



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 20, 2015, Twenty Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time
September is the Month of the Guardian Angels

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2015

 5:15 P.M. Deceased Members of
 Lentine & Danish Families

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 2015

 5:15 p.m. Florence, John, Joseph &
 Michael Mattero

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

 8:00 a.m. Jennie and Raymond
 Durning

 10:30 a.m. Maureen Starr
 1st Anniversary

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2015

 8:00 a.m. Walter and Frances Hook

 10:30 a.m. Robert Moore

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

 8:00 a.m. Tony and Jennie Civarella

COLLECTION TOTALS AS DESCRIBED

Sunday, September 13: \$7,829
 Number of Envelopes returned: 301
 Number Attending Masses: 541

 Black & Indian Mission: \$813
 Number of Envelopes returned: 77

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2015

 8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of
 Burns Family

Thank you for your generosity!

Concerning Catholic Charities

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015

 8:00 a.m. Pasquale & Maria Icaro

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%, (253 Gifts) and now we are at 82%.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

 8:00 a.m. Mary F. Bilotta

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2015

 8:00 a.m. Pro Populo

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

www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2015

 8:00 a.m. Freda & Anthony Iacono

**Confirmation 2015
 will be
 Sunday, October 25 at 1:00 p.m.**

Most Reverend Timothy Senior,
 Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia is the Celebrant this year.

Greetings from Father Izzo

POPE FRANCIS ENJOYED THE PICNIC

Thanks to all of your prayers, the weather was kind to us last Sunday for our Parish Picnic. We sold 330 tickets, and over 300 people attended. Even the Pope made a special advance visit to us. Many thanks to the Parish Social Committee, and Picnic Chairwoman, Kathy DeJohn for your hard work to make everything so enjoyable. Thanks to the many people who assisted the set-up and tear-down. Of course, the hamburgers from Zac's were delicious and so too was the ice cream. A very nice day was had by one and all. Joe, our Parish photographer, took some candid photos; when I receive them, we will post to our Website Slide Show on the Home page. I will also try to post as many as I can to a gallery page on the website for everyone to see and share.

THE TABERNACLE REVEALED

Last Monday, we received the marble pieces to complete the Tabernacle. I hope you are pleased with the results. As I am writing this, the side shrines are not yet finished because we are waiting for three pieces: the two top pieces and one foot piece for the BVM side. Please feel free to come up after Mass for a closer look, if you'd like.

I received some color suggestions from an interior designer friend of mine, and we are in the process of making up three different color boards for your review. I hope very much to paint behind the cross and the side shrines this Fall and then to complete the painting of the sanctuary in the Spring.

TICKETS FOR PAPAL EVENTS ON THE PARKWAY

Last week we distributed over 140 tickets to the Papal Mass on the Parkway next Sunday, as well as 80 tickets for the Festival of the Families on the Parkway on Saturday Night.

A reminder: you don't necessarily need a ticket to attend either of these events, so if you still would like to go, all you need to do is get a transportation pass, which are still available via SEPTA.

Viewing the Papal Mass (via computer, or TV) does not fulfill the Sunday Mass Obligation; however, I would encourage our parish families to view the Papal events next week as a matter of spiritual devotion and piety.

Check you local television listings to see which stations will be airing the Papal Mass live. You may also stream the Mass from an internet connection. Next Sunday, at 4:00 p.m. go to www.worldmeeting2015.org. Select: "Papal Visit" tab and then click on "Papal Mass" page. There you will see a link to watch the Papal Mass Live.

There is a special insert in this bulletin with important information about this week's World Meeting of Families Congress and the Papal Events.

FORTY HOURS DEVOTIONS: OCTOBER 11, 12, 13

Reverend Dennis Fedak, my classmate, and Pastor of Nativity Parish in Philadelphia will be the Preacher for this year's devotions. Father Fedak is a dynamic and insightful preacher. More information in next week's bulletin. Please save the date.

Reflections

by Father Leonard N. Peterson
Twenty Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Teachers will easily recognize this typical classroom dialogue following a lesson:

Teacher: "Are there any questions?"

Students: Total silence.

Teacher: "Anything you don't understand?"

One student (hesitantly): "Will this be on the test?"

And so it goes. Not necessarily all the time like that, but enough times to make it an easy recall for me after 25 years in teaching. Whatever the dynamic that is at work here, it has to involve a certain fear of the teacher's reaction mixed in with fear of looking stupid to the class.

Note the similarity to that perennial happening with the reaction of Our Lord's chosen disciples gathered that long ago day in Peter's house just after Jesus predicted His passion for the second time. St. Mark tells us: "They did not understand the saying and they were afraid to question Him."

All of which brings up a question. Have you ever wanted to question God about something and were afraid to? Was it about a personal relationship difficulty? Family problem? Old thinking versus new? Health setback? Evil in the headlines? Trouble with the Church? Someone's addiction?

