



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.

September 13, 2015, Twenty Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time
September is the Month of the Guardian Angels

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14,, 2015
 8:00 a.m. Holy Souls In
 Purgatory

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2015
 8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of
 Argentine Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2015
 8:00 a.m. Elaine Lockbaum

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015
 8:00 a.m. Pro Populo

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2015
 8:00 a.m. Josephine and
 William Pirocchi

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2015
 8:00 a.m. Robert and Dolores
 McLaughlin

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2015
 5:15 p.m. Deceased Members of
 Lentine and Danish
 Families

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2015
 8:00 a.m. Jennie and Raymond
 Durning
 10:30 a.m. Maureen Starr
 1st Anniversary

COLLECTION TOTALS AS DESCRIBED

Sunday, September 6: \$8,924
 Number of Envelopes returned: 302
 Number Attending Masses: 494

Air Conditioning Collection: \$3,046

Thank you for your generosity!

Concerning Catholic Charities

At the beginning of June, we were at 63% (217 gifts) of our Parish Goal for Catholic Charities.

During the Summer, we increased that 19%, (251 Gifts) and now we are at 81%.

Last year, we achieved 98% of our Goal and received 348 total gifts.

Thank you for your generosity. To make your contribution please visit:

www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org

Greetings from Father Izzo

A LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP CHAPUT

We are asked to read the following at Masses this weekend:

Dear friends, In a little more than two weeks, the World Meeting of Families 2015 will be a memory. The coming few days are crucial to its success. For the past three years a great many people have labored hard and generously to make this gathering a life-changing event -- an experience of family joy and conversion; and a turning point for the better in the life of our local Church. Now those efforts are about to come to harvest. And I need your help. The World Meeting of Families is a chance to feel the joy and presence of God again in a special way; to take pride in being Catholic; and to renew the work of the Church in a spirit of confidence and hope. God is inviting us to a celebration of Pope Francis that will move our own hearts, and make the nation and the world take notice. I ask every one of you to come to Center City with your families for the Festival of Families on September 26 and the closing papal Mass on September 27. Plenty of SEPTA tickets are still available for these weekend events with the Pope, and the experience of welcoming the Holy Father will be a once in a lifetime celebration. Your presence in Center City will impact much more than just our local Church. It will help shape the outcome of the Synod on the Family in Rome, and the health of the family worldwide. What you do now matters for years to come. So please do everything you can to be there, and encourage your friends and neighbors to be there as well. Thank you for your love of God, and your generosity to your parish and to the whole Church. I hope to see you in Center City! Sincerely Yours in Jesus Christ,
Archbishop Chaput.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Well, I thought that when I returned home from vacation the Tabernacle would have been completed. They did complete some of the pieces for the side Shrine areas and some of the wood trim in the back. We are waiting for only 12 more pieces of marble. I appreciate your patience. I know that all the pieces are cut, but they still have to be polished, and that's the part where you don't want them to rush. During Labor Day weekend, I spoke with the contractor, and he told me that the marble should be ready by September 11. I am writing this in advance, hoping that the marble is finished by then. I can't wait to take down that temporary wall.

TICKETS FOR PAPAL EVENTS ON THE PARKWAY

Last week, Joan included information about Parish Tickets for a Reserved Standing Area on the Parkway for both the *Festival of Families* and *The Papal Mass*. We were allotted 140 tickets for each event. So far, we've given away (or received requests for) over 100 tickets for the Papal Mass and 60 tickets for the Festival of Families. I may have access for extra tickets from another Parish, and will let you know next week. We will be receiving the Tickets this week and will let you know how you can pick them up in next week's bulletin. The excitement is building for the Pope's visit.

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

I invite you to hum the “Jeopardy” theme to yourself and imagine a clue on the deciding category of “Things that are Too Long.” Then imagine yourself nodding as the answer turns out to be “American presidential campaigns.” I thought of this in mid-September Sunday 2015, as we have already been subjected to nine months of TV coverage of candidates and their standings in the polling data. We’re still more than a year away from November 2016! Meanwhile, if I were to ask you to name a candidate who has not downplayed poll results, and you answer correctly before the buzzer sounds, I’ll owe you a prize even Alex Trebeck can’t match.

Jesus was evidently interested in “opinion poll results.” So He surveyed His closest disciples that long ago day as they walked together enroute to Caesarea Phillipi. The men gave Him all the data they had. But then Jesus turns the tables on them and asks, “Who do you say that I am?” What a question! Can’t duck away from it. Yet a person could build a lifetime on the answer. St. Peter, standing in for millions of believing Christians yet to come, gave the best one: “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God!” I say “best” answer because it had definitely been inspired by the Holy Spirit.

It so happens that in this weekend’s Liturgy of the Word we get from St. James’ Letter the main implication of St. Peter’s answer which we, in faith, make as our own. Namely, that our faith needs to be paired with action to be authentic. A faith easily observed and consistently practiced even when we’re alone. That happens to be the best kind of evangelization as well.

