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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>

GOD’S GIFTS OF LOVE AND MERCY BRING LIFE TO THE FULL

Today’s Gospel (Luke 12:32-48) is a compilation of parables and sayings on judgment and vigilance. It also exhibits evidence of all three stages of the New Testament’s development: Jesus; the church; the evangelist Luke. **Jesus:** In its original context during Jesus’ ministry, the parable of the doorkeeper was directed at Jesus’ contemporaries in an effort to convince them that the master of the house, i.e., the messiah, had come among them in the person of Jesus. Indeed, Jesus was knocking at the doors of their hearts. Would they welcome him or not?

The church: At this second level of development within the Lucan church, the parable was understood to refer to Jesus’ second coming. As his disciples, the earliest Christians were to be ever watchful and prepared for his appearance. **The evangelist:** In its third level of development, the parable was recast by the evangelist, Luke, and infused with a Passover motif. Luke pointed to the exodus as a type of Jesus’ passing over from death to life. This Christian Passover is remembered and celebrated at every Eucharistic encounter.

In its original context (Jesus), the stewards or servants in Jesus’ parable were the religious leaders of the people. They should have been open to what God was revealing to them in Jesus. But many were not. At the second level of development (church), the parable served as a warning to the leaders of the Jesus movement. Entrusted with the good news of God’s great gift of salvation, they had great responsibility and they would be held more accountable and judged by God to be more culpable if they neglected their responsibilities.

For the Christians of the late first Christian century (the evangelist’s writings), today’s Gospel underscored the *certainty* of Jesus return and counseled them to be watchful and prepared. As the interim between Jesus’ advents has stretched into 20 centuries, the call to exercise responsible stewardship has not diminished. We cannot become insensitive or indifferent. Rather, we are to continue to see and serve Jesus in the poor and persecuted. We are to continue feeding him in the hungry, clothing him in the naked, healing him in the sick and welcoming him in the lost and the lonely. This is the authentic preparation that will help us to recognize him when he comes. Blessed is that servant whom the master on arrival finds doing such good works.

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
- Jo-Ann Stigliano

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.



THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Thursday, August 15, 2019

A Holyday of Obligation

- **Vigil Mass:** Wednesday, August 14 at 7:30 pm
- **Thursday Masses:** 6:30am, 8:00am & 12:10pm

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2020

The Mass Intentions Book is now open for 2020! As in the past, each parishioner may request intentions for up to four (4) Sunday Masses per year. Likewise, in order to ensure fairness for persons at the back of the line, each parishioner may request intentions for up to twelve (12) weekday Masses at a time. Then on **Wednesday, August 21** after everyone has had a chance to make their requests, all parishioners who have already secured 12 weekday Mass intentions will be free to request as many as they need.

Thank you very much for your understanding.
Peace,
Fr. Liam

**MINISTRY OF ACCOMPANIMENT
and
BRYN MAWR DAY**

Dear Friends,

Pope Francis, since becoming Holy Father in 2013, has very often spoken about “accompaniment.” During World Youth Day 2013, he issued a challenge to the Brazilian bishops. Reflecting on Jesus’ Easter evening journey to Emmaus with two of the disciples, Francis said:

“[W]e need a church capable of walking at people’s side, of doing more than simply listening to them; a church that **accompanies** them on their journey; a church able to make sense of the ‘night’ contained in the flight of so many of our brothers and sisters from Jerusalem... Jesus warmed the hearts of the disciples of Emmaus.”

You may remember a few weeks ago in this space, I mentioned an invitation we received from one of our auxiliary bishops, Bishop Edward M. Deliman. He invited us to a training workshop at the Chancery Office downtown concerning the “Ministry of Accompaniment.”

In this specific situation here in Philadelphia area, the Archdiocese is inviting Catholics to assist undocumented immigrants and their families in a very direct and personal way.

For many of our immigrant sisters and brothers who lack full documentation, a court appearance – whether in immigration court or traffic court – is often a time of great fear. There is always the possibility that they may be apprehended by ICE, or detained or even deported by a judge, sometimes with no opportunity to inform their families. Appearing in court *WITH SUPPORT* from trained and caring accompaniers can be a source of comfort for them, and in some cases can influence a ruling in their favor.

I am happy to say that eight of our parishioners took part in that workshop Saturday 2 weeks ago. When it was time to assemble in small groups, three other Catholics from our area chose to caucus with us, making 11 members. Thanks to all of you who came!

If you think you might be interested in helping, please leave your name with Michelle at the parish office. You do not have to speak Spanish to engage in this ministry. Please watch the Bulletin for info about the next meeting or training.

Saturday, September 7 will be **Bryn Mawr Day** in the parking lot in front of the Post Office from 9 AM to 2 PM.

