



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.

September 6, 2015, Twenty Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

September is the Month of the Guardian Angels

Angel of God, My guardian dear, To whom God's love commits me here. Ever this day, be at my side. To light and guard, rule and guide.

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2015

5:15 P.M. Deceased Members of
Dudek & Frattarola
Families

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2015

8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of
OLC Memorial Society

10:30 a.m. Mary Budjack

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2015

9:00 a.m. Pro Populo

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

8:00 a.m. F. Clark Walton

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2015

8:00 a.m. Edward & Joseph
Dougherty

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

8:00 a.m. Julia Molla

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2015

8:00 a.m. Msgr. Thomas Herron

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2015

8:00 a.m. Robert A. Bullen

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2015

5:15 p.m. Jack McMonagle

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

8:00 a.m. Ernest J. Bonacquisti
5th Anniversary

10:30 a.m. Mary & Vito DiSimone

COLLECTION TOTALS AS DESCRIBED

For Sunday, August 30: \$7,338
Number of Envelopes returned: 253
Number Attending Masses: 524

Catholic University Collection: \$726

Air Conditioning Collection: \$2,959

Thank you for your generosity!

Collection for Black and Indian Missions

"Established in 1884, the Black and Indian Mission Collection is the embodiment of the Catholic Church's concern for evangelizing the Black, Native American and Indigenous peoples of the United States. *Pope Francis reminds us that everyone is meant to evangelize*". (from Archbishop Chaput's letter about collection). The collection will be next weekend. Please use the envelope that was provided in your mailing envelope).

LABOR DAY

Rectory is Closed on Monday, September 7 in observance of the Labor Day Holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM.

Enjoy the day!

Greetings from Father Izzo

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

RESERVED STANDING PASSES FOR THE PAPAL VISIT

Our parish will be provided with **reserved standing passes to the *Festival of Families* on Saturday, September 26th as well as to the *Papal Mass* on Sunday, September 27th.** The passes will be for the Benjamin Franklin Parkway between 20th and 22nd Streets. Please call Joan at the Rectory or email olcharity@comcast.net. Those who have requested a SEPTA pass from the parish will automatically receive passes for the dates they have requested the pass. Passes will be distributed on a first come basis.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES PLAYBOOK

The Papal Visit Playbook is an in-depth guide on what to expect from the Papal Visit. You can find this by going to www.worldmeeting2015.org/papalplaybook.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES KEEPSAKES

Get your keepsakes including t-shirts, knit scarves, rosaries and more on our online shop: shop.worldmeeting2015.org. To receive a 20% discount on your purchase, enter Code: CHARITY20SEP when placing your order.

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

She was a sweet old lady visiting the sacristy after morning Mass asking that her simple plastic rosary be blessed. She had bought it after a healing service over the weekend led by someone whose name I didn't recognize. Rather than scandalize her with any of my skeptical thoughts, I stuck with the blessing task and sent her on her way.

I thought of that brief encounter as I reflected on today's first and third Readings about healing in general and Jesus' healings in particular. Looking for healing of what ails us is as natural as feeling tired after a long day. "Our natural business lies in escape" said St. Thomas More at a crucial point in the play "A Man for All Seasons." No doubt about it. We don't like pain. That's why we often seek compromise with difficult decisions. Why we consciously delay any visit to the doctor for fear of what he may discover.

While I have to respect their decisions, I remain puzzled about why some believers insist on seeking out faith healers. Not only because doing so is out of step with the ordinary way we seek relief of physical ills, but also because there is an implicit denial of our Catholic understanding that our sufferings are meant to be a share in Christ's. That would make it a badge of honor. Many saints have believed so, beginning with St. Paul in Colossians 1:24. Perhaps I've grown skeptical based on cinematic depictions of the travelling salesman with his wagonload of fake cure-all potions.

In times of a multi-billion dollar drug industry, I think it behooves us to think about the place of pain—all kinds of it—in our lives. Nobody escapes pain, no matter what kind or degree. Since the gates of Eden closed behind a sadly departing Adam and Eve, pain has been a part of the human story. Here on earth we are definitely located in a "valley of tears", as the "Hail, Holy Queen" prayer describes it.

How do we acquire a saint's perspective on the matter? It seems to me that comes only through faith and prayer. Believing and praying yield an ability to view pain as a connector with Christ that makes it redemptive. That combination is "healthcare for the soul." Our level of sanctity may preclude us from outrightly seeking pain, as some saints did. But when pain comes our way, we should at least try to accept it like we would the shabbily dressed fellow held up as an example by St. James as a way of being counter intuitive and genuinely Christian.

St. Mark cautions us in the Gospel about taking Jesus merely as a healer. He is so much more. The centurion at Calvary will proclaim the whole truth near the end of Mark's Gospel when he stands at the foot of the cross. Come to think of it, that's the perfect place where we need to place ourselves to learn the potential of pain.

Meanwhile, we have a summary reflection of all this in the following little quip: "A Christian is like a teabag – not much good until it has gone through hot water."



OLC Parish Picnic
Next Sunday
Sunday, September 13,
Noon to 4 pm
on the Parish grounds.

Food catered by Zac's Hamburgers!
Games, food and music.

**All parishioners, families & friends
are welcome! Tickets Needed.**

This is the last weekend for Ticket sales. We need to give an accurate account to the Caterer this week.

Ticket Prices:

No charge for children 3 and under; \$3.00 for children aged 4 – 10, \$5.00 for all over 10.

