



*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.*

May 3, 2015  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

*The Month of May is Dedicated to the Blessed Mother  
Helping us to Honor our Blessed Mother Today are*

**Parish May Queen: Miss Skylar Lynch  
Children from our First Holy Communion Class**

**We congratulate you and are honored by your presence.**

**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

**NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES**

<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b><u>MAY 2, 2015</u></b>
5:15 P.M.	Ann Giampalmi
<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b><u>MAY 3, 2015</u></b>
8:00 a.m.	Members of Our Lady of Charity Memorial Society
10:30 a.m.	Earl Autenreith
<b>MONDAY,</b>	<b><u>MAY 4, 2015</u></b>
8:00 a.m.	Jean Bratton
<b>TUESDAY,</b>	<b><u>MAY 5, 2015</u></b>
8:00 a.m.	James Miele
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b>	<b><u>MAY 6, 2015</u></b>
8:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of OLC Charitians
<b>THURSDAY,</b>	<b><u>MAY 7, 2015</u></b>
8:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
<b>FRIDAY,</b>	<b><u>MAY 8, 2015</u></b>
8:00 a.m.	Holy Souls In Purgatory
<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b><u>MAY 9, 2015</u></b>
8:00 a.m.	Esther D'Aquanno and Rita Silverstein

<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b><u>MAY 9, 2015</u></b>
5:15 p.m.	William Boggs 2nd Anniversary
<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b><u>MAY 10, 2015</u></b>
8:00 a.m.	Ernest and Mary Bonacquisti
10:30 a.m.	Mary and William Murray

**COLLECTION TOTALS AS DESCRIBED**

For Sunday, April 26: \$7,102.00  
Number of Envelopes returned: 300  
Number Attending Masses: 517

Easter Collection Talley: \$24,356.00  
Number of Envelopes returned: 427

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**O.L.Coffee & Donuts**

Today 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***

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND OUR PARISH MAY PROCESSION**

Yesterday our Parish Children received their First Holy Communion. One of the joys of being a Pastor is to give them Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. I am grateful that so many of them have also come today to join in our May Procession. Always in May, we honor our Blessed Mother. It is truly a “Catholic thing” to pay honor to the Blessed Mother and our hearts are filled with joy as we do so.

“Since Mary is our Mother, it might be well to see how great her love for us really is. The love of parents for their children is a natural and instinctive impulse. St. Thomas says that this is why God makes it one of His commandments for children to love their parents, but gives no express command for parents to love their children. Nature itself has fixed this instinct in all creatures so strongly that, as St. Ambrose remarks, ‘a mother will expose herself to danger for her children—and even the most savage beasts cannot help loving their young.’ It is said that tigers, when their cubs are captured and they hear their cries, will plunge into the sea and swim out to the boat where they are. If the very tigers, says our loving Mother, cannot forget their young, will I forget to love you, my children? And even if it were possible for a mother to forget to love her child, I can never neglect to love a soul that has become my child. As the Scriptures records, ‘Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you. (Is 49:15).’”

*(From The Glories of Mary. Catholic Book Company.)*

Thus, Mary is our Mother—not by the flesh, but by love. She is our Mother by love alone.

### **PARISH MAY QUEEN 2015: MISS SKYLAR LYNCH**

I am happy to announce that Miss Skylar Lynch is this year’s Parish May Queen. Skylar is a faithful Parishioner and an 8th grade student who attends Notre Dame de Lourdes School. Today, Skylar assists us by carrying the crown of flowers that will be used for our Blessed Mother Statues (one inside and the other, outside). She will also recite—on behalf of the Parish—a prayer of consecration of Our Parish and Parishioners to the Blessed Mother. During the processions, she is accompanied by some children of our First Holy Communion class. I am grateful for Skylar’s help today.

### **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**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 3, 2015**

Most popular sports involve either an individual player or a whole team getting a ball of some kind into a container of some kind. The “container” could well be a wide receiver’s hand in the end zone for football. Or a basket for basketball; a net for soccer, rugby and hockey; a cup for golf. It all seems silly to describe a sport this way, so disproportionate to the number of players involved; the number of fans and the number of dollars attached to the professional players’ salaries.

But of course we are talking here about fun; also about healthy physical activity; human interaction and character formation all wrapped up as one. Sports are enjoyable for the element of competition and for providing a game and a goal. Perhaps that is why we so easily slip into metaphor, sometimes calling human life “a game.” High achievers in the business world, or in academia, or even in the Church are likely to be described as having “played the game” to get where they are.

We relearn from today’s Scriptures that living the Christian life is hardly a “game”, although it does have a goal. That is why Jesus does not describe His followers as “players” and Himself as “coach.”

On the other hand, we do say of a good player that he or she “has their heart in the game.” Our hearts are what Jesus is after. That’s what “remaining on the vine” entails. If we don’t have our hearts in this serious enterprise of being a full time Christian, then it’s fair to say that we are just “playing the game.” Giving God an hour a week and acting pagan the rest of the time fits that sad description of a part time Christian. That is precisely when the Second Reading today, taken from John’s letter, offers a clear prescription for both improvement and a joy-filled life. “Children, let us love not in word and speech, but in deed and in truth.” Indeed!

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Archdiocese of Philadelphia  
Office of the Archbishop

May 3, 2015

Dear Friends,

As we prepare for the 2015 Catholic Charities Appeal In-Pew Weekend on May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, I ask you to once again reflect on the importance of sharing your blessings with the least fortunate among us.

