

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 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

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

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New and Improved Parish Website: www.olcbrookhaven.org

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

Telephone: 610-874-0172

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

<u>Confession:</u>

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 23, 2015, Twenty First Sunday In Ordinary Time August is the Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES

SATURDAY, <u>AUGUST 22, 2015</u> SATURDAY, <u>AUGUST 29, 2015</u>

5:15 P.M. Frank Kuczynski 5:15 p.m. Tony & Loretta Vaul

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2015 SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2015

8:00 a.m. Richard Burns 8:00 a.m. William & Patricia Murray

23rd Anniversary 20th Wedding Anniver.

10:30 a.m. Frank & Eunice

Kuczynski

MONDAY, <u>AUGUST 24, 2015</u>

10:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m. Rose Link

Tuesday, <u>August 25, 2015</u>

8:00 a.m. Joseph Andiario

WEDNEDAY, AUGUST 26, 2015

8:00 a.m. Julia & Francis Curry

Mary Micklo

31st Anniversary

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2015

8:00 a.m. Mary & James G. Greiner

FRIDAY, <u>AUGUST 28, 2015</u>

8:00 a.m. Jayne M. McNamee

SATURDAY, <u>AUGUST 29, 2015</u>

8:00 a.m. Pro Populo

COLLECTION TOTALS AS DESCRIBED

For Sunday, August 16: \$6,189 Number of Envelopes returned: 258 Number Attending Masses: 507

Feast of the Assumption: \$1,440

Thank you for your generosity!

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.

We are continuing to make progress on our Catholic Charities, if you haven't yet contributed, please do so. From last week to this week, we increased by 3 gifts. So we still need \$8,708 to meet this year's goal.

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 250 gifts have been received for a total of \$31,720 or 78% of our parish goal.

Greetings from Father Izzo

TRAIN PASSES TO SEE THE POPE: COMPLIMENTS OF THE PARISH

A few weeks ago, I asked the Parish Staff, along with myself, to enter the **SEPTA Rail Pass Lottery**, in order to get some tickets to see the Pope on Saturday night for the closing of the Festival of Families on the Parkway (Sept 26) and for the Papal Mass on Sunday on the Parkway (Sept 27).

Well, All of us hit the Lottery!

We will have **40 tickets for Sunday**, and **20 tickets for Saturday** available for any parishioner who would like them.

Compliments of the Parish.

(We should receive the tickets from SEPTA by the end of the month)

The tickets are for travel via the Media Train Station. They are issued for particular time travel, most are for 5:30 am to 8:30 a.m. travel and a few for 8:30 a.m. to Noon travel.

Joan will be handling all the arrangements for the distribution of the tickets, please email or call Joan. (Not to be impolite, but please do not ask Fr Williams or me for tickets, it's best that this is handled by only one person)

Tickets are first come, first serve.

Depending upon the number of requests we get, we may limit 4-6 tickets per request, in order to send as many of our Parishioners that might want to go.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES IS PRETTY CLOSE: 78%

We are at 78%, so every little bit counts. We are \$8,708 from achieving our Parish Goal.

On the average, that would mean another 358 gifts of \$24.35 would be needed to meet this year's goal. Please, if you haven't yet done your part with this important Diocesan Collection, please do so today.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: WE'RE JUST ABOUT DONE.

We are waiting on the final polishing of all the Marble pieces. Last week, the second step of the Tabernacle was installed. The shrine area is 99% done, we just have to install the lights. I acquired new candle stands (real candles) for use in front of the BVM, St. Joseph and our new Shrine area. They are being polished to look new again, I hope to have them back in September. They are from Our Mother of Sorrow Church, a closed polish national Parish in Bridgeport, PA. The cantor's kneeler and Shrine area kneelers are also from there, as is the St. Therese of Lisieux Statue. I have received some donations for the new items for the Shrine area, which I am grateful. St. Therese was donated by a very faithful parishioner who has a great devotion to her. Others have told me they are excited about having a St. Anthony Statue, which I am still looking for, but I have received a few donations for that also. All in all, things are progressing nicely, and I am grateful for your patience.

Reflections

by Father Leonard N. Peterson

Twenty First Sunday In Ordinary Time

The gregarious, wise and witty archbishop of New York, Cardinal Timothy Dolan, chose St. Peter's question in today's Gospel excerpt as his motto: "To whom shall we go?" Knowing that bit of trivia came into my mind as I pondered today's original setting for the question. I'm sure the good cardinal had his own reasons for the motto choice, but I couldn't help thinking how apropos it is for him as archbishop of New York. Here he is, a spiritual leader of the city that is acknowledged as the very center of the communications industry for our country, if not the world. A city where the options for basing one's outlook on life are almost without limit, and its bishop is in full agreement with the first bishop of Rome in declaring to New York: "You (Jesus) have the words of eternal life." The presumption here is "You alone, O Jesus."

Jesus Himself must have felt buoyed up by Peter's answer that day, because just then we are told that "many" of His disciples decided to walk away from Him. They "returned to their former way of life" as the Scripture puts it, most likely a pagan one.

What caused the rift? Nothing other than the announcement of the Holy Eucharist. It was just too much for them to believe in something so beyond the power of the senses. They ignored the credentials of the One who announced it. This despite the marvelous signs they had seen like the wine at Cana and the walking of the crippled man. One wonders what they thought of the raising of Lazarus yet to come.

