



*Mary, Untier of Knots, 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.*

## October 4, 2015, Twenty Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

### *October is the Month of the Guardian Angels*

*The Rosary (according to the accepted tradition) is due to St. Dominic, the founder of the Order of Friars Preachers, his objective being to stem the flood of the Albigensian heresy, then spreading far and wide through Europe. He propagated this form of prayer in obedience to a revelation received from the Blessed Virgin, to whom he had recourse for this purpose, about the year 1206, and to him we owe the spread of a devotion, which for many centuries has produced the most marvelous results in the Christian world. The decisive defeat of the Turks at the famous battle of Lepanto (1571) and at Belgrade (1716) gave occasion to the institution of this feast (October 7) and to its extension to the Universal Church*

### ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b><u>OCTOBER 3, 2015</u></b>
5:15 P.M.	Freda and Anthony Iacono
<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b><u>OCTOBER 4, 2015</u></b>
8:00 a.m.	Members of OLC Memorial Society
10:30 a.m.	William H. Kelley
<b>MONDAY,</b>	<b><u>OCTOBER 5, 2015</u></b>
8:00 a.m.	Cass Mullin
<b>TUESDAY,</b>	<b><u>OCTOBER 6, 2015</u></b>
8:00 a.m.	William McGowan
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b>	<b><u>OCTOBER 7, 2015</u></b>
8:00 a.m.	Stanley Kwaszkiewicz
<b>THURSDAY,</b>	<b><u>OCTOBER 8, 2015</u></b>
8:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
<b>FRIDAY,</b>	<b><u>OCTOBER 9, 2015</u></b>
8:00 a.m.	Frederick F. Turner, Sr.
<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b><u>OCTOBER 19, 2015</u></b>
8:00 a.m.	Josephine & William Pirocchi

### NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES

<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b><u>OCTOBER 10, 2015</u></b>
5:15 p.m.	Michael Takvorian
<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b><u>OCTOBER 11, 2015</u></b>
8:00 a.m.	John Hart, Jr.
10:30 a.m.	Michael Kmat 25th Anniversary

### COLLECTION TOTALS

Sunday, September 20	\$8217
Number of Envelopes returned:	310
Number Attending Masses:	541
Black & Indian Mission Talley:	\$928
Sunday, September 27	\$6774
Number of Envelopes returned:	291
Number Attending Masses:	532
Black & Indian Mission Talley:	\$955

*Thank you for your generosity!*

We are sorry to report that there was vandalism to the school on the weekend of the Pope's visit. Four windows were broken at the far end of the school. If you see anyone acting suspiciously on the property or doing any damage to the property, please contact the police. Thank you.

## ***Greetings from Father Izzo***

### **Congratulations to Anthony**

Because of the early bulletin deadlines the past two weeks, we were unable to tell you that Anthony Fite was selected to sing in the Papal Choir for the Masses with the Holy Father last weekend. Congratulations again, Anthony, you made us proud.

### **Forty Hours Devotions: Begins next week**

Next weekend begins our Forty Hours Devotions, and I encourage and invite you to come to this annual Devotion. 900,000 people came to see the Pope, and part of the reason they came to see the Pope is because he is the Vicar of Christ on earth. Catholics believe that Pope Francis is the Successor of St. Peter, who received his ministry from Our Lord. Sacramentally, every Catholic Church has the Eucharistic Presence of Our Lord. As with any relationship or friendship, we must work at it. We must spend time with Our Lord. He will look out from the monstrance, will He see you? He wants to talk with you, without any interruptions. No Phones, No Computers, no TV. Do you have time for Him?

Our Preacher is **Father Dennis Fedak, Pastor of Nativity Parish, in Philadelphia**. He is a very accomplished Preacher, and he just told me that next week, he'll be away on retreat, praying for us and fine tuning his reflections for us.

### **Financial Report Sunday**

Today, we are distributing the Parish Financial Report for the Fiscal year 2014-15. Mike Blair returned in June to complete the end of the year work. I am grateful for his presence at all the Masses this weekend to review the report with you. As you will notice, we enjoy being debt free and with moderate financial holdings. However, the trends indicate during the past five years (and before), that our contributions from the members have been decreasing. I know that there are many reasons for this, but it is a reality we need to address.

During the summer, I have formed a committee of real estate brokers, financial, legal and business leaders to begin looking at various ways to market our school building. At present we are getting two appraisals for the school and part of the property. We will again meet in mid-October to review this material, and begin reviewing some proposals we have received.

### **Please Pray for our Confirmandi**

Three weeks from today, 24 students from our Parish will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We also have one adult as well. Bishop Senior will be coming to confer the Sacrament this year. The Mass will be Sunday, October 25 at 1:00 p.m. All Parishioners are invited to attend.

