



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 7:45 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 30, 2015, Twenty Second 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 29, 2015
 5:15 P.M. Tony & Loretta Vaul

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2015
 8:00 a.m. William & Patricia Murray
 20th Wedding Anniversary
 10:30 a.m. Frank and
 Eunice Kuczynski

MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2015
 8:00 a.m. Pro Populo

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2015
 8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of
 Figurelle & Kovacic
 Families

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2015
 8:00 a.m. Anne Salmisti Molla

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2015
 8:00 a.m. Raymond Durning

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2015
 8:00 a.m. George Culbert

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2015
 8:00 a.m. Theodore Dobrowolski, Jr.
 10th Anniversary

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2015
 5:15 p.m. Deceased Members of
 Dudek and
 Frattarola Families

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2015
 8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of
 OLC Memorial Society
 10:30 a.m. Mary Budjack

COLLECTION TOTALS AS DESCRIBED

For Sunday, August 23: \$8,027
 Number of Envelopes returned: 294
 Number Attending Masses: 519
 Catholic University Collection: \$576
 Feast of the Assumption Talley \$1,625

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.

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 251 gifts have been received for a total of \$31,770 or 79% of our parish goal.

Greetings from Father Izzo

Office of the Archbishop



August 23, 2015

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Exactly one month from this weekend, World Meeting of Families 2015 will begin. We're now very close to reaching our financial goals for the event. Enthusiasm for the congress, both nationally and globally, is very strong. We hoped for 250 congress exhibitors. We now have 428. As of today, we have nearly 15,000 registered participants, and the number may finally reach 17,000. In other words, Philadelphia is *already* the largest World Meeting of Families in history by the number of congress registrations, and it's double the size of the last family congress in Milan in 2012. For the visit of Pope Francis, we hope for somewhere near 700,000 for the Saturday Festival of Families and roughly 1 million for the Sunday papal Mass.

I have one main concern, and I need your help in overcoming it. The only thing standing between an enormously successful World Meeting of Families and one that's "merely" successful is *us, ourselves*—and I mean the whole Philadelphia Catholic community. We can defeat ourselves by not registering for the congress, and by giving in to the anxieties and worries that go along with any major effort like this. The media have been wonderful and very positive in covering this event. We're grateful for their help. But as we get closer to September 22, there's always a temptation to focus on possible problems in security, logistics and transportation. And when that happens, people can begin to wonder if the effort of coming to Center City is worth the time and energy. I promise you that it is. This is a moment of grace. Nothing will stop that. Memories will be made. And the World Meeting of Families will be spectacular.

To that end, I'm happy to share some important news about transportation and logistics. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and the World Meeting of Families have announced that those buses registered through GO GROUND, the bus company working with the World Meeting, will be able to access roads that are otherwise closed to traffic. Buses and public transportation will truly be the best way for groups to get to the city for the Papal Events.

Pope Francis is one of the most popular and magnetic world leaders in the past century. His visit here is an irreplaceable moment in history. It's a moment that can spark a whole new spirit of life in our region and in our Church. But we need to own that spirit by welcoming him with our joy, our presence and our personal involvement, not just with our words. And we can do that by joining him in the streets of Philadelphia—on Independence Mall, at the Festival of Families, and on the Ben Franklin Parkway for his Sunday Mass.

I ask all of you—I *urge* all of you—to *personally* register for and attend the family congress, and especially the papal events on the weekend of September 26-27. Your example is vitally important for your children, for the church and for the wider community. Your personal involvement is crucial for the success of the efforts so many people have made on behalf of the Gospel over the past 36 months.

I'm very grateful for your generosity and your faith. May God bless all of us in the weeks ahead. And I look forward eagerly to seeing all of you at the World Meeting of Families.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,
Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M.Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia

Reflections
by Father Leonard N. Peterson
Twenty Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

How many of us can recall that childhood maternal command: “Wash your hands first” as we headed for the lunch or supper table? It is etched in our memories mostly because of our inventive ways to get dirty hands and how Mom was instilling us with the connection between cleanliness and food. Despite being ready to dive into the meal, we obeyed the cook. How disconcerting to learn nowadays that not everybody observed such a ritual. Why else would we see that sign in the restaurant restroom that says: “Employees must wash hands.”

For the most part, we Americans expect cleanliness in our public spaces, at least, as we indirectly accept the adage that “cleanliness is next to godliness.” Granted, we still have our “sloppy Joes” (people not sandwiches) and our “sloppy Joannes” (to avoid gender bias). We even use mechanical sweepers for our streets and impose fines for littering. Yes, we collectively believe in cleanliness.

Sadly, however, that belief gets lost when it comes to the dirt that soils our inner cleanliness. Many of us prefer to tolerate it. We let it linger inside us. We dislike anybody who challenges us to clean up our personal morality and behavior. But only a true friend would do so.

There are more moral measurings than sexual. Such is the whole matter of truth. Stories of liars and cheats are almost routine items in the news. They spring from areas as diverse as government, banking, health care, the media, the military, universities and all the stages of schooling, marriage and even from within the Church herself. No wonder the devil is often called “the father of lies!” The pain he causes equals the breadth of his influence on human hearts all over the world.

All the talk and campaigns to clean up everything from our diets to our planet and everything in between stems from a conviction that something is not right. But the proof of Our Lord’s contention that the worst impurity comes from within a person is found in ourselves. We forge the chains that bind us, and we have no ghost of Marley to warn us.

It is Satan, up to his perennial deception, creating the delusion that we are not made in the image and likeness of God. He tries to convince us that religion is so personal that it must be private also. Not so. Even a reading of the American Constitution contradicts him on that.

