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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>

WHO LOCKED THE DOOR?

“Lord, will only a few people be saved?” The people most likely to ask that question enjoy the self-satisfied confidence that they are among the elite who are seated safely inside before the doors to the heavenly banquet hall are locked. Jesus was not about to be trapped into playing their game of exclusion. Instead, he wove a parable to confuse their rigid attitudes.

Jesus picks up on the theme of Isaiah’s prophecy in today’s first reading when he describes the people who will be inside the master’s house at the end time. He says they will come from the four corners of the Earth. Jesus depicts God’s invited guests as including the people reputed to be the “last.” These are certainly not the most respectable folks that could be rounded up, but Jesus apparently thinks they are the ones with whom he wants to recline at table.

The idea of locking people out of the heavenly banquet sounds strange. It doesn’t fit the image of the Jesus who reclined at table with anyone and exhibited a preferential option for people of low or lousy reputation. Perhaps the key to this story is that Jesus conjured it up in response to people who sounded quite willing to limit the number of participants in the banquet. While telling them his story about the master’s house, Jesus said that the master will tell “you” that he does not know *you*. This story is a direct warning.

Although Jesus says that the master locks the door, it also seems possible that the very people who want to limit the guest list have effectively locked themselves out of the banquet hall. They protest that they ate and drank with him, and that he taught in their streets. But they don’t claim to have assumed his values. Remember the story of Simon the Pharisee who invited Jesus to dinner but neglected to treat him as a guest? Simon disparaged Jesus for allowing a woman of ill repute to wash his feet. Dining with Jesus didn’t necessarily entail communion with him.

Today’s readings preach to the choir with a special emphasis on those who take pride in being in the *schola*. These readings present a picture of God’s banquet hall as the most ecumenical, international, interreligious gathering space in the universe. The privileged rank is found on the lowest rung. The guest list is restricted to people who don’t want it limited. The only people locked out are those who think they have earned the special key that gets them in and keeps the riffraff out. Their problem is that they would be just as unhappy inside as outside. There’s no reason to let them ruin the party.

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, 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.

Pray For
The Dead



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We pray for the happy repose of the soul of *Mary McAndrews* and the consolation of her family.

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LABOR DAY

Monday, September 2, 2019
One Mass only at 9:00 a.m.

The Parish Office will be closed on Labor Day, September 2. It will resume parish business on Fridays beginning on September 6 from 9:00am – 3:00pm.



AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY

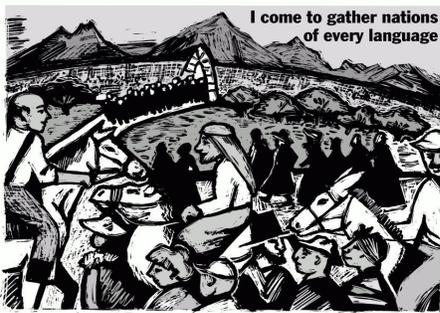
Twice a month on the **first and third Tuesdays** of the month, parishioners gather together in the Social Center to pray, read and discuss the writings of St. Augustine. Augustine continues to help people on their spiritual journey. All are welcomed to come. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, September 3 at 7:00pm.**

**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 contact Sr. Anne Woodshick at email awoodshick@omgcp parish.net or call her at 610-525-0147 (ext. 234).



**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
for August 18**

Today's reading from Isaiah describes the Israelites bringing their offering to the Lord "in clean vessels." The gift of myself - my patient endurance and fidelity to the will of God - is as important as the monetary gift I offer.

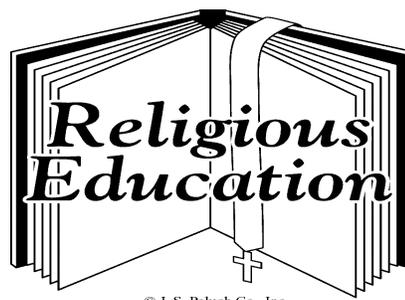
Sunday Offertory Envelopes.....	\$4,828.00
Non-Envelope Cash Contributions	\$894.00
Mailed in Contributions	\$2,812.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$8,534.00
Offertory this time last year	\$8,039.00
On-line Parish Giving.....	\$505.00

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



**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.





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FAITH SHARING OPPORTUNITY

Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish has a faith sharing group that meets on the First Tuesday of every month. A faith sharing group provides a simple way to gather with others, read the Sunday scripture, reflect on its meaning and share our insights with one another. We help each other to grow as a community and to grow closer to Jesus. All are welcome at any time. The next meeting will be **September 3 at 1:00pm**, in the Parish Center/Church Office building. If interested, call Fr. John at 610-525-0147, ext. 228.

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 a piece and we are in section 104. This is a great opportunity to spend some time at a ball game with other parish families!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Friday, September 6 at 7:30 pm

OMGC Movie and S'mores 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@omgcparish.net!



