



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.

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 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 28, 2015
 Thirteenth 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 27, 2015
 5:15 P.M. Robert Stanners
 16th Anniversary

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2015
 8:00 a.m. Walter and Frances Hook
 10:30 a.m. Deceased Members of
 Crowley & Eisenhardt
 Families

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2015
 5:15 p.m. Antonio DiNicola

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2015
 8:00 a.m. Members of
 Our Lady of Charity
 Memorial Society
 10:30 a.m. Frank and Eunice
 Kuczynski

MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2015
 8:00 a.m. Daniel McCray
 1st Anniversary

TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2015
 8:00 a.m. Anna Dudek

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2015
 8:00 a.m. Ann Quaciari

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2015
 8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of
 Figurelle & Kovacic
 Families

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2015
 8:00 a.m. Sister Carolyn Krebs, O.P.

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2015
 9:00 a.m. Pro Populo

COLLECTION TOTALS AS DESCRIBED

For Sunday, June 21: \$7,989
 Number of Envelopes returned: 281
 Number Attending Masses: 515

Thank you for your generosity!

Happy Fourth of July

This civic holiday is always one that we honor as a nation that makes us uniquely "American." We celebrate our independence as a nation; but lest we forget, it is a good time to remember our dependence upon God.

The Rectory Office will be closed this Friday, July 3rd.

The morning Mass on Saturday, July 4th will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m.

WHAT A WEEK IT WAS!

As you know by now, everyone in Brookhaven and the surrounding communities was without power during two or more days this past week. The Church did not get power restored until Thursday evening around 7 pm. The Bulletin had to be printed before we had any power to submit our regular bulletin. As a result, we just have one page for this week. (For those of you who are old enough to remember, this was how the Church bulletin first started—just a one sheet typed paper!)

Hopefully all of our parishioners have their power back now; for those of you who have incurred damage to your homes and property, please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We are all very thankful that we have not heard of anyone who was physically injured from the massive storm.

Have a nice week.

Reflections by Fr. Leonard Peterson Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

June 28, 2015

Remember “abracadabra”? For those who don’t, it’s not a person or a place, but, as the dictionary puts it: “a supposedly magic word used by conjurors in performing a trick.” So says the magician, as he whisks the drapery off the lady on the gurney where a few minutes earlier she had been sawed in two. With his “Abracadabra” the lady stands up whole and smiling.

I thought of this business as my research yielded the fact that some Scripture commentators opine that the words Our Lord said over the young girl in today’s gospel scene were a kind of magical formula. Of course, we know that Jesus never resorted to magic. He is, rather, the Divine Physician who can cure whatever ails us. Over the years, I have often wished I had His powers, even momentarily, as I stood helpless at the bedside of a severely sick person.

But upon reflection I realized those times were the very ones I needed to teach me how dependent we are on God, for all things big and small. The section of the Book of Wisdom that forms our First Reading today declares outright that “God formed man to be imperishable; the image of His own nature; but *by the envy of the devil, death entered the world.*” (my emphasis) Here, the word “death” refers to spiritual death, not physical, which can be the worse of the two. God has power over both.

We are naturally fascinated and impressed by Jesus’ physical cures, like those worked on the old woman and the young girl. In their own way, they are like a dream come true for us. How wonderful the world would be if we didn’t need hospitals! But since we do need them, wouldn’t it be wonderful if there were a guarantee that all hospital patients leave perfectly healed. The fact that they often don’t do so is all the result of the damage done to the world by sin. But physical sickness and death are not the worse kind of evil. The spiritual forms of them are.

In our days, Christ works His spiritual healing power through the sacraments He gave His Church, especially that of Reconciliation. There isn’t a sin you could name that cannot be forgiven, so long as the sorrow and the firm purpose of life amendment is present in the heart of the penitent.

The Scriptures today urge us to believe and celebrate what Jesus did for us both by His dying on the cross and His resurrection. The Alleluia verse from II Timothy 1:10 says it well: “Our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life to light through the Gospel.”