



*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 12, 2015  
The Octave of Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday  
April is the Month of the Sorrowful Mother

**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b><u>APRIL 11, 2015</u></b>
5:15 P.M.	Armando DiCarlo 10th Anniversary
<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b><u>APRIL 12, 2015</u></b>
8:00 a.m.	Constantino and Jennie Ferriola
10:30 a.m.	John and Jennie Earo
<b>MONDAY,</b>	<b><u>APRIL 13, 2015</u></b>
9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
<b>TUESDAY,</b>	<b><u>APRIL 14, 2015</u></b>
8:00 a.m.	Holy Souls In Purgatory
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b>	<b><u>APRIL 15, 2015</u></b>
8:00 a.m.	Elaine Lockbaum
<b>THURSDAY,</b>	<b><u>APRIL 16 , 2015</u></b>
8:00 a.m.	Joseph Pirri
<b>FRIDAY,</b>	<b><u>APRIL 17, 2015</u></b>
8:00 a.m.	Joseph MGinn 5th Anniversary
<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b><u>APRIL 18, 2015</u></b>
8:00 a.m.	Joyce Breen and Sally Byckowski

**NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES**

<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b><u>APRIL 18, 2015</u></b>
5:15 p.m.	Millicent McNelly
<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b><u>APRIL 19, 2015</u></b>
8:00 a.m.	William Platt 3rd Anniversary
10:30 a.m.	Edward Small

**COLLECTION TOTALS AS DESCRIBED**

Sunday, March 29:	\$9,544.00
Number of Envelopes returned:	385
Number Attending Masses:	693
For Sunday, April 5:	\$8,045.00
Number of Envelopes returned:	250
Easter Sunday, April 5:	\$21,963.00
Number of Envelopes returned:	379
Number Attending Masses:	850
Easter Flower Collection:	\$3,472.00
Number of Envelopes returned:	207
Holy Land Collection:	\$1,122.00
Number of Envelopes returned:	67
Rice Bowl Talley:	\$1,886.00
Number of Envelopes returned:	132

*Thank you for your generosity!*

O.L.Coffee & Donuts

TODAY , following the 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Masses.

Stop down to view our Attic Treasures and chat with friends

## ***Greetings from Father Izzo***

### **Thanks Everyone for a Beautiful Easter Celebration**

Thank you so very much to everyone who helped to make our Easter Celebrations so beautiful. Our sacristans, decorating crew, choir, cantors, lectors, altar servers, maintenance department, who took extra care to make everything just so...Easterly! Many thanks for the phone calls and emails, and other comments about how beautiful everything was....we appreciate your saying so; but know too, that you're the reason we work so hard in the first place.

I am especially grateful to the Choir, for learning two new pieces for the Holy Thursday and Good Friday celebrations. On Good Friday, during the veneration of the Cross, there is a chant called the "The Reproaches" which the choir learned only a few weeks before Good Friday. As I always say about our choir, they are small, with big voices.

The Bishop was very happy to be with us for Easter and he remarked how nice everything was for the 10:30 Mass. All in all, it was a beautiful day, one in which Our Lord truly made.

### **Welcome to the Park Family and Ms. Nunez**

Next Sunday, OLC will welcome five new members to our Parish Community. John and Tara Park, and their Children, Skylar and Randy, and Ms. Rebeca Nunez will be received into the Catholic Church and receive Confirmation and join us for the First time for Holy Communion at the 10:30 Mass next Sunday. It's a joy for the Church to receive new members. All of these people are baptized and wish to become Catholic Christians. They have received instructions from Mrs. Wilson as well as our PREP Staff and Fr. Williams and myself.

All of us should rejoice at their reception of the Sacraments! Please help me to welcome them next Sunday at 10:30 Mass.

### **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**  
**Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy**  
**April 12, 2015**

Are you “well-grounded?” I certainly hope so, because that means that you have good reasons for what you think, say, or do. Or you are thoroughly instructed in the basic principles of a given subject. That leads others to say of you things like “His opposition to this or that scheme is well-grounded.” Or, “She is well-grounded in mathematics.” And so on.

As part of this annual reading of the well-known “Doubting Thomas” story, we hear that wonderful line from Jesus addressed not just to him but to us: “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” I don’t know about you, but that reassurance always makes me feel so good because, a lot of time I have doubts. I have “not seen.”

Spiritual writers have concluded that Jesus’ blessing implies that all those Christians who have believed without seeing have a faith which is in no way different from that of the first disciples. How so? Because in both cases that faith is well-grounded in the presence of the World through the Holy Spirit.

When I admit to sometimes being among those “who have not seen” being blessed, it may be that I just want to distance myself from doubting Thomas. Honesty bids me to admit that to an extent I have seen. Tell me you haven’t seen Him in a summer sunset over the ocean when the great orange red ball seems to be sinking slowly into the water? Or seen Him in the smiling face of a baby, complete with a tiny voiced giggle? Or seen Him in the prayerful posture of Pope Francis? Or in the power of a roaring waterfall? Or the gentle progress of a brook babbling over rocks? The pattern in a fallen leaf or that of a snowflake etched momentarily on your window pane?

The late Henry Nouwen, arguably the most prolific spiritual writer in recent years, had this beautiful thought about the subject and indeed of our whole duty after Baptism: “My deepest vocation is to be a witness to the glimpses of God that I have been allowed to catch.”

We ourselves, or our family, of our parish, even our worldwide Church may fall short of the ideal presented to us in today’s selection from Acts. But we try. Most of us strive each day to see glimpses of God everywhere. We know we are not alone.

