

The Sacred Heart, Guide Me

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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 Sundays 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.

<u>Marriage</u>:

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 may attend either **Notre Dame de Lourdes Catholic School** in Swarthmore or **Holy Family Regional Catholic School** in Aston . Our Parish does subsidize Catholic education for parishioners of OLC who are active and contributing members of the Parish, in accord with Parish Policy. For more information, please contact Father Izzo.

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 to 7:45p.m. There is a minimal tuition requested to defray costs of the materials. No one is denied access to PREP because of an inability to pay.

Our 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.

June 21, 2015 Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time The Month of June is Dedicated to the Sacred Heart

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THIS WEEK		NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES	
SATURDAY,	JUNE 20, 2015	SATURDAY,	<u>JUNE 27, 2015</u>
5:15 p.m.	Philomena and Armando DiCarlo	5:15 p.m.	Robert Stanner 16th Anniversary
SUNDAY,	<u>JUNE 21, 2015</u>	Sunday,	<u>JUNE 21, 2015</u>
8:00 a.m.	Edward Small	8:00 a.m.	Walter & Frances Hook
8.00 a.m.	2nd Anniversary	10:30 a.m.	Deceased Members of
10:30 a.m.	Earl Autenreith		Crowley & Eisenhardt Families
Monday,	<u>JUNE 22, 2015</u>	COLLECTION TOTALS AS DESCRIBEDFor Sunday, June 14:\$7,486Number of Envelopes returned:270Number Attending Masses:577	
8:00 a.m.	Grace Meile 10th Anniversary		
TUESDAY,	<u>JUNE 23, 2015</u>		
8:00 a.m.	Joseph Pirri	Thank you for your generosity!	
WEDNEDAY,	<u>JUNE 24, 2015</u>		
8:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of McNulty & O'Malley Families	<i>Prayers For The Sick</i> Peter Adamonis, Adele Blonski, Mary Ann Breen, Betty Burns, Richard Burns, Shawn Burns, Theresa Carlin, Patricia Cawley, Jean Curran, Josephine D'Amico, Robert DelPrato, Dolores DePrince, Maria DiPaola, Louis Finsterbusch, Ruth Ford, Alice Gordon, Betty Hart, Mary Layer, Elaine Loflin, Maria "Pia" Mattera, Cameron McCarthy, Sandy Partin, Ted Stahl, Maryanne Talley, Joseph & Seraphine Traub, Ade- laide Vernon, Mae Wassel, Shirley West.	
Thursday,	<u>JUNE 25, 2015</u>		
8:00 a.m.	Margaret and Anthony Garafola		
Friday,	<u>JUNE 26, 2015</u>	Please Pray for our Beloved Dead Kindly keep in your prayers: Joan Frankenfield	
8:00 a.m.	Pro Populo		
SATURDAY,	<u>JUNE 27, 2015</u>	Catherine Halpin	
8:00 a.m.	Catherine & Vincent Pace		ose of their souls and for the their families and friends.

Greetings from Father Izzo

CONCERNING THE FUTURE USE OF OUR SCHOOL BUILDING

Last September, I indicated in this column that when the new business manager arrived, he would begin to assist me with the sale or lease of our school building. Throughout this past year, Jerry was a very good help to me in fielding calls and meeting with potential buyers or lessees. In November, we received permission to again, lease or sell our School, from the Archdiocese, at the conclusion of the Penn Delco Lease in January, 2015. From that time, we networked with some Archdiocesan and other business contacts to "put out there" that our building was available. I am against putting a sign on the property, because people will assume that it's not just the school that's for sale. Just like people tell me when they ask, "Where are you stationed?" I reply, "Our Lady of Charity, Brookhaven", and they say without pause, "Oh, I thought that closed a few years ago." Unfortunately, people still think the school is everything to a parish.

Here's a summary outline of the work done this year:

We have received many calls from people in the community who wanted to rent a classroom or two for various uses. Unfortunately, these types of arrangements cannot work here, with the size of our building, the heat and electric usage per day, would be more than what we'd receive for the rental fee.

