



# OUR LADY OF CHARITY

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

BROOKHAVEN, PENNSYLVANIA

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*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.

## 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.*

January 17, 2016  
 Second Sunday In Ordinary Time  
 January is the month of the Holy Name

**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

**NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2016**  
 5:15 P.M. Joseph & Louise Pino

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2016**  
 8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of  
 Hart & Lipton Families  
 10:30 a.m. Mary DiSimone  
 24th Anniversary

**MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2016**  
 8:00 a.m. Earl Autenreith

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016**  
 8:00 a.m. Joseph Davis

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2016**  
 8:00 a.m. Jayne M. McNamee

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016**  
 8:00 a.m. James J. Tracy

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2016**  
 8:00 a.m. Dorothy Cerami  
 3rd Anniversary

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2016**  
 8:00 a.m. Pro Populo

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2016**  
 5:15 p.m. Mildred Wegrzyn

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2016**  
 8:00 a.m. Francis Burns, Francis  
 Burns Jr. and Robert  
 Burns  
 10:30 a.m. Anthony Bagonis

**WEEKLY COLLECTION & ATTENDANCE REPORT**

<b><u>Sunday, January 10:</u></b>	<b>\$8,476.00</b>
Number of Envelopes returned:	295
Number Attending Masses:	550
 <b><u>Christmas Collection Tally:</u></b>	 <b>\$31,514.00</b>
Number of Envelopes returned:	459
 <b><u>Block Collection Tally:</u></b>	 <b>\$30,665.00</b>
Number of Envelopes Tally:	278

*As always, thank you for your continued support!*

**Monday is a Federal Holiday**

The Archdiocese, its schools and institutions are closed Monday in observance of the Holiday for Dr. King. Likewise, OLC Rectory is also closed on Monday and will re-open on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. on  
 Monday.

## *Greetings from Father Izzo*

### **Last Sunday's Blessing of the Sanctuary**

Thank you very much for the beautiful attendance and spirit of enthusiasm during last Sunday's blessing with Bishop McIntyre. The Bishop was very impressed with the renovations, as he indicated in his closing remarks at Mass. I thought the Mass and Blessings were a wonderful experience of joy and gratitude. So many of you made a point to see the Bishop or me afterwards. I am grateful for your many compliments about the work.

### **Summary of Changes to the Annulment Process in our Archdiocese**

Enclosed in this week's bulletin is a summary page distributed by the Metropolitan Tribunal of our Archdiocese. We received this information in late December. This new summary outlines some of the changes reflected both by Pope Francis and our Archbishop about procedures and costs associated with the annulment process. Some highlights:

1. Process of seeking an annulment can now begin from your computer.
2. In accord with the wishes of Pope Francis, Archbishop Chaput has decreed that the annulment process now exists without cost or fees. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia will absorb the \$800.00 cost. Petitioners are asked to contribute something out of charity according to their means.
3. Brief Process or "Bishop's Process" initiated: In cases where a former spouse participates and is in favor of the annulment (and reasons or grounds to grant), a briefer process may be heard—which could be a time saver.

Please share the enclosed information with your family and friends. In this Year of Mercy, the Holy Father is looking for every way to help people and to make this canonical process more user-friendly. Of course, if I can be of any assistance, please let me know.

## Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

Reflections by Rev. Leonard Peterson

There are words that are worth a thousand pictures. Consider the resonance that the words “Mom” and “Dad” have. Consider other words in your ever-changing vocabulary. We have come to loathe those misguided people called “terrorists.” Today at Mass St. John’s gospel gives us a special word for a special place: “Cana.” Just hearing it brings to my mind an imaginary “album” of memorable pictures.

I see a happy wedding reception and can almost hear danceable music playing. Tables overflowing with colorful flowers and tasty food. The happy family, some heads thrown back in hearty laughter. Then the special look on the faces of the bride and groom. Then a sudden anxiety on their faces as they learn that the wine has run out. Mary’s concern as she is seen talking to her Son. His questioning expression. Then the chief steward’s doubt. The heavy jugs of water being dragged out. The commanding gesture of Jesus. The shock on the steward’s face. The puzzlement and relief of the newlyweds. The wonderment in the eyes of Jesus’ new disciples as they are caught staring at Him. This is my “Cana album.” Does it resemble yours?

We can learn many things from this touching story as we admire John for recording it. Above all, there is Our Lord’s presence at a wedding party that automatically adjusts our thinking about God if we ever picture Him like a stern Walt Whitman. There follows from Jesus’ presence the sanctification of marriage as a holy vocation and a sacrament. This last most threatened in our present day culture.

Then we come to note Our Blessed Mother’s faith in her Son, and the effect her simple statement of fact has upon Him. The whole notion of intercessory prayer comes into its own as a biblically based fact. Her concern is hardly limited now to one young couple. She is Mother of the Church and therefore ours too.

We also learn something about real power. It is not always manifest with noise and violence like that of a cartoon movie. It works with subtlety and calm in answer to prayer and faith.

We treasure the truth that almighty God can actually be concerned for the so-called “little ones” in the world, like a pair of unnamed newlyweds living in a remote village. He loves even you and me, little as we are.

Yes, there is a lot that Cana teaches us. St. Paul tells us in his quoted Letter that using our varied gifts is one way to respond to the Lord’s love that He showed at that little town event. We can do no less in life than to be “wedded” to His ideas for our own lives and daily decisions.

