

THIRD SUNDAY OF
Easter

APRIL 18, 2021



When the two disciples returned from Emmaus,
they recounted what had
taken place on the way.

Luke 24:35

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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.

Summer: Office Closed on Fridays in July & August

Parish Office and Rectory Phone: (610) 525-0147

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JESUS APPEARS AGAIN TO HIS DISCIPLES

Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift—forgiveness. In today's Gospel, this connection is made in the final verses.

Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement.

As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper.

Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Janine Hoffman, William O'Donnell,
Rusty Tinsley, Linn Bramble,
Sr. Madeleine Jude, Thomas Kelly,
Baby Olivia, Carolyn Vonner-Hill, Terry Voran,
Stephanie DeBoey, Bill Denny, Lori Lesutis,
Johnny Descano, Bob Holmes, Joe Smith,
Jo-Ann Stigliano, Michael Fedorak,
Fr. Jim Martinez, Chris Magrann, Charlotte Hyer,
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.



NEW MEMBER

Welcome to our parish community
Kevin Heiser, who recently registered with us.

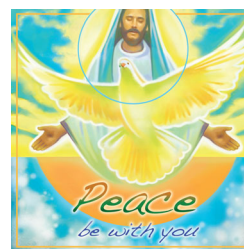
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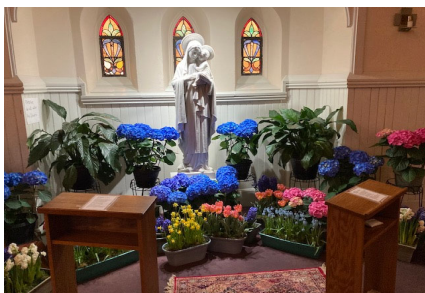
Helping Other People in Emergencies

If you need a ride to the doctor, shopping, etc., call Pat Mallon at 610-896-7038 or call Michelle or Donna at the office 610-525-0147. (M. - Th. 8:30 - 4:30 PM or Fri. 9-3 PM).

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

We have many dates available in 2021 for Mass Intentions. If you have a particular date or day in 2021 that you would like to have a Mass said for someone or a group, please call the office at 610-525-0147 or email omgc@omgcparrish.net to set it up. Suggested Masses: Recent Deaths, Anniversary Mass (wedding or death), Birthday Mass (deceased or living), or to pray for a person in need/sick, a group, or our country. For Deaths, we can provide a beautiful card for you to give to the mourning family. There is a \$10.00 stipend per Mass.





GREAT TO SEE SO MANY OF YOU AT EASTER! *April 8, 2021*

Dear Friends,

Holy Week and **Easter** are always times of great blessing. I'm sure you feel the same. Although the preparation takes many hours, believers have the opportunity to delve more deeply into the mysteries of God's mercy and love. Last year, we celebrated Holy Week and Easter at the same time we were trying to convert a brick-and-mortar parish into an online faith community. This year, we still are battling the coronavirus, but there is much more **hope** than fear. The vaccinations have given us confidence that things will get better before too long.

It was marvelous to see so many of you at Holy Week and Easter services! It was only the first or second time in a year you had been inside the church for many of you. Many are still cautious about joining us in person, but I am confident that you soon can join us in worship. In the meantime, please continue to worship with us through the website and Facebook.

Easter Egg Hunt! For photos, see page 6.

Please continue to pray for a **speedy end to COVID-19** and for the people it affects, including our parish members.

In the past, every year a friar from the Villanova Province of the Augustinians has come to visit us and preach about the **Augustinian Foreign Missions**. As a former missionary to Japan, I was called upon to make those appeals many times. Our provincial leadership has decided to take a different approach now. Our missionaries in Japan and Peru still need our support, but so do our young friars in formation, our retired friars, and the work our friars do for the poor. For that reason, starting this year, we will hold the first **Augustinian Appeal**.

Christ's peace,

Friar Liam

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for APRIL 11, 2021

The disciples in today's Gospel came to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread. When we share what we have with those who are in need, we, too, will discover Jesus in our midst.

Sunday Offertory Envelopes.....	\$5,185.00
Non-Envelope Cash Contributions	\$887.00
Mailed in Contributions	\$4,515.00
Total Offertory Collection.....	\$10,587.00
Offertory this time last year	\$6,225.00
Electronic Giving on the 15th	\$3,272.00
On-line Parish Giving.....	\$1,223.50

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



AUGUSTINIAN ANNUAL APPEAL

The Augustinian Province of Saint Thomas of Villanova will conduct its first Augustinian Appeal in support of the friars' way of life and ministries in our parish during the month of April. This general appeal will replace the Augustinian Foreign Mission Appeal which formerly had been taken up in our parish each year.

We are grateful to those parishioners who already support the mission and way of life of the friars and we count on your continued assistance. As a community founded to engage in the work of evangelization, we go where we are most needed, vowed to poverty, in order to share our spiritual and material goods, relying on the charity of those we serve to help us sustain our way of life beyond what we are able to earn ourselves. This Appeal helps us to provide for our brothers who cannot work because of age or health, and those who are students in formation preparing for ministry.

The presentation of the Augustinian Annual Appeal will be made next weekend, **April 24-25, 2021** followed by a direct mail appeal. Donations will also be accepted online at: www.augustinianfund.org/augustinian-appeal-2021. Gifts of any amount are welcome and will make a difference in the lives of the friars and those whom they serve.



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JOIN MUSIC MINISTRY

Do you sing? Play an instrument?

