



Mary, Untier of Knots, Pray for Us

OUR LADY OF CHARITY

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
BROOKHAVEN, PENNSYLVANIA

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

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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.

PASTOR

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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. (Closed on Friday at 1:00 p.m.)

Weeknights, Saturdays and Sundays are by previously arranged appointment only.

Please call in advance for Registration appointments or Letters of Eligibility.

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.

October 11, 2015, Twenty Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

October is the Month of the Guardian Angels

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2015

5:15 P.M. Michael Takvorian

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 2015

8:00 a.m. John Hart, Jr.

10:30 a.m. Michael Kmat
25th Anniversary

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2015

8:00 a.m. Mme. Lawrence Chagny
1st Anniversary

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2015

8:00 a.m. Mildred Autenreith
Martin
6th Anniversary

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2015

8:00 a.m. Olaf Frandsen

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2015

8:00 a.m. F. Clark Walton

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2015

8:00 a.m. Pro Populo

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2015

5:15 p.m. Jim Hino

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2015

8:00 a.m. David Gardner

10:30 a.m. John and Helen Seal

COLLECTION TOTALS

Sunday, October 4: \$9,485
Number of Envelopes returned: 303
Number Attending Masses: 535

Thank you for your generosity!

Our Parish's Annual Celebration of
The Forty Hours Devotions

This Week,
Sunday, Monday and Tuesday

October 11, 12, & 13th
7:00 p.m. in Church

Father Dennis Fedak and
Father Thomas Whittingham
Preachers and Confessors
See you there...

Greetings from Father Izzo

Month of the Holy Rosary

This past Wednesday, October 7, was the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary. It was established on this day because on October 7, 1571, the Christian forces defeated the invading Moslems, who had overwhelming numbers, because the Pope led a crusade of people saying the Rosary. Many other victories of people and nations, and of individual souls, have been won through the centuries through the powerful prayer of the Most Holy Rosary. We pledge to make it always our own.

What brings me close to God each day? My Rosary.
What pleases Mary when I pray? My Rosary.
It is a joyful garden where,
I pluck each golden rose of prayer,
and offer up with loving care, My Rosary.
In trials and sorrow, I will say, My Rosary.
It brightens all my earthly way, My Rosary.
And when at length I close my eyes
and go at last to Paradise,
place in my hands the beads I prize, My Rosary!

Our Forty Hours Devotions begins Today at 10:30 Mass

This year, we will have TWO preachers for our Forty Hours. **Father Dennis Fedak** will be here on **Sunday and Tuesday Evening**, but cannot be with us on Monday....he just learned of a another commitment for his Parish only two weeks ago. **Monday night's** Preacher will be **Father Thomas Whittingham**, the newly appointed Pastor of St. Katherine Drexel. Father Whittingham is a young priest and came to Chester this past June.

Please, I encourage you to come. We all need to do our part for Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. More than ever, when so many deny the Real Presence or act as if this Great Sacrament is just a piece of bread, or receive it sacrilegiously or without devotion, we need to manifest our Faith. God has been very good to so many of you and to this Parish as a whole; we need to thank Him in return. Our Preachers are hard at work on their sermons. Our devoted Parish Staff and I are hard at work in making sure everything is just right for our Forty Hours. Now it is for each of you to do your own parts by planning now to be present at the Forty Hours.

Please Pray for our Confirmandi! Retreat Next Sunday

A reminder to our Confirmandi: Next Sunday we will see you for confessions and retreat, in the Church from Noon to 2:30 p.m. See you next week!

Reflections

by Father Leonard N. Peterson

Twenty Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

In some circles, Pope Francis is a square. By that I mean he personifies for some that proverbial square peg that never fits comfortably in the round hole. Why is that, I wondered, as this powerful gospel selection comes up for meditation this weekend?

Taking a step back from the mouthings of this good pope's media critics, it occurred to me that some of those folks are wealthy. They have raised alarms to their audiences that the current man in white is a socialist, if not a Marxist. How clumsy of the Holy Spirit to choose him! These self-proclaimed "experts" would likely never concede that the pope's mentor is no less than Jesus Christ, whose vicar on earth he is.