How do we weak creatures effectively combat our greatest enemy? It is Christ, so right in His diagnosis of our human condition, who lends us courage and support for the struggle. When we falter, He is right there with His consoling forgiveness and mercy that sets up the remedy for whatever has made us unclean. He holds out a peace to us that the world cannot give.

Following Christ, while it leaves no place for delusion, offers an incomparable delight that follows from living the truth. We cannot just wash our hands of the present cultural comfort with lies by way of a Pilate-like gesture. We do our best to spread the word about the freedom the truth brings to life by living not just by the Ten Commandments but also by the Eight Beatitudes. And we do so with that unique confidence that comes from knowing Christ is with us all our days. Together we can get the whole world to “wash up.”

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 and go to the “Register” page.

SEPTA Rail Passes
For the Papal Visit

We have tickets for Saturday and Sunday, September 26 & 27 to go to the Festival of Families on the Parkway (9/26) and for the Papal Mass (9/27).

The tickets are for travel via the Media Train Station and are compliments of the Parish. Please call Joan at the Rectory or email olcharity@comcast.net

Thoughts...by Fr. Williams

How do you turn evil into good? First, make it sound good, like “marriage equality” or “pro-choice”. Then, give it the status of a right. Finally, make others feel guilty or intolerant if they don’t accept it. This deception is happening in our country, even in our church. Look at Waldron Mercy Academy in Merion, run by the Sisters of Mercy. The school recently created controversy by reluctantly firing the head of religious education because it became known that she was in a gay “marriage”. The Administration had known this for years, but the parents didn’t—until recently. Many of the parents expressed “outrage” at the firing thinking it unchristian and threatened repercussions. In her letter to the parents, the principal wrote, “In the Mercy spirit, many of us accept life choices that contradict current church teachings...” Shouldn’t that be in the brochure? Is the Mercy spirit different from the Holy Spirit? The teaching of the church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has been for 2000 years that the expression of sexual love is reserved to those who are validly married, because one of its purposes is procreation. That’s hardly “current teaching” but rather infallible teaching through the ages. Also, how was this fired teacher, Marge Winters, able to teach the Sacrament of Matrimony to her students? What about the Sacrament of Penance? The first message of Christ was, “Repent and believe in the Gospel”. That’s the way to eternal life—repentance, confession, amendment of life. It’s open to all of us. “Go and sin no more”. But as St. Paul wrote to Timothy: “The time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine, but with ears itching, will pile up teachers who suit their own pleasure” (2 Tim 4:3). Plato was right. The big question in society (and especially in the Church) is “Who gets to teach the children?”

Important Dates for PREP

PREP Registrations are now open. 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)

Aug. 28/29 Last Week-end for PREP
Registration after all the Masses

Sept. 08 PREP Registration in the school
From 4:30 to 7:30

Those who are registered for PREP can locate their child’s name and classroom on the lists located in the vestibule of church.

Sept. 15 First night of classes
Time: 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM
All Parents and Children
Meet in Church @6:30 PM
For Opening Activities. Students & Catechists will then go over to classrooms. Parents will remain in church and then go to school at 7:20 PM

Sept. 20 “Catechetical Sunday” Children’s
Liturgy of the Word at 10:30
Mass. Children ages 4 to 9
welcome.

Sept. 22 Regular Classes (Catholics
Reaching Out for Parents of
Confirmandi)

Sept. 29 Regular Classes (Catholics
Reaching Out for Parents of
Confirmandi)

Oct. 06 Regular Classes (Catholics
Reaching Out for Parents of
Confirmandi)

PREP Office Rectory Hours

Tuesdays, from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m.. 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. See you at the Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 13th.

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 until the weekend of 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!!

Parish Calendar of Events

Tuesday, September 1

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

Wednesday, September 2

Charitian Board Meeting, 11 am, Rec. Conf. Rm
Fresh Hope A.A., 5:30 pm, Rec. Mtg. Room

NO Scripture Class this week

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

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
Alice at 610-872-7767

Liturgical Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

Saturday, September 6, 5:15 p.m.

Lector: Please see schedule

Special Ministers: Fred O'Malley,
Janice Sawicki, Marie Miele



Sunday, September 7, 8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Please see schedule

Lector: Please see schedule

Special Ministers: Antoinette Bonacquisti,
June Stolnis, Kathy DeJohn



Sunday, September 7, 10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Please see schedule

Lector: Please see schedule

Special Ministers: Dolores O'Malley,
Dominic DiFiore, Bob Losak



BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, September 21

2:00p.m. - 7:00p.m.

Brookhaven Municipal Center

Sign-up sheets are available at the vestibule and front parking lot entrances to the Church.

Please consider signing up there or online at
www.redcrossblood.org – enter **SPONSOR**
CODE: CHARITY and enter the appointment.

This year the Red Cross expects to need additional blood to be able to handle the needs during the World Meeting of Families event and Papal Visit.

Since our drive is during this time period, they have asked that we try to increase our donations to help meet demand.

Please donate if you can. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy DeJohn at 610-876-5294.

Volunteer to Staff our "Welcome" table at OLC's Annual Parish Picnic Sunday, 13th.

If you are already planning to attend, please volunteer to welcome people as they enter by handing out parish brochures & car magnets, and asking them to sign up for our parish email distribution list. Time slots needing to be filled are: **1-3pm, 2-3pm, 3-4pm.** Contact Gina Mesko at 610-872-0876 or gagm2002@comcast.net if interested.