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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

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LIVING AS *LIGHT* IN GOD'S CREATION

In today's Gospel, (Luke 16:1-13), Luke's Jesus lets us know everything will change for those who decide to be his followers. Discipleship is not a part-time job; our whole lives revolve around our decision to be other Christs. That's why he brings up the case of the "squandering" steward.

Luke isn't encouraging his readers to find ways to shortchange their employers, but to be as creative in being good as the steward is creative in being bad. Faith cannot be simply a sideline that sometimes squeezes into an other-directed life. We often do good for someone, but it's not at the center of our scheduled day.

Jesus observes, "The children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light." Our fundamental option is obviously where we spend our time and exert our effort. It makes sense that "No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and riches."

Later, in Chapter 18, Luke will copy much of Mark's Chapter 10 narrative in which Jesus talks about how hard it is for a rich person to "enter the kingdom of God." A camel has a better chance of getting through the eye of a needle. Jesus isn't saying that the wealthy can't get into heaven; he is simply stating that if someone's life quest is to make money, she or he will never discover God working effectively in their lives here and now, long before they go through the pearly gates.

Both the Gospel Jesus and the historical Jesus are concerned with people getting the most out of life. Our fundamental option is the first step in reaching that goal. If our faith is on the perimeter of our lives, no matter how many religious actions we perform, we will never accomplish what God intends for us.



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, Jo-Ann Stigliano,

and Kenny and Ed Gaffney

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.



Welcome

We welcome to our parish community **Kathryn Meintel** who recently registered with us.



We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Phillip H. Duffy** and for the consolation of his family.

COMMUNAL ANOINTING MASS

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on **Saturday evening, October 5 at the 5:00 p.m. Mass**. The name of the Sacrament, *Anointing of the Sick*, tells us that the sacrament is for those who are sick, not just for the dying. It is a sacrament of healing, and the Church wants us to ask for this sacrament before we are at the point of death. It instructs all those who minister to the sick that great care and concern should be taken to see that those of the faithful whose health is impaired by sickness or old age receive this sacrament.

Please come to church in plenty of time to be registered for the sacrament and helped to be seated in special places for the priests to anoint you. Greeters will be on hand by 4:30 pm to welcome you to this special celebration.

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PREP, TENT EVENT AND WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Dear Friends,

It was heart-warming to see so many **PREP** families and teachers at the Mass for Catechetical Sunday this past weekend. We start our regular PREP gatherings with the children this coming Sunday.

Tent Event. Please come and see the displays presented by our OMGC ministries after each of the Masses this weekend. I know that many of the teams are busy with their plans. I've seen email traffic among members of the ChristLife, Music Ministry and Liturgical Ministry groups. I'm sure all the other ministries are finalizing their plans as well.

Even if you usually use the side or back entrance, please come out to the lawn near the Blessed Mother statue to visit the tents. I hear there will be wine and cheese Saturday evening and coffee and donuts after the Sunday Masses.

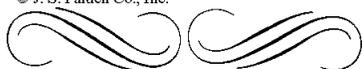
The event aims to showcase our various ministries for those unfamiliar with them, and to welcome new volunteers to be part of the activities of our parish. So please, stop by and have a look at the diverse activities in which our parishioners are engaged. You may find something that appeals to you.

World Mission Sunday, 2019. Pope Francis writes: "For the month of October, 2019, I have asked that the whole Church revive her missionary awareness...giving fresh evangelical impulse to her work of preaching and bringing to the world the salvation of Jesus Christ, who died and rise again." The Archdiocese of Philadelphia will send Maryknoll Brother John Bolazo to OMGC to speak at all of our Masses on **October 12 & 13**. Please welcome Brother John.

Let's continue to pray for each other.

Peace,
Fr. Liam

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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for September 15, 2019

The dishonest manager in today's parable knew how to manipulate money to his own advantage. But the Gospel warns that no one can serve both God and money. Which do I serve? Is my stewardship such that anyone can tell?