It is true that our current Holy Father has made a lot of otherwise comfortable Catholics a bit upset, especially when he speaks about poverty and wealth. They forget he speaks as a pastor, not as an economist. He who spent his days off as the cardinal archbishop working with priests serving in the poor ghettos of that storied city would inevitably question the systemic cause of the problems there. Despite his critics, this man has managed to get the so-called "First World" to be more aware than it has been for too long about the suffering in the "Third World."

It is striking how our present culture's take on wealth is much the same as it was in ancient Judaism. That man who "ran up to Jesus" on that long ago day was a product of his age. At that time, riches were seen as a sure sign of God's approval of one's lifestyle. The big difference today is that God is of no concern. But no wonder the original disciples were perplexed by Jesus' opinion of riches as an obstacle to true joy.

When Jesus turned the tables on that kind traditional thinking and said what He did, His eager questioner "went away sad", for he owned several large homes here and abroad, and managed a sizeable portfolio of investments. (Please pardon my freelance translation).

The Church makes no wholesale condemnation of wealthy people. How could she? She simply restates what Jesus says in today's pivotal Gospel about how wealth can fool susceptible people into thinking either that they are above others, or that they have no need of God.

The evidence is everywhere that secularism acts like a virus. Look at how successful the effort to sideline God has been. In a specifically hideous example, we learned this past summer that Planned Parenthood has huckstered the body parts of infants for profit! Astounding, but true.

The wisdom so prized by Solomon instead of his gold is seen by so many people as a foolish trade off. Having "many possessions" can do that to you. Conversion will only come about with better evangelization and bolder Christian witness. We know already that such will bring about persecution also, as Jesus warned. But isn't that a small price to pay? Better than being impaled on a certain two-edged sword for not living as God wills.

Meanwhile, we can find hope in the fact that in many circles, made up of both rich and poor, Christ is at the center.



Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Office of the Archbishop

October 11, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Every year we remember in a special way our Baptismal call to mission as we celebrate **World Mission Sunday**, this year on **October 18**. On this Sunday, we will gather at the Eucharist, as will Catholics throughout the world, in a spirit of love for Evangelization. This year's celebration is further enriched as we mark the 50th Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's Decree on the Missionary Activity of the Church [Ad Gentes] which proclaims, "The pilgrim Church on earth is missionary by its very nature," reminding us that **all of us are called to be on Mission**.

As we remember the World Meeting of Families and the Pope's recent visit, his **World Mission Sunday**, message may hold a special meaning for us in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. He says, "Mission is part of the 'grammar' of faith, something essential for those who listen to the voice of the Spirit who whispers 'Come' and 'Go forth.' Those who follow Christ cannot fail to be missionaries..."

On **World Mission Sunday**, as our archdiocesan family joins our brothers and sisters around the world, we connect with our world on mission: ...with Africa, where six million children receive an education in some 16,000 Church-run elementary schools ...with Asia, where those who are sick are provided with care at 5,000 Catholic hospitals and small clinics ...with the Americas, where catechists travel to remote areas to bring the Good News of the God's great love to families ...with Oceania, where young men are supported in their studies for the priesthood...with Europe, where new churches are being built to welcome faith communities, renewed after years of persecution.

Your prayers and material support will help the Pontifical Mission Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the Holy Father's chief missionary arm, to provide resources to missionaries who proclaim the Gospel and offer help to our brothers and sisters throughout 1,150 mission dioceses. As I have said, "We should always put our money where our heart is...we should be very generous so that our missionaries will be supported not only by our prayer but also have concrete help."

I thank you in advance for your generous response to the needs of others. Pope Francis emphasizes that "Mission is a passion for Jesus and at the same time a passion for his people." May we have that same passion this **World Mission Sunday**, as we share the joy of the Gospel and help the poor by our fervent prayer and through generous hearts.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+**Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.**
Archbishop of Philadelphia



Forty Hours, October 11, 12 and 13 Sunday, Monday and Tuesday

- Forty Hours begins at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 11
- Our Church will be open for visits following the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Monday and Tuesday until devotions at 7:00 p.m. each night.
- Each night at 7:00 p.m. Devotions begin with traditional music, prayers said before the Blessed Sacrament, a homily, and Benediction.
- Confessions will be heard afterwards on Sunday and Monday.
- Sign-up to schedule your time with Our Lord! Sign-up sheets will be located at main church exits beginning this weekend.