Speaking of the resonant power of words, we have today’s Psalm telling us that we will one day realize our hopes and gain heaven if here and now we render to God something called “praise.” That’s the good word for today.

### **Please Pray for our Beloved Dead**

Kindly keep in your prayers:

**Sandra Partin**

**Mary Sablian**

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

### **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.

### Catechist's Awards

Congratulations are extended to three of our PREP Catechists who will be receiving an award for their years of service at a Mass at the Cathedral on today. They are:

**Kathleen DeJohn** who will receive the St. Martin De Porres Award for 20 years of service.

**Margaret Pilone** who will receive the St. Charles Borromeo Award for 25 years of service .

**Elizabeth McDermott** who will receive the St. John Paul II Award for 30 years of service.

We are grateful to them for their faithful dedication to our PREP Program.

### Charitians

**Wednesday, January 20**  
at Brookhaven Municipal Building  
**at 12 Noon**

Guest Speaker from the Mercy Health Center.

Reservations will be taken for the Valentine's Luncheon on Wednesday, February 17  
More details at the January 20th meeting.

### Scripture Study

Join us this Wednesday evening, at 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room (enter through the rear ground floor door). Open your heart to the graces and blessings of the Bible. No Bible Study experience is necessary. Beginners are encouraged and very welcomed. Sessions are very casual and informal. Bring a friend! For more information, contact facilitator, Patty Platt, at [tee-ta054@comcast.net](mailto:tee-ta054@comcast.net) or 610-494-7142.

*Office of the Archbishop*

*January 17, 2016*

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

*Fulfilling the Church's mission of mercy and the gospel call to love others as we love God, The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Collection funds six Catholic agencies that work for the benefit of our brothers and sisters around the world. In providing humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families, and advocating on behalf of victims of atrocities such as human trafficking, the organizations supported by the CRS Collection act from their belief that every individual is an equal heir of Christ's love and care.*

*The funds collected support vital Catholic programs that share in the Catholic mission of promoting the sacredness of human life. A small amount from the collection is retained by the Archdiocese to help cover local efforts to promote the collection.*

*The collection will be taken up in the parishes of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia the weekend of January 23 and 24.*

*I am grateful to you for your compassionate response. May you be blessed for your faithfulness to living the Gospel and recognizing Jesus in those in need.*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*

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

### Knights of Columbus Wheelchair Mission January 23 and 24, 2016

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting for their annual Wheelchair Mission next weekend at all the Masses. This is the third year and through the tremendous generosity of the parish we have been able to purchase over 25 wheelchairs for those less fortunate. The wheelchairs give these people such a lift in spirit and independence. The Knights greatly appreciate your efforts in helping the less fortunate.

### Aid For Friends

Thanks to our volunteer cooks who support the parish ministry for Aid For Friends. Through your generosity in 2015, OLC served 1,117 home cooked meals, 80 soups and 182 breakfast bags. Our cooks provided 566 meals, our group cooks 407 meals, 80 soups and our Confirmation class and Youth Group donated and assembled 49 breakfast bags. St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Francis of Assisi supplemented our freezer with an additional 70 meals. Riddlewood Activities Club donated 79 breakfast bags.

We are grateful for your support and generosity in our parish effort to continue our support of the Aid For Friends ministry.

OLC will hold its next group cook on **Saturday, January 23, in the Church Hall at 12 Noon.**

If you are interested, please call the Rectory and leave your name and phone number.

### Thank You From The Bernardine Center

The following is an excerpt from the letter we received from the Bernardine Center for our Giving Tree donations:

*Rev. Brian A. Izzo,*

*Thank you so much for your very generous Christmas gifts of \$130 in food store gift cards, many packages of diapers, wipes, and infant formula, as well as infants' and childrens' clothing and toys. Many parents of families utilizing our ministry services were invited to our Center to choose gifts for their children. By you knowing their graciousness and gratitude in choosing your donated gifts, the Infant Jesus is remembered as the kind and self-giving Son of God whom you choose to emulate! They and we are grateful for your support of our ministry.*

*Peace and all good.*

*Sister Sandra Lyons*

*Executive Director*

### Parish Calendar of Events this Week:

#### Tuesday, January 19

Legion of Mary, 5 pm, Rec. Conf. Room  
PREP, 6:30-7:45 pm, School

#### Wednesday, January 20

Charitian Meeting, 12 Noon, Borough Hall  
Fresh Hope A.A., 5:30 pm, Rec. Mtg. Room  
St. Vincent de Paul, 7 PM, Rec. Conf. Room  
Scripture Study, 7 PM, Rec. Mtg. Room

#### Saturday, January 23

Confession, 7:30 to 8 am & 4:15 to 5 pm, Church  
Aids For Friends Group Cook, 12 Noon, Ch. Hall

### Liturgical Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

#### Saturday, January 23, 5:15 p.m.

Lector: Cindy Gallo



Special Ministers: Janice Sawicki,  
Lynn McMonagle, Fred O'Malley

#### Sunday, January 24, 8:00 a.m.

Altar Server: Russell Lockbaum



Lector: Velma Clark

Special Ministers: Marie Miele,  
Jim Heslin, Dolores Lavelle

#### Sunday, January 24, 10:30 a.m.

Altar Server: A. & A. Mielechowsky



Lector: Denise DiIorio

Special Ministers: Dominic DiFiore,  
Corinne O'Grady, Bob Losak

### Prayers For The Sick

Peter Adamonis, Doreen 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.