



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

Parish and Mailing Address: 231 Upland Road, Brookhaven, PA 19015

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New and Improved Parish Website: www.olcbrookhaven.org

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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 7, 2016
Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time
February is the month of the Holy Family

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES

SATURDAY,	<u>FEBRUARY 6, 2016</u>
5:15 P.M.	Holy Souls In Purgatory
SUNDAY,	<u>FEBRUARY 7, 2016</u>
8:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of OLC Memorial Society
10:30 a.m.	Walter and Frances Hook
MONDAY,	<u>FEBRUARY 8, 2016</u>
8:00 a.m.	Edward and Dorothy Kelly
TUESDAY,	<u>FEBRUARY 9, 2016</u>
8:00 a.m.	Harry and Rita Culbertson—LIVING
WEDNESDAY,	<u>FEBRUARY 10, 2016</u>
8:00 a.m.	Anthony Mirigliani 48th Anniversary
7:00 p.m.	Pro Populo
THURSDAY,	<u>FEBRUARY 11, 2016</u>
8:00 a.m.	Livia DiMatteo
FRIDAY,	<u>FEBRUARY 12, 2016</u>
8:00 a.m.	William Havrilla
SATURDAY,	<u>FEBRUARY 13, 2016</u>
8:00 a.m.	Emil and Kathryn Ebner

SATURDAY,	<u>FEBRUARY 13, 2016</u>
5:15 p.m.	Pro Populo
SUNDAY,	<u>FEBRUARY 14, 2016</u>
8:00 a.m.	Marie Blair
10:30 a.m.	William and Anna Felker

WEEKLY COLLECTION & ATTENDANCE REPORT

Sunday, January 31	\$11,689.00
Number of Envelopes returned:	372
Number Attending Masses:	529
Catholic Relief Collection:	\$1,485.00
Number of Envelopes:	74
Block Collection Tally:	\$30,990.00
Number of Envelopes Tally:	281

As always, thank you for your continued support!

O.L. Coffee & Donuts

Next weekend

*following the 8:00 & 10:30
a.m. Masses*

Hope to see you there!

Greetings from Father Izzo

Lent Begins on February 10, 2016

Ash Wednesday Masses
will be at 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Ashes
will be distributed
at 12:15 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.
within the a Liturgy of the Word Service.
(Services will begin promptly at scheduled times.)

Did You Read Your “Rediscover Jesus” book Yet? It’s now a Spiritual Help for Lent

If you did, that’s swell! If not, please be sure to take one today after Mass so that you can have the Best Lent Ever! We are happy to make available to you this program for Lent. Please see the Dynamic Catholic ad in this week’s bulletin.

Youth Group Meeting on February 14, 2016

Jess DuBois will be meeting with our Parish youth (5-8th) grades on Sunday Nights, 2nd and 4th Sundays on the Month. Time: 7-8 p.m. in the Rectory Meeting Room. January’s meeting was cancelled because of the weather, but look forward to coming on February 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Other Lenten Activities

Stations of the Cross and Benediction will be on Friday’s at 1:30 p.m.

Confessions: Regular Schedule: Saturdays at 7:30 a.m. & 4:15 p.m.
For Lent: Tuesday Evenings 7 to 8:00 p.m.

Lenten Spiritual Book Club: Monday Evenings in Lent at 7:00 p.m. Bring your Rediscover Jesus Book. **Starts February 22, 2016.**

Wednesday Night Scripture Review: Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time Reflections by Rev. Leonard Peterson

Turning point. So many biographies, both of great ones from the past as well as some of the present take to highlighting some event as just that in their stories. It may be in the form of a change of outlook in the famous one; or of a career turn or even of a whole lifestyle. Such a change becomes an integral part of their story. It marks a decided change of direction that separates “then” from “now.” Then their story moves from the banal to the bright, or even to the blessed as is the case with the lives of many Church saints.

This weekend, being only three days from Ash Wednesday, is the prelude to the great liturgical cycle of Lent-Easter. It is the season that begins with a call to “turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel.” Today our Church offers us three gospel stories of such turning points in the Mass Readings.

First comes Isaiah. He provides us with an autobiographical detail of his calling to be a prophet by agreeing to be “sent” by God and his striking cleansing by fire for the task.

Then St. Paul responds to the taunts of the Corinthian converts by restating his message, the very creed of the early Church. He humbly acknowledges that he was God’s surprising choice to be an apostle.

Finally, we learn that Peter, James and John, as professional fishermen, are at first frustrated by a long night of empty nets. They have their “minds blown”, as we might describe it these days, by the memorable haul of fish brought about by a carpenter’s son. Of course, the man standing before them is no ordinary carpenter. He is in fact the greatest Fisher of Men the world would ever know. He invites the three awed men to join Him in the great enterprise of changing the world in order to save it.

