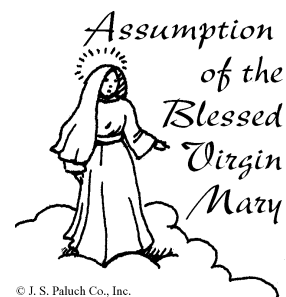
and all who care for those who are sick and dying.

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 Sr. Anne at 610-525-0147 ext. 234.



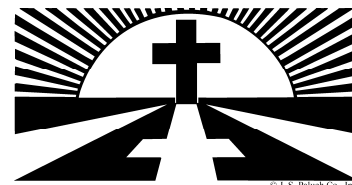
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## THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION Thursday, August 15, 2019

*A Holyday of Obligation*

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

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



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**FR. JIM McBURNEY,  
“OUR” BRIDGE,  
WALL WASHING,  
SHARING CHRIST**

Dear Friends,

Last week, we said goodbye to **Fr. Jim McBurney**. Father Jim first came here to OMGC as parochial vicar in 1988. Since then, he has twice resided at this friary while working in other ministries. Currently, he has been here since 2014. Fr. Jim works as Secretary for the Province, as a spiritual director, and offers occasional retreats and days of recollection. His move to St. Thomas Monastery will be more conducive to his current activities.

With thankful hearts, we wish him many blessings and good health! I’m sure we will see him again at OMGC from time to time.

On Friday, July 19, John Gallo, Barry Mulhern, Joe Carey and I met with three representatives of Lower Merion Township concerning the **Pennswood Road bridge**. There has been talk about renovating this structure over the railroad tracks for nearly 20 years. If all goes as the engineers hope, preliminary work could begin as early as December of this year. In that case, the bridge would be closed to vehicular traffic starting in January of 2020 until November of 2021. The bridge will continue to carry foot and bicycle traffic throughout the project. It will raise the road surface in front of our church by about 2 feet.

We could, therefore, see this project begin within the next six months. Probably not, but this time I think it will start sooner rather than later. Watch this space!

The workmen are **washing our walls!** They have been working on the outside walls of the church over the past couple of weeks. Please take a look at the beautiful work they have done on the front and some of the side walls the next time you come to Mass.

**Sharing Christ** will begin on Thursday evening, September 12. Sharing Christ is a seven-week program of worship, teaching and faith sharing that builds on what participants experienced and learned in **Discovering Christ** and **Following Christ**. Here at OMGC, we have had two cohorts of participants go through Discovering Christ and Following Christ. I invite all of those past participants to join us for this series.

This will be the first time we hold the Sharing Christ program here at OMGC. I ask all who read this to pray for those who will take part in this series. Please pray for both the team members and the participants. Please pray that this ministry may continue to bear fruit in the lives it touches and in the life of our parish as a whole.

Discovering Christ will begin again in January.

Let us continue to pray for each other.

Sincerely,  
Fr. Liam



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**ARE YOU MISSING THE  
THURSDAY eNEWSLETTER?**

Father Liam or another staff person endeavors to send out a newsletter by email once a week. Usually Thursday evenings, but sometimes a day or so before or after. If you’re not getting it, please sign up on our parish website: [www.omgcp parish.org](http://www.omgcp parish.org).

Scroll down to the bottom and click on the eNEWSLETTER sign-up.



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**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE  
for JULY 28**

Today’s readings are a lesson in priorities. Unless God is the first priority in our life, all we do we do in vain. Mature disciples make a conscious, firm decision, carried out in action, to be followers of Jesus Christ no matter the cost to themselves. Beginning in conversation, change of mind and heart, this commitment is expressed not in a single action, nor even in a number of actions over a period of time, but in an entire way of life. It means committing one’s very self to the Lord. This is the foundation of Stewardship.

