



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

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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 10, 2015
Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Month of May is Dedicated to the Blessed Mother

Happy Mother's Day

We ask Almighty God to continue to bless our Mothers and Grandmothers: for those living, that they may continue to be models of faith to us, like our Blessed Mother; and for those who have died, that they will be assisted by our prayers, to be with Jesus and His Blessed Mother in Heaven.

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES

SATURDAY,	<u>MAY 9, 2015</u>
5:15 P.M.	William Boggs 2nd Anniversary
SUNDAY,	<u>MAY 10, 2015</u>
8:00 a.m.	Ernest and Mary Bonacquisti
10:30 a.m.	Mary and William Murray
MONDAY,	<u>MAY 11, 2015</u>
8:00 a.m.	Domenica Pirri
TUESDAY,	<u>MAY 12, 2015</u>
8:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
WEDNESDAY,	<u>MAY 13, 2015</u>
8:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Topolinicki Family
ASCENSION THURSDAY,	<u>MAY 14, 2015</u>
8:00 a.m.	Rita Bingnear and Helen Boyle
7:00 p.m.	Andrea Pino 23rd Anniversary
FRIDAY,	<u>MAY 15, 2015</u>
8:00 a.m.	Rev. Msgr. Andrew J. Hanlon
SATURDAY,	<u>MAY 16, 2015</u>
8:00 a.m.	Dionino Febbo

SATURDAY,	<u>MAY 16, 2015</u>
5:15 p.m.	Charles Lentine 10th Anniversary
SUNDAY,	<u>MAY 17, 2015</u>
8:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
10:30 a.m.	David Crowley

COLLECTION TOTALS AS DESCRIBED

For Sunday, April 26:	\$10,435.00
Number of Envelopes returned:	350
Number Attending Masses:	528

Easter Collection Talley:	\$24,506.00
Number of Envelopes returned:	433

Home Missions:	\$965.00
Number of Envelopes returned:	86

Thank you for your generosity!

On May 16th, Father Izzo will celebrate his 17th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood and on May 22nd, Father Williams will celebrate his 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. Please pray for our Priests and we are grateful for their service to us. And please pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life.!

Greetings from Father Izzo

No Better Way in May

Last Sunday, everything was perfect for our May Crowning. The Sun was bright and the wind slightly breezed a nice Spring air upon our Parishioners, Our First Holy Communion Children, their parents and our Parish May Queen, Skylar Lynch. We had our biggest gathering yet, and I am grateful for everyone who assisted with the event.

Our Blessed Mother takes center stage during this month of May, so we may always be reminded of her watchful care over us. We let our neighborhood know of our devotion by crowning the outdoor statues of Our Lady and the Christ Child, outside the Church. So every time you drive by, look over to them, see them so crowned, and think of them; because they are always thinking of you.

In Gratitude for Mrs. Eileen Wilson's Service as DRE

Last week, Mrs. Eileen Wilson tendered her resignation as Parish DRE and Adult Faith Coordinator, effective June 30. On behalf of the Parents of our PREP and the entire Parish, I express our sincerest gratitude to her for these past four years of exemplary service. Eileen has truly been a blessing to our Parish because of her love of the Catholic Faith and her witness as a disciple of Christ.

She brought and accomplished so much to our PREP program, especially at a time when much was needed. Her work with the RCIA candidates was characteristic of the early Church: to believe and help others to do likewise. Her teaching ability brought many closer to Jesus through our Adult Faith Formation Meetings.

Eileen told me four years ago, "if I ever have the opportunity to be Principal again, I will have to give it very serious consideration." I am happy for Eileen, who has accepted the Principal's position at St. Pio's Regional School in South Philadelphia.

Sacred Heart Boy: Mr. Ryan Costigan

It is with great pleasure that I announce to you this year's Sacred Heart Boy, Mr. Ryan Costigan. Ryan is a familiar face around the parish, serving Mass frequently and assisting with various social events. Ryan attends Northly Middle School. On June 7, Ryan will consecrate the Parish to the protection and assistance of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish.

Happy 50th Anniversary Father Richard Williams



On May 22, 1965, Fifty-one Priests were ordained for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and among those many good men was our very own, Father Williams. Father has served the Church faithfully in many apostolates during his fifty years: Chaplain, High School Teacher in four of our Catholic High Schools. In his early days, he was baseball team coach. After 26 years in teaching, he became an Associate Pastor, and then Pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle, Chester Heights, for 20 years. He retired four years ago, but wanted to stay "in the game." So I offered for him to come and live here. I think the past four years have been wonderful, both for us to have Father Williams and to enjoy his friendship and his service to us; but also for Father, who still stands firm at the plate, waiting to take that next pitch, and still loving the "game."

Ad Moltus Annos, Father Williams!

(Disclaimer: Despite my many attempts to host a small celebration for Father Williams on this occasion, he has declined my every try. So, if you wish, please offer your congratulations to Father after Mass as you see him in these next weeks.)

Reflections by Fr. Leonard Peterson
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2015

Without it we would die. That's how important friendship is as a key component of human life. Its value is also held highly by science, which describes you and me as "social creatures."

There is a rich trove of writing on the subject. I own a book entitled "Quips and Quotes", which so happens to be a gift from a special friend some years ago. In it I found a full five pages of quotables on the subject of friendship. On this Mothers' Day, I am reminded of so many husbands telling me that their wives are their best friend. Wedding invitations often include a statement that "today I marry my best friend."

