



Jesus Christ is Resurrected

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

The Rectory is open for business
Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m.
to 4:30 p.m.

Weeknights, Saturdays and Sun-
days are by previously arranged
appointment only.

Please call in advance for
Registration appointments or
Letters of Eligibility.

OUR LADY OF CHARITY

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

BROOKHAVEN, PENNSYLVANIA

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Mass Schedule:

Weekend: Saturday Vigil 5:15 pm — Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass: Monday through Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (on the actual day)

Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day: 9:00 a.m.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Mass

Confession:

Saturdays: 7:30 to 8 a.m.; 4:15 to 5 p.m.; and other times by appointment.

Baptism:

The Sacrament of Baptism is usually celebrated on the First and Third Sundays of each month at Noon. Please call the Rectory and speak to the parish priest to register. First-time parents and godparents are expected to attend a pre-baptismal formation session, which is offered on the second Sunday of the month in the Church after the 10:30 a.m. Mass as needed. To register for session, please call parish secretary before first Friday of each month.

Marriage:

Couples planning to be married should contact the Rectory at least 6 months in advance of the intended wedding date. Attendance at a Marriage Preparation program is required in accord with Archdiocesan Policy.

Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Communion:

The parish priests are happy to assist anyone who wishes to receive the anointing of the sick, or to receive Holy Communion. Special Ministers of Holy Communion also assist in taking Holy Communion to those parishioners who are unable to get to Mass. For more information, kindly call the Rectory.

Catholic School Policy

School-aged children of OLC attend may attend either **Holy Family Regional Catholic School** in Aston or **Notre Dame de Lourdes Catholic School** in Swarthmore. Our Parish does subsidize Catholic education for all parishioners of OLC who are active and contributing members of the Parish. **Please note:** Since our Parish School closed abruptly in June 2011, our school families began attending several Catholic elementary schools in the area. In fairness to those children currently attending the other schools, however, we will consider them "grandfathered" and continue to subsidize their education in accordance with the policy about attendance and parish support.

Children who attend Public School are requested to register in our **PREP** Program beginning in first grade to seventh grade. PREP meets on Tuesday evenings from September to May from 6:30

Our New Parish Mission Statement

We, the members of Our Lady of Charity Catholic Church, are devoted to building the Kingdom of God in our neighborhoods. Relying on the example of Mary, the first and best disciple, and our parish Patroness, we strive to encourage and promote discipleship by making her Son Jesus present to all through Word, Sacrament, love and service.

April 5, 2015, The Resurrection of Our Lord The Solemnity of all Solemnities

Our Lord in death has gone lower than the worst of our sins. Not only did He pay the debt of sin, but He paid it super-abundantly, suffering out of love for each one of us. Three days later, He rose victorious by His own power from the bonds of sin and death. This great day has indeed brought us back to immortal life – the life of God dwelling in our souls by His Grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the eternal life in the world to come. The Resurrection of Jesus that we celebrate today is a pledge to us of our future bodily resurrection, when at Christ's second coming, we will be reunited to our earthly bodies. Now, we are led back to our home above through our Lord's Resurrection.

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES

SATURDAY,	<u>APRIL 4, 2015</u>
8:00 P.M.	Pro Populo
SUNDAY,	<u>APRIL 5, 2015</u>
8:00 a.m.	Members of Our Lady of Charity Memorial Society
10:30 a.m.	Lawrence Katzmire 19th Anniversary
MONDAY,	<u>APRIL 6, 2015</u>
9:00 a.m.	Holy Souls In Purgatory
TUESDAY,	<u>APRIL 7, 2015</u>
8:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of Mattero, Giampalmi and Mesko Families
WEDNESDAY,	<u>APRIL 8, 2015</u>
8:00 a.m.	Bridget and Patrick Mahon
THURSDAY,	<u>APRIL 9, 2015</u>
8:00 a.m.	Ron Kazio
FRIDAY,	<u>APRIL 10, 2015</u>
8:00 a.m.	Catherine Van Zant
SATURDAY,	<u>APRIL 11, 2015</u>
8:00 a.m.	Robert Silverstein

