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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

5:00 P.M. - Saturday evening

7:30 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:15 A.M.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday-Saturday 6:30 A.M., 7:30 A.M.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please contact the parish office 3 months in advance to
arrange for baptism.

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 or on our parish
website. 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:

TEMPORARILY CLOSED

Monday - Thursday 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Friday 9:00 A.M.- 3:00 P.M.

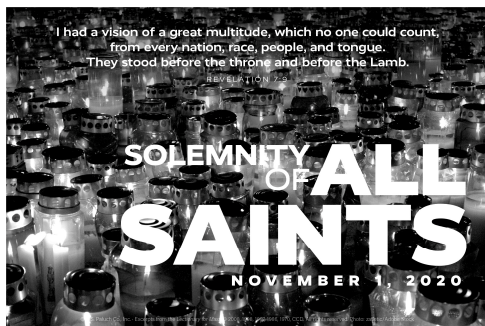
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JESUS TEACHES WHAT IT MEANS TO BE HAPPY

Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names as "blessed" or "happy" are expected . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

What does Jesus mean when he uses the word "blessed?" This word is sometimes translated as "happy" or "fortunate" or "favored." In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, who mourn, who are persecuted. This might have been welcome and surprising news to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes.



PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Janine Hoffman, William O'Donnell,
Linn Bramble, Bill Denny,
Thomas Kelly, Lori Lesutis,
Celia Creskoff, Jo-Ann Stigliano,
Johnny Descano, Chris Magrann,

Rebecca McDonough, all those suffering from Covid-19 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 Pat Mallon at 610-896-7038 or call the parish office at 610-525-0147, ask for Michelle or Donna (M. - Th. 8:30 - 4:30 PM or Fri. 9-3 PM).



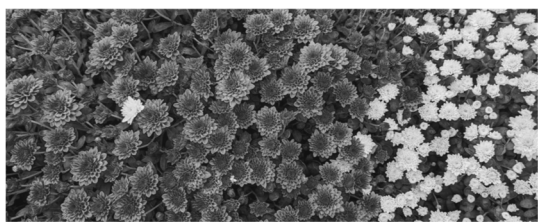
FEAST OF ALL SOULS

The Feast of All Souls Mass is **Monday, November 2, at 7:30 pm.** In addition to our regular daily morning Masses, there will be this special evening Mass to remember all the members of our parish who have died this past year. Family members of the deceased have been invited, and all parishioners are welcome to attend as well.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

During this time of the pandemic, we will hold exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the First Fridays of the month in church, from 12 noon until 2 PM. All participants must wear a face mask and observe social distancing.

Our next exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday, November 6, 2020.**



Dear Friends,

The 2020 growing season approaches its end. Among the last flowers to bloom are the chrysanthemums. These were not new in the garden this year. There were five patches of mums in various places in the garden that I brought together in one corner last spring. They started to bloom in the past few days. Most of them are purple or white. But right in the biggest pillow of purple blooms, there's that one little yellow one. How did it get there? Nature often fascinates us with these little surprises!

These past few months, I **pray for our nation** every day. I hope you do too. I'm praying because we as a nation - one among many countries - are going through a terrible **pandemic**. People are suffering. Many have lost loved ones. Most of us have been inconvenienced in some significant way. We, as a parish, have been striving to remain united and to remain faithful. We **know** that Jesus is with us as we go through this.

I also pray because of the **political and social tensions** our society faces right now. We especially need to pray for our nation these next few weeks up to the **election** and the period after. We need to pray for **peace and unity** as a country.

Yesterday, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia presented another webinar concerning **liturgy** and other **parish activities** during the current stage of the pandemic. They included preparation for **Advent** and **Christmas**. They have encouraged us to continue with the standard precautions: the wearing of masks, Holy Communion in the hand, social distancing, limiting occupancy, and frequent sanitizing. At the same time, they ask us to *persuasively encourage* the **return to in-person participation at Mass** and other parish activities, especially for those in good health.