This trio of tales inevitably points to our consciences as we listen to them. Here in the very “vestibule” of Lent, we face choices as we live out our biographies in this Jubilee Year of Mercy. Does Lent bring us to a turning point? Is such a turn needed? Is it time at last for us to face the fact that we have grown lukewarm in our love of Jesus from the time of our First Holy Communion, when the fact of it was so fascinating to us? Is our faith practice hanging on by a thread, with little or no enthusiasm? Does the current Jubilee Year of Mercy mean anything to me? Will I finally amend my sinful choices of the past with a good confession?

Obviously, this Lent can be a breakaway from malaise and any mindless routine in our lives that precludes prayer and penance. Only the Lord and you may be aware of it, but you have now come to a turning point. The French have an expression for it that translates melodically but pointedly as “Long live the Difference!”

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday
This year, Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Mass will be celebrated on
Ash Wednesday at
8:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

Ashes also will be distributed at
12:15 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.
within the
Liturgy of the Word Service

FAST AND ABSTINENCE AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT—2016

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, February 10, 2016 on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

*All are encouraged to participate in Operation
Rice Bowl, which has aided countless hungry
persons here in the Archdiocese as well as
throughout our nation and our world.*



HAVE YOU EVER HAD A
life-changing LENT?

Maybe it's time you try something different. Sign up for Dynamic Catholic's email program Best Lent Ever®. Each day you'll receive an email with a short video featuring Matthew Kelly and a member of the Dynamic Catholic Team. Using Matthew's new bestseller *Rediscover Jesus* as their guide, they will take you on a 40-day spiritual journey to encounter Jesus—and yourself—in a deeply personal way.

The program is free!
All you have to do is sign up at
DynamicCatholic.com/Lent



OLC Food Collection
February 13 and 14

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.

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.

Catholic Charities Appeal—2016
Appeal Kick-Off Weekend

For 2016 there is a New Vision guiding the Catholic Charities Appeal. In addition to the traditional and vital work among the poorest and most disadvantaged, this year Catholic Charities is targeting virtually every aspect of Catholic life for enrichment and improvement. This year's goal is \$1.5 million, a goal that is bigger and more ambitious than ever before, but one that so desperately needs to be reached. 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.

ATTENTION MEN OF
OUR LADY OF CHARITY PARISH

ANNUAL RETREAT 2016

Friday, March 4 @ 6:30 p.m.
Through
Sunday, March 6 @ 12:30 p.m.

We invite you to join the men of our parish as we go on our annual retreat at Saint Joseph's-in the Hills, Malvern, PA. Jesus suffered and died to show us how much He loves us and now He expects all of us to find ways to grow in our love for Him. One of the best ways to do that is to give Him 42 hours away from our everyday world at Saint Joseph's in the Hills. When we devote ourselves totally to Him, He never fails to draw us closer to Him.

If you are interested in attending, please contact either Joe Stephano at 610-874-1124 or John Moletteri at 610-872-6610.

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 are 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

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.**

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

Msgr. Bonner – Archbishop Prendergast High School

Congratulations to the following students from our parish who achieved honors on the First Quarter Report.

First Honors: Sydney Lynch and Alexander Mielechowsky

Second Honors: Stephen Furman and Kevin Glatts.

Parish Calendar of Events this Week:

Monday, February 8

Pastoral Council Meeting, 7 pm, Rec. Conf. Rm.

Tuesday, February 9

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

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

Wednesday, February 10

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

Scripture Study, 7 pm, Rec. Conf. Room

Knights of Columbus, 8 pm, Rec. Mtg. Room

Thursday, February 11

Choir, 7 pm, Choir Loft

Social Committee Meeting, 7pm, Rec. Mtg. Room

Saturday, February 12

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

Liturgical Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

Saturday, February 13, 5:15 p.m.

Lector: Velma Clark

Special Ministers: Margaret Flanagan,
Marie Miele, Lynn McMonagle



Sunday, February 14, 8:00 a.m.

Altar Server: S. Lynch

Lector: Diane Glatts

Special Ministers: Vivian Linowski,
Jim Heslin, Kathy DeJohn



Sunday, February 14, 10:30 a.m.

Altar Server: B. Stekowicz

Lector: Irene Lyons

Special Ministers: Dolores O'Malley,
Corinne O'Grady, June Stolnis



Prayers For The Sick

Peter Adamonis, Robert Ash, Adele Blonski, Virginia Bernero, Janet Bischof, Jean Brower, Betty Burns, Shawn Burns, Theresa Carlin, Patricia Cawley, Joseph Crilly, 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.