We received a few calls, while Penn Delco was still here, from another charter school, but I couldn't entertain any arrangements then, because we already had a lease with Penn Delco. I was very happy to have Penn Delco here, and in case of their construction schedule not finishing on time, I wanted to be ready and available for them to stay, if they needed. So, in December, when it was certain that Penn Delco would be concluding their lease on time, I attempted a few times to contact this charter school, but was unsuccessful in having them return my call. Perhaps, they had found something else.

Jerry and I meet with a commercial real estate broker from Cushman and Wakefield, who wanted to begin an aggressive plan and review of our property, and then go out and find different solutions for our school and other parts of our property. At the time, I thought it was too much, too fast. They wanted engineering studies, Phase I Environment reports, site plans, etc....I decided to postpone getting committed into this type of arrangement. (But am not against it; although, I know that brokers do receive a substantial fee for their work, which is fine, but, I was trying to save a buck).

In March, Jerry and I received two "serious" requests to look at our school: The first was from a county agency looking possibly to move their offices here, and the other was from a charter-type school looking for a closer location to this area for a specialized-school for high school students. The status of these is still pending, but perhaps unlikely, because they have not responded officially in writing about entering into a lease arrangement. However, they were out on many occasions to visit our school. I would imagine the County agency, would not be able to receive funding to do the major renovations to the building they would need (air conditioning, elevator, classroom renovations.) These were the only two serious inquiries we had. We have received no serious inquiry *(before June 3 or after)* or offer for arrangements of a possible day care center coming to our property. The Archdiocese does have our school listed as available with their Properties Office.

A few weeks ago, I invited a developer to come and give a presentation about the *possibility* of making our school, and surrounding property into very nice apartments (with appearance being like townhouses, although the school building itself, would remain as is appearance wise). Even though, the presentation went well, the meeting ended up becoming very contentious: mostly because of mis-information and rumors about Section 8 housing that were passed around Facebook. I would speculate that of the 100 people (not all parishioners) who were there, about half were open to the plan and half were not—once the developer described the project. I mentioned last week, that Jerry resigned that night because of some personal attacks made against him that night during that meeting. Sad to say, but true. There were even some made against me. So, in light of all these things, I will be meeting this week with a few parish leaders to look for other opportunities for our School. The developer is still very interested in our property and is willing not to rescind his offer at this time, so that we can look for and compare other possibilities. For those of you who were not at the meeting, I have posted the sketches of his proposal on our website under Parish Info, BCM Plan

The premise that needs to be satisfied in this matter (as I see it) is simply that in a few years, we won't be able to afford a mostlyempty 18,000 square foot school building; it will become a burden and should any major repairs be required, they would diminish our assets. Rather, I see the building as an under-utilized asset, which should gain us some substantial revenues, without incurring costs.

I welcome your suggestions, and I will keep you informed, as well as work closely with the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils.

Reflections by Fr. Leonard Peterson Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time June 21, 2015

Name any book or movie about tales from the sea, and you're bound to meet up with a scary storm. Often enough, great tragedies follow. Those occurrences of migrants trying to escape from wars in Africa in overcrowded boats, capsizing and then drowning by the hundreds in the turbulent Mediterranean reminds us that the sea can be treacherous. The wind howls, and waves tower over the bow as they must have that day when Jesus took a nap in the stern of the Apostles' fishing boat.

You could say that a storm at sea represents mankind's vulnerability amid any seemingly overpowering chaos. That is why sailors may cry out to God. In today's famous gospel passage, you can almost hear them. "Master! Don't you care that we are doomed?" Asleep as He was, could Jesus even hear them? Does God hear our cries? He seems oblivious in this scene and at times in our own lives.

Yes, life brings "squalls" that come up, sometimes quite suddenly, tossing the little boats of our lives every which way. We gripe and ask "Are you sleeping, God? Are you so calm and secure in your heaven above as to forget me in this hellish situation?" But never fear. What, after all, do we pray, with the benefit of a history the apostles did not have that day when we say "The Lord hears the cry of the poor"? We're all poor to some extent.

Of course, He hears. And He answers us. Maybe not right away. Not as quickly as we prefer, but eventually. He responds sometimes through our ultimate realization that the "storms" came for our ultimate benefit. Perhaps it was an addiction that we triumphed over that lets us know we really did have the willpower we doubted. God told us that.