Sunday Offertory Envelopes.....	\$4,773.00
Non-Envelope Cash Contributions	\$518.00
Mailed in Contributions	\$3,329.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$8,620.00
Offertory this time last year	\$9,424.00
Electronic Giving as of 16th.....	\$3,257.00
On-line Parish Giving.....	\$380.00

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



INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Food Needs for IHN: If you can donate any of the following food items for our guests when they arrive on **Sunday, September 29** 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 | hot cereal |
| juices: boxes or bottles | |



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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Inquiry Sessions: A new series of Inquiry sessions will begin on **Wednesday evening, September 25 at 7:00–8:15 pm (please note change of time)** in the Parish Center of Our Mother of Counsel Parish. This is the beginning phase of the RCIA process for anyone who may be considering becoming a member of the Catholic Church or who may be interested in learning more about the Catholic Church. If you, or someone you know, may be interested in learning more about the RCIA process, please call S. Anne Woodshick at 610-525-0147 (ext. 234) or email her at awoodshick@omgcp parish.net.

Inquiry sessions, also known as the precatechumenate period, is a series of 6 or 7 Wednesday evenings this Fall, beginning on **September 25 from 7:00–8:15pm**. This initial phase is a time of discernment, the first stirrings of faith and conversion perhaps, a time to sort out questions and motivations and often the first introduction to the Catholic Church. At this point in the process, the individuals are called “inquirers.”

If you know someone who might need a gentle nudge to begin inquiring about the process, encourage them to email Sister Anne at awoodshick@omgcp parish.net or call her at 610-525-0147, ext. 234 who would love to help with their initial questions.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

Our parish is offering each month a marriage enrichment program for all married couples of all ages. Children are welcome to come with their parents for dinner and then to spend time playing with the other children while their parents have some time to be alone with each other. They will also have the opportunity to share with other married couples their experiences of married life. This will take place this month on **Sunday, October 6 from 4:30 to 6:00pm** in the Social Center of the school building. If you would like to join us, please call the Parish Office at 610-525-0147 so that we know how much food to prepare.



October 4th is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

Francis had a great appreciation of all of God’s creation and especially animals.

In his honor we celebrate his feast day with the blessing of animals which will take place here at Our Mother of Good Counsel on Sunday, **October 6th at 12:30 PM.**

SENIOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS

The Senior Members of our Parish, together with parishioners from nearby parishes, will gather on the afternoon of **Friday, September 27 at 12 noon** in the lovely Social Center of the school building. If you plan to join us for a relaxing and community-building afternoon, please bring your usual lunch nourishment. Beverages and desserts will be provided by the members who have already volunteered to do so. We look forward to seeing those of you who are able to come.

SPIRITUAL READING GROUP

The Spiritual Reading Group will meet again on **Friday, October 4 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Parish Center. This group usually meets on the first Friday of each month. For more information, contact S. Anne Woodshick at 610-525-0147, ext. 234.

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

SEPTEMBER PREP SCHEDULE

- **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.



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FALL FESTIVAL CORNER

Our Mother of Good Counsel Fall Festival Plans are underway! Please mark your calendars for the weekend of **October 18-20** to join us for games, food, fun, prizes, raffles and of course.....

THE HAUNT!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

~ We need **VENDORS** – If you are a vendor or crafter and would like to sell your ware at our Fall Festival on **Friday, Saturday or Sunday**, or two days, or all three...please call Jen Gaudioso at 267-230 7283.

~ We need **Bakers and Cooks** – If you have a talent for baking or a special dish that you can make and freeze, we would love to have you bake or cook and donate it to be sold at the Fall Festival... please call Dave Gaudioso at 267-230-7285.

~ We need **RAFFLE DONATIONS** – If you are in a position to help us out by donating a gift card, or gift that we can put in a raffle basket, or perhaps you and some friends would like to put together a basket for us, please contact Maryann Gallagher at 610-283-8831.

~ We need **WORKER BEES** – if you are in a position where you might be able to help run a game, or supervise a moonbounce, for a 90 minute period on any day, please contact Bernadette Carey at 610-247-8761.

We need –**CHAIRPERSON-**

We are still in need of a kitchen chairperson as well as a prizes chairperson. If you are interested in helping us in this capacity, please contact Karen Carey at 610-525-0147.