Sunday Offertory Envelopes.....	\$6,244.50
Non-Envelope Cash Contributions .....	\$721.00
Mailed in Contributions .....	\$850.00
Total Offertory Collection .....	\$7,815.00
Offertory this time last year .....	\$6,039.00
Electronic Giving as of August 1st .....	\$4,580.00
On-line Parish Giving.....	\$455.00

**Thank you for your Stewardship to your Parish.**

*Please remember the Church in your will.*



***Congratulations*** to Ana Dolney and her family. Ana made her First Eucharist with us last weekend!



**A BELATED RICE BOWL  
'THANK YOU'**

This past Lenten Season, those who participated in the Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl program, contributed \$2,602 to the efforts of CRS helping those throughout the world who are experiencing great poverty and need of assistance. Thank you.

**Mass Intentions**



**ANNOUNCED  
MASS INTENTIONS**

We have several openings for Announced Mass Intentions in August during the weekdays. If you would like to request a Mass Intention for a family member, a friend, a loved one or special anniversary or birthday occasion, please call Michelle in the office a 610-525-0147 or email [mmarchetti@omgcp parish.net](mailto:mmarchetti@omgcp parish.net).



Interfaith Hospitality  
Network-Main Line

**IHN NEEDS YOU!**

We are called to help those in need. Beginning August 4 through August 11, our parish will once again host the guests from the Interfaith Hospitality Network. This will be up to three families who have no home at this point in their lives. The reasons are many and most times unknown to us. However, it is our call to help them through the Interfaith Hospitality Network.

We are in great need of both **dinner hosts** (sit and enjoy a meal and conversation with our guests one evening this week), and **overnight hosts** (put yourself in their place for one night and spend it on an air mattress to be there for emergencies in the night if they occur). If you feel that you are called to help in this way, please contact Megan Carey at [mcarey728@gmail.com](mailto:mcarey728@gmail.com) or 610-809-8313. We need many hands to help.

**INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY  
NETWORK  
(IHN)**

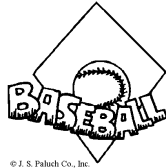
**Thank you** to all who have volunteered your time, energy and hospitality to the families who will be joining us today, August 4, here in the parish for the week. We ask your prayers for the families in particular, but also that their time with us will be a safe, healthy and profitable one for these families who are temporarily without homes.

**Important IHN Phone Numbers:** Because of our phone system here in the parish, it is important that you know the numbers to call if you are trying to reach someone helping with the IHN families during the week of August 4 - 11. These numbers will be necessary to have whenever the Parish Office is closed or after 5:00 p.m. on work days this week.

**Parish Phone – 610-525-0147 – Ext. 255  
(Social Center – school)  
IHN Direct Line – 610-525-1727**

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## OMGC NIGHT AT THE PHILLIES...

Wednesday, August 28

Interested persons should contact  
Karen at 610-525-0147  
or [kcarey@omgcparish.net](mailto:kcarey@omgcparish.net).

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Friday, September 6  
Movie and Smores Night!  
Details to Follow!

## BABYSITTER NEEDED!

I am looking for a babysitter for our 12-year old son and 10-year old daughter. During the month of August, I need someone two days/week for 6 hours each day. In the fall, I need someone two afternoons per week from (roughly) 4-6 pm. We live in Ardmore near Haverford College and the R5 train line. High school, college, and post-college students welcome. If interested, please contact me at [shelley2024@gmail.com](mailto:shelley2024@gmail.com) or 610.209.1592. Thank you! Shelley Preston

## 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@omgcparish.net](mailto:kcarey@omgcparish.net) or 610-525-0147 for more information.

## COMMUNITY DINNER

**FREE Community Barbeque Dinner**  
Thursday, August 15  
St. Mary's Episcopal Church  
36 Ardmore Avenue in Ardmore

All residents and friends of our Lower Merion Community are invited! **Doors open** at 6:15pm; **Dinner is served** at 6:30pm. Salad and dessert contributions are welcomed, but not necessary. Come and join your Lower Merion neighbors!

