



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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Religious Education: Call Rectory or Email: olcharityprep@gmail.com

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 21, 2016
Second Sunday Of Lent
February is the month of the Holy Family

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2016
5:15 P.M. Diane Hino

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2016
8:00 a.m. Pro Populo

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2016
8:00 a.m. Sister Anne
Kathleen, IHM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2016
8:00 a.m. Anthony Sgavichio

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2016
8:00 a.m. James McLaughlin
7th Anniversary

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2016
8:00 a.m. William and
Veronica Platt

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2016
8:00 a.m. F. Clark Walton

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2016
5:15 p.m. Angeline McNelly

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2016
8:00 a.m. Jayne M. McNamee
5th Anniversary
10:30 a.m. Michael J. O'Malley, Sr.
36th Anniversary

WEEKLY COLLECTION & ATTENDANCE REPORT

Sunday, February 21 \$7,009.00
Number of Envelopes returned: 260
Number Attending Masses: 495

Block Collection Tally: \$31,430.00
Number of Envelopes Tally: 288

As always, thank you for your continued support!

**Care of Aging and Infirm Priests
Of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia**

Included in your envelope packets for today is an envelope for the Care of Aging and Infirm Priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Greetings from Father Izzo

Some Opportunities for Lent

ReDiscover Jesus

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, 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 and/or me will be available for Confessions in the Church on Tuesday evenings, 7-8 p.m. **This Tuesday we will have four priests for Confessions because our PREP students will be coming for Confession.**

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 will confirm that date and time with you soon.

Celebration of First Penance and Reconciliation

This Wednesday, 13 of our Parish Children will be receiving their First Penance and Reconciliation. Parents a reminder, please come between 6:30 and 6:45 p.m. in the Church. Each Family has a reserved pew.

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

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.

Thank You for answering plea about the Angels.

After last's week announcement about the Angels, we received a donation that covered the costs for them. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Reflections by Fr. Leonard Peterson

Second Sunday Of Lent

February 21, 2016

White sandy beaches by a turquoise sea, all under a golden sun. Aah! Doesn't that make for an enticing picture in mid-February? No wonder the airlines run such images by our eyes knowing that many of us are "winter-weary" just now! How many of us who don't sled or ski but merely shovel the snow would like to oblige but know very well that such trips aren't for free.

However unintended, such enticements could persuade us to target Lent as the source of our sadness. Not a good thing for people who profess to be disciples of Christ. There's nothing inherently wrong with wanting to visit a warm beach at this time of year but rushing to that scene contradicts all the Lenten urging to go to the desert and contemplate our need for the discipline called penance.

Today's First Reading describes Abraham's call to leave familiar scenery and become the father of a new nation that will be great. If you doubt Abraham's courage and trust in God, consider your own attitude toward change.

Centuries later, St. Paul writes about his disappointment in the mediocre faith displayed by his Philippian converts in imitating people who make their stomachs their gods. Fair application to the many people among us who eat too much and always the wrong foods. Fasting is the classical Lenten penance urged upon us each year.

That blessed and fortunate trio of Peter, James and John get to see something far more attractive than a vacation spot: Jesus' transfiguration. What an uplift! What encouragement for them, and vicariously for us, as Jesus reveals a glimpse of His glory. Talk about something we all want to see in a place where we all hope to be!

But here's the rub. Despite St. Peter's wish to stay entranced by the vision, it vanishes as quickly as it appears, and the trio had to walk down the trail on Tabor with plain human Jesus. They had to re-enter the reality of an earthbound existence for a while longer. They had to learn that for the followers of Christ, glory only comes after the suffering. It is always the cross before the resurrection. Deep down we all know that.