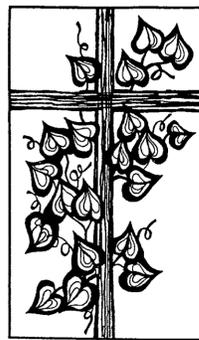
...Just a thought: **How about getting a group of friends together to donate a themed basket for the raffle?**

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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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DO YOU DESIRE TO GROW IN YOUR FAITH?

The women of St. Thomas of Villanova invite you to consider joining us as we come closer to Jesus through the beautiful and life changing Walking with Purpose Scripture study this fall. Weekly sessions are starting **Thursday, October 3 both morning and evening**. Whether or not you have any Bible study experience, you are welcome as you are to learn how the Scriptures apply to our everyday lives. For more information, please contact Maria O'Malley at www.mariaomalley@comcast.net or call 215-740-6742.

ST. RAPHAELA CENTER
616 Coopertown Road in Haverford
Saturday, October 5 – 1:00–3:00 pm
THE MUSTARD SEED

The Mustard Seed is a monthly discussion group that meets to share around the topic of “Evolution of Consciousness”; its relevance in today’s world and the challenges it presents to live this reality in one’s own life. The presentations and discussions are designed to awaken the person to a newer understanding of the meaning of Christ’s teaching and to render an inspiring and energetic approach to living the Gospel message.

- * **Date and Time:** Monthly from **1:00 – 3:00pm** in the Shrine Area of the Center.
- * **Facilitator:** Sr. Frances Kane, SSJ
- * **Cost:** Suggested donation - \$20.

**HIGH SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE**
Merion Mercy Academy
511 Montgomery Ave. in Merion

Sixth, seventh and eighth grade students and their families are welcome to join us at Merion Mercy Academy's **Open House** to be held on **Sunday, October 6**. The day will begin at 11:00am with Mass followed by a welcome, overview and tours.

The **Scholarship and Entrance Exam** will be given on **Saturday, October 26 from 9:00–12:30pm**. The Application/Test Registration can be completed online at www.merion-mercy.com. Students are encouraged to sign up for a school day visit to Merion any time between October 1 and December 13.

**CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC
RENEWAL**

The CCR is a spiritual movement that invites all people to experience the Holy Spirit, who opens us to a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father. The Renewal will take place on **Saturday, October 5 from 9:00am to 9:00pm** at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center, 76 Industrial Highway in Essington, PA.

Tickets are on sale now and range from \$15 to \$25 each. To learn more about the conference or to purchase tickets, please visit <https://www.phillyspirit.com/>.

VISITATION NUNS
5820 City Avenue, Philadelphia

The Visitation Nuns cordially invite you to celebrate with them, the Feast of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque on **Wednesday, October 16 at a 7:00pm Mass**, presided over by Rev. Joseph Chorpenning, OSFS.

Since it was a Visitation Nun, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque of the Monastery of Paray-le-Monial, France, who received the Great Revelations of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Visitation Nuns throughout the world honor her in a special manner.



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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
9:30 DOMENICO CONICELLA
11:15 PATRICK KENNEDY
(50TH ANNIVERSARY)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 6:30 BOB CAPONE
8:00 GIACOMO & VIERA BALLESTRINO

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 6:30 JO-ANN STIGLIANO
8:00 MARY McANDREWS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 6:30 THANKSGIVING & IN HONOR OF
ST. JUDE & CHRISTIAN RODRIGUEZ
8:00 MARK, MICHELLE & MICHAEL
CONNOR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 6:30 ROBERT MURPHY
8:00 MARIA ESPOSITO

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 6:30 THANKSGIVING & IN HONOR OF
ST. JUDE & THE COOK FAMILY
8:00 WILLIAM EHLERS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 8:00 PETER B. FARRELLY, PETER J.
FARRELLY & BRIDGET SCANLON

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
9:30 PATRICIA M. SCHIMMINGER
11:15 MARY BARONE
(9TH ANNIVERSARY)

**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 22, 2019**

God . . . wills everyone to be saved
and to come to knowledge of the truth.

— 1 Timothy 2:4

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