## ST. RAPHAELA CENTER

616 Coopertown Rd. in Haverford

*Sponsored Day of Prayer*

Tuesday, August 13–8:30am – 5:00pm

Come for a day of spiritual renewal, and discover some peace and quiet in this whirlwind of a life that we all live. We set aside one Private Retreat Day each month for individuals that would like to spend the day in private prayer or quiet reflection at the Center. There is also the possibility of having a session with one of our Spiritual Directors on staff.

- **Time:** Open and available between 8:30 and 5pm;
- **Cost:** \$15 (additional \$20 for Spiritual Direction)
- **Registration:** Online [www.straphaelacenter.org](http://www.straphaelacenter.org) or email [straphaelacenter@gmail.com](mailto:straphaelacenter@gmail.com) or call at 610-642-5715.

## *Taize Prayer*

August 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Taize worship is a contemplative communal prayer service that consists of meditative singing, Scripture reading and periods of silence in order to reach a contemplative state. It is an international movement, inspired by an ecumenical interspiritual community in France. At St. Raphaela Center, we integrate our charism of Eucharistic Adoration with this contemplative worship. Come to join us for a monthly Taize prayer, including Eucharistic Adoration.

The Taize prayer experience is offered on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 7:30 – 8:30pm. All are welcome – no reservations required.

## THE EFFECTS OF PRAYER

Whoever prays much by night, that person's face is fair by day.

—Islamic saying

## WALDRON MERCY ACADEMY

Seeking a Substitute Nurse  
513 Montgomery Ave. in Merion, PA

WMA is seeking a substitute nurse for our preschool to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. We offer a rate competitive to public schools. Please contact Nancy Cahill at [ncahill@waldronmercy.org](mailto:ncahill@waldronmercy.org).

### SACRISTAN POSITION AVAILABLE

St. John Vianney in Gladwyne, PA, is seeking a qualified part-time weekday sacristan (Monday-Friday). The sacristan primarily undertakes the overall preparation of liturgical celebrations, ensures a proper environment for worship, and attends to the general custodial care of the church and related facilities.

This part-time position is 19 hours per week with competitive pay. If you would like to apply, or have questions about the position, please contact [resume@sjvgladwyne.com](mailto:resume@sjvgladwyne.com).

### MARY MOTHER OF CAPTIVES

A Support Group for Families  
Coping with a Loved One in Prison

Support Meetings are held at the following locations at 7:00 pm: **1<sup>ST</sup> Thursday** of the month at St. Cyprian Parish (August 6) in the Community Hall and **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday** of the month at St. Charles Church Hall (August 14) in Drexel Hill. *All Attendees Remain Confidential.*

**Visit the Imprisoned. Be a Pal. Become a Pen Pal!** MMOC/ADROP Pen Pal Program: In prison sometimes the only contact with the outside world is in the form of letters. Mail Call is better when you receive a warm and friendly letter from the outside world. Pen Pal Writers are needed to write to the poorest of the poor.

For more Meeting and Pen Pal information, please call 610-259-3178 or please email [MaryMotherOfCaptives@Augustinian.org](mailto:MaryMotherOfCaptives@Augustinian.org).

*Please pray for all those in our prisons.*



## MASS INTENTIONS



### SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL  
PARISHIONERS  
9:30 ELIZABETH BLIMM  
11:15 SAVERIO & NATALINA VARANO

### MONDAY, AUGUST 5

- 6:30  
8:00 ANNA DELISE - DEL GRECO

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

- 6:30  
8:00 JOHN & JANET PHILLIPS

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

- 6:30 CRYSTAL THORTON  
8:00 DECEASED MEMBERS &  
BENEFACTORS OF OSA

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

- 6:30 MARIE CAREY  
8:00 ANNA DELISE - DEL GRECO

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

- 6:30  
8:00 JOSEPH KALINOSKI

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

- 8:00 LOUIS CARITA

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL  
PARISHIONERS  
9:30 GLORIA M. RUSH  
11:15 JOAN DALESANDRO

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 4, 2019**

Teach us to number our days aright,  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.

— *Psalm 90:12*