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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>

KNOWING THE CHALLENGES OF DISCIPLESHIP

Today's Gospel (Luke 14:25-33) suggests that many of us who assess discipleship by baptism, confirmation, liturgical ministry, etc., are far more comfortable than Jesus' followers should expect to be. We may occasionally stand up for a principle, go beyond tithing or open ourselves to ridicule by claiming to be Christians in the midst of more sophisticated people who have learned about religion from Marx or Freud, but that's chicken scratch compared to what Jesus calls for in today's Gospel.

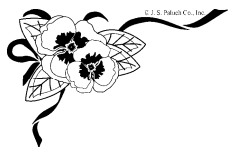
Jesus was telling the crowds that following him is an all-or-nothing proposition. In that, he was living up to the reputation of Israel's God as a jealous God. This was not the first time that he'd said something like this. Twice he sent missionaries out empty-handed, telling them to rely on the results of their preaching rather than their wallets. In his days in the desert, Jesus had to overcome temptations to autonomy in order to rely only on God's love and leading.

In today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to think like immortals. Lest we call that a contradiction in terms, he shows us the way. Over and over, Jesus invites us to become free of all that ties us down, of all that keeps our focus on what older religious traditions called "temporalities." Those are things that come with a guarantee of a lifetime or less.

We can learn today from the immigrants who are fixed on hope for the future. Like our ancestors who came from Germany, Ireland, Italy, Poland, Vietnam, Korea and many other places, they are renouncing everything because they believe human life was created for something greater than the reality that surrounds them. Even more than tower-builders or generals, their journey demonstrates what it means to pay the price of discipleship.

Jesus' command, "Do this in memory of me," is a call to follow him along the road of total commitment. If we let the migrants challenge us to discipleship, every time we meet them or see their picture, we should ask Christ where he wants us to go and what we should leave behind.

Excerpt of Mary M. McGlone's Article in National Catholic Reporter



PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Janine Hoffman, Anne Shea, Lori Lesutis,
Carol Luty, William O'Donnell, Fran Ward,
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,
Bill and Ella Denny, 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.



NEW MEMBERS

We welcome to our parish community *Mr. & Mrs. Paul and Susan Saint-Antoine* who recently registered with us.

DECEASED

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of *Christian Milton* and for the consolation of his family.





PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Meeting: The Parish Council will hold its first meeting of this new year on **Monday, September 9 at 7:30pm** in the Parish Center. Parishioners are always welcome and encouraged to attend these monthly meetings. If you plan to do so, please call President Barry Mulhern at 610-527-5197 or rmul742@gmail.com.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Week of Hosting: Our Parish will be hosting the IHN families once again during the **Week of September 29 – October 6**. 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, September 28 at 10:00 am** or **take-down** and pack away equipment on **Sunday, October 6 at 12:15 pm**, please call Karen Carey at 610-525-0147, ext. 227 or email kcarey@omgcp parish.net or Joe Carey at 610-525-0147, 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. to 6:00 a.m.** once during the week, please call Karen Carey at 610-525-0147, ext. 227 or email her at kcarey@omgcp parish.net.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for SEPTEMBER 1

Jesus tells the crowd that only those who renounce all of their possessions can be His disciples. Is He truly asking us to give up *everything*? Perhaps instead He is trying to help us see that everything we think we own is really a gift from God. Good stewards know that and strive to use those gifts accountably.

Sunday Offertory Envelopes.....	\$4,644.00
Non-Envelope Cash Contributions	\$521.00
Mailed in Contributions	\$855.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$6,020.00
Offertory this time last year	\$6,847.00
Electronic Giving as of 9/1.....	\$4,580.00
On-line Parish Giving.....	\$480.00

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



DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS About the Catholic Faith?

Our Mother of Counsel Parish offers year-round opportunities for people seeking more information about the Catholic Faith, the Sacraments, and living the Christian Life. These opportunities are for adults who would like to inquire about following Christ more fully through a process known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). This journey is offered to those seeking a deeper relationship with God as part of a vibrant faith community or those feeling the need of a deeper spiritual life.

Six evenings of initial conversation about your desire to learn more about the Catholic Church are offered to persons who have never been baptized, persons baptized in the Catholic Church but have not received the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist, and persons baptized in another Christian tradition who are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church.