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SENIOR COMMUNITY GATHERING

The August Gathering for the Senior Community Members will be held on **Friday, August 30 at 12 noon**. Please bring your usual lunch nourishment with you. Desserts and beverages will be provided. We meet in the Social Center of the school building. Looking forward to seeing you as we celebrate our 3 summer holidays in a patriotic fashion. Colors suggested for the occasion are red, white and blue!

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.



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"BRYN MAWR DAY"

September 7, 2019

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Volunteers Requested

Our Mother of Good Counsel will have a booth (under a tent) sharing our identity and participation in the Bryn Mawr Community over the past 134 years. This event is held in the Parking Lot across from the Ludington Library as most of you know from attending previous years. We are in need of parishioners to help monitor the booth for half hour, hour or longer segments if possible beginning on the hour or half-hour as your time permits. Volunteers will welcome visitors warmly, answer their questions about our parish community, or simply be a presence distributing material related to our parish or to Roman Catholicism in general.

If you can offer some amount of time, hopefully an hour on Saturday, September 7, please call Michelle at the Parish Office at 610-525-0147 or Fr. Liam. Thank you.

SPIRITUAL READING GROUP

The Spiritual Reading Group is resuming its monthly gatherings on **Friday, September 6 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Church Office/Parish Center building. The books we have been reading recently are published by Liturgical Press in Collegeville, Minnesota. The book the group has chosen to begin reading this month is titled: *Martin Sheen, Pilgrim on the Way* by Sr. Rose Pacatte, Daughter of St. Paul.

Martin Sheen, best known for his role as a Catholic president in the prestigious television series *The West Wing*, returned to the practice of his Catholic faith at the age of forty after decades away. Through the sacraments, Mass, the rosary, the support of family and numerous friends and peace and justice activists, Martin Sheen today sees himself as a man in the pew. He has been arrested more than sixty times for non-violent civil disobedience, speaking out for human rights.

The Spiritual Reading Group usually meets on the first Friday of each month from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. If you think you would like to join us at our September 6 gathering, please call S. Anne Woodeshick at 610-525-0147, ext. 234 or email her at awoodeshick@omgcp parish.net. Several books are available for newcomers, so register soon.

LIVING AREA NEEDED

A woman, well-known to the Augustinian Sisters serving in Mexico as a teacher on staff in one of their schools, is in need of finding a living situation in the Bryn Mawr/Rosemont area as she is beginning an MSW at Bryn Mawr College in late August. It is a 2-year program. The woman, whose name is Fernanda, is hoping to find a Christian family to live with for her period of studies.

Her English is beautiful, so that would not be a barrier, says Fr. Ray Dlugos, OSA whose email is rdlugos6@gmail.com. Please contact him if you have any information that would be helpful.



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AGING WITH GRACE

Six-Part Series

September 25 – October 30

This six-part weekly series is being offered to older adults seeking to live life to the full by calling upon the Graces they receive from God. This informative and spiritual experience will both challenge and comfort us in this phase of our life journey. We invite you to come together with others who are experiencing the process of aging. In a setting of prayer, peace and beauty, we will share what is stirring in us, listen to some valuable reflections and enter into prayer that will touch our hearts and spirits. All of this will enrich our later years, offer us wisdom and peace, and help us to become more conscious of God's presence in all aspects of our lives.

Dates: Wednesdays

9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30

Time: 10:00am to 2:00pm (lunch included)

Cost per session: \$35 or the Series - \$190

Facilitators: Sr. Mary Anne Nolan, RSM
and Deacon David Shaffer

Registration: online www.straphaelacenter.org;
email: straphaelacenter@gmail.com;
or call 610-642-5715, no later than September 12.



PLEASE DONATE:

**Cell Phones, Laptops, Tablets
to Legal Refugees**

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.

MERCY FOCUS ON HAITI

Mercy Focus on Haiti, a ministry of the Sisters of Mercy, will host a fundraising event featuring lunch and raffle prizes at noon on **Thursday, September 12** at the William Penn Inn in lower Gwynedd. Your support will bring a better life to Haiti's women and children. For ticket information, contact Sr. Anna Marie Lesutis, RSM at amlrem@hotmail.com.

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



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Gratefully,
Anne H. Ayella, CRS Diocesan Director

MASS INTENTIONS



SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

- 7:30 PEG CROTHERS
9:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
11:15 DOMENIC & MARIA DiMARTINO

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

- 6:30 MARY McANDREWS
8:00 ROBERT TATER
(3rd ANNIVERSARY)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

- 6:30 LARRY TAMACCIO
8:00 CAPTAIN MARIO ARTIOLI

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

- 6:30 FATHER JOHN DENNY
8:00 MARK, MICHELLE & MICHAEL
CONNOR

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

- 6:30
8:00 WILLIAM P. THOMPSON

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

- 6:30
8:00 NICOLE & ROBERT DUFFNER

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

- 8:00 CONCETTA D'ORAZIO

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- 7:30 PAUL, MAUREEN & TOMMY BRENNAN
9:30 BRIAN McGARRIGLE
11:15 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 25, 2019

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— *Hebrews 12:12-13*

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