



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 7:45 p.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.

February 14, 2016
First Sunday Of Lent
February is the month of the Holy Family

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2016
5:15 P.M. Pro Populo

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2016
8:00 a.m. Marie Blair
10:30 a.m. William and Anna Felker

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2016
8:00 a.m. Olaf Frandsen

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016
8:00 a.m. Rev. Msgr. Andrew J. Hanlon
5th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2016
8:00 a.m. Elaine Lockbaum

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2016
8:00 a.m. Frank Greto

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2016
8:00 a.m. William E. Grogan, Sr.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2016
8:00 a.m. Louis Soscia
3rd Anniversary

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2016
5:15 p.m. Diane Hino

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2016
8:00 a.m. Sister M.
St. Monica, I.H.M.
10:30 a.m. Margaret Stichter

WEEKLY COLLECTION & ATTENDANCE REPORT

Sunday, February 14 \$9,951.00
Number of Envelopes returned: 363
Number Attending Masses: 556

Block Collection Tally: \$31,230.00
Number of Envelopes Tally: 286

As always, thank you for your continued support!

**President's Day is this Monday,
February 15**

**Rectory Office is Closed for business
and will re-open on Tuesday at 9 a.m.**

Mass on Monday will be at 8 am

Greetings from Father Izzo

Opportunities for Lent

ReDiscover Jesus

This is the first Sunday in Lent, and we have given away over 500 copies of Matthew Kelly's "Rediscover Jesus" text, which can be helpful to you during this season of Lent. There are 40 chapters in the book, and there are 40 days in Lent. It's not a coincidence! Matthew Kelly knew exactly what he was doing to inspire you to have the "Best Lent Ever!" Need a book, they are on the table near shrine area in Church. Then, read the book, and re-read it, then:

1. Sign-up to receive a daily reflection from Matthew Kelly about his book, via email.
To sign up: go to www.dynamiccatholic.com
Even though Lent has already started, you can still sign up.
2. Father Izzo is hosting a Book Club on this text on the Mondays in Lent. No experience necessary...just read the book. Each week, we will discuss a few chapters as a topic. Come once, or come weekly, or as you can: **Mondays at 7:00 in the RMR.**

Confessions on Tuesdays in Lent

Each week during Lent, Father Williams or me will be available for Confessions in the Church on Tuesday evenings, 7-8 p.m.

Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 1:30 p.m.

In March, we will have an evening Stations of the Cross for the PREP students, but others are also welcome, and we will confirm that date and time with you soon.

Celebration of First Penance and Reconciliation

Would you please pray for our Parish Children who will be receiving their First Penance and Reconciliation on **February 24 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Church. These children are also preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time with us in early May.

Last Year's Catholic Charities 2015: 99% of our goal reached!

Congratulations OLC, a very good showing for our Parish. A total of 298 gifts were received from 242 donors, for a total amount of \$39,942.02. We will have more information about this year's appeal in the coming weeks in the bulletin.

Donor for the Angels near the Tabernacle

Sad to say, but the donor for the Angels near the Tabernacle never fulfilled the pledge for them. We purchased them from a closed convent for \$250 and then had to repair and repaint them for additional \$1800. Anyone wishing to make a donation towards them (*can be a memorial, if you so wish*), please contact Father Izzo.

First Sunday Of Lent
Reflections by Rev. Leonard Peterson

Years ago, a popular comedian named Flip Wilson created a female character named Geraldine, complete with a high-pitched voice and sassy speech whose frequent excuse for her misbehavior was that “The devil made me do it.” I am not aware of any contemporary comedian who does something similar as part of his/her act. But time spent in the confessional has revealed to me that a lot of present-day Catholics draw on the same excuse to rationalize their sins. Often enough, it is a bad habit that has invaded their lifestyle, like the use of internet pornography, or the excessive use of alcohol, or plain old but destructive gossip over coffee and bagels at the breakfast table.

For those things, and for everything else comes the curative story of how Jesus handled powerful temptations. Granted, His strength was superhuman, but still it models for us an alternative to the hollow excuses we make. For as powerful as temptations can be, they can still be overcome. As vivid as the picture that Satan paints for us, always disguising evil to satisfy our innate tending to the good, his wiles are not enough to defeat grace. Our choice to ignore the grace hastens our downfall.

Sin is anti-God in its essence. Rooted in pride, it is a mockery of the crucified God who suffered to defeat Satan whose hatred of God motivates him to tempt us. He wants to make our baptismal mission tougher to fulfill. But God’s strength is open to us if we call upon it. And His mercy is there if we fall.

Note that Christ’s mission preparation, or “boot camp” as it were, began in the desert. The word doesn’t necessarily mean Sahara-like scenery, but a remote wilderness void of distraction. That’s what sanctuary decoration involving thorns and cactus that you often see in churches this time of year is meant to evoke. It is a good idea to seek or create a “deserted” place of sorts for our Lenten prayer. A public park. A lakeside. A meditative walk in the woods. An empty church or chapel. Even your own room, with the door closed and smart phone powered down could do for your “desert.”

In such locales we can take that much-needed look at our lives and perhaps face the hard fact that we have given into temptation too often since last Lent. This is at least as crucial (There’s an apt word, rooted in the Latin for “cross”) as our annual physical. No phony excuses possible there. It’s just you and the Lord. Take heart that He has a merciful attitude, if not a smile. Have a good Lent.

Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Office of the Archbishop

February 14, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The prophet Isaiah heard the voice of the Lord, “Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?” This is the same small voice that every man hears when God is calling him to serve in the priesthood of Jesus Christ. The inner promptings and grace of the Holy Spirit help the man to discern this voice and follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest. With Christ, the priest sets out into the deep in search of humankind.

