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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>

JESUS: THE FULFILLMENT OF ALL HOPES AND DREAMS

Today's Gospel (Matt 4:12-23) has three distinct but connected parts: Jesus' strategic move to Capernaum, the call of the first disciples and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Although Jesus' ministry will meet with wonderful initial success, Matthew introduces it under a cloud. John the Baptist had been arrested, and there was no expectation that he would be released alive. Jesus' association with John had come to an end and John's predicament foreshadowed Jesus' own destiny. Matthew, alone of the evangelists, underlines the prophetic-theological importance of Jesus' move to Capernaum. By quoting Isaiah, Matthew interprets Jesus' choice of Capernaum as a fulfillment of God's will. Matthew's citation of Isaiah foretells the rule of a Son of David, a light-bearer whose ministry would touch gentiles as well as Jews.

While the beginning of today's Gospel reminds us of God's ongoing interaction with humanity, the call of the fishermen offers a meditation on discipleship. Jesus was a man of his culture, but he turned much of it on its head. Disciples generally chose their rabbi. Jesus called followers to himself, making discipleship more of a prophetic than a theological activity.

In addition to calling his own followers, Jesus used that intriguing phrase about making them fishers of others, an image that is not developed much further. That description of their call signifies a transformation of their life's work and suggests the radical choice to leave everything behind. Professional fishermen perform an indispensable function: They snag food for others – a necessity for the buyer and the end of life for the fish. But as fishers of others, these professionals would be engaged in a life-giving activity from start to finish. People "snagged" by the disciples would find real life and learn to nourish one another.

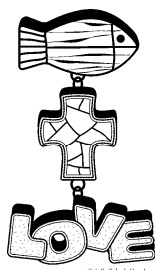
The third part of today's Gospel presents a summary of Jesus' mission. He preached conversion in continuity with John, and added to that his ministry as an itinerant teacher and healer. Thus, unlike John the Baptist, Jesus neither had a stable base for his mission nor did he emphasize ritual action. Instead, he took his message on the road, demonstrating its meaning through healing activity. Interestingly, as Matthew describes that healing ministry in the verses following today's reading, Jesus both expels demons and heals "every disease and illness among the people." Thus, his fame spread and people came from all over to hear him. Matthew has set the scene for the Sermon on the Mount, which we will begin to hear at our Sunday Masses from now until the beginning of Lent.

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, Lori Lesutis, Jo-Ann Stigliano and
Johnny Descano
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 Joanne Bramley at 610-457-6638 or Sr. Anne at 610-525-0147 ext. 234.

Funerals

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We pray for the happy repose of the soul of *Virginia Piergiovanni* and the consolation of her family.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Council will hold its next meeting on **Monday, February 3 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Parish Center. Parishioners are always welcome and encouraged to attend these monthly meetings. If you plan to do so, please call the Parish Office at 610-525-0147 and Michelle will notify Fr. Liam until a new President of the Council has been elected.



Bridge Gala Visitation Billboard

Dear Friends,

Pennswood Road Bridge

Despite promises and false starts going back 20 years, it now seems that the Pennswood Road Bridge just outside the front of our church will be closed for reconstruction starting sometime soon, perhaps as early as March. The engineers predict that it will be closed to vehicular traffic for 18 to 24 months. Pedestrian traffic will remain open for the duration.

For those of you who live north of the tracks, you can either leave a few minutes early and pass under the tracks at Booth Lane or Morris Avenue, or park near the bridge in the Harcum College parking lot and walk across.

Roof Thank-you Gala

We're going to party on Friday evening, February 7, starting at 7 PM in the Gym. So far, almost 100 parishioners have signed up. I know that many more intend to. We need to have an idea of numbers for the caterer.

We are looking forward to seeing many parishioners and guests, young and old and in between.

We have topped our fundraising goal! We will celebrate that and the joy of completing a job well done! (strictly speaking, there are a few finishing touches for later this spring). We will say thanks to all who supported this project with their donations, both large and small. Perhaps some could not donate but supported this project with their fervent prayers. All are warmly welcome to come to the party!

There will be music and plenty of food for everyone! Everyone from the youngest to the oldest in our parish.

You can sign up at OMGCparish.org. If you prefer, you can sign up by phone by calling Michelle at the parish office (610.525.0147). We have scheduled February 21 as a snow date, just in case.

Home Visitation

On the last three Sundays, I had the delightful experience of visiting eleven homes of parishioners on Dayton Road. And Penn Street. Thank you all for your warm welcome! It's good to spend a little time with families and individuals to get to know you all a bit better.

If I continue at this rate at about 30 Sunday afternoons a year, I calculate that I'll finish all 847 OMGC households by sometime in 2025 or 2026. We shall see.

