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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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PARISH WEB SITE:

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BAPTISM INTO EMMANUEL

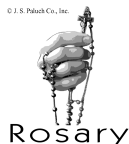
By Mary M. McGlone

Matthew knew this story in today's Gospel (Mt. 3:3-17) was scandalous: Jesus asked John the Baptist to baptize him! Imagine what John's disciples did with this when they debated with Peter and the gang. The New Testament never presents John as a disciple of Jesus, but this story makes it look like Jesus is playing second fiddle. "*Me baptize you?*" asks John. Matthew portrays John as humbly reluctant to baptize Jesus. Scripture scholars suggest that Matthew used that detail to diminish the shocking picture of Jesus submitting to John. The Gospels' admission that Jesus accepted John's baptism turns out to be the first revelation of how Jesus presented himself as Emmanuel: an unimaginable, exceptionally humble, incarnation of God in the midst of humanity.

Jesus' baptism reinforces the message of the Christmas narratives. Jesus' baptism tells us that God's chosen way of being with us is not as an awesome ruler of the universe, but as one who chooses solidarity with us in all our weakness. Jesus' baptism depicts Emmanuel as one of us. Jesus Emmanuel freely chooses the confines of human existence in order to lead us into all that we were created to be. This is the scandal of Christianity; we are the one world religion that conceives of God as incarnate, sharing all our limitations in order to reveal limitless love.

As a faithful Jew, Jesus perceived that John was a prophet. Jesus' baptism was a proclamation of faith that God was up to something in their midst and that John was an integral part of it. In asking for baptism, Jesus was seeking and submitting to God's will among John's disciples. What does this say to us? The scandal of Christianity is God's limitless solidarity with us. Emmanuel is "god with us" in every circumstance: in hope and love, in weakness and sin, disgrace and desperation. The way to union with this God necessarily passes through practicing the kind of presence Jesus showed us.

If we wish to know God, we can only do so through solidarity, through sharing one another's need and weakness so profoundly that we can also genuinely share one another's joys. Then we will know God because God will be acting in and through us. Jesus accepted baptism in union with us. Our baptism is a call and invitation to union with God and all of God's own. Jesus' baptism was a sign of his communion with us. Our baptism calls us into communion with God and one another.



Rosary

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Janine Hoffman, Anne Shea,
Carol Luty, William O'Donnell, Fran Ward,
Michael and Andrew McCaughey,
Bill Denny, Juliette Mikele Doty, Lori Lesutis,
Dolores McNamara and Margaret Roussin
and all who care for those who are sick.

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 MEMEBERS

We welcome to our faith community *Carmen "Charlie" Avella*, who recently registered with us.



MARRIAGES

Congratulations to *Christopher Bell, II and Danielle Steinbacher*, who were married in our Church. May you continue to grow in God's love for you through each other.



SAVE THE DATE ROOF PARTY

Please mark **Friday evening, February 7, 2020** on your calendars. We're going to have a **PARTY!!** Tentatively we're calling it the "Roof Thank-you Gala." And you're invited! We want to thank all who have supported this project with such generosity and enthusiasm from the beginning. We have a snow date of February 21. So, put both dates on your calendar just in case! Location is our gym. Details to follow.



DISCOVERING CHRIST Starts February 6

The OMGC ChristLife team will begin our third Discovering Christ program on **Thursday evening, February 6**. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together to praise God, to hear the Gospel proclaimed in simplicity and clarity, to experience the love of Christ, and to build community with other parish members.

We will have an optional explanation session on the evening of Thursday, January 23 at 7 PM in the Social Center.

Please check our parish website for more details



Martin Luther
King, Jr.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Day of Service

All 6th through 12th grade students are invited to join us on **Monday, January 20** to complete some service projects and meet some new friends in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Join others as we play some Bingo, have some lunch, complete some service and play some basketball. If you are interested, please email Karen at kcarey@omgcparish.net so we can be sure to have enough materials and food. We will be meeting from **10:00am until 2:00pm** in the gym.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for December 29, 2019

Our Baptism, like the Lord's, is a consecration to service. The bishops' pastoral on stewardship reminds us that "...there is a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of baptism that people place their gifts, their resources - their selves - at God's service in and through the Church."