For the last several Sundays, we have heard much about Jesus as the Bread from heaven in John, chapter six. It is an opportune time for us who have never walked away from Jesus to reflect on why we stay. On the meaning of this incomparable Gift. It is also time to review our practices of respect for this greatest of the seven Sacraments.

Examen material includes questions like the following. Do I come early to Mass so that I can pray and "get myself in place?" Do I at least arrive on time so as not disturb those already present, or am I habitually late? How do I dress? God certainly deserves my respect in this matter. Do I really pay attention to the Readings and homily? Do fight distractions? Do I join in spiritually with the prayers the priest says?

We know we'd be proud to answer Our Lord the same way St. Peter did were we there at the time. "Only You, Lord, have the words of eternal life." But what will my answer mean tomorrow morning? Or when my spouse asks me to do something? What effect will my answer have at this Wednesday's meeting? Or when I spend my pay? We have to ask ourselves things like this all the time, and answer as we know Jesus would. Good use of time. Guarantee of a happy eternity. Remember: He who seldom thinks of heaven is not likely to get there.

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 visitWorldMeeting2015.org and go to the "Register" page.

Nurse Volunteers Needed

The WMOF Health Resources Committee is seeking nurse volunteers (R.N.s) to provide Health Information and Referral Services for WMOF pilgrims and visitors who have healthcare challenges and needs. Each nurse volunteer will be assigned to a 4 hour telephone hotline shift or a 4.5 shift on-site at the PA Convention Center. There will be multiple nurses present for each shift to ensure adequate support to meet our visitors' needs. If you are interested in participating in this historical event, please contact: Kathy Reavy, Division Director, BAYADA Home Health Care, Telephone: 877-291-3000, Email: kreavy@bayada.com

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 6th to provide an accurate count to the caterer.

Hope to see everyone at the picnic!!

Please Pray for our Beloved Dead Kindly keep in your prayers:

> Rev. John Roebuck Charles Ciekawy Harry Corson Lisa DeSalis William McCormick

for the happy repose of their souls and for the consolation of their families and friends.

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. (See Parish Life Tab, PREP)

The first day of class will be: Tuesday, Sept. 15th.

Meet and Greet

There will be a faculty meeting on Tuesday, August 25, 6:30 - 7:30 PM 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

PREP Summer Hours

Tuesdays, from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. 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 or put into the Collection Basket on Sundays—please Mark PREP REGISTRATIONS.

CYO SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES

CYO Soccer – any parishioner in 6th-8th grade that is interested in playing CYO Soccer can play on St. Joseph's (Aston) Varsity team. If interested please contact Michele McVey at michele.mcvey@bankofamerica.com the practices start in August with games in the fall usually played on Saturdays and Sundays.

St. John Chrysostom (Wallingford) welcomes OLC youth to participate in: Girls Volleyball (Grades 5-8); Boys and Girls Cross Country (Grades 1-8); Co-ed Soccer (Grades 5-8). Registration is NOW. For more details about these sports and Winter Sports, go to: http://www.sjcparish.org/cyo-catholic-youth-organization, or contact Kate Raup, SJC CYO coordinator, kateraup@yahoo.com, 610-892-1129.

CYO Football - any parishioner in 5th-8th grade that is interested in playing CYO Football can play on St. Mary Magdalen's team. There is no weight limit. If interested please contact Tom Bradley at

Tbradley@bradleyfloors.com Practices have started with games on Saturdays starting in September and runs until mid-November. Most of the equipment is supplied by the SMM CYO program.

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 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 if interested.

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.

Upcoming Charitian Trip

Delaware Park Outing on Wednesday, September 23rd Cost: \$25 with \$30 return in slot play. Bus leaves OLC at 2 pm and returns approx. at 8 pm Sign-Up cutoff is 9/9/15 with \$25 due by 9/16/15

For more info, call Jerry at 610-876-0585 or

Parish Calendar of Events

Tuesday, August 25

Legion of Mary, 5 pm, Rec. Conf. Rm

Wednesday, August 26

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

Monday, September 21

OLC Annual Blood Drive, Brookhaven Boro Hall

Liturgical Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

Saturday, August 29, 5:15 p.m.

Lector: Breanne McGovern

Special Ministers: Margaret Flanagan,

Judy Wright, Marie Miele

Sunday, August 30, 8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Tom Boyle

Lector: Cindy Gallo

Special Ministers: Antoinette Bonacquisti,

Elizabeth Hermansen, Kathy DeJohn

Sunday, August, 10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: A. & A. Mielechowsky

Lector: Irene Lyons

Special Ministers: Dolores O'Malley,

John Moletteri, Bob Losak



Social Committee Meeting

There will be a meeting on Thursday, August 27, at 7 pm in the Rectory Conference to finalize plans for the Parish Picnic. New members are always welcome. For more information, call 610-872-6192 during business hours.

HAPPENINGS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Nativity BVM will hold an ENDOW study: On Human Life, by Pope Paul VI

Endow is a Catholic educational program that brings women together to discover their God-given dignity and to understand their role in humanizing and transforming society with reading, reflection, prayer and discussion. We will meet weekly over an eight week period on Tuesday nights from 7-8pm at the brick building at Nativity BVM in Media beginning Sept. 15th. We will not be meeting Sept. 22nd in lieu of the World Meeting of Families. Spaces are limited. To learn more about our study or confirm attendance "On Human Life," a discussion on Pope Paul VI's encyclical Humanae Vitae, please call Amy Newman at 610-405-7747 or amynewman61@yahoo.com.