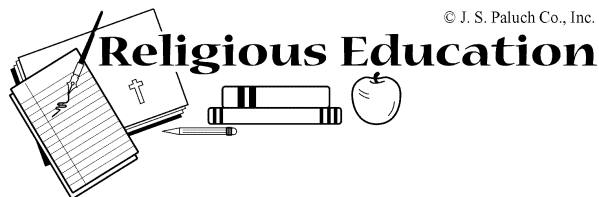
These sessions will be held on **Wednesday evenings, beginning on September 25 from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.** If interested in learning more about this process, please call Sr. Anne Woodshick at 610-525-0147 (ext. 234) or email her directly at awoodshick@omgcp parish.net.



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OMGC MOVIE & S'MORE NIGHT RE-SCHEDULED - 9/20

Join us in the "Backyard" on Friday evening, **September 20, 2019 at 7:00 pm**. We will enjoy some s'mores, (all you need to bring are sticks to roast marshmallows), and a movie, the original *LION KING* on the big screen! Bring your lawn chairs or blankets to hang out on! RSVP to Karen at kcarey@omgcparish.net! **RSVP is necessary!**



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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.omgcparish.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.



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SEPTEMBER PREP SCHEDULE

- **9-15-19** – Catechetical Sunday Mass at 9:30 – All families are expected to attend the 9:30 Mass followed by coffee and donuts.
- **9-22-19** - First Class. All students report to the gym at 9:30. Pick up at 11:00.
- **9-29-19** - Regular Class. Parent Meeting in gym at 9:45. Parents expected to attend.

CYO ATHLETIC NEWS

OMGC is looking to re-ignite our Athletic Program within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Our CYO supports the following sports: Basketball (grades 5 through 12), track and other sports in conjunction with other parishes. If you are interested in playing any sport, please contact Karen Carey at kcarey@omgcparish.net or call 610-525-0147. We are also in need of coaches for some teams so please consider joining our parish effort to increase our athletics in Youth Ministry.



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

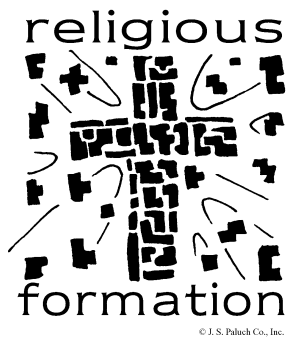
We are looking for volunteers to help a parishioner who is blind do her grocery shopping. Volunteers would need to drive with the parishioner to the local Acme, shop, carry groceries into her house and unload them. Volunteers can shop once, twice, three or more times per year – usually on weekends or evenings. Each shopping trip takes about 2-3 hours. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Karen Fitch at 610-527-8193 or kirste4@comcast.net. Thank you.

AMERICAN CATHOLIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Sunday, September 15, 2019
1:30pm – Open House: 2:00pm – Talk

Mrs. Adrienne Harris, a lifelong member of St. Peter Claver Parish, has worked for many years to collect and preserve the history of the parish. Ms. Francesca Reznik, a 2019 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, investigated the fight to save St. Peter Claver and St. Laurentius (Polish) parishes for her senior thesis.

Join us at The Society's House, 263 South Fourth St. in Philadelphia on September 15. RSVP with your name and number of attendees by September 12 to info@amchs.org.



ABBEYFEST

September 21 - Noon-9:30pm
Daylesford Abbey
220 South Valley Road in Paoli

Come, celebrate the 6th Faith, Music & Family Festival. Matt Maher returns to Paoli. Music, Mass, food trucks, crafts, games and more fun. Tickets are available online at: www.TheAbbeyFest.com.

REBOOT! LIVE!

Thursday, October 10: 7:00–9:30PM
Arch. John Carroll High School
211 Matson Ford Road in Radnor

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POST-ABORTION HEALING RETREAT

October 11, 12, 13, 2019

We have an upcoming retreat for healing after abortion. It is designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. It will help you focus on the buried emotions of the past and begin healing in a non-judgmental, safe, loving and confidential environment.

