



Charity's Lady, Crowned on May 3

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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 17, 2015
Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Month of May is Dedicated to the Blessed Mother

Mary Helps the Church: After the Ascension of her Son, the Virgin Mary aided the beginnings of the Church with her prayers. Even after her Assumption into heaven, she continues to intercede for her children, to be a model of faith and charity for all.

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015
5:15 P.M. Charles Lentine
10th Anniversary

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2015
8:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:30 a.m. David Crowley

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015
8:00 a.m. Eugene DiCarlo

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015
8:00 a.m. Anna Dudek

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015
8:00 a.m. Elaine Lockbaum

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2015
8:00 a.m. Dianna Whitney

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2015
8:00 a.m. Special Intention

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2015
8:00 a.m. William W. Fagan

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2015
5:15 p.m. Helen and Harry Rucker

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2015
8:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:30 a.m. Catherine Thompson,
Frances, Conte and Rose
Bock

COLLECTION TOTALS AS DESCRIBED

For Sunday, May 10:	\$7,715.00
Number of Envelopes returned:	310
Number Attending Masses:	580
Home Missions:	\$1,025.00
Number of Envelopes returned:	93

Thank you for your generosity!

Charitians' Annual Picnic

**Wednesday, May 20
12 noon**

Brookhaven Municipal Building

Any questions, please call
Tom Boyle @ 610-874-9186

Happy Anniversary of Holy Orders:

17 Year for Father Izzo

50 Years for Father Williams

Greetings from Father Izzo

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.**

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

Two weeks ago, 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. 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.

We have posted for the new CRE/DRE position with the Archdiocese, and we are getting responses. So please stay tuned for more information.



Happy 50th Anniversary Sister Margaret John Stichter, I.H.M

From Our Lady of Charity Parish.

Joanne Stichter, the only child of John and Margaret, who lived at 17 Upland Road, discovered God's Will for her as a Sister Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary because of the faithful witness and example of the same Order of Sisters who served here at Our Lady of Charity.

Upon her graduation from Notre Dame High School, Sister entered the convent on September 8, 1962, the Nativity of Our Lady, to begin her formation to become an I.H.M. Sister. Three years later, she made her First Profession of Religious Vows, before Reverend Laurence Kelly, Pastor of St. Agnes, West Chester. Five years later, she made her Final Profession of Religious Vows before Bishop Gerald V. McDevitt, Auxiliary of Philadelphia and Mother General Mother Maria Pachis. Sister taught in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and in the diocese of Harrisburg for over 38 years as a primary teacher of children. During the last 12 years, Sister was given permission to come home and care for her mother. During those years, Sister assisted here at OLC with CCD, tutoring and other little office works. In March 2015, her mother, Margaret, then our oldest Parishioner, was called Home with God at the age of 102.

The Sister Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary have a two-fold purpose in being a Sister: the first is Holiness, to be joyful in their witness to Our Lord, Jesus Christ and His Church. The second is Mission, to accept each assignment they are given as a command of Our Lord to be sent, or missioned, to a particular place and work. Sister Margaret John has received a new assignment, as of August 15, 2015, she will be sent to St. Monica Parish, South Philadelphia to work in their Day-Care School that is operated by the Sisters.

Until then, if you wish to offer your congratulations to Sister for her Jubilee, you can send a note or card to her Parent's address, 17 Upland Road, Brookhaven, PA 19015.

Congratulations Sister! Many More Happy Years!

Reflections by Fr. Leonard Peterson
Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2015

“The Magnetic Christian” is the intriguing title of a little book by Gus Lloyd, a popular Catholic evangelist and radio host. His show is broadcast weekday mornings on the Catholic channel of Sirius XM. When I got my new car last September, it came with a trial subscription to satellite radio. I fully intended to cancel when the grace period ended, but the Catholic channel is the one reason I kept it. I listen to it on my trips down and back to the parish every time I’m on the schedule.

I’m not in the business of selling either the book or the channel, but I bought the book because I believe deeply in the truth that personal contact is the best way to attract people to our faith and the Church, and that only a so described “magnetic” Christian can do the trick.

In his little book, Gus describes eleven characteristics that qualify a person as “magnetic.” Here I will concentrate on the first quality he lists, which he calls “positivity.” I believe negativity is one of the chief tools used by that “evil one” Jesus prays about today, trusting the Father to keep the devil away from His Apostles, especially as they go about their missionary work.