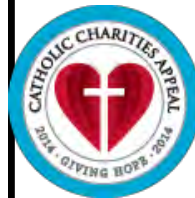
“If we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us” (1 John 4:12). What better way to live our Faith than showing love to those most in need? The In-Pew Weekend gives us the opportunity to come together as parish communities to support the Archdiocese of Philadelphia’s single most important fundraising initiative, the Catholic Charities Appeal. To learn more, please visit [www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org).

On May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, I ask you to prayerfully consider a gift to the 2015 Catholic Charities Appeal. If you have already shown your support, but are inspired to make an additional contribution during In-Pew Weekend, please accept my heartfelt appreciation. Together we can make sure there is a place at the table for those who have nowhere else to go.

For all you have done for the Catholic Charities Appeal in the past, I offer my deepest gratitude. You clearly saw the challenges that so many of our brothers and sisters faced every day, and you chose to extend yourselves to better their lives. I encourage you to support the Catholic Charities Appeal, motivated by love, to *Give Hope* to those who need it most.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.  
Archbishop of Philadelphia

**Catholic Charities Appeal 2015**



2015 OLC Parish Goal Amount:  
\$40,428

To date for OLC: 176 gifts have  
been received,  
totaling **\$22,220 or 55%** of our  
total goal.

## Congratulations to 30 of our Parish children who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 3.

Joseph Barnhart	Annamarie Bellace	Colin DiProgetto
Natalia Donofrio	Nicholas Donofrio	Kamryn Essaf
Luca Generosi	Liam Geraghty	James Gray
Carly Hess	Emma Kane	Julian Kistler
Morgan Kraus	Alyssa Kugelman	Madison Kugelman
Adyson McClellan	Gavin McLaughlin	Skylar Park
Jackson Petka	Samantha Rowley	Emily Sgro
Ava Shanahan	Jordyn Skarren	Brian Thomas
Emily Thompson	Emma Thornton	Matteo Ventresca
Lillian Walsh	Ashley Wassel	Jenna Yaworski

### Aid For Friends

We are grateful for your support. Without your generosity we would be unable to continue our support of Aid For Friends' mission to reach out to the lonely, frail and elderly homebound that they serve. AFF currently serves 2,200 client friends with free daily dinners, outreach services and friendly weekly visits.

OLC will hold its next group cook on **Saturday, May 16th** in the Church Hall at noon. If you are interested in participating, please call the Rectory and leave your name and phone number.

### 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 Mattered, John Overbeck, Sandy Partin, Ted Stahl, Susan Stairkoff, Mary Sutsko, Maryanne Talley, Joseph & Seraphine Traub, Adelaide Vernon, Mae Wassel,

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

**Andrew Daluisio**

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

### Charitians

A Memorial Mass for all our members who died since last May will be held this

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH AT 8:00 A.M. MASS**

In your kindness, please remember those of our membership, who died this past year:

**Mary Fabris**

**John Mellon**

**Dorothy Kammerer**

**Margaret Stichter**

**Irene Miller**

**Rita Socash**

**Veronica Platt**

A continental breakfast will follow in the Church Hall. Also, we will be collecting the money for the picnic which will be held on Wednesday, May 20th at the Borough Hall. Cost is \$15 for members

**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!

## Calling All OLC Parish Graduates

If you are graduating this year from 8th Grade, High School or College, we would like to recognize you at a Baccalaureate Mass on

**Sunday, June 7th  
at 10:30 a.m. Mas**

If you would like, you can wear your gown from your school of graduation.

There will be refreshments in the Church Hall after Mass.

Graduation is a special occasion for you and we would like to honor you. Please join us.

If you would like to attend, please call Joan at the Rectory

(610-872-6192 or email: [olcharity@comcast.net](mailto:olcharity@comcast.net))

We would like to recognize the graduates that are attending. Please respond by

Tuesday, June 2

### National Day of Prayer

**Thursday, May 7 @ 11:30 am**

All are welcome to join this event at Rose Tree Park. Prayers will be said and songs will be sung for our country, our leaders, our schools, our teachers and our clergy.



## World Meeting of Families September 22—25, 2015

### 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.

### Volunteer

Your time and talent is valuable to the success of the WMOF. Here's an opportunity to be a part of it! Go to the volunteer page on <http://bit.ly/WMF2015Volunteer>. Questions regarding registration for volunteers can be sent to

[volunteersupport@worldmeeting2015.org](mailto:volunteersupport@worldmeeting2015.org)

### Host A Family

Please considering hosting a Family. Check the website for more information.

## Parish Calendar of Events

**Tuesday, May 5**

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

PREP, 6:30 pm, School

St. Vincent de Paul Society Mtg, 7 pm, RCR

**Wednesday, May 6**

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

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

Scripture Class, 7 pm, Rec. Conf. Room

**Sunday, May 13**

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

### Liturgical Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

**Saturday, May 9, 5:15 p.m.**

Altar Servers: A. & A. Mielechowsky

Lector: Breanne McGovern

Special Ministers: Lynn McMonagle,

Janice Sawicki, Fred O'Malley



**Sunday, May 10, 8:00 a.m.**

Altar Servers: Russell Lockbaum

Lector: Diane Glatts

Special Ministers: Kathy DeJohn,

Marie Miele, Jim Heslin



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

Altar Servers: G. Sullenberger

Lector: Irene Lyons

Special Ministers: John Moletteri,

Vivian Linowski, Elizabeth Hermansen