Electronic Billboards

An advertising company wants to install two digital billboards in our neighborhood. One of them is planned for the roof of the building that housed Amkor Karate, which is diagonally across Lancaster Avenue from our parking lot - directly across from the Acme. I am among those who fear that this would harm the quality of life in the neighborhoods surrounding our church.

There are links to more information and a petition at the OMGCparish.org home page.

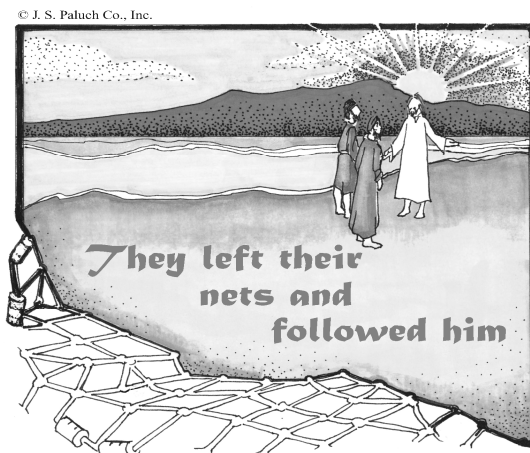
In Him,
Fr. Liam

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for January 19, 2020

The watchword today is "immediately." Peter and Andrew, James and John all respond *immediately* to the call of Christ. May I be as open to God's call and as ready to use my talents in God's service as those first disciples were!

Sunday Offertory Envelopes.....	\$4,342.00
Non-Envelope Cash Contributions	\$923.00
Mailed in Contributions	<u>\$2,730.00</u>
Total Offertory Collection.....	\$7,995.00
Offertory this time last year	\$6,987.00
On-line Parish Giving.....	\$380.00

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





LENTEN RETREAT

March 11th, 18th, 25th, April 1st
7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

STV Rosemont Auditorium

Climate, Crisis, Choices:

The Call to Conversion in 'Laudato Si'

The four week retreat will focus on the Four Pathways to Sustainable Living:

Shelter and Energy
Transportation and Travel
Food and Water
Consumer Purchases

For more information, go to:

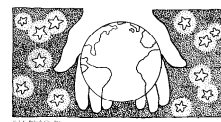
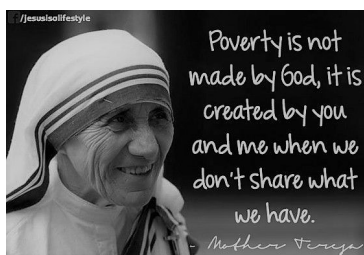
<https://www.pathwaystosustainableliving.org/>

Registration information will follow.

CLOTHING DRIVE

Saturday, February 15
9:00am to 2:00pm

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be using the services of **GreenDrop** to support their clothing drive. Look for the GreenDrop truck in the church parking lot (near our dumpsters) where an attendant will be available to assist you with your donations. Please place your donations of usable men's women's and children's clothing in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as: kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CDs and videos are also accepted. Unfortunately, **furniture, large appliances, TVs or computer monitors cannot be accepted.** For a full list of acceptable items, visit www.gogreendrop.com.



INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK (IHN)

Thank you to all who have volunteered your time, energy and hospitality to the families who will be joining us **today, January 26**, here in the parish for the week. We ask your prayers for the families in particular, but also that their time with us will be a safe, healthy and profitable one for these families who are temporarily without homes.

Important IHN Phone Numbers: Because of our phone system here in the parish, it is important that you know the numbers to call if you are trying to reach someone helping with the IHN families during the week of **January 26 – February -2**. These numbers will be necessary to have whenever the Parish Office is closed or after 5:00 p.m. on work days this week.

Parish Phone – 610-525-0147 – Ext 255
(Social Center – school)

IHN Direct Line – 610-525-1727

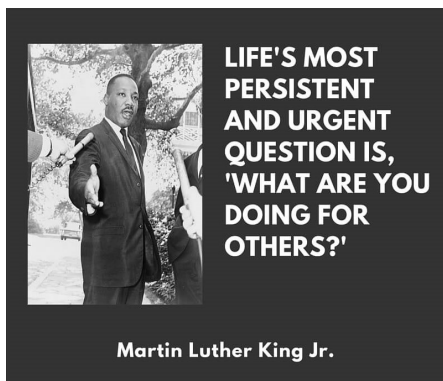
SPIRITUAL READING GROUP

The Spiritual Reading Group began its monthly meetings again on Friday, January 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Office/Church Office building. At this first gathering of the new year, we began reading a new book put out by Liturgical Press, entitled ***Oscar Romero: Love Must Win Out.***

This biography of a people's saint (recently canonized on October 4, 2018) traces the events leading up to the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero at a chapel altar in San Salvador and the reverberations of that day in El Salvador and beyond. This in-depth look at Archbishop Romero, the pastor-defender of the poor and great witness of the faith, offers a prism through which to view a Catholic understanding of liberation and how to be a church of the poor, for the poor, as Pope Francis calls us to be.