Here is an excerpt from the book. “Unfortunately, there are some who feel that the question (“How are you?”) is an open invitation to spill about all of the ills that have befallen them in their lives. These poor souls just ooze negativity. While they certainly need our prayers, they’re probably someone you’re going to avoid in the future. If nothing else, you’ll come up with a different opening line when you see them, right? I mean, who wants to be bombarded with negativity? No one! And as Christians we have nothing to be negative about. Quite the contrary. We need to be people of rejoicing! So how can you reflect that in answering the world’s most common question? Think of how your answer to that may just help to brighten up someone’s day. Let’s ...say something that reflects more clearly God’s goodness in our lives.”

We can do this with prayers like today’s Responsorial Psalm, its verses taken from Psalm 103:

*“Bless the Lord, O my soul;
and all my being bless His holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.
For the heavens are high above the earth,
so surpassing in His kindness toward those who fear Him
As far as the east is from the west,
so far has He put our transgressions from us.”*

There is an old expression: “If you’re happy, let your face know.” Too many Christians are in need of a spiritual “face lift”, and until they get one, Christ has to wait for them to be magnetic, and then get to work on the chief project of their lives and ours: to spread the Gospel.

Come And Pray The Rosary With Us

Every Sunday 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)

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.

If you would like to attend, please call Joan at the Rectory
(610-872-6192 or email: olcharity@comcast.net)

We would like to recognize the graduates that are attending. Please respond by
Tuesday, June 2

Charitians' Trip to Penn's 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!

Catholic Charities Appeal 2015



This 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.

2015 OLC Parish Goal Amount: \$40,428
To date for OLC: 193 gifts have been received,
totaling **\$23,441 or 58 %** of our total goal.

Reminder, last year we got close to making our goal, 98% with 264 gifts received. Please, if you haven't yet made your contribution, please do it today



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.

Parish Scrapbook 2015

Happenings from around the Parish since Christmas. Opening and Welcome to Don Guanella, Visiting Nuns, Easter at OLC. On following Pages, we continue, especially with the Reception of our Newest Catholics, the Park Family and Ms. Rebeca Nunez. Plus First Holy Communion and May Crowning of the Blessed Mother, Mary. During that Mass, We were grateful for the presence of our May Queen, Miss Skylar Lynch



The Little Sisters of the Poor at OLC



Father Dennis Weber, M.C., Lou and Ryan say the prayers of Blessing for the New Residence at OLC on March 15, 2015.



Welcome to the New Residents of Don Guanella to Our Lady of Charity. These men and their families attended Mass at OLC for the first time, along with checking out their new home.





Alex and David, two of Charity's faithful, following the Easter Vigil Mass. Not an easy Mass to serve; but these two make it look easy.



Bishop John McIntyre blesses our New Catholic Lighthouse Media Kiosk at 10:30 Easter Morning Mass



Jake, Margaret, and Father Izzo following the Easter Vigil Mass. Margaret's storming Heaven for Jake and me.



OLC's Catholics Reaching Out, First Holy Communion Edition, Attendees . Under the leadership to Gina Mesko and Eileen Wilson, these parents participated in a special Seminar to grow in the Faith. Our feedback suggests, we are making great progress.







**SATURDAY
MAY 23rd, 2015
9:00AM**

**BROOKHAVEN
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: PAT MEEHAN

United States Representative

*Rifle Salute, "Taps", Guest Speakers, Laying of the Wreaths
Light Refreshments following Tribute*

Parish Calendar of Events

Wednesday, May 20

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

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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING BUS TRANSPORTATION TO THE PAPAL MASS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2015

Regarding the Papal Mass: Bus Transportation will be available through the Parish. However, we have to order buses before end of June. In order to get an idea of how many parishioners might want to attend, we are asking for your help NOW!

Please call Joan at the rectory with your name and telephone number or email her:
olcharity@comcast.net

PLEASE RESPOND BEFORE JUNE 7!

The time for the Papal Mass will most likely be in the afternoon, although that is not firmly decided at this point.

Also, another big consideration, they are expecting 2 to 2.5 million people to come for this event. The buses will NOT be allowed to go directly to Center City. Buses will go from the Parishes to a Satellite bus parking location, and from there People will either take shuttles or metro to the Mass Site on the Parkway.

Liturgical Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

Saturday, May 23, 5:15 p.m.

Altar Servers: G. Sullenberger
Lector: Alice Kachelries
Special Ministers: Marie Miele
Janice Sawicki, Fred O'Malley



Sunday, May 24, 8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: S.Lynch
Lector: Joan Boyle
Special Ministers: Dolores Lavelle
Ben Linowski, Jim Heslin



Sunday, May 24, 10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: A. & A. Mielechowsky
Lector: Doreen McGettigan
Special Ministers: Dominic DiFiore,
Bob Losak, Corinne O'Grady

