



*Our Lady of Charity, Pray for Us*

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**RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**

The Rectory is open for business Monday through Thursday 9:30 to 4:30 p.m.  
Fridays: 9:30 to 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 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.*

April 3, 2016  
The Octave of Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday  
April is the Month of the Sorrowful Mother

**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

**NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES**

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| <b>SATURDAY,</b>  | <b><u>APRIL 2, 2016</u></b>                        |
| 5:15 P.M.         | Pro Populo   |
| <b>SUNDAY,</b>    | <b><u>APRIL 3, 2016</u></b>                        |
| 8:00 a.m.         | Members of Our Lady of<br>Charity Memorial Society |
| 10:30 a.m.        | Larry Katzmire<br>(20th Anniversary)               |
| <b>MONDAY,</b>    | <b><u>APRIL 4, 2016</u></b>                        |
| 8:00 a.m.         | Holy Souls In Purgatory                            |
| <b>TUESDAY,</b>   | <b><u>APRIL 5, 2016</u></b>                        |
| 8:00 a.m.         | Molly Arington and<br>Tony DelVillano              |
| <b>WEDNESDAY,</b> | <b><u>APRIL 6, 2016</u></b>                        |
| 8:00 a.m.         | Louis, Julia and Pete DiCarlo                      |
| <b>THURSDAY,</b>  | <b><u>APRIL 7, 2016</u></b>                        |
| 8:00 a.m.         | William Grogan, Sr.                                |
| <b>FRIDAY,</b>    | <b><u>APRIL 8, 2016</u></b>                        |
| 8:00 a.m.         | Marie Moore<br>2nd Anniversary                     |
| <b>SATURDAY,</b>  | <b><u>APRIL 9, 2016</u></b>                        |
| 8:00 a.m.         | Dennis Mickles                                     |

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| <b>SATURDAY,</b> | <b><u>APRIL 9, 2016</u></b>  |
| 5:15 p.m.        | William McGowan              |
| <b>SUNDAY,</b>   | <b><u>APRIL 10, 2016</u></b> |
| 8:00 a.m.        | William McCandless           |
| 10:30 a.m.       | Armando DiCarlo              |

**COLLECTION TOTALS AS DESCRIBED**

|                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Sunday, March 20:             | \$8,270.00  |
| Number of Envelopes returned: | 358         |
| Number Attending Masses:      | 618         |
| For Sunday, March 27:         | \$5,326.00  |
| Number of Envelopes returned: | 189         |
| Easter Sunday, March 27:      | \$21,458.00 |
| Number of Envelopes returned: | 368         |
| Number Attending Masses:      | 876         |
| Easter Flower Collection:     | \$3,591.00  |
| Number of Envelopes returned: | 211         |
| Holy Land Collection:         | \$905.00    |
| Number of Envelopes returned: | 49          |
| Rice Bowl Talley:             | \$1,703.00  |
| Number of Envelopes returned: | 114         |
| Donations for Painting:       | \$625.00    |

*Thank you for your generosity!*

O.L.Coffee & Donuts

Next week , following the 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Masses.

## *Greetings from Father Izzo*

### **Happy Easter, Today's the 8th Day of Easter.**

On behalf of Father Williams and myself, I wish you a very happy and blessed Easter. Please know of our prayers for you during this most blessed season.

Thank you to all who helped to make our Easter Celebrations here so beautiful. A special note of gratitude to our choir, because they are small in number, however, the Easter Triduum is a very busy time for them. I commend them on singing the Reproaches on Good Friday during the veneration of the Cross; it's an ancient hymn, which lead to a wonderful meditation that afternoon. Of course, to our decorating committee, and everyone else who assisted in making our Church so beautiful. As we always do, we have included a list of the Easter Flower Memorials with this bulletin (*this list can only include those who have remitted their envelope by Easter Sunday. Any additional names, will be included in the coming weeks bulletins, as we receive them.*)

We are once again happy with the flowers we received from Miller's Greenhouse, Wallingford; Minutella's Florist, Brookhaven; Linvilla Orchards, Middletown; and Genuardi's Greenhouse, Norristown. All have assisted with the beautiful flowers you see in our Church. We are grateful for your generosity which allows us to make the Church so beautiful for Easter.

Finally, last Sunday, on Easter, it was very nice to see so many people at Mass. We had close to 500 people at the 10:30 alone, which makes our Church look so full. But during these days, people have responded so very well with all our offerings: on Good Friday and Easter Saturday, I heard Confessions continuously for over two hours on Good Friday night after Stations, and for one and a half hour on Holy Saturday, which is wonderful. A beautiful expression of faith and trust in God's mercy.

