



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 26, 2015
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April is the Month of the Sorrowful Mother

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2015
5:15 P.M. Domenic and Conchetta Cicconi

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2015
8:00 a.m. Living Members of St. Vincent de Paul Society
10:30 a.m. Anna Dudek

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2015
8:00 a.m. Pro Populo

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2015
8:00 a.m. Rita Culbert—**LIVING**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2015
8:00 a.m. David DiBardino

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2015
8:00 a.m. Francis Bingnear 21st Anniversary

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2015
8:00 a.m. Kathleen McNamara

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2015
8:00 a.m. John Higgins 7th Anniversary

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2015
5:15 p.m. Ann Giampalmi

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2015
8:00 a.m. Members of Our Lady of Charity Memorial Society
10:30 a.m. Earl Autenreith 10th Anniversary

COLLECTION TOTALS AS DESCRIBED

For Sunday, April 19: \$8,193.00
Number of Envelopes returned: 314
Number Attending Masses: 613

Easter Collection Talley: \$24,086.00
Number of Envelopes returned: 421

Easter Flower Collection Talley: \$3,908.00
Number of Envelopes returned: 219

Thank you for your generosity!

O.L. Coffee & Donuts

Next Sunday, May 3

following the 8:00 a.m. Mass and

the 10:30 a.m. Mass

(after the May Procession)

Great time to chat with friends

Greetings from Father Izzo

Our New Lighthouse Catholic Media Kiosk



On Easter Sunday at the 10:30 Mass, we unveiled a new Religious Media Kiosk that we purchased from Lighthouse Catholic Media. This Kiosk contains enlightening and inspirational booklets, CD's about the Faith, as well as Bibles and Rosaries.

Please check it out.

Since we have so many entrances, I bought a kiosk with wheels so that instead of trying to keep up with purchasing and stocking three different kiosks, we would have one that travels. So, each weekend, the kiosk will be placed at one of the three main entrances of our Church. Unfortunately, it cannot be set-up at the side entrances because there is not enough room, especially on the side where the ramp is located. So, a gentle reminder, if you don't see the kiosk in the Church itself, it's in the back vestibule. Of course, this will only be once a month.

The kiosk has two sides, so that's why it is slightly-angled, so please check out both sides.

The items on the kiosk are free, if need be. Otherwise, there are suggested offerings for the items you would like and a small box for your contributions on the kiosk itself. The Parish does not make any money on this venture, all contributions received are remitted to the Lighthouse Catholic Media.

Kathy DeJohn has volunteered to be the coordinator of the various titles of CDs, books and pamphlets, so if there are some topics you would like, please see Kathy.

We hope that you will make use of this new effort to share and spread the Catholic Faith, both for yourselves and others.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IS SATURDAY, MAY 2

Next week, I will have the great pleasure and privilege to give first Holy Communion to thirty of our Parish Children. I am grateful for the example and preparation they receive from their parents and guardians; and from Mrs. Wilson, our DRE, their teachers and catechists. I especially wish to thank Mrs. Wilson and our catechists:

Ms. Kathy DeJohn, Mrs. Joan Doyle, Mrs. Antoinette Bonacquisti and Mrs. Peggy Pione who are meeting with the children this week and practicing for the big day.

News from the Dominican Sisters: They've been reassigned.

The Dominican Sisters, who have been here at OLC since November, 2008, will be leaving OLC in the Fall.

In 2012, the Philadelphia Province for the Dominican Sisters of Elkins Park (or as they were more recently known, Dominican Sister of St. Catherine de Ricci) merged with the Ohio Province and as a result, their Motherhouse that was formerly in Elkins Park, PA is now located in Columbus, Ohio.

There are three Sisters living in our Convent at present, who are retired from active ministry. Sr. Mary Ellen will be going to Oxford, Michigan and Sisters Mary and Madeline will be going to the Motherhouse in Columbus, Ohio.