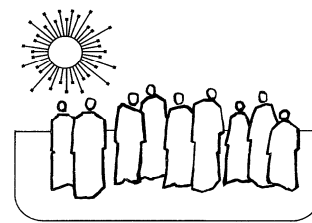
Our staff met immediately after the webinar to discuss how we can implement the guidelines. We plan to continue our vigilance regarding the procedures mentioned above, and at the same time change the seating of the pews from **every third** pew to **every other** pew sometime in November.

They encourage a certain amount of uniformity of practice throughout the Archdiocese, and most parishes are now seating every other pew. We will, of course, continue to live stream our Masses.

Finally, I leave you with the website to the US Catholic Bishops' pastoral document on **political responsibility as Catholics**. Many of you have read it before, but it's always good to look at it again. Please visit <https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/upload/forming-consciences-for-faithful-citizenship.pdf> to access a copy of **Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship**. It is crucial for us as Catholic citizens to study the issues, the candidates, and prayerfully make our selections, asking the Holy Spirit to guide us to the correct choice.

As always, let us continue to pray for each other.

Christ's peace,
Friar Liam



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for October 25, 2020

Today's psalm makes clear that we and everything we think we own actually belongs to God instead: "The Lord's are the earth and its fullness, the world and those who live in it." We are stewards, not owners, of our own lives and all we possess!

Sunday Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,843.00
Non-Envelope Cash Contributions	\$619.00
Mailed in Contributions	\$1,750.00
Total Offertory Collection.....	\$5,212.00
Offertory this time last year	\$10,557.00
Electronic Giving on the 1st.....	\$4,505.00
On-line Parish Giving.....	\$1,571.00

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

FAITH SHARING ZOOM MEETING

The Faith Sharing meeting begins on **Tuesday, November 3rd at 1:00 pm** on Zoom. These groups will be led by Fr. John Deary. All are welcome! **The meeting ID is 818 142 6651.**



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Pumpkin Carving Event!



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AUGUSTINIAN LAITY GROUP MEETING ON ZOOM

The Augustinian Laity Group will take place on the **first and third Tuesdays of every month**, the dates for November are **November 3rd and 17th**, **from 7-8 pm on Zoom**. The groups are run by Fr. John Deary.

The meeting ID is 818 142 6651



**Louise Dagit
Recognized by
Association of
Church Musicians in
Philadelphia**

On Sunday mornings you will often see (and hear) Louise Dagit using her gift of music as part of the OMGC Music Ministry. She joined the choir in 1996 after moving to Bryn Mawr. Over the years she has been a part of music leadership here at OMGC by playing flute and orchestra bells in addition to singing in the choir.

It seems we're not the only ones who know about her, as the Association of Church Musicians in Philadelphia (ACMP) chose to feature her in their Member Spotlight. We are, however, blessed to have her call Our Mother of Good Counsel "home".

Good choice, ACMP!

Bonner's Father Atkinson Now Subject of PBS Documentary Nov. 1



"ExtraORDINARY/The Bill Atkinson Story," will air on WHYY Sunday, Nov. 1, 5 p.m., in celebration of All Saints Day.

Father Bill Atkinson, OSA, who taught at Monsignor Bonner High School from 1975 until 2004, is the first quadriplegic priest to be ordained in Catholic Church history.

The documentary looks at his life from his hospitalization and near death as a teenager to potential sainthood.

For more details, click on the link below:
<https://delco.today/2020/10/bonnars-father-atkinson-now-subject-of-pbs-documentary-nov-1/>.



OMGC CONFIRMATION

Saturday Dec. 5 PM Mass

Archbishop Nelson Jesús Pérez will visit OMGC on the first Saturday of December to confirm our young people. This will be his first visit to OMGC! We welcome him with much joy.

Because of COVID-19 restrictions, we regret that we must limit the attendance at that Mass to a small number of the family members of the confirmandi.

If the **Saturday 5 PM Mass** is your regular Mass, we ask you to join us for one of our Sunday morning Masses that weekend. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

CAN YOU HELP US AS WE RETURN TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP?

We are in need of people to help us greet and seat people as they enter the church at our Sunday Masses. As people begin to return slowly, we find ourselves in need of people who will warmly welcome our parishioners and guests and help them to find seating that is socially distant in order to keep others safe.