Jesus Himself is the perfect example of this twinning. Then follows Our Blessed Mother, His first and greatest disciple. Then comes St. Joseph, her spouse, and that long haloed lineup of saints from Peter on down to our own day.

Even the cynical mass media recognizes goodness in practice when they broadcast stories like those of some famous athlete who bestows attention and gifts on a young boy or girl afflicted with cancer. Or that of a whole neighborhood that comes to the aid of one of their own caught in a disaster. The secular reporter will never mention the influence of Christ in such instances because Jesus is very politically incorrect right now. But at least such stories give us hope and cut through the possible despair that can arise from all the other headlines we read and hear.

Of course, the impact of all this goodness is lost on us if we are closed to it. To say that it is very difficult at times to live as Jesus did is to put ourselves right with that car insurance company slogan “Everybody knows that!” We need a weekly energy boost to keep up with the struggle. We have exactly that in the Sunday Mass. One of the many reasons we come to Mass is to gain strength from the same Christ who won that battle hands down. Or should I say “hands nailed”?

I know one thing for sure. In maturity of life and faith, we are not to be playing games. In fact, if we neglect to come to Christ in the Eucharist we are definitely putting our lives in, well, ...jeopardy!

That’s why we come to Mass. Here each Sunday is the spiritual energy boost that has to be in our diet. The Body and Blood of Jesus is real food for our sustenance. It is also packed, if you will, with the nutritional power we need to protect us from our common enemy the devil, whose chief strategy seems to be to get us to believe he doesn’t exist.

In fulfilling our baptismal call to spread the Gospel, two items to remember. One is that we are called to be witnesses, not judges. The other is that too many people want to serve God—but only as advisers

OLC Family Bingo

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 17

It’s that time of year already? Following last year’s success of our OLC Family Bingo, we are planning to have another one. 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. When donating, there are boxes at the church doors to put items. If donating gift cards or cash, please put them in an envelope marked **BINGO** and drop them into the collection basket. We look forward to seeing everyone on October 17!

**SEPTA Rail & Reserved Standing Passes
For the Papal Visit**

We have Septa 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.

Our parish will be provided with **reserved standing passes to the *Festival of Families* on Saturday, 9/26 as well as to the *Papal Mass* on Sunday, 9/27.**

The passes will be for the Benjamin Franklin Parkway between 20th and 22nd Streets. 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.

Please call Joan at the Rectory or email olcharity@comcast.net

**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 every weekend after the Masses.. **No tickets sold at the door.**

For tickets or questions, call Kevin: 610-299-96 95 or email: kmccaney4443@verizon.net

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)

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
- Sept. 29** Reaching Out for Parents of
- Oct. 06** 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.

**Charitian Meeting
Wednesday, September 17**

12:30 pm Brookhaven Municipal Center
Jerry Gardner will be the guest speaker. Dues of \$20.00 will be collected at the meeting.

**Our Monthly Food Collection
September 19th and 20th**

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 Bernardine Center for our August donation of 146 pounds of food.

Parish Picnic Today

Noon to 4:00 pm

Please remember to bring your ticket, park according to the parking lanes and be mindful of the “no parking or exit” lanes. A drop-off zone will also be available, near the Registration Tent. When you arrive, check-in at the Registration Tent. There you’ll be asked for your ticket. When you exchange your ticket, we will give a wristband for food and drinks. We will have a large tent and a few smaller ones and some tables and chairs. Please bring your own lawn chairs if you wish. Restrooms are available in the Church. For those of you who cannot navigate the stairs, please use restrooms in the lower Rectory.

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

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!

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, Fred DeLuca, Robert DelPrato, Maria DiPaola, Louis Finsterbusch, Ruth Ford, Gina Gasiorowski, Alice Gordon, Betty Hart, Mary Layer, Elaine Loflin, Michelle (Lamont) Maher, Maria “Pia” Mattered, Cameron McCarthy, Jill Nix, Sandy Partin, Ted Stahl, Maryanne Talley, Joseph & Seraphine Traub, Adelaide Vernon, Mae Wassel, Shirley West.

Parish Calendar of Events

Tuesday, September 15

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

Wednesday, September 16

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

Scripture Class, 7 pm, Rec. Mtg. Room

Social Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Rec. Conf. Rm.

Liturgical Ministers’ Schedules for

Next Weekend

Saturday, September 19, 5:15 p.m.

Lector: Velma Clark

Special Ministers: Judy Wright,

Margaret Flanagan, Fred O’Malley



Sunday, September 20, 8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: S. Lynch

Lector: Cynthia Vicente

Special Ministers: Kathy DeJohn,

Ben and Vivian Linowski



Sunday, September 20, 10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: A. & A. Mielechowsky

Lector: Len Jankauskas

Special Ministers: Corinne O’Grady,

John Moletteri, Dolores O’Malley



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.