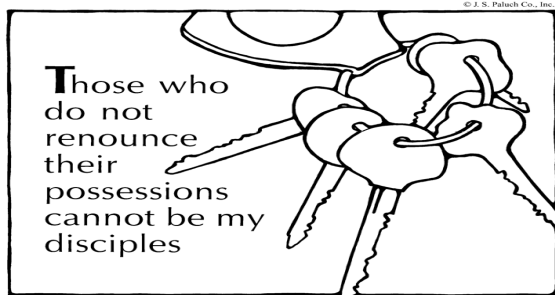
For information call or email: Lauren at 215-720-5828 or email lklovesnyc@gmail.com. The retreat is sponsored by Rachel's Vineyard of Greater Philadelphia. All inquiries are strictly confidential. Financial aid is offered if needed.

IHM
CONFERENCE CENTER
401 S. Bryn Mawr Ave., in Bryn Mawr
610-581-0120
Theme: *The Spirituality of Imperfection*
Tuesday, September 17 – 9:30am–2:30pm

“I’m not perfect!” It’s a phrase we’ve all thought or said at some time. The truth is: we aren’t perfect! During this conference day, we will reflect on how imperfection is not a roadblock to spirituality but a path to freedom, self-knowledge and gratitude. The Presenter for this Day is Sister Marie Gipprich, IHM. The stipend of \$40 includes breakfast, lunch and Mass. To register, call 610-581-0120.

Theme: *Saints and Sainly People*
Tuesday, September 24
9:00 – 11:30 A.M.

God said that **David** was “a man after God’s own heart.” David was a magnificent and mysterious person of the Old Testament. From shepherd boy to King, the life of King David is a story of God’s call and a human’s response and redemption. We will consider how the biblical narrative of King David can nourish our own spiritual, literary and social imagination. The Presenter of this Day is Joann Conn. The stipend is \$15. To register, call 610-581-0120.



SAVE THE DATE
For the Bonner/Prendie Class of 1979
40th Reunion
Saturday, November 9, 2019

The 1979 graduating classes of Archbishop Prendergast and Monsignor/ Bonner High Schools (now Bonner/Prendie) in Drexel Hill, PA are planning their 40th Reunion! The request is being sent far and wide as a number of our graduates have moved out and away from the immediate area of Drexel Hill/Delaware County.

Mass will be celebrated at 4:00p.m. in the Bonner/Prendie Chapel, followed a Reunion Celebration from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. at Anthony's Drexeline Shopping Center in Drexel Hill. Up-dates can be obtained at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1131495127054925/?ref=bookmarks>.
Bonner/prendie79@gmail.com.

HALL OF FAME EVENT
Arch. John Carroll High School
Saturday, October 26, 2019
Alumni and Friends – Save the Date
For more information, visit
www.jcarroll.org/hof

NOURISH FOR CAREGIVERS
WORKSHOP

This workshop on **Saturday, November 2nd from 9:00 – noon**, will be held at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center. Parish Disability Contacts/ Advocates, staff and volunteers are invited to learn about this Christ-centered ministry that supports the practical and spiritual needs of parishioners caring for loved ones whether it be a family member with a disability, an aging or ill parent, spouse, friend or grandparent. We will have a chance to talk with our Archdiocesan 'Nourish' coordinator, Aimee Gustitis, BSN along with the faithful in our Archdiocese to shed light on caring for the caregivers. To register for this information workshop, go to www.opdarchphilly.org. For information call 215-587-3530 or email opd@archphila.org.



MASS INTENTIONS



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
 PARISHIONERS
 9:30 JOHN ROBINSON
 11:15 FILOMENO SANTANGELO

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- 6:30 SPECIAL INTENTIONS
 8:00 GEORGE RAZIONALE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 6:30
 8:00 CARMELA & NANCY DAMIANO

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 6:30 ANDREW MONE
 8:00 HAROLD & ROSE IRVING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 6:30 SPECIAL INTENTIONS
 8:00 JAMES CORRIGAN

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 6:30 61ST ANNIVERSARY
 8:00 GIULIO DELUCA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- 8:00 RICHARD V. HOLMES
 (BIRTHDAY MASS)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- 7:30 CIRO IANNOTTI
 9:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
 PARISHIONERS
 11:15 BRIAN MCGARRIGLE

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 8, 2019

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
 that we may shout for joy and gladness
 all our days.

— Psalm 90:14

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