Or maybe we lived with a broken heart that eventually healed when we realized that our love was misplaced in the wrong person, place, or thing. God let us know that. Or maybe it was a false accusation that was hurled our way with vehement conviction, only to be retracted by our accuser(s). We drew on a strength we didn't know we had, and we were encouraged to go on when the mettle of our faith held secure. God was behind that.

Anyone who expects smooth sailing and tranquil seas every day of this life has never taken a long boat ride. Perhaps I should say that they have sadly confused this "vale of tears" with a dreamy Disneyland. The realists among us know better, and entrust their dreams to Jesus.

Today's Gospel reminds us that we can best be prepared for stormy weather by staying in the same boat as our Master, Christ Jesus. He remains the supreme realist. He it was who told us that "in the world you will have affliction. But take courage! I have overcome the world." He wasn't dreaming when He said that. How foolish, then, to leave Him in His boat and foolishly "jump ship."

Join the Prayer Walk for the 2015 World Meeting of Families and Papal Visit: On Wednesday, June 24th at 10am, Walking With Purpose, a Catholic faith study group, will lead a prayer walk around the World Meeting of Families and Papal events sites. Men, women, and children are welcome to join us as we pray and ask our heavenly Father to shower His blessings of love and protection on all those who attend. Bring your rosaries! Please meet outside the Convention Center (corner of Broad and Cherry Sts.) at 10am. For a shorter walk, meet them at the Cathedral on the way to the Art Museum steps. Any questions, please call Jillian Buhl, 215-287-7069.

The Freedom to Bear Witness

During the Fortnight for Freedom, on **Thursday, June 25**, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will welcome **Jayd Henricks and Fr. Joseph Cazenavette** of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for an important discussion of the ramifications of an adverse ruling by the Supreme Court in favor of the redefinition of marriage. They will address what it would mean for the Church, what the USCCB can do to effect public policy regarding marriage, and how we can participate in the effort to defend and protect the unique meaning of marriage: one man, one woman, for life.

JUNE 25, 2015, 7- 9PM, Archdiocesan Pastoral Center Auditorium, 222 N 17th Street, Philadelphia.



WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2015 PHILADELPHIA September 22-27, 2015

Join our Adult Congress Speakers at the Pennsylvania Convention Center for practical tips on how to improve your family and strengthen your relationship with God. Our internationally-known and engaging speakers will deliver dynamic presentations unique to this event. Speakers include: Fr. Robert Barron, Dr. Scott Hahn, Professor Helen Alvaré, and Dr. Greg and Mrs. Lisa Popcak. Interact with others about the joys and challenges in your life, while learning new strategies for a richer life!

Registration for the World Meeting of Families is now open! To register for the World Meeting, September 22-25, 2015, or to learn more visit-WorldMeeting2015.org and go to the "Register" page.

Thousands will visit for this international event from September 22-27, 2015. You can open your home and host a family or an individual. It's easy to sign up online Be a part of this historic event and learn more at WorldMeeting2015.org or email us at host@WorldMeeting2015.org

Youth Congress content is now available!

WMOF Congress attendees ages 6 through 17 can participate in an assortment of different activities, crafts & lessons offered for various age groups. Each of these activities has a "catechesis connection," as they all provide a connection or lesson involving some of the themes of the official WMOF Catechesis. All of the activities included in the Youth Congress, as well as the required forms and information can be found on our website.

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 <u>http:bit.ly/WMF2015Volunteer</u>. Questions regarding registration for volunteers can be sent to <u>volunteersupport@worldmeeting2015.org</u>

Catholic Charities Appeal 2015

If you have not yet given to this year's Appeal, please fill out a card and drop it in the collection or mail it to Catholic Charities.



Our parish goal is \$40,428 and so far 237 gifts have been received for a total of \$27,640 or 68% of our parish goal.



Office of the Archbishop

June 21, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Participation in the Peter's Pence Collection gives us an opportunity to be a witness of charity to our brothers and sisters around the world. Gifts to this annual collection help our Holy Father, Pope Francis, to support victims of war and natural disasters and others most in need of assistance.