I delight in my friends, as I'm sure you do, and I find it a unique joy when such persons rise in my judgment to the rank of "close friends." That description, we learn as life moves along, is one given only to a few, even though we may have many acquaintances.

Now comes a Scripture section on this sixth of the seven Sundays of Easter describing the supreme honor extended to us by God to be no less than His friends. Not just invited, but chosen for the privilege! Evidently, Jesus meant "close friends" because He said He will tell us "all that he has heard from His Father."

Just as we have conditions for friendship so does Jesus. Such friendship with Him will endure if we do what He commands us. That is a unique condition, for only God can command in the sense it is used here. His command is twofold: obedience and the bearing of long-lasting fruit. The first is obvious; the second less so.

Obedience may be the tougher of the two for us because we moderns resist more strongly than past generations the whole notion of turning our wills over to anyone, even God. My guess is that we have been so used to undeserving leaders that we've grown cynical about allegiance to anyone.

But bearing fruit, that is, extending the influence of our loving God in the world can be more challenging than obedience. If we have been blessed, as I was, with a good mother to celebrate on this day meant to honor all of them, then we have definitely experienced fruitful human love. That's what we are to emulate in our circumstances.

Jesus, the one who has chosen us for friendship, has proven His love beyond a doubt. The most fruitful love of all. Just check out the nearest crucifix. And for good mothers, He gave away His own holy Mary to us as our Mother on the Friday when He made a cross a crucifix.

Allow me to close these thoughts with one of the many quotations I found on friendship. It can apply to your close friends, to your natural mother, to Mary our heavenly Mother, and even to God. Here it is: "Nobody's conscience ever kept him awake for having exaggerated the good qualities of his friends."

Annual MANNA Food Drive

Our Monthly Food Collection

in conjunction with the "Manna Bags" Collection of Archdiocese will be

NEXT SUNDAY: May 16 and 17

Hopefully by this weekend, the Manna Bags will have arrived and we ask that you take a bag today and return it next weekend with non-perishable food items and place them at the entrances of the Church. **Donated food items will be given to the Bernardine Center in Chester.** Last month our parish donated 222 pounds of food. If the Manna Bags are not available, any bag that you bring is appreciated.

Thank you for your continued donations. Every month the Sisters are very grateful for your assistance.

Come And Pray The Rosary With Us

Starting today through May 31st after the 10:30 AM Mass (on Sundays) in the Church, we invite you to come pray the Rosary with us for the following intentions:

- Evangelization of Our Lady of Charity Parish
- Families locally and throughout the world
- Any other special intentions

Our Lady promised many spiritual benefits to those who pray the Rosary, so come pray with us for 20 minutes. For more info, contact Corinne O'Grady at: crogrady@verizon.net or 610.745.7090 (cell)

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 Mattera, Sandy Partin, Ted Stahl, Susan Stairkoff, Mary Sutsko, Maryanne Talley, Joseph & Seraphine Traub, Adelaide Vernon, Mae Wassel, Shirley West.

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

John Overbeck

for the happy repose of his soul and for the consolation of his family and friends.

ASCENSION THURSDAY

is this week

and we remind you that it is a holy day of obligation.

Masses on Thursday will be

8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.



Catholic Charities Appeal 2015

Next weekend we will celebrate In-Pew Weekend for the 2015 Catholic Charities Appeal. We ask that you consider how you can help those most in need in the Greater Philadelphia Area. The Catholic Charities Appeal's overall goal of \$10 million is vital to the efforts of the human service programs in the five country Philadelphia area. Contributing to our parish's individual goal allows you to be an active part of the success of this year's Appeal. We thank all those who have given and we ask those who have not yet given to reflect on those individuals who are the most hungry, ill, and vulnerable among us, and prayerfully consider how you can help *Give Hope* by supporting the 2015 Catholic Charities Appeal.

Our parish goal is \$40,428 and as of April 17, 2015, \$22,220 or 55% of our goal has been received. (These figures will be updated this week.)

Parish Scrapbook Coming!!

Our next edition of the Parish Scrapbook will be featured in next week's bulletin.

Be sure to check it out!

**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 Rectorry
(610-872-6192 or email: olcharity@comcast.net)
We would like to recognize the graduates that are attending. Please respond by

Tuesday, June 2

Parish Calendar of Events

Tuesday, May 12

Legion of Mary, 5 pm, Rec. Conf. Room
PREP, 6:30 pm, School

Wednesday, May 13

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

Wednesday, May 20

Charitians' Picnic, 12 noon, Boro Hall

Liturgical Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

Saturday, May 16, 5:15 p.m.

Altar Servers: B. Stekowicz
Lector: Michael Costigan
Special Ministers: Lynn McMonagle,
Margaret Flanagan, Fred O'Malley



Sunday, May 17, 8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: D. German
Lector: Cynthia Vicente
Special Ministers: Kathy DeJohn,
Vivian Linowski, Jim Heslin



Sunday, May 17, 10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: A. & A. Mielechowsky
Lector: Connie Johnson
Special Ministers: Dolores O'Malley,
Bob Losak, Corinne O'Grady



Love is Our Mission: The Family fully alive



World Meeting of Families – Philadelphia 2015 | September 22-27, 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 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

Host A Family

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