



*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

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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.*

August 9, 2015, Nineteenth 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 8, 2015**  
 5:15 P.M. Kathryn Knott –Living

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2015**  
 5:15 p.m. Mary Micklo

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

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2015**  
 8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of  
 Figurelle & Kovacic  
 Families  
 10:30 a.m. Pro Populo

**MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2015**  
 8:00 a.m. Anthony Sgavichio

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2015**  
 8:00 a.m. Pro Populo

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2015**  
 8:00 a.m. Elaine Lockbaum

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2015**  
 8:00 a.m. John and Sarah Maguire

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2015**  
 8:00 a.m. Richard Burns, Jr.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2015**  
 8:00 a.m. William Grogan

**COLLECTION TOTALS AS DESCRIBED**

For Sunday, August 2: \$10,482  
 Number of Envelopes returned: 299  
 Number Attending Masses: 508  
 Mission Co-Op Talley: \$757

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF  
 THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**Saturday, August 15**

Saturday is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Since it falls on a Saturday this year, it is not observed as a Holy Day of Obligation. Nonetheless, Catholics are encouraged to attend Mass that morning at 8:00 a.m.

**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 II (due to space constraints)*

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

The Church does not ask for our input into how we think the Mass "ought to" be celebrated, or even what we think might make the whole thing more entertaining or add to the experience for everybody. We aren't there to improve the Mass. We are there *to be improved by* participation in the Mass. Which implies acknowledging that there is room in each of us for improvement, that we are not already perfect "just the way we are..." Chisel, chisel... An article last summer in *Crisis Magazine* reported how the Anglican Church, to hold onto parishioners, has removed all mention of Satan and sin from its Baptismal rite, because: "...the traditional rejection of the devil and all rebellion against God put off people who are offended to be addressed as sinners."

Wow. You won't catch the Catholic Church doing that. One of my favorite parts of the Mass is the *Confiteor*, where the congregation says in unison, "*I confess to Almighty God, and to you my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned...*" The Church assumes that, from last Sunday to this Sunday, every parishioner will have, indeed, *greatly sinned*. And the Church makes that assumption because it's true. "For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God," writes St. Paul. To teach otherwise, for any reason, is apostasy. Anglicans may pander to people's sensitivity for the sake of filling pews, exchanging the truths of Christianity for mere popularity, but not the Catholic Church. Every Catholic Mass begins with the priest asking each and every one of us to "... *call to mind our sins*." And we do. We all have them. Chisel, chisel.

Even as baptized, confirmed Catholics, to partake worthily of the Eucharist, the very *raison d'être* of the Mass, we have to first agree with the Church as to what constitutes *mortal sin*, and then we have to not have committed one since our last confession. And I hate to break it to my daughter, but skipping Mass is on the list, alongside many other common 21st Century "lifestyle choices" like extramarital sex, looking at pornography, using birth control *within marriage*, homosexual behavior, etc. Mortal sins are those acts which two thousand years of Church teaching affirm have the power to profoundly separate us from God – to, as Wikipedia phrases it, "*rupture... a person's link to God's saving grace*." The Church tells us these acts have that power objectively, in and of themselves, whether we like it or not, whether we see anything wrong with them or not, whether we would like to enjoy them as culturally sanctioned personal "lifestyle choices" or not. We are not being asked for our opinion. No vote is being taken. Sin is sin. The Church knows best. Chisel, chisel, chisel.

I love this definition of *humility* from the Christian Bible Reference Site: Humility or humbleness is a quality of being courteously respectful of others. It is the opposite of aggressiveness, arrogance, boastfulness, and vanity. Rather than, "Me first," humility allows us to say, "No, you first, my friend." Humility is the quality that lets us go more than halfway to meet the needs and demands of others.

Jesus is really present – body, blood, soul and divinity – in our Catholic churches, both in the Eucharist consecrated during each Mass, and in any consecrated Host from previous Masses that is stored in the tabernacle. The core purpose of our attendance at Mass is that we might participate, physically, spiritually, intimately in that presence, to meet Christ in the Eucharist, to thank him for loving and saving us, to be fed and strengthened by his divinity in preparation for another week in the world. Another week of temptation. Another week of sin. Another week battling the concupiscence that dares us to forget about others, to think only of ourselves – to be *too prideful to kneel before anyone or anything, even God...*

What Mother Church prescribes of us in our preparation for, and participation in, the Mass is to my mind proof that she knows what she's talking about. The Church knows what we need, even – and maybe especially – when we find ourselves too self-involved to even begin to understand that need on our own.

For one hour a week, the Mass calls us to humility. To show up, to dress appropriately, to genuflect, to stop trying to stand out and join with others in quiet, corporate worship. To call to mind our sins, and admit out loud that they exist – to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters... To confess on bended knee, *Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed...* and mean it. To be honest about our state of Grace or mortal sin, and to seek the confessional prior to Mass if we find ourselves lacking. Whether we want to or not. Whether we like it or not. Whether we find it all sufficiently entertaining or not.

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Reflections  
by Father Leonard N. Peterson  
Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Onomatopoeia. I know it sounds like something best handled by the Center for Disease Control. As a matter of fact, the word is all about sound. It is a figure of speech in which a descriptive word sounds like the item it describes. So we have brooks that “babble” and steaks that “sizzle.” As a result of its use, the subject matter is better understood and appreciated. You can almost hear that steak on the grill.