Now is a great time to join *MUSIC MINISTRY*

No matter what age or type of musician, serving in Music Ministry has great benefits:

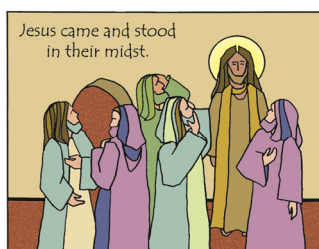
- Leading the assembly to growth in faith through sung liturgy
- Being a part of a great group of dedicated, talented people who foster each other's artistry.
- Skill-development and confidence-building
- Good posture, enhanced breathing, and relaxation skills
- Deepening of your own faith
- An enhanced understanding of liturgy, sacrament, and Scripture

We need musicians of all ages to be a part of OMGC Music Ministry:

- Cantors
- Adult choir
- Youth band (high school age) singers & instrumentalists (electric & acoustic guitar, brass/woodwind, piano/synth, percussion, strings, etc.)
- Adult instrumentalists (all the above instruments)

Instrumentalists should have at least one year of experience with their instrument.

If you would like to find out more about Music Ministry, talk to Roger Pisani, Director of Music Ministries/Pastoral Associate, after any of the weekend liturgies, email rpisani@omgcp parish.net or call (610) 525-0147 ext. 234.



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COLLEGE GRADUATE AUGUSTINIAN VOLUNTEERS

The Augustinian Volunteers are recent college graduates between the ages of 21-29 who feel called to spend a year in service to others while living in an intentional community. Volunteers serve with local community partners in social service, campus ministry, and education placements. By engaging in a way of life inspired by the Augustinian Friars, volunteers experience personal and spiritual development as they build relationships with fellow volunteers and those they serve. Applications are currently being accepted for the 2021-2022 volunteer year for our sites in Lawrence, MA, Philadelphia, PA, San Diego, CA, Ventura, CA and Chulucanas, Peru. If interested, please visit www.augustinianvolunteers.org or contact us at info@augustinianvolunteers.org.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PROJECT H.O.P.E.

Would you be in a position occasionally to aid your fellow parishioners by driving them to a doctor's appointment, or to a store? We will maintain a list of volunteers so one person is not always on call. If you can participate in this corporal work of mercy, please contact Pat. Mallon (pmallon13@gmail.com or home phone 610-896-7038) or Michelle at the Parish Office (610-525-0147). *Many thanks.*



RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

Friday, April 23rd in OMGC Gym

Please consider donating a pint of blood when the Red Cross Bloodmobile comes to OMGC's gym on **Friday, April 23rd from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**. Please invite a friend to come with you to donate as well.

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MASS HONORING THE GIFTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Annual Archdiocesan Mass Honoring the Gifts of Persons with Disabilities, The Deaf Community, Family, Friends and Caregivers is **Sunday, April 25, 2021 at 3:00 pm** at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at 18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia. Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez will be the principal celebrant and homilist. St. Christopher Parish Schola will provide the liturgical music. All are Welcome. To RSVP go to www.opdarchphilly.org, email: opd@archphila.org or call the Office for Persons with Disabilities at 215-587-3530 with the number attending.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, **May 1, 2021 at 5:15 pm** at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul. Archbishop Nelson Pérez will be the principal celebrant and homilist. This Mass will commemorate those couples celebrating their 1 year, 5 year, 10 year, 25 year and 50 year wedding anniversary milestones.

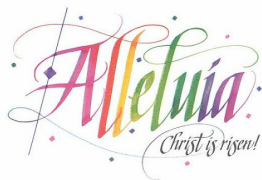
Wedding vows will be renewed on this very special day. Please RSVP online **here** or call the Office for Life and Family at 215-587-0500. For more details, view the flyer or visit www.phillycatholiclife.org.

VIRTUAL MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS

Being together all day doesn't guarantee a great relationship. If your marriage is pandemic weary, maybe a little outside inspiration can bring back the romance. Learn how to make your best life together a reality on a virtual WWME experience—either over a Weekend, or over the course of 8 evenings.

Virtual Weekends coming up in this region: April 9-11 Contact Al & Mary Liz Heumann 610-449-1859; April 30-May 2 Contact Michael & Marge Walsh 609-741-8012; Virtual 3RE (Restore, Rekindle, Renew 8 session Experience) in this area April 11-May 5th Contact Tom & Ruth De Falco 732-904-9636. More information: visit <https://wwme.org/wwme.org>.

EASTER PHOTOS



Masses For The Week



SUNDAY, APRIL 18

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHIONERS
- 9:30 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MINTON AND LAWLESS FAMILIES
- 11:15 HOPE M. HAYES (BIRTHDAY MASS)

MONDAY, APRIL 19

- 6:30 SPECIAL INTENTIONS
- 7:30 BARBARA TILLMAN

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

- 6:30 SPECIAL INTENTIONS
- 7:30 JOHN PHILLIPS, JR.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

- 6:30 SPECIAL INTENTIONS
- 7:30 JOHN & KATHLEEN O'DOHERTY

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

- 6:30 SPECIAL INTENTIONS
- 7:30 SPECIAL INTENTIONS

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

- 6:30 SPECIAL INTENTIONS
- 7:30 BARBARA TILLMAN

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

- 7:30 FRED & PEGGY WELLMAN

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

- 7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHIONERS
- 9:30 CONCETTA D'ORAZIO
- 11:15 JUDY GIANDONATO



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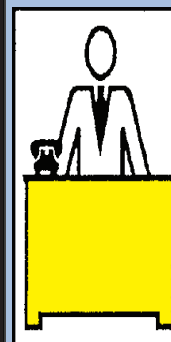
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