The spiritual journey of the priest leads him down many roads to various ministries in the life of God’s family on earth. You have experienced this priestly ministry in your own lives in so many ways. The priest gives us his own personal life to take up the life of Christ for God’s people. Now, many priests depend on you for your loving care and support. Villa Saint Joseph in Darby, Regina Coeli in Warminster, and various other health care facilities provide a home and health care for those priests who are retired or in ill health and are no longer able serve in active ministry. They now depend on your prayerful and financial support.

Our annual 2016 Collection for the Care of Aging and Infirm Priests of the Archdiocese will be taken up on the weekend of February 20 and 21, 2016, throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. In the past your generosity for the care of aging and ill priests has been exemplary and we are truly grateful to you. Through your love and gratitude, God will continue to watch over them and care for them for their remaining days. You are in their daily Mass intentions and prayers, and we ask you to remember them in yours.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Christ,

*Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia.*

Faith and Pizza Night!

Who: 5-8th graders

What: talking about our faith while eating delicious pizza and snacks

When: Sunday, 2/14 7-8PM

Where: Rectory meeting room—come to the back of the rectory, walk through ground floor door

Why: Jesus and pizza? What more could you ask for?

Follow us on Twitter and Instagram

@olcyouth_group!

Contact Jessica DuBois at

jrdubois7@gmail.com for any questions.

2015 Tax Statement

If you would like a copy of your 2015 Contribution Statement, please call the Rectory (during business hours) and it will be prepared for you to pick up or send us your name and address, along with a self-addressed stamped envelope and it will be mailed to you.

O.L. Coffee & Donuts

This morning,

following the 8:00 &

10:30 a.m. Masses.

Stop down for a good cup of
"Joe"

and chat with friends

Catholic Charities Appeal—2016

Thank you for the sacrifices you have made in order to support the Catholic Charities Appeal. Your support will benefit nearly 180 ministries and programs helping everything from childcare to retirement living, from homelessness to growing the Church on college campuses. Your generosity is a source of inspiration as we have all come together to become a part of *A New Vision* of service. Our parish goal is \$40,428.

It is important that every parishioner and parish do their part to help raise \$1.5 million dollars, because we are all one family in Christ. Thank you for your generosity.

OLC Food Collection

February 20 & 21

The monthly canned food collection will be next weekend, at all Masses. Anyone wishing to donate non-perishable food items can place them at the exits of the Church. Donated food items will be given to the Bernardine Center.

We recently received a letter from the Bernardine Center thanking us for our January donation of 325.6 pounds of food.

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

Joseph Crilly

Frances (Jean) Torelli

for the happy repose of their souls and for the consolation of their families and friends.

Knights of Columbus Crab Cake Sale

Featuring Chuck's Jumbo Lump Crab Meat Cakes. Crab Critters and Maryland Crab Soup by the Quart also available

Order forms available at the exits of the church.

All orders must be returned by
Sunday, March 6th.

The pickup date is Saturday, March 12th.

St. James High School Alumni Association

The St. James Alumni Association will host a *Scholarship Program Open House* on **Wednesday, February 17th at 7 PM.** The Scholarship Open House will be held at the St. James headquarters, The Doghouse located at 1499 E. 9th St. Eddystone, PA

Charitian News

Valentine's Celebration Luncheon

**Wednesday, February 17
Noon at Brookhaven Municipal Bldg.**

Buffet Lunch, RSVP Band
Cost: \$20

If you have not signed up, please call
Tom at 610-874-9186 by
Noon, Monday, February 15th

Aid For Friends Group Cook

Thanks to all who participated in the Aid for Friends group cook on February 6th. We prepared 145 meals and 17 soups. A special thanks to our youth volunteers—Sydney Lynch and Alex Mielechowsky from OLC. Our next group cook will be in April. If you are interested in learning more about AFF and our group cook, please leave your name and telephone number with Joan at the Rectory.

Parish Calendar of Events this Week:

Sunday, February 14

Faith & Pizza Youth Group, 7-8p, Rec. Mtg. Room

Tuesday, February 16

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

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

Wednesday, February 17

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

St. Vincent de Paul Mtg., 7 pm, Rec. Conf. Room

Scripture Study, 7 pm, Rec. Meeting Room

Thursday, February 18

Choir, 7 pm, Choir Loft

Saturday, February 20

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

Liturgical Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

Saturday, February 20, 5:15 p.m.

Lector: Michael Costigan

Special Ministers: Gail Costigan,
Janice Sawicki, Fred O'Malley



Sunday, February 21, 8:00 a.m.

Altar Server: S. Lynch

Lector: Cynthia Vicente

Special Ministers: Ben Linowski,
Jim Heslin, Dolores Lavelle



Sunday, February 21, 10:30 a.m.

Altar Server: M. Costigan

Lector: Breanne McGovern

Special Ministers: Eileen Wilson,
Corinne O'Grady, Bob Losak



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, Robert DelPrato, Maria DiPaola, Jack Doyle, Louis Finsterbusch, Ruth Ford, Gina Gasiorowski, Alice Gordon, Betty Hart, Mary Layer, Elaine Loflin, Michelle (Lamont) Maher, Michael Mattera, Cameron McCarthy, Len McClintock, Michael McGettigan, Jill Nix, June Ramsey, Ted Stahl, Maryanne Talley, Joseph & Seraphine Traub, Wanda Trynovich, Adelaide Vernon, Mae Wassel, Shirley West.