



*Our Lady of Charity, pray for us.*

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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

Parish and Mailing Address: 231 Upland Road, Brookhaven, PA 19015

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**New and Improved Parish Website: [www.olcbrookhaven.org](http://www.olcbrookhaven.org)**

Parish Email: [info@olcbrookhaven.org](mailto:info@olcbrookhaven.org)

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Dominican Sisters at OLC Convent: 245 Upland Road, Brookhaven, PA

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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 7:45 p.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.*

August 2, 2015, Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time  
*August is the Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary*

**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

**NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2015**  
 5:15 P.M. Donald Catone

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2015**  
 8:00 a.m. Members of Our Lady of  
 Charity Memorial Society  
 10:30 a.m. James Durkin

**MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2015**  
 8:00 a.m. Pro Populo

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2015**  
 8:00 a.m. John and Margaret  
 Stichter

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2015**  
 8:00 a.m. Dorothy and Edward  
 Kelly

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2015**  
 8:00 a.m. William and Kathryn  
 Knott  
 49th Wedding Anniversary

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2015**  
 8:00 a.m. George Brill

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2015**  
 8:00 a.m. Cucchi Family

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2015**  
 5:15 p.m. Kathryn Knott—Living

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2015**  
 8:00 a.m. Anthony and Joseph  
 Costa  
 10:30 a.m. Vito DiSimone  
 42nd Anniversary

**COLLECTION TOTALS AS DESCRIBED**

For Sunday, July 26: \$7,670  
 Number of Envelopes returned: 298  
 Number Attending Masses: 469  
 Human Development Talley: \$931

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**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 243 gifts  
 have been received for a total of \$29,060 or 72%  
 of our parish goal.

**Rectory Summer Hours  
 for FRIDAYS**

**The Office will close at  
 12:30 PM**

## *Greetings from Father Izzo*

### SUMMER READING FROM WWW.CATHOLICSTAND.COM

#### *Attending Mass is an Act of Humility, Part I (due to space constraints)*

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*"Attending Mass is an act of humility..."*

I woke up this morning with those words running through my mind. I don't know what I was dreaming, or even if I was dreaming. The thought was just there, scrolling like a marquee across my burgeoning consciousness as I rolled half-asleep from the bed and launched into my morning routine. It stayed in the forefront of my mind during the drive to work drowning out the drivel on NPR (National Public Radio). It followed me to lunch and stared unnervingly as I ate my warmed-over chili-mac. It is sitting on my shoulder right this moment assuring me that the only way to exorcise its presence is to explore the concept in writing in some depth. So here goes.

I'm pretty sure I know what stirred my unconscious on this one. Last Sunday leaving Mass, I asked my children, ages 12 and 18, why they never genuflect toward the tabernacle before they enter or when they leave the pew. Let me qualify the question by saying that I am something of a lecturing dad, and my motives in asking the question were not pure. I at least *think I know* full well why they don't genuflect, even though they have been copiously instructed on both the how and the why of the matter. My 12-year-old son is excruciatingly self-conscious and wants only to slink into and out of the last pew unnoticed. His concern is making any motion that might cause people to look at him. My daughter, at eighteen, is too prideful to kneel before anyone or anything, even God. That is not unusual for teenagers in our culture today, but it irks me. I'm quite certain her response to my question – a dramatic eye-roll and a change of subject – planted the seed that blossomed into this morning's wake-up call.

I'm not just ranting about my kids here. The thing is, lots of people in my parish either don't genuflect at all or do so in a kind of quick, bouncy half-curtsy that implies their conscious investment in the act is zero. Many show up for Mass dressed as if they happened by the church on their way to mow the lawn, or immodestly half-dressed, as if competing with God to be the center of attention. I've seen people text during the consecration of the Host, apply lotion before going up to receive the Holy Eucharist in the hand, and even turn around in the pew and hold a conversation with the person behind them while the priest is at the lectern fighting to save their souls with his homily. Okay, let's talk about *humility*, then.