Sunday Offertory Envelopes.....	\$5,784.00
Non-Envelope Cash Contributions	\$736.00
Mailed in Contributions	<u>\$6,848.00</u>
Total Offertory Collection.....	\$13,368.00
Offertory this time last year	\$9,349.00
On-line Parish Giving.....	\$430.00

for January 5, 2020

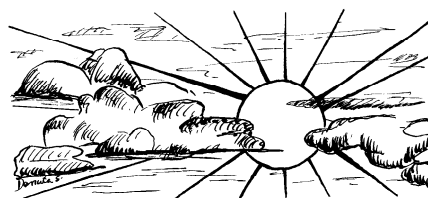
Sunday Offertory Envelopes.....	\$6,490.00
Non-Envelope Cash Contributions	\$764.00
Mailed in Contributions	<u>\$3120.00</u>
Total Offertory Collection.....	\$10,374.00
Offertory this time last year	\$9,623.00
Electronic Giving as of the 1st	\$4,580.00
On-line Parish Giving.....	\$380.00

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



SUMMER 6:30 AM ANNOUNCED MASSES

The Mass Intention Book for 6:30 AM Masses during the summer months is now open. To schedule a Mass intention, please contact the Parish Office at 610-525-0147. Happy New Year!





JANUARY PREP SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 12

PREP Class – 9:30 to 11:00am
Confirmation Class 4:00 to 5:30 pm
(for those not in Catholic School)

Sunday, January 19

PREP Class -9:30 to 11:00 am

Sunday, January 26

PREP Class - 9:30 to 11:00 am
Confirmation Class 4:00 to 5:30 pm
(for those not in Catholic School)

LITURGY OF THE WORD MINISTERS NEEDED

Our Parish has been blessed to provide a “Liturgy of the Word for Children” program for children ages 6 to 10 at our 11:15 Mass each week. The children are called up by Father, and then asked to go into the daily chapel where a minister who has prepared the lesson, reads the readings of the day. The minister explains through song, discussion, drama or other means what the readings are saying to the children today. There is no experience needed, only background checks. We are in need of ministers for this particular ministry. If you are interested in learning more about it, or being trained to do this, please contact Karen at kcarey@omgcp parish.net or 610-525-0147.

Thank You

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The Parish thanks those 21 donors who contributed \$3,080 worth of checks, cash and gift cards to the three IHM Sisters and the Deacon over the Christmas season. Packets of \$770 each were delivered for them on December 23rd. Your gifts will make life easier for hundreds of boys, girls, immigrants and refugees who are in need of assistance.



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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, January 26**, please put them in the food box at the entrance of the church next Sunday. Please note that the Food Needs have been simplified and include the food items that the families need for breakfasts and lunches.

Juice boxes	Microwave mac and cheese
Cereal	Soup
Cookies	Peanut butter crackers
Fruit snacks	

Week of Hosting: Our Parish will be hosting the IHN families once again during the Week of **January 26 to February 2**. 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, January 25 at 10:00 am** or **take-down and pack away** equipment on **Sunday, February 2 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 pm or as an **overnight host** from 8:30 pm to 6:00 am one evening during the week, please contact - Michele Geraghty at msgeraghty@comcast.net or call 610-642-7113.



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A Winter Day of Renewal
February 5 from 8:30am to 2:30pm
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Our God, Our Selves, Our Journey

"The feeling remains that God is on the journey, too." This quote from Teresa of Avila frames this day as an exploration of the interplay between psychology and spirituality. During our time together, we will pray and reflect on how growth in self-knowledge is actually growth in God. Using the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator as a tool, we will discover how our personality influences how we pray.