The Sisters express their thanks for the wonderful welcome they received here and for the many friendships that have resulted. "We consider our life here at OLC as part of the hundred-fold promised by our loving and generous God. "

Reflections by Fr. Leonard Peterson

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2015

In the decade and a half of my tenure as pastor of a parish some twenty-five miles north of Philadelphia, I was able to observe a semi-rural area in the late nineties steadily become suburban as the next decade unfolded. Long-standing farm-houses were demolished to make way for a bank or a boutique. Empty fields became shopping venues with expansive parking lots. Saddest of all was the construction of a giant pharmaceutical plant, and the consequent transformation of two nearby country lanes into busy streets. All in the name, I suppose, of "progress!"

Yet not far from the parish campus, along an ever busier road, stood a small farm that at this writing is still holding its ground through all this change. And on that farmland was a small herd of sheep. Sometimes I would pause in my own quick passages to pull over to the side and just watch these innocent creatures of biblical fame as they neared the farm fence. They would contentedly graze unfazed by the intrusions into their world. If I were in a meditative mood, I would think of today's gospel passage and Our Lord's well-known self description

It strikes me that for all our sharp-edged metal and plastic high-tech environment, I don't believe it takes that much effort to imagine Jesus walking along with these docile creatures in the land He made holy. Perhaps we've seen the paintings of Him like this in a book or on a holy card. Or a statue that captures the image of Him with a lamb across His manly shoulders.

Biblical scholars tell us to take the term "good" in this case to mean much more than "good at", but rather as "noble." That makes a lot of sense especially when you acknowledge that the sheep are stand-ins for you and me.

Just think, where would we be, on any given day, without the caring love of Christ? What, or better, who could we trust with the direction of our lives? Who or what would we hope in? And for what would we be hoping?

John's letter, our Second Reading this weekend, gives the answer in easy to understand terms. As for directing one's life, that speech of St. Peter in the reading from Acts tells us who the Director is and ought to be.

On this Fourth of the Seven Sundays celebrating Easter, our deep down joy as disciples of the Good Shepherd stays fresh longer than any Easter lily. In faith, how else could it be? After all, "JOY" is best spelled "J" for "Jesus", "Y" for "you", and "O" for "nothing in between!"

Office of the Archbishop

April 26, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We need your support to continue to strengthen the Church at home and help mission dioceses right here in the United States. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal supports dioceses in the United States and its territories that lack the resources to provide basic pastoral ministry to their populations. Through annual grants, Catholic Home Missions funds catechesis, seminarian education, lay ministry training, Hispanic ministry, and other pastoral programs for dioceses in need. As a result of parishioners' generosity, Catholic Home Missions impacts the lives of nearly nine million Catholics. The dioceses funded by the appeal comprise nearly 45 percent of all US dioceses.

For example, in the Diocese of Crookston, Minnesota, there are approximately 35,000 Catholics living within the borders of the diocese and several thousand of these Catholics have become estranged from the practice of their faith. In order to reach out to these people, the diocese must overcome the challenge of distance, as well as a shortage of priests. The small Catholic population spans 14 counties, with only 36 active and 12 retired priests. This shortage leaves one county in the diocese with only a single Catholic church and one priest.

With a grant from Catholic Home Missions, the diocese is training seven seminarians for the priesthood. These young men will return to their diocese in order to administer the sacraments within the parishes and to evangelize those who have fallen away and are waiting to be called back into the fold.

Mission dioceses often struggle with high rates of poverty and a lack of educated pastoral and lay leadership. With your support, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal can continue to provide catechesis, lay leadership training, funding for seminarian education, and other essential pastoral outreach in home mission dioceses. Please be generous in the Catholic Home Missions Appeal and help strengthen the Church at home. Your support will truly make a difference.

*Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,
Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M.Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia*



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: 1716 gifts have been received,
totaling **\$22,220 or 55%** 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

Parish May Procession

**Sunday, May 3
At the 10:30 a.m. Mass**

30 children from our parish will be making their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 2. We invite all our First Holy Communion Children and our teens who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in December to attend the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday. We will crown two images of our Blessed Mother: Our statue inside during Mass and at the Recessional, we will form a procession and gather outside for the crowning Our Lady of Charity on the front lawn. Afterwards, there will be refreshments in the Hall.