One thing, perhaps the primary thing, that I think makes the Catholic Church so unpopular in America these days is its grounding in a time before our culture enshrined narcissism as a core value. Unlike myriad New Age gurus out there preaching some ego-stroking version of "*You Are God!*," or so many Protestant mega-churches (and their small town imitators) that twist worship into a crowd-pleasing, "people-centered" entertainment event, or even those fire and brimstone "Bible Churches" that urge obsession with one's individual sin and salvation ("*Are you saved, brother? Is Jesus your personal savior?*"), the Catholic Mass invites us to check our egos at the door. The Mass is an act of quiet, corporate worship that is profound precisely because it requires our default human self-involvement to be corralled in service to putting Christ at the center of our lives for at least one hour each week. There is a progressive, chiseling humility built into the whole equation.

The Church does not ask us if we *want* to be there. Mass is referred to as our *Sunday obligation*. It riles my daughter no end when I say she is *obliged* to attend Mass and that skipping out because she "doesn't feel like it" or to go to the lake with her boyfriend is a mortal sin. She does not believe this teaching of the Church (drawn straight from the 3rd Commandment) could possibly apply to her, simply because she doesn't like it. Because it would cramp her style. She'll go to Mass if *she wants* to go to Mass. Who died and made God her boss, anyway? For that chip to leave her shoulder, she will one day have to acquiesce to the notion that, when it comes to worshiping God, *what she wants* is utterly irrelevant. She'll have to set that aside and ask *what God wants*. Chisel, chisel. (*to be continued next week*)

**Reflections**  
**by Father Leonard N. Peterson**  
Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Whenever those distressing pictures of famine victims come into my comfortable space, I suddenly become uncomfortable. Why exactly I don't know. After all, I didn't cause the problem. I didn't foster the civil strife or the climate factors that might have triggered it. Yet I feel this strong tug of guilt as if I did. I think it stems from my belief that no one who lives on this green earth of ours, especially the children, should have to face starvation.

On the other hand, I also experience a touch of healthy pride when I see quite different pictures of our military distributing planeloads of American grown food to such victims. Aid workers from our own and many other countries who also chip in to help underscores the truth we really are united with one another just by being human. As in other aspects of life, the good often balances out the bad.

The weekend's Scriptures offer the theme of food, and listening to what Jesus has to say about His coming to feed us made me think of a deeper human hunger that is spiritual. Sometimes I think our culture is in the midst of a "famine of faith." It's not necessarily a photographable famine, but it is a real one. While it can take many forms, it is most obvious in the cultural drive to push God and religion to the sidelines. One of the excuses used is what we now call "political correctness." I found myself ashamed of my hometown when I learned that SEPTA (the acronym that identifies the Philadelphia area transit system) will not be putting any signs up on its vehicles or its stations welcoming Pope Francis to town next month. This so as not to offend people. This also in a region with over a million Catholics. Sadly, our people probably won't protest the decision. As a result, our pope, who is anticipated as creating what has been officially touted as the largest event ever to occur in the City of Brotherly Love, there will not be enough of that love to honor him on some buses and trains.

For our part as believing Catholics, we will either have to accept such things like this becoming more and more "par for the course" or get up the courage to fight back in peaceful protest against them. That brings up the question of where we will get the energy to do so. Well, energy comes from food, and we have the greatest food source right in the nearest tabernacle or on the nearest altar at Mass. Since Jesus came, spiritual hunger should be a thing of the past, at least for those who believe Him. Do you get the picture?

**90th Birthday Celebrations**

Happy Birthday Wishes to  
**Rev. James F. Hughes and Rev. Edmond J. Speitel**

who celebrated their 90th Birthdays in July. Father Hughes was assigned to our parish as the 1st Assistant Pastor from June, 1953 to May, 1956; he also celebrated weekend Masses here in the early 2000's through 2011. Father Speitel was assigned here as a Senior Priest from June, 1996 to June, 2000. We wish them many continued blessings and good health.

If anyone wishes to send them a card, please send it to the Rectory and we will forward it to them.



**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](http://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](http://WorldMeeting2015.org) or email us at [host@WorldMeeting2015.org](mailto: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

<http://bit.ly/WMF2015Volunteer>. Questions regarding registration for volunteers can be sent to [volunteersupport@worldmeeting2015.org](mailto:volunteersupport@worldmeeting2015.org)

**PREP NEWS**

*From Jeanne Marie Havrilla, DRE*

**Registrations**

PREP registrations are now open. Please see that you complete the forms as requested. Registration forms, along with the checks made out to OLC for tuition, are due ASAP. The registration form can be found on our parish website along with tuition rates. The first day of class will be on Tuesday, September 15th. Thank you.