SATURDAY,	<u>APRIL 11, 2015</u>
5:15 p.m.	Armando DiCarlo 10th Anniversary
SUNDAY,	<u>APRIL 12, 2015</u>
8:00 a.m.	Constantino and Jennie Ferriola
10:30 a.m.	John and Jennie Earo

Our beautiful Easter Candle and Altar Candles
were donated this year:

In memory of the
deceased members of the

Platt and Carney Families

Thank You for your generosity!

Due to the early submission of this bulletin to the printers, the collections for March 29 will be published in next week's bulletin.

Also, we will publish the names of the Easter memorials for the Flowers as an insert in next week's bulletin.

Parish Office will be closed for the Easter Holiday on Monday, April 6. We will reopen on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

Greetings from Father Izzo

A Blessed and Happy Easter to Everyone

Today is called the Solemnities of all Solemnities: The Great Day of Resurrection of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. On behalf of Father Williams, I hope that you have a blessed and Happy Easter. We are very happy to see you at Church today.

It is almost one year since the canonization of Saint Pope John Paul II. This unique Saint is known and remembered for many things throughout his pontificate. He was my childhood Pope, and the Pope at the beginning of my Priesthood. He was that charismatic Pope who in his early-years, seemed larger than life itself. His most favored expression, "Be not Afraid" comes to mind on this Easter Sunday. Pope John Paul championed this scriptural message into the ordinary things of our lives.

Yet, if we are honest, we must admit that we are still sometimes fearful. What could some of those fears be: troubles in friendships or relationships, losing our jobs, a fear of how the world is changing? Perhaps our fears stem from the countless many places around the world that are still suffering the effects of terrorism, war and religious persecution—in some ways, this isn't necessarily thousands of miles away on the shores and lands of "other places," it's happening here in our beloved country. We are also fearful of losing our health, our loved ones—to senseless violence or drug and alcohol addiction—and most of all, we are fearful of death.

At the heart of what we celebrate today, our greatest fears, are extinguished! *"Do Not Be Afraid!"* Our Lord, Jesus Christ fulfills His great act of love and self-giving, to die for us and our sins, so that we might share in the glories of Heaven with Him. He is Risen victoriously over death, and thus defeats death, and fear, by His very act of love. Perhaps I over-simplify, but that is precisely what Our Lord accomplished for us. *"Do Not Be Afraid!"*

Today, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, we are honored to have with us, His Excellency, Bishop John McIntyre, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia. Of course, the Bishop is always at home in any Church he would visit, and it's a little boastful of me to add: that we are very happy to have him visit us on this most beautiful Day of Our Lord's Resurrection. His presence is that of the Apostles, harkening to those very first of our Lord's closest friends and companions, in the unbreakable bond of love and unity. Please pray for Bishop McIntyre, and also for Father Williams and me, on this Easter Sunday. We surely promise our prayers for you and your families.

Some Updates to Share with You

First, a few weeks ago, I signed the contracts to begin the Sanctuary renovation. We received approval on January 6 for this project, but unforeseen to me, it took another two months to receive the final drafts of the contracts. So things are underway. The Church will not have to be vacated during this process, and as I receive a construction schedule, I will share it with you.

Secondly, in December, I petitioned the Archdiocese for another project number, which would allow me to enter into another lease (or possible sale) of the school building. I do this to let you know that I am addressing the concerns you have for empty and under-used buildings, and also because I obviously want to generate additional and steady revenues for the Parish. I am able to say at this time that we have received a few serious inquiries for the school building. Please know that we are still in the earliest stages of this venture and a great deal has to happen during this process, but I wanted to share with you *first* that there is definite interest.