CONFIRMATION COUNTDOWN

Bishop Senior will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation at our parish on **Sunday, October 25** for 22 of our Parish Children and 1 adult of our Parish.

Here are some facts about Confirmation:

The principal effects of Confirmation are:

- ~ it roots us more deeply in the divine filiation (which means that we are children of God) so that we can call God 'our Father,' just as Jesus does.
- ~ it unites us more firmly to Christ
- ~ it increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit within us
- ~ it renders our bond with the Church more perfect
- ~ it gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross

Our Monthly Food Collection October 17th and 18th

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. We received a letter of thanks from the Bernadine Center for our September donation of food.

PREP NEWS and INFORMATION

From Ms. Jeanne Havrilla

1. PREP meets on Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.
2. **Confirmation Retreat will be Sunday, October 18, at 12 noon. Lunch will be provided.**
3. **Bishop Senior will be coming for Confirmation on Sunday, October 25 at 1:00 p.m.**
4. **My regular Tuesday Office Hours: 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. at the Rectory**

Pope Francis Commemorative Book

Pre-orders are now being accepted for **Pope Francis in America: The Official Photographic Record**. This book chronicles the visit of Pope Francis to Philadelphia, as well as Washington, D.C. and New York City. For each book sold, the World Meeting of Families organization will receive \$8 to help defray expenses associated with hosting the Holy Father. For a limited time, pre-ordered books come with a 25% discount. Orders can be placed through the World Meeting of Families website. Go to www.worldmeeting2015.org and click on "Pre-Order Your Keepsake Book."

OLC Family Bingo

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 17**

**7 pm to 9 pm
(Doors Open at 6:15 pm)
Church Hall**

**Bingo Cards \$5 each
(play all night on one card)
plus
\$3 per card for Specials**

Food will be available

Charitian Meeting

Wednesday, October 14

12:00 pm Brookhaven Municipal Center

Our guest speaker will be

Frank McDonnell, former member of

The Secret Service.

He is a graduate from West Catholic High
School, Class of 1958.

Prayers For The Sick

Peter Adamonis, Doreen Ash, Adele Blonski, Virginia Bernero, Janet Bischof, Jean Brower, Betty 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, Susan Killinger, Mary Layer, Elaine Loflin, Michelle (Lamont) Maher, Maria "Pia" Mattera, Michael Mattera, Cameron McCarthy, Len McClintock, Jill Nix, Sandy Partin, June Ramsey, Ted Stahl, Maryanne Talley, Joseph & Seraphine Traub, Adelaide Vernon, Mae Wassel, Shirley West.

Parish Calendar of Events this Week:

Sunday, October 11

Forty Hours Devotion, 7 pm, Church

Monday, October 12

Forty Hours Devotion, 7 pm, Church

Tuesday, October 13

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

PREP, 6:30 to 7:45, School

Forty Hours Devotion, 7 pm, Church

Wednesday, October 14

Charitians, 12 noon, Brookhaven Boro Hall

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

Thursday, October 15

Choir Practice, 7 pm, Church

Saturday, October 17

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

Family Bingo, 7 pm, Church Hall

Liturgical Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

Saturday, October 17, 5:15 p.m.

Lector: Michael Costigan

Special Ministers: Janice Sawicki,
Lynn McMonagle, Gail Costigan



Sunday, October 18, 8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Russell Lockbaum

Lector: Diane Glatts

Special Ministers: Antoinette Bonacquisti,
Elizabeth Hermansen, Dolores Lavelle



Sunday, October 18, 10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: B. Stekowicz

Lector: Irene Lyons

Special Ministers: Corinne O'Grady,
Eileen Wilson, John Moletteri



Please Pray for those who have died

Kindly keep in your prayers

John Collins

For the happy repose of his soul and for the
consolation of his family and friends.