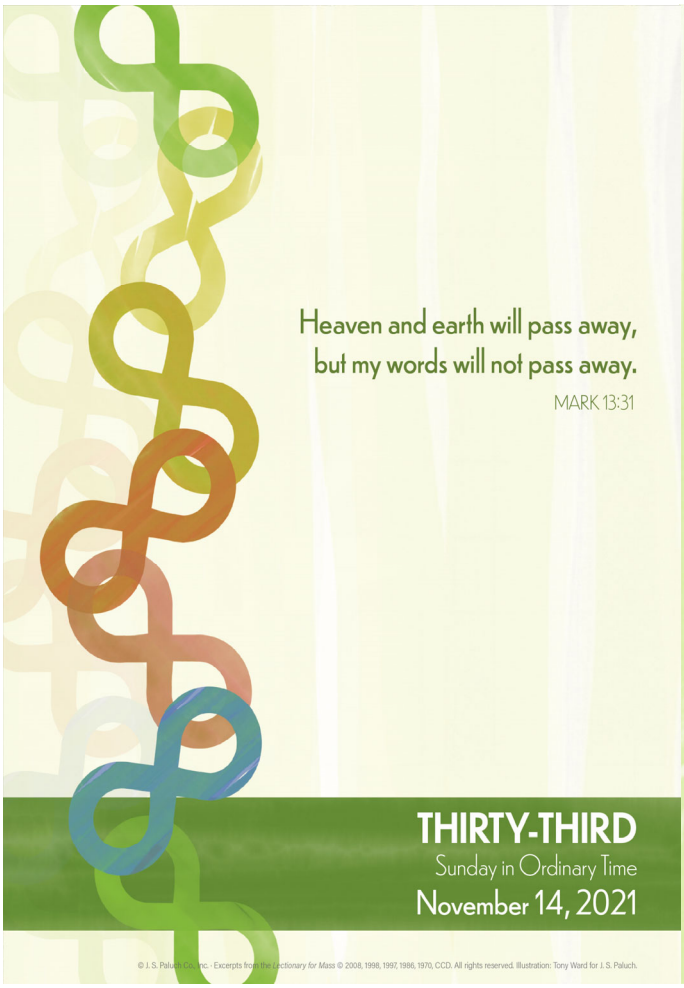

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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

5:00 P.M. - Saturday evening
7:30 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:15 A.M.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday-Friday 6:30 A.M., 8:00 A.M.
Saturday 8:00 A.M.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.
Friday 9:00 A.M.- 3:00 P.M.
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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 parish office during regular office hours or on our parish website. Parishioners moving should notify the parish office of any change in address or phone number.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Parents are asked to register for Baptism at the parish office three months in advance and must participate in our Baptismal preparatory program.
Ordinarily, we celebrate Baptism during any weekend Mass on the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 11:30 - 12:00 Noon or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Couples desiring to be married at OMGC parish must contact the parish office at least six months or upon their formal engagement to set up a time and date for your wedding celebration.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

If you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the parish office to schedule a time.

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.

JESUS TEACHES ABOUT THE SIGNS OF THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN.

Last Sunday we heard Jesus' observation about the contributions being made to the temple treasury and the example of sacrificial giving that he saw in the poor widow's offering. If we had been reading Mark's Gospel continuously, we would have heard Jesus predict the destruction of the Temple, his teaching about the costs of discipleship, and the woes that will accompany the end times. Finally, we would have heard Jesus instruct his disciples about the need for watchfulness so that they will not be caught unprepared for this final day of judgment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues this teaching by offering his disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery, especially images found in the Book of Daniel. Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father. In the verses that follow this reading in Mark's Gospel, Jesus continues to warn his disciples to be on watch for this end time.

Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us.

PRAY FOR SICK

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to remember in our prayers:

Beau Campbell, Fran O'Brien, Griffin Rademaker, William O'Donnell, William Viola, Nam Baek, Jo-Ann Stigliano, Steve McCabe, Michael Loro, Rusty Tinsley, Linn Bramble, Lori Lesutis, Wesley Jones, Joanne Bramley, Michael Fedorak, Bill Denny, Margaret Healy, Leilani Scimeca, Rick Shumaker, Demetri Gaitanopoulos, The Umana Family, Terry Voran, Kimberley Turner, Matthew Jordan, Jackie & Russ Rickert, Joe Callan, Giacomo Ballestrino, Emmanuel Thomas, Sunny Russo, Joe Smith, Carolyn Vonner-Hill, Stephanie DeBoey, Johnny Descano, James Baltich, Fr. Jim Martinez, and 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.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE:

BRIDE: ANGELICA GANGEMI
GROOM: JONATHAN HANNINEN
PARISH INFO: Our Mother of Good Counsel
DATE OF MARRIAGE: **November 19, 2021**

Please join us in praying for them during this time of preparation.

DECEASED

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Charles Cacciutti,** and for the consolation of his family.