Lent is like that physical exercise our doctors recommend and many of us detest, even though we know the doctor is right. We have to do it for our own good. Spiritually speaking, we know that the increased prayer and some bodily penance we choose for the season invigorates us like a good physical workout does. We strengthen those spiritual muscles we all need to believe in God here on earth and trust Him with His promises of a heavenly future. It will be something like arriving at a warm sandy beach in mid-winter, yes, but so much more. "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." (I Cor. 2:9)

WEEKLY LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

CONFESSIONS FOR LENT

Saturdays 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.
(as regularly scheduled)

Additional Confessions will be heard every
Tuesday of Lent at 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in
Church

DEVOTIONS FOR LENT

Communal Rosary at 7:35 a.m. before
Morning Masses

Miraculous Medal Novena on Saturdays
following the 8:00 a.m. Mass

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

FAITH ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Weekly Book Study on "Rediscover Jesus"
Mondays at 7:00 p.m.
Rectory Meeting Room
Discussions lead by Father Izzo

Scripture Study
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
Rectory Conference Room

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.**

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 every-
thing 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 mil-
lion dollars, because we are all one family in
Christ. Thank you for your generosity.

Lenten Giving Cross

Since our Advent Giving Tree is such a huge
success, we are again having a similar project
for Lent: the Lenten Giving Cross. Begin-
ning next week, we will display a simple large
wooden cross in the Church, and on it will be
cross ornaments for you to take. Basically
the ornaments represent a vendor for a gift
card to either Giant, Walmart or Target. If
you would like to participate please put the
gift card in an envelope and attach your Len-
ten Cross to it and drop it in the Collection
basket before or by Sunday, March 20. The
gift cards will be shared with needy parish-
ioners and also the OLC St. Vincent de Paul
Society. Your small act of almsgiving allows
others to also enjoy the Easter holidays.

OLC Youth Group

Join the OLC Youth Group for a
Service and Snacks night on

Sunday, February 28

7 to 8 p.m.

Rectory Meeting Room

We'll be enjoying delicious snacks while
making cards for the homebound members
of our parish. All are welcome! Questions?

Contact Jess DuBois at

jrdubois7@gmail.com.

Parish Calendar of Events this Week:

Monday, February 22

Book Club Study, 7 p.m., Rec. Mtg. Room

Tuesday, February 23

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

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

Confessions 7 p.m. Church

Wednesday, February 24

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

First Penance, 7 p.m., Church

Scripture Study, 7 pm, Rec. Conf. Room

Thursday, February 25

Choir, 7 pm, Choir Loft

Saturday, February 27

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

St. James High School

Alumni Association

Once again, the St. James Alumni Association will be sponsoring **high school scholarships for the 2015 – 2016 school year**. The scholarship applications are available upon request beginning in January 2016 (phone: 610-876-2006 or email: stjdoghouse@comcast.net). These are partial 4-year high school scholarships with required attendance at a Philadelphia Archdiocesan High School.

The scholarship applicant must be a practicing Catholic from a Delaware County parish. The students eligible are graduating 8th graders and current high school students.

The scholarship applicants are evaluated on several categories i.e., academic achievement, community service and financial need; the student is also required to write an essay on an assigned topic. All applications with the complete requested information must be **returned by 2 PM Wednesday, April 7, 2016.**

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.

Liturgical Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

Saturday, February 27, 5:15 p.m.

Lector: Alice Kachelries

Special Ministers: Judy Wright,
Marie Miele, Margaret Flanagan



Sunday, February 28, 8:00 a.m.

Altar Server: Tom Boyle

Lector: Cindy Gallo

Special Ministers: Elizabeth Hermansen,
Antoinette Bonacquisti, Kathy DeJohn



Sunday, February 28, 10:30 a.m.

Altar Server: A. & A. Mielechowsky

Lector: Denise DiIorio

Special Ministers: Bob Losak,
June Stolnis, John Moletteri



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, Louis Finsterbusch, Ruth Ford, Gina Gasiorowski, Alice Gordon, Betty Hart, Mary Layer, Elaine Loflin, Michael Mattera, Len McClintock, Michael McGettigan, Jill Nix, June Ramsey, Ted Stahl, Maryanne Talley, Joseph & Seraphine Traub, Wanda Trynovich, Adelaide Vernon, Mae Wassel, Shirley West.