## Reflections

by Father Leonard N. Peterson

Twenty Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

Brand names have a certain evocative power. For example, if I were to say to you “Kellogg’s” you’d be thinking “cereal” or one of that company’s cereal products. The same holds for “Heinz” which makes you think “ketchup.” Or “car insurance” at the mere mention of “Geico.” (That last one claiming boldly that “everybody knows that.”) By dint of longevity, or quality, or just aggressive advertising, certain brand names trigger such automatic responses.

I remember some years ago that one of our national supermarket chains proudly labelled their in-store products as “Ideal.” It made no difference what the product was. That brand name was meant to entice you the consumer to believe that it was “perfect”; the epitome; the very model of a this, that, or the other thing.

So, using analogy, I could say that Jesus held up the ideal of marriage as designed by God when He took on his usual antagonists, the Pharisees, with their duplicitous question about the lawfulness of divorce. He explained patiently that Moses’ permission for divorce was a concession on his part to human weakness. Again, the ideal in God’s original plan was that married persons, man and woman, constitute “one flesh.” Obviously divorce is forbidden because it contradicts God’s plan. In our time, the Church still upholds that ideal, and always will. Yet she realizes that there are certain conditions and particular circumstances that guide her when a marriage falls short of the ideal. This is not the place for specificity.

We believers in Jesus acknowledge that He always holds up the ideal for us to follow. He does this to enlighten us, not to frighten us. To illustrate but not to frustrate. To motivate but not to enervate. Any physician of the mind would tell us that we need ideals to admire and goals to shoot for to give added purpose for our lives.

It is necessary and spiritually beneficial for divorced persons to remember that they are still valued members of the Church. There is a false idea floating around that divorced people are automatically excommunicated. That is not Church teaching.

It is good for each and every follower of Jesus to be well informed of the Church’s position and practice on this subject when divorce is so prevalent and false understanding does such harm. The official Catechism gives us the teaching, and the Sunday Eucharist gives us the strength to live it in whatever circumstance we find ourselves in life.

Meanwhile, in a culture that has devalued marriage, we have before us a graced opportunity for good Catholic married couples to exemplify by their lives how to live out the Christian “brand name” conferred on them at Baptism. It is still true, as the hymn puts it, that “they will know us by our love.” Come to think of it, that’s a pretty good “brand name slogan”, even if the New Testament said it first.

### ***CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD EVERY SUNDAY AT THE 10:30 AM MASS Children ages 4 to 9***

Children’s Liturgy of the Word provides children aged four to nine the opportunity to hear the Scripture Readings adapted to a level of understanding for them. They gather in the Church Hall. Anyone interested in volunteering or if you have questions, contact Ms. Havrilla: 610-872-6192 or email at [olcharityprep@gmail.com](mailto:olcharityprep@gmail.com).



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

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

### *PREP NEWS and INFORMATION* From Ms. Jeanne Havrilla

1. PREP 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) will be 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**

### **OLC Blood Drive Thank You**

*Thank you to everyone who came to the Blood Drive on Monday, September 21st. 41 people came out and the Red Cross was able to collect 37 units. Thanks to Kathy DeJohn who coordinated the Drive and to Toni Bonacquisti who made the phone calls and volunteered at the Drive.*

### **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](http://www.worldmeeting2015.org) and click on "Pre-Order Your Keepsake Book."

**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

**OLC Family Bingo**

**SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 17**

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

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.

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

**Food will be available**

**Parish Calendar of Events this Week:**

**Sunday, October 4**

Coffee Sunday, after 8 & 10:30 Mass, C. Hall

**Tuesday, October 6**

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

PREP, 6:30 to 7:45, School

CRO, 6:30 to 7:45, RMR

**Wednesday, October 7**

Charitian Board Meeting, 11 am, Rec. Conf. Rm

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

**Thursday, October 8**

Choir Practice, 7 pm, Church

**Saturday, October 10**

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

K. of C. Beef & Beer, 7 pm, Church Hall

**Liturgical Ministers' Schedules for  
Next Weekend**

**Saturday, October 10, 5:15 p.m.**

Lector: Len Jankauskas

Special Ministers: Marie Miele,  
Margaret Flanagan, Gail Costigan



**Sunday, October 11, 8:00 a.m.**

Altar Servers: S. Lynch

Lector: Cynthia Vicente

Special Ministers: Antoinette Bonacquisti,  
Ben Linowski, Dolores Lavelle



**Sunday, October 11, 10:30 a.m.**

Altar Servers: A. & A. Mielechowsky,  
B. Stekowicz

Lector: Cindy Gallo

Special Ministers: Dolores O'Malley,  
Eileen Wilson, Dominic DiFiore



***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, Mary Layer, Elaine Loflin, Michelle (Lamont) Maher, Maria "Pia" Mattera, Michael Mattera, Cameron McCarthy, Len McLintock, Jill Nix, Sandy Partin, Ted Stahl, Maryanne Talley, Joseph & Seraphine Traub, Adelaide Vernon, Mae Wassel, Shirley West.