### **Property Committee Summary: The Latest Update**

As you know, we have received permission over a year ago from the Archdiocese to possibly sell or lease our school and or convent buildings. The Property Committee has been discussing the best financial and neighborhood friendly goals of the sale. The Parish Councils have given their permission to this process with great support. At this point, we have submitted all the required permissions and appraisals to the Archdiocese. Their review process will not be completed until June. We don't expect any difficulties from this review. In the meantime, I have requested that our real estate brokers make some selected inquiries from local Catholic entities and other businesses/colleges concerning our properties to see if there is any interest. They are in the process of doing that work at this time. Otherwise, we are intending on listing the properties once we receive the permission to do so from the Archdiocese. Overall, we expect any sale would take about 18 months to complete, so it's good that we are beginning this process now. As always, I will keep you informed every step of the way.

**Reflections by Fr. Leonard Peterson**  
**Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy**  
**Sunday –April 3, 2016**

The arrival of e-books that enable us to read everything from Shakespeare to Salinger on a handheld screen brings into question the future of tangible books. Not to omit similar speculation about the fate of brick and mortar libraries.

But no matter the format used to present it, Sacred Scripture will always impact our lives because that is what it is intended to do. God, the hidden Author of Scripture, has clearly told us that His Word never goes forth empty.

Today, the Easter message continues to open up like the petals of flowers do in time-lapse films. We read today of the effects of Jesus' resurrection on people who may have doubted but then believed.

Having learned who Jesus was for sure, they wanted His mercy. First of the physical kind, as in cures for the sick. But also of the spiritual kind, in the forgiveness of sins. These mercies are made possible for us today by Jesus' power that He passed on to His Apostles.

On the Second Sunday of Easter in the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass for the canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope Saint John Paul II proclaimed to the world that "from now on throughout the Church this Sunday will be called Divine Mercy Sunday." The devotion born in the vision experienced by the Polish nun St. Faustina, has spread to the whole Catholic world in the form of the Divine Mercy chaplet.

Even in the St. Thomas story, there is an example of God's mercy. Jesus never scolds Thomas for his doubt. After all, doubt often precedes faith, and makes it all the more fruitful in the believer's heart.

The main point for all of us is to remember that everything Jesus did for us in His Passion, Death and Resurrection was one great act of mercy toward us sinners. That is well documented in the New Testament. No matter which way you choose to read it—book or tablet—the truth in it will give you a positive perspective and set you free from the negatives that pester us.

It has been said that "many Christians expect the rest of the world to respect a book they neglect." That should not include us. While other books were given to us for information, the Bible was given to us for transformation. It finds us where we are and helps take us where we ought to be. For that: Praised be Jesus Christ!

The main point for all of us today is to remember the main point of all that Jesus did for us, and to highlight God's perennial posture of mercy toward us sinners. That is all well documented in the book that we call "the bible." No matter how you read it, on paper or on electronic screen, the truth in it will set you free. Don't be one of the many Christians who expect the world to respect a book they neglect. It doc-

**Easter Flowers**

We are grateful for your generosity because it really did allow us to make our Church beautiful.

There is an insert in this bulletin that lists all the Memorials that we received for our Easter flowers.

**LENTEN GIVING CROSS**  
**THANK YOU!!**

We received 127 Giant Cards for a total of \$2,030, 11 Target cards for a total of \$275, 9 WalMart cards for a total of \$275.00 and 1 Macy card for a total of \$50.00

Because of your generosity, we were able to donate \$1,500 of the cards to our St. Vincent de Paul Society to use in their ministry to help families in need and the remaining cards will be used to help our Parish families. OLC is truly a wonderful giving parish.

Thanks again.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**8th Annual Spaghetti Dinner**

Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus  
(Our Lady of Rosary Council 3876)

**Sunday, April 17**  
**from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**  
Church Hall

Tickets will be sold at the door

\$8 for adults and  
\$4 for children 12 and younger

**ATTIC TREASURES  
NEXT WEEKEND  
April 8th, 9th and 10th**

Our Lady of Charity Parish will hold its 2nd Attic Treasure Extravaganza on

**Friday, April 8th from 6—8 pm  
Saturday, April 9th after the 5:15 pm Mass  
Sunday, April 10th from 9 am to 12 noon  
in the Church Hall.**

We have received many “treasures” for our sale. This will be a fun event. Bring your family and friends to see the different assortment of items that we have for you to purchase. All proceeds benefit our parish.

**All items must be in by Monday, April 4th. Nothing can be accepted after that date.**

Hope to see you there!!!

**Little Sisters of the Poor**

Next weekend, **April 9th & 10th**, the Little Sisters of the Poor will be speaking at all the Masses after Communion to seek your financial support for their ministry to the elderly poor. The Sisters are committed to welcoming the needy regardless of race or religion, into their Home on Salem Church Road in Newark. They receive them as members of their large family, caring for them and preparing them for their heavenly Home when God calls them.