If you are able to help with this ministry, please contact Karen at kcarey@omgcp parish.net

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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

Interested in helping with parish activities for the upcoming Advent and Christmas season? We are looking for people to help us plan and put on a three-week online **Advent retreat**, as well as to contribute to a **virtual "Lesson and Carols" project**, a series of daily links on spirituality for the season. We need help! Are you willing to help with the selection of materials, to organize music, to design materials to advertise the activities, or to lead small groups during the retreat evenings?

We expect to have two organizational meetings via Zoom, one in late October and one in early November.

If you have time or talent to share with your fellow parishioners, contact Roger Pisani at rpisani@omgcp parish.net 610-525-0147 x234, Michelle Franci-Donnay at mfrancidonnay@gmail.com 484-380-1408 or Karen Carey KCarey@omgcp parish.net 610-525-0147 x258.



RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

At times like these we tend to pay attention to the more important things in life. We may become deeply aware of questions about life, faith and God.

If such reflection leads you or someone you know to consider becoming part of the Catholic Church, you might be interested in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). This process of spiritual apprenticeship and formation in discipleship is tailored to the needs of the individual and can begin at any time.

To find out more, contact Roger Pisani, Pastoral Associate, at rpisani@omgcp parish.net or (610) 525-0147 x.234.



Youth News at OMGC

All students in grades 6 through 12 are invited to join us for any of the following activities. Please email kcarey@omgcp parish.net to be put on the email list. Looking forward to some fun!

Thursday - November 12, 7 pm - 8 pm –in the Parish Office - **GIRLS ONLY!!!**

All Middle and High School girls are invited to join us for an introductory Bible Study Program in the Parish Office Building. Materials will be provided and we are looking at monthly or bi-monthly meetings depending on interest! Please email kcarey@omgcp parish.net or text 610-864-8538 to rsvp so that we have enough materials and room. Masks must be worn and we will Social Distance.

Sunday-November 15, 5 pm - 7 pm in Social Center of School Building. **All Youth!**

Join us as we put together food baskets for those in need this Thanksgiving. We will also be planning for our Drive-through Breakfast with Santa! All youth are needed to pull this off! Pizza will be provided. Masks must be worn. RSVP is a must. Email kcarey@omgcp parish.net or text 610-864-8538 to respond.

Sunday-November 29, 7:30 am -12:30 pm - Breakfast with Santa - **All Youth!**

We need lots of hands to make this Drive-through Breakfast with Santa work! Consider joining us to help take orders, deliver orders, take pictures and have fun! We will meet in the gym. RSVP necessary kcarey@omgcp parish.net or 610-864-8538.

A PRAYER OF COMPASSION

Lord, open our eyes that we may see you in our brothers and sisters.

Lord, open our ears that we may hear the cries of the hungry, the cold, the frightened, the oppressed.

Lord, open our hearts that we may love each other as you love us.

Renew in us your spirit. Lord, free us and make us one.

Amen.

- Mother Teresa

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1



- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHIONERS
- 9:30 JAMES A. SCHIMMINGER
- 11:15 SALVATORE PETROCCIA

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2



- 6:30 BEATRICE COSENZA
- 7:30 CHRISTINA'S BIRTHDAY MASS & THE MANCHIO & DESCANO FAMILIES
- 7:30p DECEASED OF OMGC

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3



- 6:30 THE FUTURE OF A PEACEFUL & UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
- 7:30 DOMENICO & LUISETTA CONICELLA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- 6:30 JOHN & JACK FANELLI
- 7:30 JOHN PHILLIPS, JR.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- 6:30 RASMEY NHEK
- 7:30 CATHERINE YOUNG

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- 6:30 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE AUGUSTINIAN ORDER
- 7:30 ANTONIO BARONE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- 7:30 DOMENIC & MARIA Di MARTINO

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHIONERS
- 9:30 PEGGY GALLAGHER
- 11:15 ANGELO RUBERTO (2nd ANNIVERSARY)

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