Reflections by Fr. Leonard Peterson
Easter Sunday
April 5, 2015

Whether we're talking about a home or a high rise office, no building will stand for long without a foundation. So as the hole is dug and forms set up to configure the concrete, we can imagine the new structure as a solid one. After the concrete sets and hardens, it is fit to support the weight of all that follows, especially if it turns out to be a building that "scrapes" the sky.

In the light of today's glorious feast, there is no better way to gauge its importance than to say "Easter is foundational." All that we cherish in Christian faith, and all that we do to celebrate it, and live it out rests on what happened on that famous "first day of the week."

All of us have reason to rejoice. Sin and darkness have been shown the door, and stripped of the power to prevail, even if at times they may come back to taunt and haunt us in times of testing. But they have lost. The father of lies is left only with those children who refuse to believe, and today they have a tough time proving their case. Jesus has triumphed. We have no tomb for pilgrimage for His is empty.

Cushioned as we are by centuries of distance in time and place, and coddled by a culture that only believes what it sees, we can be lured into cynicism if we're not careful. That would force us into the ranks of those who have settled for lesser gods—a fate worse than death. This is an especially strong temptation for those who have experienced heavy crosses in their lives, like the loss of a loved one. Perhaps they hurt from other "solar plexus" punches life can throw at us.

The pace of modern life in the so-called "First World," aided and abetted by the gadgets of technology, is so different from the poverty and pain of life in the "Third World." Yet both milieus offer hindrances to the very hope that Easter offers. That's the challenge we believers face every day. It's an anti-Easter parade not meant to display a new wardrobe as a sign of new life, but rather to showcase forms of attack on a story that will not go away: "Jesus is risen!"

The pages of the New Testament record this greatest story ever told precisely because it was lived forward by the Son of God, yet written "backwards" from the perspective of the resurrection. Why else savor the cures and the sermons of the Savior if not because He was validated by the Creator-Father who raised Him from the dead? This same story has stood the test of time like no other. It has generated legions of saints, those well known and those known but to God. The story is the most solid foundation for faith and the highest reason to hope.

The fact is that resurrection cannot be attributed to the founders of any other religions. That is simply the fact of the matter. We assert it without any malice of intent toward other faiths or founders thereof. We Christians believe it with a proper pride. We declare it because it is our ongoing baptismal duty to do so. Meanwhile, we readily admit the failures that we are at times as Jesus' disciples.

But today we are truly an Easter people. No terrorist ideology with barbarous tactics; no secularist propaganda with its stranglehold on the media; no pressure to be "PC" at all costs can hold us back from our hearty smiles and songs

Catholic Charities Appeal 2015

We need your support through the Catholic Charities Appeal to continue to do the Lord's work. Your gift will help guarantee that our brothers and sisters in need will continue to know, and see the loving face of Christ in those who serve them. It also provides a shining example of your belief in the Church's commitment to the poor, needy, and vulnerable. *For more information please visit our website at www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org, or email us at cca@catholicfoundationphila.org or call us at 215-587-5650*

**Please send your contribution directly to the Archdiocese in the envelope
they provided you in the original mailing**

**ATTIC TREASURES
NEXT WEEKEND
April 10th, 11th and 12th**

Our Lady of Charity Parish will hold its 1st Attic Treasure Extravaganza on

**Friday, April 10th from 6—8 pm
Saturday, April 11th from 8:30 am—1 pm
and after the 5:15 pm Mass
Sunday, April 12th from 9 am to 12 noon
in the church hall.**

We have received many “treasures” for our sale. This will be a fun event. Bring your family and friends to see the different assortment of items that we have for you to purchase. All proceeds benefit ur parish.

If you still have items that you wish to donate,
please call Joan at the Rectory (610-872-6192) to make arrangements.

Hope to see you there!!!

O.L.Coffee & Donuts

Next Sunday, April 12

following the 8:00 &

10:30 a.m. Masses.