There is a poignant scene in the classic movie “The Agony and the Ecstasy” about the personal conflict between Pope Julius II and Michelangelo over the painting of the Sistine chapel ceiling, now regarded as a masterpiece of the Renaissance. After the blessing of the completed ceiling, the old pope (Rex Harrison) asks the artist what the painting has taught him. Michelangelo (Charlton Heston) answers, “That I am not alone.” To which the pope adds “To me it is that the world is not alone.” Whether or not they are words dreamed up by a scriptwriter, they express powerful twin truths. Jesus is risen and still with us. We are not alone and never will be. And our “Alleluias” ringing out and singing out are all well-grounded!

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION**

Since October, five Christians have been working diligently to acquire knowledge of our religion. They are the Park family: Randy, Tara, Randy III and Skylar along with Rebeca Nunez. These weeks leading to Easter have been a period of more intense spiritual preparation, consisting more in interior reflection than in catechetical instruction, intended to purify the minds and hearts of the elect as they search their own consciences and do penance. This period is meant as well to enlighten the minds and hearts of the elect with a deeper knowledge of Christ the Savior.

In the past, Candidates such as ours have received their sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Because all five people have been baptized at an earlier stage of life, none were present at the vigil which is now reserved for only true *Catechumens* seeking Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. This year Tara, Randy, Randy, Skylar and Rebeca will be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church on **Sunday, April 19, 2015 at 10:30 Mass**. Already having the dignity of the baptized, all will be receiving First Communion and Confirmation. They experienced the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation on March 24<sup>th</sup> in preparation for worthy reception of the other sacraments.

As the Parks and Ms. Nunez begin their journeys as Catholics, let us all remember them especially in our prayer. Our parish is indeed blessed to have them among our parishioners.

## ATTIC TREASURES THIS WEEKEND

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

**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.



**Catholic Charities Appeal  
2015  
“Giving Hope”  
“We are Called to bring hope  
by the love we bring  
to others”**

Archdiocesan Goal: \$10 Million, like last year.  
Campaign Style: Direct Mailing Campaign by  
Archdiocese

2015 OLC Parish Goal Amount: \$40,428  
To date for OLC: 158 gifts have been received,  
totaling **\$20,777 or 51%** of our total goal.

*Please make your contribution today. If every Registered OLC Family would give \$24.35, we could easily reach our Goal. I have made my pledge and ask you to help our Parish. Sincerely, Father Izzo*



**World Meeting of Families**  
Is coming to Philadelphia in Sep-  
tember, 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](http://worldmeeting2015.org) on our  
Transportation page to take the survey.

## 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.  
in the Church Hall**

Homemade Sauce *by The Knights*  
Homemade Meatballs *by Father Izzo,*  
*back by popular demand*

Rolls, Salad, Dessert, and Beverages

**Prices** *(same for the past five years)*

Adults:	\$8.00
Children 12 and under:	\$4.00
Family of four or more:	\$20.00

Tickets will be sold at the door.  
No Pre-Sale of tickets  
BYOB

Any questions  
call Kevin McCaney at 610-299-9695  
or email [@kmccaney4443@verizon.net](mailto:@kmccaney4443@verizon.net)

### **Easter Flowers**

We are grateful for your generosity because it really did allow us to make our Church beautiful.

Please look in next week's bulletin for the insert that lists all the Memorials that we received for our Easter flowers.

### **Our Monthly Food Collection**

For April will be next weekend,

**April 18th & 19th**

Anyone wishing to donate non-perishable food items can place them at the entrances of the Church next weekend.

Donated food items will be given to the Bernadine Center in Chester. We received a "Thank You" from the Bernardine Center for our recent donation of 220 pounds of food.

Thank you for your continued donations.

## **LENTEN GIVING CROSS THANK YOU!!**

We received 75 Giant Cards for a total of \$2,120, 11 Target cards for a total of \$265 and 13 WalMart cards for a total of \$265.00.

Because of your generosity, we were able to help 13 Parish families have an enjoyable Easter. All of the Target and Walmart cards were given to our Parish families and we were able to give \$1,225 in Giant cards. The remaining Giant cards (\$895) will be given to our St. Vincent de Paul Society to use in their ministry. The families were so appreciative to you for your kind donations. OLC is truly a wonderful giving parish. Thanks again.

## **Parish Calendar of Events**

**Sunday, April 12**

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

**Tuesday, April 14**

Legion of Mary, 5 pm, Rec. Conf. Room

PREP, 6:30 pm, School

Catholics Reaching Out, 6:30 pm, Rec. Mtg. Rm.

**Wednesday, April 15**

Fresh Hope A.A., 5:30 pm, Rec. Mtg. Room

### **Liturgical Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend**

**Saturday, April 18, 5:15 p.m.**

Altar Servers: Please see schedule

Lector: Michael Costigan

Special Ministers: Lynn McMonagle

Janice Sawicki, Peggy Pilone



**Sunday, April 19, 8:00 a.m.**

Altar Servers: Please see schedule

Lector: Cynthia Vicente

Special Ministers: Elizabeth Hermansen,

Antoinette Bonacquisti, Dolores Lavelle



**Sunday, April 19, 10:30 a.m.**

Altar Servers: Please see schedule

Lector: Cindy Gallo

Special Ministers: Bob Losak,

Corinne O'Grady, John Moletteri



### **Charitians**

**Wednesday, April 15**

**12 Noon**

Brookhaven Municipal Center

Hoagie Day

Day of Recollection

**Friday, May 1st**

Malvern Retreat House

This is sponsored by our Charitians. For information, call Jerry Gardner at 610.876.0585