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, “Pia” Maria Mattera, John Overbeck, Sandy Partin, Ted Stahl, Susan Stairkoff, Mary Sutsko, Maryanne Talley, Joseph & Seraphine Traub, Adelaide Vernon, Mae Wassel,

Thank You From The Knights of Columbus

To all of the parishioners, family and friends who came out last Sunday to our annual Spaghetti Dinner, the Knights of Columbus wish to thank you. We believe everyone had a great time and great food. Your support helps us help Our Lady of Charity to continue to do its important work here in our parish. We would like to thank all who helped us with the day, especially the Social Committee who helped with the set up. We look forward to next year and an even bigger turnout.

We also want to let you know of our Fall Beef and Beer and Knights’ Mass coming in October. Keep an eye on the bulletin.

Our New Extraordinary Ministers And Lectors

Welcome to Gail Costigan, June Stolnis, Eileen Wilson and Judy Wright who were recently installed as Extraordinary Ministers.

Welcome also to our newest Lectors: Michael Costigan, Denise Dilorio, Diane Glatts and Doreen McGettigan.

We thank you for serving in these important ministries at Our Lady of Charity Parish.

Pastoral Council Meeting

Pastoral Council will meet Monday, April 27, at **7:30 PM** in the Rectory Conference Room.

Please Pray for our Beloved Dead
Kindly keep in your prayers:

Andrew Daluisio

Veronica Platt

Rita Socash

for the happy repose of their souls and for the consolation of their families and friends.

Day of Reflection

Friday, May 1

Malvern Retreat House

All parishioners are welcome to attend,
call Jerry Gardner for Info at 610-876-0585.

(Sponsored by OLC Charitians)

Charitians' Trip to Penns Peak
Jim Thorpe, PA

Tuesday, June 2 for the show
"Tribute to Sinatra"

Featuring Hal MacIntyre Orchestra. Show, Luncheon and Transportation is \$85.00. Leave OLC at 9:45 AM and return approximately at 5:30 PM.

For details and reservations, call Joe at 610-874-0803.

All are welcome!

Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

Saturday, May 2, 2015

5:15 p.m. Mass

At the

Cathedral Ss. Peter and Paul
(17th and BF Parkway)

With

Archbishop Charles Chaput, O.F.M., Cap.

For all married couples in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia who are newlyweds, who have been married 25 years or more, or who have been married 50 years or more. For more info contact 215.587.0500.

No prior registration is required!

Other News

Mothers of Children with Disabilities Retreat:

Monday, May 4 at Malvern Retreat House. Bishop Timothy Senior will direct a retreat for mothers who are raising children with disabilities. For more info, please contact Malvern Retreat House at 610-644-0400, malvernretreat.com or St. Kathleen Schipani at 215-587-3330.

Seminary Golf Classic: 2nd Annual St. Charles Borromeo Classic will be held on Tuesday, May 19 at Applebrook Golf Club in Malvern. For info on how to participate, sponsor or donate, visit www.stcharlesclassic.org

Parish Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 26

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

Monday, April 27

Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:30 pm, RCR

Tuesday, April 28

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

PREP, 6:30 pm, School

Wednesday, April 29

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

Scripture Class, 7 pm, Rec. Conf. Room

Wednesday, May 6

Charitians' Memorial Mass, 8 am, followed by Social in Church Hall

Liturgical Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

Saturday, May 2, 5:15 p.m.

Altar Servers: M. Costigan

Lector: Velma Clark

Special Ministers: Lynn McMonagle,
Janice Sawicki, Fred O'Malley



Sunday, May 3, 8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: D. German

Lector: Len Jankauskas

Special Ministers: Dolores O'Malley,
Vivian Linowski, Dolores Lavelle



Sunday, May 3, 10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: B. Stekowicz

Lector: Denise DiIorio

Special Ministers: Bob Losak,
Dominic DiFiore, Elizabeth Hermansen



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.