On the Saturday after Labor Day every year various organizations and businesses set up booths to reach out to the community. This year OMGC will participate as well. Members of the parish staff and I have been preparing for about a month now.

If you would like to volunteer a half hour, an hour, or more to staff our table, please give me or Michelle your contact information. I plan to be there for most of the time of the event. We will have shade.

Peace,
Fr. Liam

**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.

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

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
for AUGUST 4**

Am I waiting for the “right” time to become a good steward? Do I plan to share my time and talents “later”? Today’s Gospel warns those who are procrastinating about stewardship to be prepared - “at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

Sunday Offertory Envelopes.....	\$5,842.00
Non-Envelope Cash Contributions	\$534.00
Mailed in Contributions	\$2,210.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$8,586.00
Offertory this time last year	\$8,709.00
On-line Parish Giving.....	\$455.00

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





ARE YOU INTERESTED?

Are you interested in seeing our upcoming liturgies at OMGC? Visit our OMGC website, click the **Liturgy** button at the top, and scroll down and click open the **Music Ministry** section. Scroll down to the bottom of the Music Ministry page, and you can see the attached **Liturgy Planners** for August. You can open any planner by double-clicking on the date. It's an excellent resource for you to see the hymns for the upcoming masses.

SINGING MASS PARTS IN AUGUST

This month, we return to singing the familiar Heritage Mass setting found in Breaking Bread starting with the Gloria on #877. Kindly mark your hymnals as we will be including a new Mystery of Faith from that setting, "*Save Us Savior of the World.*" Trusting you will find it simple to follow along and sweet to sing.

LAST CALL OMGC Night at the Phillies

Any parishioners interested in attending the Phillies Game on **Wednesday, August 28 at 6:10** against the Pittsburgh Pirates, please contact Karen Carey at 610-525-0147, ext. 258. There are only a few places left with our parish. The cost of the tickets is \$29 apiece and we are in section 104. This is a great opportunity to spend some time at a ball game with other parish families!

PREP Parish Religious Education Program

Registration is now open for our Parish Religious Education Program. All children in grades 1 through 6, who attend a non-catholic school, should be enrolled in our Religious Education Program to receive the education, training and sacraments needed to be fully initiated into the church. Registration forms can be found at www.omgcp parish.org. Click on Youth and then on PREP. The forms are found at the end of the 2019-2020 PREP Handbook. Please print and return all completed forms.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Friday, September 6 at 7:30 pm Movie and Smores Night!

Join us in the "Backyard" on Friday evening, September 6, 2019 at 7:30 pm. We will enjoy some s'mores, (all you need to bring are sticks to roast marshmallows), and a movie on the big screen! Bring your lawn chairs or blankets to hang out on! RSVP to Karen at kcarey@omgcp parish.net!

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 or 610.209.1592. Thank you! Shelley Preston

SUMMER FILM SERIES #3 *The Mayor of Graterford* Thursday, August 29 – 7:00-8:30pm

The focus of the third film of the OMGC Summer Film Series is the Catholic social teaching **Life and Dignity of the Human Person**. As Catholics, we believe that **all** life is sacred and the dignity of the human person is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching.

"The Mayor of Graterford" is a documentary film about the criminal justice system made by Villanova undergraduates, and it includes Villanova professors. SCI Graterford (now Phoenix) is a Pennsylvania maximum security prison located in Montgomery County. This film tells the story of one "lifer" who during his time at Graterford earned a Villanova degree and whose sentence was commuted after many decades of incarceration. Many "lifers" were sentenced as young men; and as older men, they are no longer deemed a threat to society. The purpose of the film is to educate the public about the commutation process for those inmates eligible for "aging out."

Please join us in the Social Center of the school building on Thursday, August 29 from 7:00-8:30 P.M. Time for a short reflection and discussion will follow.

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 from 9am to Noon!** 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 more information.

JOB OPENING: SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Merion Mercy Academy, located at 511 Montgomery Ave. in Merion, has an opening for a **school counselor** for the 2019-2020 school year. Candidates should have excellent communication and organizational skills, facility with technology and possess a professional, collaborative, team-oriented style with empathy, flexibility and patience. Commitment to the traditions and philosophy of a Catholic educational community and a style consistent with the Mercy core values are important.

Master's Degree in education or school counseling and Pennsylvania certification in secondary counseling are required. Experience as a high school counselor is required. Interested candidates should send a letter of intent and resume to Mrs. Valerie Prucnal, Interim Assistant Head of School for Academic Affairs, at vprucnal@merion-mercy.com by Friday, August 9, 2019.