**Meet and Greet**

There will be a faculty gathering on Tuesday— August 25, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the Rectory Meeting Room. I am looking forward to meeting with you!

**PREP Volunteers Needed**

Please consider this as an invitation to be part of the PREP ministry. The requirements are a love of your faith, interest in working with young children, and a love for Jesus and His Church. Interested? Please contact Jeanne Marie Havrilla at [olchari-typrep@gmail.com](mailto:olchari-typrep@gmail.com)

**PREP Summer Hours**

Tuesdays, from 2:30 to 5:30 pm through July and August in the Rectory. (Please call first to make sure that I am in the office). You may drop off the registration forms during regular office hours or by putting in the mail slot at the front door. They may also be mailed to the Rectory.

**Mission Cooperative Plan Collection**

Thank you in advance for your generosity for our Mission Collection today. The envelope for this collection has been provided in your packet.

**Prayers For The Sick**

Peter Adamonis, Adele Blonski, Mary Ann Breen, Virginia Bernero, Betty Burns, Richard Burns, Shawn Burns, Theresa Carlin, Patricia Cawley, Gerald Cucchi, Jean Curran, Josephine D'Amico, Robert DelPrato, Maria DiPaola, Louis Finsterbusch, Ruth Ford, Gina Gasiorowski, Alice Gordon, Betty Hart, Mary Layer, Elaine Loflin, Maria "Pia" Mattera, Cameron McCarthy, Sandy Partin, Ted Stahl, Maryanne Talley, Joseph & Seraphine Traub, Adelaide Vernon, Mae Wassel, Shirley West.

## OLC Parish Picnic

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

**NOON TO 4 PM**

Food catered by Zac's Hamburgers!

Games, food and music.

All parishioners, and their families and friends are welcome!

The parish is funding part of the cost for the picnic. To cover the remaining costs, tickets for the picnic can be purchased after all weekend Masses from August 22 until September 6th, or by calling Joan at the rectory @610-872-6192.

Ticket prices are FREE for all children up to 3 years old; \$3.00 for children 4-10; \$5.00 for everyone 11 and older.

All tickets must be purchased by September 6<sup>th</sup> to provide an accurate count to the caterer.

***Hope to see everyone at the picnic!!***

### Archdiocesan High School Academic Excellence

Congratulations to the following students who earned honors on the End of Year Report.

**Msgr. Bonner—Archbishop Prendergast**

Second Honors: Kevin Glatts and Alexander Mielechowsky

**Cardinal O'Hara**

First Honors: Nicole Bergamo (#5 in class), Meghan Bradley, Molly Culbert (#1 in class), Joseph Urian and Danielle Bradley.

Second Honors: Monioluwa Adeyemo and Corin Howard

### Parish Calendar of Events

**Wednesday, August 5**

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

Scripture Class, 7 pm, Rec. Conf. Room

**Thursday, August 6**

Legion of Mary, 5:00 pm, Rec. Conf. Room

**Tuesday, August 11**

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, 7 pm, Rec. Conf. Rm.

**Sunday, September 13**

Parish Picnic, 12 Noon to 4 pm, OLC Grounds

**Saturday, September 19**

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive, 9 am to 1 pm

### Liturgical Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

**Saturday, August 8, 5:15 p.m.**

Lector: Velma Clark

Special Ministers: Janice Sawicki,  
Fred O'Malley, Lynn McMonagle



**Sunday, August 9, 8:00 a.m.**

Altar Servers: S. Lynch

Lector: Joan Boyle

Special Ministers: Judy Wright,  
Jim Heslin, Kathy DeJohn



**Sunday, August 9, 10:30 a.m.**

Altar Servers: A. & A. Mielechowsky

Lector: Irene Lyons

Special Ministers: Elizabeth Hermensen,  
John Moletteri, Vivian Linowski



### St. Vincent de Paul 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](http://www.gogreendrop.com)