Today the gospel uses such a word when it describes the crowd after listening to Jesus’ startling announcement about Himself as bread when it records that “the Jews murmured.” “Murmur” sounds like what it is: a complaint expressed in low vocal tones; a grumble.

Why did the people murmur? The gospel gives us two reasons. First, the people knew Our Lord’s origins. His earthly parents were most likely their neighbors. They were likely friendly with some of Our Lord’s cousins. Second, they presumed that no local boy they knew about should ever put on airs or otherwise dare to speak about Himself as Jesus did that day. “Bread from heaven?” So they murmured. Of course, Jesus heard them and ordered them to stop their noise.

He went on to tell them that God is here and now providing them with an entirely new kind of food, so much greater than the manna which He gave their ancestors in the desert. They had such food, but they still died. This new food, His own Body, would see them through this life and into the next.

Here we are, some twenty-one centuries later, on a summer weekend presuming on our divine Host to feed us this same miraculous food. We believe that the tiny host and the sip of wine are what Jesus said they are. We agree with St. Paul that the Holy Spirit has enlightened our minds and hearts enough for us to say “I believe.” That we dare not forget, even if habit dulls our memories.

We have to remember invisible realities in this visual age, especially when we know about computerized trickery that fools our eyes watching movies or playing video games. There is an unseen world beyond our senses more real than we think. We need to remember because, combined with the familiarity that develops over the years, we can become blase about the Most Holy Eucharist, the Mass. When we see the tender awe in the eyes of the First Communion classes in our parishes, their sense of wonder at full power, it is a gift and a remedy for any adult indifference we might have on a Sunday morning.

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All the Church’s ego-chiseling “requirements” regarding Mass are simply ways of helping us become capable of saying – and meaning – “*No, you first, Jesus.*” Of surrendering, for just one hour each week, our habitual aggressiveness, arrogance, boastfulness, and vanity. Of going more than halfway to meet the needs and demands of the one who laid down his life that you and I might live forever.

Is that really so much to ask? Really? *Attending Mass is an act of humility.* An act I thank God for each and every Sunday – in the pew, on my knees, at Mass where I belong. I pray my children will learn from my example what my words have failed to teach them.

### **Volunteer Opportunities at OLC in August & September 2015**

Volunteering is a great way to thank God for your many blessings and to serve your parish. It can also open many doors for adults, teens and young adults as colleges and employers look highly upon applicants' history of service & leadership, especially in a faith-based environment as it demonstrates character. Here are some opportunities to use your time & talents at OLC in August or September:

#### **Help out with OLC's annual "Welcome to the Neighborhood" campaign, August, 2015-**

We are looking for about 6-8 people to help assemble "Welcome to the neighborhood" packets (typically takes no more than 1-2 hours @ OLC rectory) or deliver packets to mailboxes of new residents of Brookhaven, Upland or Parkside (typically 30 envelopes per volunteer at your own pace, or whatever you are able to do). We'd especially like to get a volunteer who lives in Hilltop and/or Trimble to assist with those packets. Contact Gina Mesko at 610-872-0876 or [gagm2002@comcast.net](mailto:gagm2002@comcast.net) if interested.

#### **Staff our "Welcome" table at OLC's Annual Parish Picnic, Sunday, September 13, 12-4 pm**

If you're already planning to come to OLC's picnic, why not volunteer an hour of time? As people enter the picnic, welcome them by handing out parish brochures and car magnets, and asking them to sign up for our parish email distribution list! Team up with a friend or family member. Time slots are: 12-1pm, 2-3pm, 3-4pm. Contact Gina Mesko at 610-872-0876 or [gagm12002@comcast.net](mailto:gagm12002@comcast.net) if interested.

### **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 [olcharityprep@gmail.com](mailto:olcharityprep@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.

### **World Meeting of Families 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 Alvare 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.

#### **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)

## 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!!***

### Special Collection for Air Conditioning

You will notice that in your August packet of envelopes, there is a special one to assist the expenses associated with air conditioning. We would ask that you be as generous as you can, since the AC is provided for both daily and weekday Masses during the Summer. Please remit your envelope before the end of August.

### 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 244 gifts have been received for a total of \$30,060 or 74% of our parish goal.

### Upcoming Charitarian Trip

Delaware Park Outing on  
Wednesday, September 23rd  
For more info, call Jerry at 610-876-0585

## Parish Calendar of Events

**Tuesday, August 11**

Legion of Mary, 5 pm, Rec. Conf. Rm  
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, 7 pm, Rec. Conf. Rm.

**Wednesday, August 12**

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

**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 15, 5:15 p.m.**

Lector: Len Jankauskas  
Special Ministers: Margaret Flanagan,  
June Stolnis, Lynn McMonagle



**Sunday, August 16, 8:00 a.m.**

Altar Servers: Russell Lockbaum  
Lector: Cynthia Vicente  
Special Ministers: Vivian Linowski  
Jim Heslin, Kathy DeJohn



**Sunday, August 16, 10:30 a.m.**

Altar Servers: G. Sullenberger  
Lector: Doreen McGettigan  
Special Ministers: Dolores O'Malley  
Bob Losak, Corinne O'Grady



### Our Monthly Food Collection

For August will be next weekend,

**August 15th and 16th**

Anyone wishing to donate non-perishable food items can place them at the entrances of the Church next weekend.

Donated food items will be given to the Bernadine Center in Chester. Your donation and goodness is especially needed at this time of year.

We received a letter of thanks from the Bernadine Center for our July donation of 149.8 pounds of food.