WALDRON MERCY ACADEMY

Seeking a Substitute Nurse

513 Montgomery Ave. in Merion, PA

WMA is seeking a substitute nurse for our preschool to 8th grade students. We offer a rate competitive to public schools. Please contact Nancy Cahill at ncahill@waldronmercy.org.

VILLA SAINT JOSEPH

Charge Nurse Job Opening

Villa St. Joseph Residence, located in Darby, PA, is currently seeking a candidate for the open position of Charge Nurse. Villa St. Joseph is a home for retired priests. This is a part-time position: four (4) days/week. Hours primarily 6 am until 2:30 pm with occasional weekend and shift work required. Some holiday availability required.

- *Some essential responsibilities include:* General Charge Nurse Duties, including: Medication pass, Treatments, Managing appointments for residents and Charting.
- *Primary requirements:* must possess license to practice nursing in the state of Pennsylvania and a CPR/AED certification is required.

We offer a comprehensive salary and benefit package. Please forward resume to:

Villa Saint Joseph Human Resources
1436 Lansdowne Avenue
Darby, PA 19023
Fax – 610-586-5297
VSJHR@chs-adphila.org

REACHING OUT TO: Catholic Physician, Dentist, Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant

Mission Doctors Association will offer the 2019 Midwest Retreat/Seminar, September 13-15, 2019 for Catholic Physicians, Dentists, Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants and their spouses, considering Short-term mission service in Africa or Latin America. This event will be held at Loyola Stritch Medical School in Chicago.

Information and Accreditation Statement (for the 11 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s) are available on the web site: www.MissionDoctors.org or by calling the office for more information at 213-368-1872.

Thank you,
Elise Frederick
Executive Director

MINI-CONFERENCE ON MARRIAGE

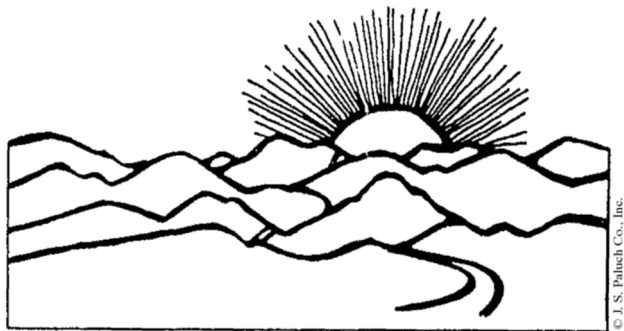
Sunday, September 15 – 2:00-4:30 pm

Join us during the 3rd and final year of the Archbishop's Remain in My Love initiative! At this mini-conference, national Catholic speakers will present the splendor of Christ's teachings on the high dignity of the vocation of marriage and Christian family life. This event is for everyone!

- Speaker: Fr. Dennis Gill, Megan Murphy and Damon Owens
- Location: Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia
- More info: Free and open to the public; Childcare will be provided; Free parking
- Please RSVP: <http://archphila.org/remain2019/>

Please Donate Your Old Cell Phones, Laptops, and Tablets to Legal Refugees

About 6 months ago, we made the first appeal for these donations. The appeal originated from the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), came through the President's office at Villanova, and was taken up by Joe Betz, local retired Villanova prof. Since the first appeal, well over a hundred items have been transferred to refugees, especially children and mothers trying to keep in touch with them. The refugees were sponsored by HIAS, by Ardmore Presbyterian Church, or by the Archdiocesan Committee for Refugees. Even defective devices are graciously repaired free of charge in the Villanova Monastery. There is a new demand for these electronic devices as students get ready to go back to school. Please consider donating your old devices, or any old computer parts, by taking them to the parish office. There Joe Betz (joseph.betz@villanova.edu) will pick them up. The refugees warmly thank their benefactors, sometimes with a message on the donated device if you give your email address.



MASS INTENTIONS



SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

- 6:30 JOHN TRAVERS
8:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
PRINKEY & MARCHETTI FAMILIES

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

- 6:30 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
BUCHANAN & HALLER FAMILIES
8:00 ANNA & BARTOLOMEO PEPITONE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

- 6:30
8:00 WILLIAM G. CUNNINGHAM
7:30 MARJORIE GUINAN

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

- 6:30 ANNA Mc GUCKIN
8:00 HAROLD & ROSE IRVING
12:10 RON VICENTE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

- 6:30 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
TRAVERS & THOMEY FAMILIES
8:00 NINO & CLEIDE DELISE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

- 8:00 MARY HOULIHAN

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
9:30 CHARLES E. DAGIT
11:15 SALVATORE PETROCCIA
(41ST ANNIVERSARY)

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 11, 2019**

Our soul waits for the LORD,
who is our help and our shield.
— Psalm 33:20

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