PASTOR'S NOTES

AUGUSTINIAN AWARENESS WEEK

As we gather in prayer this week, our primary focus is on the value and necessity of vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. With that in mind, I thought I would share my own vocation story. As many of you know, I grew up in Upper Darby, attending St. Laurence Elementary School. In those years, one's parish was the center of all activity. This helped keep the possibility of priesthood front and center. I then found my way to Msgr. Bonner High School. These would be the years when my vocation became more of a reality than just some passing thoughts. I found myself serving Mass at the Augustinian Monastery almost every day, getting to know many of the friars. It was due to these relationships and my attraction to their lifestyle that I saw myself following in their footsteps. After earnest prayer and reflection, age-appropriate for a high school teenager, I found myself filling out the application to enter the Augustinians. It was recommended that it would be best for me to enter the minor seminary on Staten Island, NY, so that I could take classes in Latin and Greek, preparing me for the novitiate. Once I professed my vows, I went to Villanova University to study philosophy and receive my bachelor's degree. During these years of initial formation, I could see that I was confirming my love for community life and the fraternal support that accompanied that decision. Following my years at Villanova, I went to the Washington Theological Union for theology and preparation for ordination.

My years as an Augustinian priest truly formed me into the person I am today. I must admit that the young man that entered the Augustinians at the age of 17 became something very different through the grace of my vocation. I loved the challenge of ministry, especially preaching the Gospel while creating relationships with those to whom I was called to minister. These were life-changing years filled with new opportunities. I remain grateful to God for my vocation and for creating within me the mental, spiritual and emotional space, allowing me to answer his call. I also remain eternally grateful to the many Augustinians who helped form me into the person and priest that I have become over the years. Some of them were working in the parish during those years.

As we celebrate Augustinian Vocation Awareness Week, I invite you to join me daily in prayer for our men in formation and those men and women who are presently discerning a vocation to the priesthood and religious life. Even though it is God who does the calling, we are invited to support that call and encourage those who may appear to us as a person of faith.

If others had not prayed for me and encouraged me to consider a vocation to the Augustinians, I do not know what direction my life would have taken. Our prayer and support could help open their minds and hearts to what God may be asking of them.

Father Joe

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for November 7, 2021

The readings today speak of the end of the world and the coming of the kingdom. The Bishops' Pastoral on stewardship says clearly that "that 'life to come' is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now." May our good stewardship help us to be numbered among the chosen on the last day!

Sunday Offertory Envelopes	$6,395.00
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Total Offertory Collection	**$10,129.00**
Offertory this week last year	$9,746.00

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

THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE

Once again, our parish is reaching out to those in our parish who may find themselves in need of assistance this holiday season. We are able to help by providing Thanksgiving meals for those who may not have the means. We are also able to provide some assistance in meals and gifts at Christmas. If you find yourself in need of any of this kind of help, please contact Karen at 610-525-0147(call), 610-864-8538 (text), or kcarey@omgcparish.net (email), or Fr Joe or Fr John at the parish office. Please know that all names and information is kept confidential. *The gift givers do not ever know the giftees.*

PARISH MINISTRIES

Training for New & Current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

(For Liturgy and/or Communion Visits to the Sick & Homebound)

All who are interested in serving as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, whether in Mass or in visits to nursing homes and homebound are encouraged to attend a training session this **Monday, November 15 at 7pm** in the church. This is required in order to be mandated for this ministry at OMGC according to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. It will give you everything you need to serve effectively and meaningfully in liturgy or a communion visit.

In addition, current ministers need to be renewed every three years. This is a perfect opportunity to update your formation and be refreshed as you prepare for the new liturgical year.

Please RSVP by contacting Roger Pisani at
(610) 525-0247 x234 or
email rpisani@omgcparish.net.

AUGUSTINIAN LAITY GROUP

ONE MEETING IN NOVEMBER

The Augustinian Laity Group will take place on ONE Tuesday in November due to All Soul's Day. The next meeting will be **November 16, from 7-8 PM** on Zoom and in person. The group is run by Fr. John Deary. The meeting ID is 818 142 6651. Please call the office at 610-525-0147 to register.

PROJECT ELF

Our parish is once again running our PROJECT ELF Program to offer assistance to our own parishioners who may need some food and gift assistance at Thanksgiving and Christmas. If you find yourself blessed to be able to give either food or financial or gift giving assistance during this upcoming holiday season, please contact Karen at 610-525-0147(call), 610-864-8538 (text), or kcarey@omgcparish.net (email).

RCIA -Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you know someone 16 years or older interested in becoming a Roman Catholic or completing their Christian Initiation into the Catholic Church, please contact Roger Pisani, Pastoral Associate, at **rpisani@omgcparish.net** or call him at (610) 525-0147 x.234. ***Our lessons can be virtual when necessary.***

TENT EVENT PHOTOS!

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OMGC PART-TIME HELP NEEDED

We are looking for help in the evenings and weekends opening and closing the gym. Duties include light cleaning and sanitizing, opening the gym for the coaches and locking up at the end of the night. Background checks will be required, and the schedule is flexible. Call Joe Carey at 610-525-0147 ext. 262, or email jcarey@omgcparish.net.

SENIOR COMMUNITY GATHERING

Join us for our next Gathering on Friday, November 19 from noon to 2 pm! Mark your calendars and watch the bulletin for details!