There will be a second collection for the Sisters. Your generosity and prayers will be deeply appreciated.

Please Pray for our Beloved Dead  
Kindly keep in your prayers:

**Frank Meyers**

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

**Confirmation Parents' Meeting**

There is a mandatory meeting for parents of our students who will receive Confirmation in the Fall on

**Tuesday, April 5**

**from 6:30 to 7:45 pm**

in the school building.

**Charitian News**

There will be a Board Meeting on  
**Wednesday, April 6th, at 11:00 am**  
in the Rectory Conference Room.

Hoagie Day will be on Wednesday,  
April 20th at 12 Noon at Brookhaven Municipal  
Hall. If you have not ordered yet, please call Tom  
Boyle at 610-874-9186 by  
Friday, April 15th. Hoagie choices are  
Italian or Turkey.

**Looking for true joy & happiness but having trouble finding it? Feeling like your faith needs a “jump start?” Have you had a good Lent, and are thirsting for more?**

Please join us over the next **three Tuesday evenings, April 5th, 12th & 19th from 6:30 to 7:45 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room** where we will discuss the following topics:

**April 5**

The important role parents play in forming their children’s faith; The beauty of the Catholic faith; The joy of deepening your relationship with Jesus.

**April 12**

The joy of deepening your relationship with Jesus (continued); I don’t understand the Mass—it’s boring—why should I go?; Understanding the parts of the Mass (Part 1)

**April 19**

Understanding the parts of the Mass (Part 2); How can Jesus truly be present in the Holy Eucharist? (a very powerful video will be shown)

Whether you are a practicing Catholic, lukewarm, or have been away for a while, we invite you to join us and bring a friend or family members. There’s something for everyone. Feel free to just sit back and listen or participate as much as you’d like. We will have enlightening guest speakers and powerful videos. Come to one or all sessions. All are welcome, especially PREP parents and parents with young children. These sessions are FREE and are part of our Catholics Reaching Out (CRO) Series.

Refreshments and snacks will be served. For more info or to reserve a seat, as seating is limited, contact facilitator, Gina Mesko, at 610-872-0876 or [gagm2002@comcast.net](mailto:gagm2002@comcast.net)



**Catholic Charities Appeal  
2016  
“A New Vision”**

Archdiocesan Goal: \$15 Million  
Campaign Style: Direct Mailing  
Campaign by Archdiocese

2016 OLC Parish Goal Amount: \$40,428  
To date for OLC: 114 gifts have been received,  
totaling **\$13,285 or 31%** of our total goal.

*Please be generous.*

**Scripture Study**

Scripture Study will resume on Wednesday, April 27, at 7 pm in the Rectory Conference Room.

**Parish Calendar of Events this Week:**

**Tuesday, April 5**

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

PREP, 6:30-7:45 pm, School

Catholic Reaching Out, 6:30 pm, Rectory Meeting Room

Confirmation Parents’ Meeting, 6:30 pm, School

**Wednesday, April 6**

Charitians’ Board Meeting, 11 am, Rec. Conf. Room

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

**Thursday, April 7**

Social Committee, 6:30 pm, Rectory Mtg. Room

Choir, 7 pm, Choir Loft

**Friday, April 8**

Attic Treasures, 6pm-8pm, Church Hall

**Saturday, April 3**

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

Attic Treasures, after 5:15pm Mass, Church Hall

**Liturgical Ministers’ Schedules for  
Next Weekend**

**Saturday, April 9, 5:15 p.m.**

Lector: Please see schedule

Special Ministers: Margaret Flanagan,  
Marie Miele, Fred O’Malley



**Sunday, April 10, 8:00 a.m.**

Altar Server: S. Lynch

Lector: Please see schedule

Special Ministers: Dolores Lavelle,  
Antoinette Bonacquisti, Ben Linowski



**Sunday, April 10, 10:30 a.m.**

Altar Server: R. Costigan

Lector: Please see schedule

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



**Prayers For The Sick**

Peter Adamonis, Robert Ash, Adele Blonski, Virginia Bernero, Janet Bischof, Jean Brower, Betty Burns, Shawn Burns, Theresa Carlin, Patricia Cawley, Gerald Cucchi, Jean Curran, Josephine D’Amico, Jacob DelPrato, Maria DiPaola, Dorothy Dragoni, Louis Finsterbusch, Ruth Ford, Gina Gasiorowski, Alice Gordon, Devin Kates, Betty Keane, Betty Hart, Mary Layer, Patrick Lavelle, Elaine Loflin, Michelle Lamont Maher, Michael Mattera, Len McClintock, Michael McGettigan, Jill Nix, Kathleen Noveretta, June Ramsey, Ted Stahl, Maryanne Talley, Joseph & Seraphine Traub, Wanda Trynovich, Mae Wassel, Shirley West.