Whatever the situation, the important point is never to be afraid to talk it over with God as frankly as you would with your best friend. After all, God already knows your situation. He respects your intelligence and good will. All He asks in return is your respect for His intelligence. Add in His love for you; His ultimate mastery of a grand plan for the universe and everyone in it.

Here is precisely where our humility has to kick in. Or at least our recognition that humility is needed. Even though we cannot know the plan, it is certain that we are included. While God accepts our questions, He doesn't need our advice. Just our love and trust.

When Jesus brought that little child into the center of that circle of friends in Peter's house, He was asking us to consider a truth more important than our questions. Namely, our acknowledgement that receiving a humble little one, and a "little one" could be 25 or 65, we are really receiving Him. That should make us more receptive to His plan rather than our own.

Confidence in God, enough to ask Him questions, combined with the openness of mind and heart that lets us welcome an innocent, make for a quality disciple. In the "school" of Christian living, that merits an "A" on our report card, ready for Our Father's signature. That's the way it is when we reread the Gospel. We're always going back to school.

OLC Parish Picnic Thank Yous

From Kathy DeJohn, Picnic Chairwoman

Thanks to everyone who came to our parish picnic last Sunday! Even the weather cooperated, only showering during the water balloon activities. It looked like everyone had a great time! I would like to particularly thank my Picnic team who spent many months organizing and preparing for our event—including our great group of kids who planned the games and all the fun stuff, and all our volunteers! We couldn't have done it without YOU! Thanks also to Pete Politarhos of Zac's Hamburgers, our DJ-Ron Boyd, Taylor Rental, Frozen Sunshine and Bette's Bounces for the yummy food, music and fun. Please continue to come out and have fun at our next events—OLC Family Bingo is next month—we look forward to seeing you!

PREP NEWS and INFORMATION

From Ms. Jeanne Havrilla

1. PREP began this past Tuesday, and meets on Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.
2. It's not too late to register, if you need to. Please see PREP information on Parish Website. PREP is under PARISH LIFE tab.
3. You may also call Ms. Havrilla at the Rectory for more info.
4. PREP CRO (Catholics Reaching Out) begins this Tuesday in the Rectory Meeting Room for our Parents of our Confirmation Students.
5. **Confirmation Retreat will be Sunday, October 18, noon to 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.**
6. **Bishop Senior will be coming for Confirmation on Sunday, October 25 at 1:00 p.m.**
7. **My regular Tuesday Office Hours: 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. at the Rectory**

CHOIR MEMBERS WANTED

Do you enjoy singing? If you do, please come join us. We need choir members and cantors. No experience necessary, just a love of music. Upcoming singing events in October for the choir are the Forty Hour celebrations and Confirmation. We have practice Thursday nights at 7:00 PM. Please enter church through entrances by the Altar. Any questions, please contact Pete McLaughlin, Director of Music Ministry at 610.874.4460

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Staff our OLC "Welcome" table at Brookhaven Family Day, Saturday, September 26, 2015, 12-4pm-

If you're already planning to come to Brookhaven Family Day, why not volunteer an hour of time?

As people walk by our OLC table, greet them, offer literature, and ask them if they care to sign up to be on our parish email distribution list. Team up with a friend or family member. Time slots are: 12-1pm, 1-2pm, 2-3pm, 3-4pm.

If you are not a Brookhaven resident, but a member of the parish, you can still volunteer!

Contact Gina Mesko at 610-872-0876 or gagm2002@comcast.net if interested.

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.

Parish Calendar of Events this Week:

Tuesday, September 22
 Legion of Mary, 5 pm, Rec. Conf. Rm
 PREP, 6:30 to 7:45, School
 CRO, 6:30 to 7:45, RMR

Wednesday, September 23
 Fresh Hope A.A., 5:30 pm, Rec. Mtg. Room

Thursday, September 24
 Choir Practice, 7 pm, Church

Saturday, September 26
 Confession, 7:30 to 8 am & 4:15 to 5 pm, Church

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!

Liturgical Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

Saturday, September 26, 5:15 p.m.
 Lector: Breanne McGovern

Special Ministers: Janice Sawicki, Lynn McMonagle, Gail Costigan



Sunday, September 27, 8:00 a.m.
 Altar Servers: B. Stekowicz

Lector: Diane Glatts

Special Ministers: Elizabeth Hermansen, Antoinette Bonacquisti, Dolores Lavelle



Sunday, September 27, 10:30 a.m.
 Altar Servers: M. Costigan

Lector: Irene Lyons

Special Ministers: Bob Losak, Vivian Linowski, Dolores O'Malley



Please Pray for those who have died
 Kindly keep in your prayers
Gertrude Bowling
 For the happy repose of her soul and for the consolation of her family and friends.

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" Mattera, Cameron McCarthy, Jill Nix, Sandy Partin, Ted Stahl, Maryanne Talley, Joseph & Seraphine Traub, Adelaide Vernon, Mae Wassel, Shirley West.