The Frozen Sunshine ice cream truck will be coming during the picnic with treats available for purchase for \$2.00.

If you wish to bring a salad, fruit, veggies or dessert to share, please go to www.signupgenius.com

Go to "Find a signup" and enter
kdejohn12@gmail.com in the email box.

Then, just click on the blue "Sign-up" button and follow the prompts.

Please bring lawn chairs.

A Few Reminders for Next Weekend:

1. *Pray for Good Weather....we are hoping for a very nice weekend, like last year.*
2. *Registration Tent will be located near the playground, like last year. When you arrive, please stop there for a wristband.*
3. *Please bring your ticket, which is necessary for a wristband, which is needed for your food items.*
4. *We will again have a Large Tent and some chairs, but please feel free to bring your own.*

Thoughts...by Fr. Williams

Three elderly ladies were out for a drive on a nice autumn afternoon. One said, "It's windy". The other responded, "It's not Wednesday, it's Thursday". The third said, "Well if you're thirsty, we'll stop for a drink". We joke about deafness in old age, but if it's a lifetime condition, it's no laughing matter. In our gospel for today, a man is brought to Jesus with a hearing impediment since birth – his speech had been affected. Most of us think that blindness would be worse than deafness, but Helen Keller, who was blind and deaf all her life, claimed that deafness was a far greater handicap because there are more things you can't enjoy. In addition, others sympathize with those who are blind and often get irritated with the hearing impaired. Some points that emerge from the gospel include the great sensitivity of Christ. He took the man off by himself. Away from the crowd." The Lord showed consideration for the man's feelings. Each person you meet is a unique individual, and should not be treated as just part of the crowd. That is the basis for prejudice. A teacher gains more respect for the class when she sees a group of individuals with different personalities and gifts, rather than just seeing a bunch of students. Also, these needy characters in the Bible stand for all of us. The miracles have a spiritual meaning. Christ said, "Epheta, be opened". These words are spoken to the child on the day of baptism, followed by the words, "May the Lord soon touch your ears to receive his word and your mouth to proclaim his faith". Do you have a spiritual speech impediment or a spiritual deafness? The cured man "spoke plainly". Each of us is to listen to God's word and also speak a word here and there about our faith. Others expect this of us. Those who believe in nothing have no inhibitions about spreading their ideas – so often destructive of human dignity and religious belief. Should we not serve our God by speaking the truth? The Lord makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.

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)

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.

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.

Prayers For The Sick

Peter Adamonis, Doreen Ash, Adele Blonski, Mary Ann Breen, Virginia Bernero, Janet Bischof, 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.

Parish Calendar of Events

Tuesday, September 8

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

Wednesday, September 9

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

Scripture Class, 7 pm, Rec. Mtg. Room

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive

Saturday, Sept. 19, from 9 am to 1 pm

The GREENDROP TRUCK will be in the church parking lot collecting new/gently used items for The St. Vincent de Paul Society. Items they ACCEPT are: clothing, shoes, accessories, glassware, kitchenware, cameras, MP3 players, collectibles, linens, toys/games/bikes, sporting goods, jewelry, antiques, tools, small appliances, books.

Items they DO NOT ACCEPT are: large appliances, electronics, furniture, beds, household items such as: bbq grills and tanks, carpets, fans, bottles, cans, liquids and food, medical equipment, auto parts, exercise equipment, lawn mowers, encyclopedias, magazines, periodicals and newspapers. All donated items are deductible for income tax purposes at their present Fair Market Value. Please do not bring donations to the church or rectory until September 19th. Thank you!

The SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL is all about NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS.

Knights of Columbus Beef and Beer

**Saturday, October 10
7 pm to 11 pm Church Hall
\$20 per person**

Includes roast beef sandwiches, salads and beverages, music and dancing. Tickets on sale this weekend after Masses. **No tickets sold at the door.**

Questions, call Kevin: 610-299-96 95 or email: kmc-caney4443@verizon.net

Liturgical Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

Saturday, September 12, 5:15 p.m.

Lector: Alice Kachelrides

Special Ministers: Lynn McMonagle,
Margaret Flanagan, Corinne O'Grady



Sunday, September 13, 8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Tom Boyle

Lector: Joan Boyle

Special Ministers: Dolores O'Malley,
Marie Miele, Kathy DeJohn



Sunday, September 13, 10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: G. Sullenberger

Lector: Denise DiIorio

Special Ministers: Elizabeth Hermansen,
John Moletteri, Eileen Wilson



OLC Family Bingo

Saturday, October 17

7 pm (Doors open at 6:15 pm)

We are hoping for donations to fill the prize baskets. Gift cards would be preferred but monetary donations would also be appreciated. New, **unused** household items, non-perishable foods, candles, and gift certificates will be used to fill prize baskets. Boxes will be located at the doors of the Church for all donations or you may put cards in the collection baskets.

Volunteers Needed

to help out with OLC's annual "Welcome to the Neighborhood" campaign on Thursday, September 10 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room (doors open at 5 pm if you care to come early or we need volunteers to deliver packets to mailboxes of new residents in Brookhaven, Upland or Parkside. Contact Gina Mesko at 610-872-0876 or gagm2002@comcast.net.

Upcoming Charitarian 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

BLOOD DRIVE

**Monday, September 21st from 2 to 7 pm
Brookhaven Municipal Center**

Please go to www.redcrossblood.org—enter SPONSOR CODE: CHARITY and enter the appointment. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy DeJohn at 610-876-5294