*Stop down to view our Attic
Treasures and chat with friends*

**ARE YOU CALLED TO BE A DEACON?
Minister-of-the-Word—Minister-at-the-Altar-
Minister of Charity**

While all of the baptized are called to share in the mission of Jesus Christ according to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, those who are ordained also offer services in a way proper to the Sacrament of Holy Orders. A permanent deacon, who may bse married, is a member of the clergy and shares in the hierarchy of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, the deacon is configured to Christ the Servant. It is Christ the Servant who acts through the ministry of the deacon. Learn More...**2015 Permanent Diaconate Information Night, Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 7 PM, St. Charles Borromew Seminary. Registration Required. To register or for more info email lnimmons@archphila.org**

SAVE THE DATE

7th Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus (Our Lady of Rosary Council 3876)

on

Sunday, April 19

from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

OLC Memorial Society

We acknowledge those who have recently given to our Memorial Fund.

Thank you to those of you who have given and to those families who have requested donations to the Parish recently.

We are grateful for:

Mildred DiMatteo, \$1,150

Margaret Stichter, \$415.00

John Margetich, \$50.00

Olga Wrzesniewski, \$25.00

Delfino DiNunno, \$20.00

Sherry Amig, \$10.00

Steve Cosgrove, \$10.00

Robert Edelman, \$10.00

Frank Gervin, \$10.00

Anne Iacona, \$10.00

Dorothy Kemmerer, \$10.00

James B. McCracken, \$10.00

Louise Mingis, \$10.00

James O'Neill, \$10.00

Edward Samara, \$10.00

Stella Wojtko, \$10.00



World Meeting of Families

Is coming to Philadelphia in September, 2015 and you can help!

Are YOU going to the World Meeting of Families?

Help us plan for this exciting event by taking our quick online survey about how you are getting to the World Meeting of Families!

Please visit worldmeeting2015.org on our Transportation page to take the survey.

Parish Calendar of Events

Tuesday, April 7

Legion of Mary, 5 pm, Rec. Conf. Room
St. Vincent dePaul Society, 7 pm, R. Conf. Rm.
PREP, 6:30 pm, School

Wednesday, April 8

Fresh Hope A.A., 5:30 pm, Rec. Mtg. Room
Scripture Class, 7 pm, Rec. Conf. Room

Sunday, April 12

Youth Group Meeting, 3-4 pm, Rec. Mtg. Room

Liturgical Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

Saturday, April 11, 5:15 p.m.

Altar Servers: Ed Blair
Lector: Breanne McGovern
Special Ministers: Marie Miele
Janice Sawicki, Margaret Flanagan



Sunday, April 12, 8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: D. German
Lector: Joan Boyle
Special Ministers: Ben Linowski,
Antoinette Bonacquisti, Dolores Lavelle



Sunday, April 12, 10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: A. & A. Mielechowsky
Lector: Irene Lyons
Special Ministers: Dominic DiFiore,
Corinne O'Grady, Dolores O'Malley



Prayers for the Sick

Peter Adamonis, Carol Ash, Adele Blonski, Janet Bischof, Mary Ann Breen, Betty Burns, Richard Burns, Shawn Burns, Theresa Carlin, Patricia Cawley, Adriana Chalson, Mary Elizabeth Clark, Jean Curran, Josephine D'Amico, Robert DelPrato, Dolores DePrince, Maria DiPaola, Louis Finsterbusch, Ruth Ford, Alice Gordon, Betty Hart, Mary Layer, Elaine Loflin, John Overbeck, Sandy Partin, Ted Stahl, Susan Stairkoff, Mary Sutsko, Maryanne Talley, Joseph & Seraphine Traub, Adelaide Vernon, Mae Wassel, Shirley West, Michael Yerger

Easter Flowers

We are grateful for your generosity because it really does allow us to make our Church beautiful for these Awe-Inspiring days. Please look for all the Easter Memorials in next week's bulletin.