



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 28, 2016
Third Sunday Of Lent
February is the month of the Holy Family

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2016

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016

8:00 a.m. James Pace

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2016

8:00 a.m. Pro Populo

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2016

8:00 a.m. Mary F. Bilotta

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2016

8:00 a.m. Kathryn Johnston
20th Anniversary

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2016

8:00 a.m. F. Clark Walton

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2016

5:15 p.m. James Hino

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2016

8:00 a.m. Members of Our Lady of
Charity Memorial Society

10:30 a.m. Michael J. O'Malley, Jr.
13th Anniversary

WEEKLY COLLECTION & ATTENDANCE REPORT

Sunday, February 28 \$8,980.00
Number of Envelopes returned: 318
Number Attending Masses: 555

Care of Aging Priests: \$1,855.00
Number of Envelopes: 115

As always, thank you for your continued support!

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.

Greetings from Father Izzo

Painting of the Sanctuary Total Costs

The painting of the Sanctuary cost \$16,450, the Holy Spirit Mural cost \$3,500 (which we received a donation for specifically), and the Side Shrines cost \$2625. Total cost: \$22,575. To date we have received \$12,000, which I am grateful for those who have helped us, especially since I was calling around the holidays.

Like with the Angels, we were to receive a special donation in the amount of \$10,000, which was pledged to assist us with the painting project. (One generous parishioner agreed to pay half the amount, which was for me a stirring motivation to have the Sanctuary painted in time for Christmas). However, after many calls, I have not received a response from this person.

So, during the last few weeks, we have received an additional \$2,000 in donations (towards the Angels) which I am going to use towards the painting expenses. I have contacted those who have sent us those donations. Thus, if anyone would like to help cover the remaining \$8,575 costs, I would appreciate it very much.

I have received a bid to have the rest of the Church painted and am working with the Finance Council to see if we can include this into next year's budget.

Some Opportunities for Lent

ReDiscover Jesus Book Club

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.

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.

Reflections by Fr. Leonard Peterson

Third Sunday Of Lent

February 28, 2016

This year of the presidential campaigns is obviously a banner one for campaign managers. How they manage may impact their next career step for better or for worse depending on the election outcome. Who are these people? Well, we may not know their names. Unless we pay attention to the pundits. Or perhaps when that manager later becomes a Cabinet member of the new president. Meanwhile campaign rallies, “attack ads,” banners and brochures are ultimately all the campaign manager’s doing.

Jesus Our Lord, while He was on earth and even now when He is in heaven, is still engaged in a “campaign” to win our hearts. There is a great difference between His strategy and that of earthbound campaigns because His “manager” is the Holy Spirit.

What happens all too frequently is that Jesus’ positions on a whole host of issues tend to lessen his numbers in the “polls” taken by the human heart. His is often not a popular one. Better ignored than not, especially if one wants comfort. Take today’s gospel highlight: the need for repentance. Note that word “need.”

This repentance isn’t an option for His true disciples. Nor is Jesus referring just to fish on six Fridays added to a dash of fasting. Or even an extra daily Mass or two during Lent. Granted, these are good things in themselves. But one can offer them up for awhile, with no noticeable effect for the balance of the year. No, for Jesus repentance means a change of heart, and boy, do we hate change! As a result, His campaign for our hearts hits a “wall of resistance.” We are weak by nature, and so we revert easily to the old groove.

In God, justice and mercy meet. Seemingly so contradictory, the two attributes in God become one blended virtue perfectly practiced. As a just Judge, Jesus is also our merciful Savior. Something our good Pope Francis wants us to remember especially for this jubilee year.

We can count on that when we contemplate that previously scheduled meeting that we all have with Jesus at our death. Preparing for that awesome encounter begins here and now. I don’t know about you, but that compels me to do my best to acquire a portfolio of deeds done that are mostly good. We can do precisely that because He Himself helps us with something we call “grace.” He wants us in heaven, and that’s a head start.

His “campaign Manager,” the Holy Spirit, is counting on our votes for Jesus, and His lifestyle. That’s why we have Lent: to refresh our affiliation with His “party.” Of course, as it is with any worthwhile thing in life, “it doesn’t do any good to sit up and take notice if you keep on sitting.”

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.**

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. This week, we will display a simple large wooden cross in the Church, and there will be a basket by the cross with a paper cross for you to take. Basically the crosses 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 a envelope and attach your Lenten Cross to it and drop it in the Collection basket before or by Sunday, March 20. The gift cards will be shared with needy parishioners and also the OLC St. Vincent de Paul Society. Your small act of almsgiving allows others to also enjoy the Easter holidays. *(If the card does not have the dollar amount on it, please put in on the card. Thanks!)*

Charitians

There will be a Board Meeting on
Wednesday, March 2nd at 11:00 a.m.
in the Rectory Conference Room.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURES PRAYER GROUP AT OLC

Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Rectory Conference Room

Join Patti Platt, who leads a prayerful discussion of the
Sunday Scriptures for each week.

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.

OLC KIOSK/BOOKCASE

Our OLC kiosk now has NEW TITLES available. In this Year of Mercy, we now have several relating to mercy, as well as some Faith Basics booklets, booklets about some of our saints and some great children's booklets and CDs. Remember, we have CDs as well as books, booklets and pamphlets for you to take home. And, we still have bibles (A youth version as well as the standard Catholic Bible), catechism and rosaries. There will also be some miraculous medals available soon. A small donation is appreciated but not required.

Please visit the kiosk – located at the rear vestibule of the church.

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.

Our Lady of Charity Presents:

Forgiveness: Anger's Own Worst Enemy (Myths, Truths, & the Healing Process)

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy and during this season of Lent, Our Lady of Charity cordially invites you to an evening with Anita Morro (RN, BSN, CCM), Healing and Wellness Coordinator of St. Mary Magdalen Parish, Media, PA, who will speak about "Forgiveness: Anger's Worst Enemy."

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, from 6:30pm-7:45pm in Our Lady of Charity's Rectory Meeting Room. Enter the rectory through the rear ground floor door, and the class room is on your left.

All are welcomed and bring a friend! ALL OLC PREP parents are invited to drop off their children in class and come join us!

To reserve a seat, kindly contact Gina Mesko
gagm2002@comcast.net or 610 872 0876.

Parish Calendar of Events this Week:

Sunday, February 28

OLC Youth Group, 7 pm, Rec. Mtg. Room

Monday, February 29

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

Tuesday, March 1

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

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

Confessions 7 p.m. Church

Wednesday, March 2

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

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

Scripture Study, 7 pm, Rec. Conf. Room

Thursday, March 3

Choir, 7 pm, Choir Loft

Saturday, March 5

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

Serra Club Meeting, 8:30 am, Rec. Mtg. Room

Liturgical Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

Saturday, March 5, 5:15 p.m.

Lector: Doreen McGettigan

Special Ministers: Janice Sawicki,
Marie Miele, Fred O'Malley



Sunday, March 6, 8:00 a.m.

Altar Server: S. Lynch

Lector: Velma Clark

Special Ministers: June Stolinis,
Antoinette Bonacquisti, Kathy DeJohn



Sunday, March 6, 10:30 a.m.

Altar Server: G. Sullenberger

Lector: Len Jankauskas

Special Ministers: Dolores O'Malley
Bob Losak, Dominic DiFiore



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, Michelle Lamont Maaher, 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.