Cost: - \$40 (Lunch included)

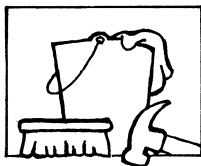
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**INVITATION
TO A SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

St Aloysius Academy, the only private, Catholic, IHM sponsored elementary school for boys in the 5-county Philadelphia metro area, is hosting an Open House on **Tuesday, January 28 from 9:30 – 11:00 AM** at its campus at 401 S. Bryn Mawr Avenue in Bryn Mawr. Since 1895, St. Aloysius has been committed to the spiritual, moral and academic development of its students. For more information about St. Aloysius or a private tour, please contact the Director of Admissions at 610-525-1670, ext. 312 or email www.staloyusiusacademy.org.

An Invitation



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from the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas

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IMPORTANT REQUEST
Concerning Allergies

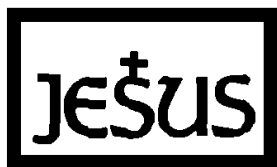
Please do not bring food that contains peanuts, nuts, peanut products or nut products inside the church. Someone sitting near you may have a serious allergy.



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**OMGC
MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT**

The parish is offering 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 on **Sunday, January 19 from 4:30 to 6:00pm** in the Social Center of the school building. If you would like to join us for dinner, please call the parish office so that we know how much food to prepare at 610-525-0147. You can also come just for the sharing time, which begins at 5:00PM.



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CALLED BY NAME
(Feast of the Lord's Baptism and in
Remembrance of Our Own!)

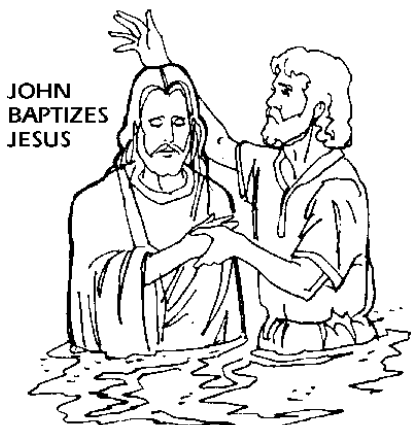
O most Holy God, we praise you, for you have
 called us by name. God, most intimate,
 You are a God of closeness to our hearts.
 You have implanted your likeness in us.
 You know each of us by name and constantly send
 your love to support us on our way.

God of all seasons and all peoples, we praise you
 because, throughout time, You called women and
 men by their names to be prophets, to lead your
 people, and to be your living presence.

We especially give thanks for the liberating name of
 Jesus. As your angel called him while Jesus was in
 Mary's womb, so, each of us is similarly called,
 known and loved.

As you call each by name,
 may we call the name of one another with affection
 and reverence. As you accept and love us the way
 we are, give us the wisdom and courage to do the
 same for ourselves and for our sisters and brothers.

And let us begin now,
 at our Eucharistic meals and our daily meals
 of union and thanksgiving. As we break the one loaf,
 let us break bread for one another, calling one
 another by name and blessing each other in prayer.
 Amen



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SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

- 7:30 CHARLES SWEENEY
 (6TH ANNIVERSARY)
 9:30 ROBERT T. RYAN
 (12TH ANNIVERSARY)
 11:15 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
 PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

- 6:30 MARY BYRNES
 8:00 JOHN & KATHLEEN O'DOHERTY

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

- 6:30 JOSEPH CUNNANE
 8:00 JOHN & JANET PHILLIPS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

- 6:30 EDWARD STANKIEWITZ
 8:00 JOHN & KATHLEEN O'DOHERTY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

- 6:30 DECEASED RELATIVES OF THE
 AUGUSTINIAN FAMILY
 8:00 FRANCIS CURTIN

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

- 6:30 EDWARD FITZGERALD JR.
 8:00 KEVIN BUTLER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

- 8:00 THANKSGIVING & IN HONOR OF ST.
 JUDE & GIURINTANO FAMILY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

- 7:30 MARIE MILEWSKI
 9:30 HELEN CARITA
 11:15 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
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