The Peter's Pence Collection unites us in solidarity with the Holy Father and his works of charity toward those who are suffering around the world. Pope Francis reminds us that true power lies not in amassing possessions and resources for ourselves but in giving. "We must never forget that true power, at any level, is service, whose bright summit is upon the Cross...it means entering the logic of Jesus who kneels to wash the Apostles' feet," he said. Your contributions to the Peter's Pence Collection join with the power of Christ to give support to those in need.

Join Pope Francis and be a witness of charity throughout the world. This year the Peter's Pence Collection will be taken at all Masses on the weekend of June 27 and June 28, 2015.

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

Looking for some good, web-based Catholic Resource?

Check out: www.catholicstand.com

Check out: www.wordonfire.org

Our Lighthouse Catholic Media Kiosk Be sure to visit our kiosk which now has a new selection of CD's, booklets and books that are FREE for you to take.

Should you care to make a donation, you may certainly do so but no payment is required.

Please take some of the items and read them or listen to them and tell your friends!

St. Vincent Clothing Drive

OLC will be hosting a clothing drive to benefit the Society of St. Vincent de Paul on **Saturday, September 19th, from 9 am to 1 pm**. Look for the GreenDrop truck in the Church parking lot.

For a full list of acceptable items, visit www.gogreendrop.com

SUNDAY SCRIPTURES PRAYER GROUP AT OLC

> Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Rectory Conference Room

Join Patti Platt, who will lead a prayerful discussion of the Sunday Scriptures for each week.

Any questions, contact Gina Mesko at gagm2002@comcast.net or 610.872.0876

QUO VADIS DAYS

Retreat for young men graduating 8—12 grade. Choose from 2 sessions: Sunday, July 5 to Wednesday, July 8 or Thursday, July 9 to Sunday, July 12. Only \$20 per person. Dynamic talks, small group discussions, meaningful prayer experiences, and a dynamically fun environment including a ropes course, swimming pool and a lake, basketball, soccer, ultimate Frisbee and more. Registrations forms at www.heedthecall.org. Call the Vocation Office (610-667-5778) for more information.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Because of the July 4th Holiday, all info for the June 28th bulletin is due by Monday, June 22nd @ 1:00 p.m.

All info for the July 5th bulletin is due by Wednesday, June 24th @ 1:00 p.m.

Parish Calendar of Events Tuesday, June 23

Legion of Mary, 5 pm, Rec. Conf. Room Wednesday, June 24

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

Liturgical Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

Saturday, June 27, 5:15 p.m. Altar Servers: B. Stekowicz Lector: Alice Kachelries Special Ministers: Janice Sawicki, Lynn McMonagle, Fred O'Malley

Sunday, June 28, 8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: S. Lynch Lector: Joan Boyle Special Ministers: Dolores Lavelle, Elizabeth Hermensen, Antoinette Bonacquisti

Sunday, June 28, 10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: A. & A. Mielechowsky Lector: Doreen McGettigan Special Ministers: Bob Losak, Vivian Linowski, Dolores O'Malley



UPCOMING BEACH REUNIONS Annual "Burrs At The Beach"

presented by Alumni and Friends of West Philadelphia Catholic High School, will be held on Sunday, June 28 from 1 to 7 pm at Westy's Irish Pub, North Wildwood, NJ. For more details call Tom Dorrian (484-431-0781).

Cardinal O'Hara's All Class Reunion "LIONS IN THE SUN, will be held on Saturday, July 25th from 5 to 9 pm at LaCosta Lounge in Sea Isle City, NJ. Tickets are \$25 and all proceeds benefit COHS. Entertainment by Mystery Machine. To purchase tickets in advance, contact BJ Hogan '01 at 610-544-3800 x1894 or bhogan@cohs.com.

Bonner & Prendie All Class Reunion Will be held on Saturday, August 1st from 3 to 9 pm at LaCosta Lounge in Sea Isle City, NJ. \$25 per person. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door, For more details contact Scott Fremont at fremont@bonnerprendie.com

St. James "Dogs On The Dunes"

Will be held on Saturday, August 8th from 2 to 6 pm at Westy's Irish Pub, North Wildwood. Tickets \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. go to <u>www.stjbulldogs.org</u> for more information

All proceeds from these events go towards scholarships or help with tuition assistance.