Copies of the book are available for those who still wish to join this monthly reading group. If you are interested, please contact Sr. Anne Woodeshick at 610-525-0147 (ext. 234) or email her at www.awoodeshick@omgcp parish.net. Our next gathering will take place on **Friday, February 7 from 10:00-11:30 a.m.**

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Day of Service at OMGC



The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



FEBRUARY PREP SCHEDULE

February 2 – PREP Class – 9:30-11:00am
Family Catechesis:
2:00-3:00pm

February 9 – PREP Class – 9:30-11:00am
Confirmation Class
4:00-5:30pm

February 16 – Presidents Weekend –
No Class

February 22 – Confirmation Retreat
1:00-6:00pm

February 23 – PREP Class – 9:30-11:00pm

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

Saturday – February 1 – Youth Group Members are invited to join the IHN for dinner at 6:00pm. We will have dinner and conversation with them and then spend some time playing with them before they retire for the evening. Drop off at 6:00pm and pick up at 8:30pm. You must **rsvp** at kcarey@omgcparrish.net.

Friday – February 21 – Movie Night. Join us for a movie in the Social Center. Popcorn, soda, and movie lite snacks will be available. Start time – 7:00pm. Movie to be determined.

HOME HEALTH CARE COMPANION

Looking for work?

All Shifts Available

Contact fellow parishioner,

Kate at 484-645-0978.

RAPHAELA RETREAT CENTER

616 Coopertown Rd. in Haverford
Charis Young Adult Retreat:
Spirit@Work

A Retreat for men and women in their 20s and 30s is being offered on the weekend of **March 6 beginning at 5:30 p.m. to March 8 ending at 1:00p.m.** Encounter the Holy Spirit working in your life and learn Ignatian tools for decision making.

Cost: \$180.00

Registration:

Online - www.straphaelacenter.org

Phone - 610-642-5715

Email - straphaelacenter@gmail.com



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SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
9:30 FATHER JACK McATEE, OSA
11:15 ELIZABETH KELLY

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

- 6:30 SALVATORE MASI, JR.
8:00 DOMENICO CONICELLA

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

- 6:30 MARJORIE GUINAN
8:00 JOHN PHILLIPS, JR.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

- 6:30 ROBERT WOODS, SR.
8:00 MARISA PALERMO

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

- 6:30 MELISSA CHEDDAR
8:00 ANN GALLO

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

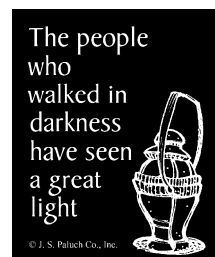
- 6:30 BIRTHDAY MASS
8:00 BESSIE LAMPEREZ

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- 8:00 JOHN & KATHLEEN O'DOHERTY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISHIONERS
9:30 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE RYAN
& ADCROFT FAMILIES
11:15 THANKSGIVING & IN HONOR OF
ST. JUDE & LIAM DRIES (BIRTHDAY
MASS)



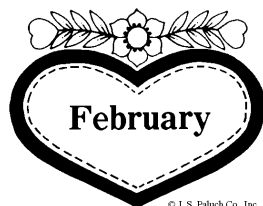
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ANNUAL FINE ART SHOW AND SALE

The Academy of Notre Dame de Namur, located at 560 Sproul Road in Villanova, is pleased to announce the 47th Annual Fine Art Show and Sale taking place on **Saturday, February 1 through Sunday, February 10.** The show is free and open to the public!

This year's Featured Artist is Elizabeth Sabine, an artist known for her stunning seascapes and landscapes. In addition, 100 artists will present 1,000 works in oil, watercolors, acrylics, ceramics, metals and glass. There is a wide price range that will appeal to every buyer of original art.

Funds generated by the show support Notre Dame's mission of educating young women for responsible living in a global society.



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480 S. Bryn Mawr Avenue in Bryn Mawr

Please join us at Sacred Heart Academy in Bryn Mawr on **Saturday, February 1st** for our Kindergarten Discovery Day from 9:00-10:00am, and our incoming 5th and 6th grade Scholarship Exam at 8:45am.

Please join us at Sacred Heart Academy on **Wednesday, February 12th from 4:30 – 6:30pm** for our All School Open House (Grades K-12).

Information and registration is available at www.SHAbrynmawr.org or by calling our admissions office at 610-527-3915, ext. 214.

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