PARISH THANKSGIVING DINNER

Help with set up!

SATURDAY, November 20th at 4pm

We need 3 or 4 people to help with set up for the annual Thanksgiving Dinner. We will meet on **Saturday at 4pm** in the Social Center. Please contact Joe Carey at 610-525-0147 ext. 262, or email jcarey@omgcparish.net if you can help out.

PARISH THANKSGIVING DINNER

Help with clean up!

SUNDAY, November 21st

We need 3 or 4 people to help with clean up and tear down of the Thanksgiving Dinner. We will start immediately after the dinner. Please contact Joe Carey at 610-525-0147 ext. 262, or email jcarey@omgcparish.net if you can help out.

PREP Calendar for November

- **Nov 14, 2021** - (lesson 5) 8:50 PREP Class for Sunday students
- **Nov 21, 2021** - (lesson 6) 8:50 PREP Class for Sunday students
- **Nov 28, 2021** - NO CLASS

Youth Group Gatherings

Our Youth Group is happy to be starting up again after a long year and a half! Youth Group is open to any student in grades 6-12. Please check the following dates, times, and events! Join us when you can! Just please let us know when you are coming so we have enough food!

◊ **Thursday, November 18**, 6 pm to 7 pm - Thanksgiving Service Project and Prayer. Please bring canned goods for a Thanksgiving Meal. Snacks will be provided for students.

◊ **Wednesday, December 1**, 6 pm to 7 pm - Final Preparations for Breakfast with Santa!

◊ **Sunday, December 5**, 7:30 am to 11 am - BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

◊ **Wednesday, December 15**, 6 pm-7 pm - New Year's Resolutions…. Crafting Activity.

YOUTH HELP NEEDED!!!

Our parish will be hosting our Annual Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 5 from 8 am until 11 AM. We need many students grades 6th through 12 to assist us and Santa! We need help with crafts, serving food, printing pictures with Santa. Students are asked to dress as elves. Please come to a planning meeting on Thursday evening, November 18 from 6 pm to 7 pm. Dinner will be included in the meeting! Please contact Karen at 610 -525-0147 to respond yes, you will be coming!

NOVEMBER
TWO WEEKS AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY **NOVEMBER 14** • 8:50 AM PREP • 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, AND 11:15AM MASS ***ST. CHARLES APPEAL***	**SUNDAY** **NOVEMBER 21** • 8:50 AM PREP • 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, AND 11:15AM MASS • 4PM Thanksgiving Dinner ***HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION***
MONDAY **NOVEMBER 15**	**MONDAY** **NOVEMBER 22** • FINANCE COM-MITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY **NOVEMBER 16** • 7 PM LAY AUGUSTINIANS	**TUESDAY** **NOVEMBER 23**
WEDNESDAY **NOVEMBER 17** • CHOIR PRACTICE	**WEDNESDAY** **NOVEMBER 24**
THURSDAY **NOVEMBER 18**	**THURSDAY** **NOVEMBER 25** **HAPPY THANKSGIVING** **9:00 AM MASS**
FRIDAY **NOVEMBER 19** • 12 NOON SENIOR GATHERING • 4 PM WEDDING	**FRIDAY** **NOVEMBER 26**
SATURDAY **NOVEMBER 20** • 11:30-12 PM CONFESSIONS • 4 PM **SET UP** THANKSGIVING DINNER	**SATURDAY** **NOVEMBER 27** • 11:30-12 PM CONFESSIONS • BAPTISM

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13
(VIGIL)

5:00 ANN GALLO

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

7:30 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHIONERS
9:30 ACHILLE & MARY BARONE (BIRTHDAY MASS)
11:15 DAVE HILL

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

6:30 ELIZABETH A. MURRAY
8:00 DEMENICO & LUISETTA CONICELLA

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

6:30 WILLIAM GIANGIULIO
8:00 SR. HELEN McNEILL, MSHR (2ND ANNIVERSAY MASS)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

6:30 NAM BAEK
8:00 JOHN & KATHLEEN O'DOHERTY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

6:30 JACK CASEY HANNON
8:00 IDA DeNICOLO

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

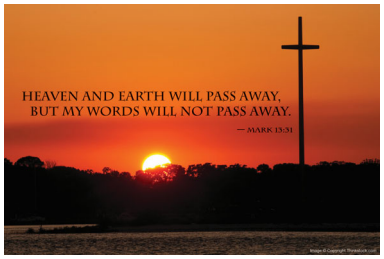
6:30 MEMORY OF MARY RITA O'NEILL
8:00 MARIANNE C. McDEVITT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

8:00 SHIRLEY JABLONSKI (ANNIVERSARY MASS)
5:00 LIDIA ROCCO

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

7:30 CAMILLO & MARY VOLPI
9:30 THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE HOLY ROSARY SISTERS
11:15 OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHIONERS



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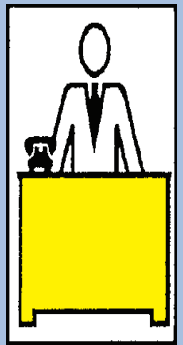

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