



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.

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

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2016
5:15 P.M. Mildred Wegrzyn

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2016
8:00 a.m. Holy Souls In Purgatory

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016
8:00 a.m. Pro Populo

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2016
8:00 a.m. Louise Greto

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2016
8:00 a.m. Special Intention

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2016
8:00 a.m. Daniel Dobrowolski

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2016
8:00 a.m. Lon Sulkowski

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2016
5:15 p.m. Angeline McNelly

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2016
8:00 a.m. David Gardner
10:30 a.m. Pro Populo

WEEKLY COLLECTION & ATTENDANCE REPORT

Sunday, January 17: **\$7,422.00**
Number of Envelopes returned: 311
Number Attending Masses: 538

Christmas Collection Tally: **\$31,814.00**
Number of Envelopes returned: 462

Block Collection Tally: **\$30,715.00**
Number of Envelopes Tally: 279

As always, thank you for your continued support!

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.

Greetings from Father Izzo

Youth Group Meeting Tonight: Rectory Meeting Room.

We are again initiating **Sunday evening meetings** with the Parish Youth. Our primary focus is for kids between 5 through 8th grades. We are planning on a bi-monthly meeting on the first and third Sundays, **between 7 to 8 p.m.** One Sunday will be Faith and Pizza night; and the other will be geared towards a service project. Our first meeting starts tonight in the **RMR at 7 p.m.** We've sent electronic communications to the kids and families who have expressed an interest, but all are welcome.

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

If you did, that’s swell! If not, next Sunday we will be making them available again so that you can have the Best Lent Ever. We are happy to make available to you this program for Lent. This is one of the things you can begin preparing for now, to make a good lent. *(We will also have another program—group style meeting—on Monday Nights! More info about that in next week’s bulletin.)*

For more info, please see the ad to the right.

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 Liturgy of the Word Service.**

(Services will begin promptly at scheduled times.)



**BEST
LENT
EVER**

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

Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Reflections by Rev. Leonard Peterson

Certain movie scenes stay with us long after the screen grows dark. They become classics, at least to us if not Ted Turner. We can recite the actors' lines from memory. We can describe the scenery in detail. We know our movies.

Even if we can't do all that for gospel scene like today's from St. Luke, predating movies by whole centuries, the good doctor practically makes it easy for us to picture it in the cinema of our minds. Here is Jesus, the young but fully mature Nazarene, taking the teaching chair in the hometown synagogue. All is silent as He slowly unrolls one of the treasured scrolls. He reads from it the description of the power and mission of the much anticipated Messiah. Then, rolling up the scroll, He creates a pregnant pause followed by a stunning announcement that rocks the room. Already this is good dramatic action fit for the cinema. It will be the first of many homilies on the same subject: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." In other words, "People of Nazareth what I just read is all about Me. I am that long-awaited Messiah."

We'll have to wait until next week to get the people's further reaction, but let me give you this "spoiler alert": it won't be good. And somewhat like Ezra before Him, Our Lord is declaring that He is the lawgiver. In today's Epistle, Paul will describe Jesus as the grand unifier of all the parts of the Church yet to become.

Now to draw a personal inference from this scene, we have to put aside any trace of false humility when we discover that we here and now are important parts of that Church. The People of God, an apt description of the Church taken up by the Second Vatican Council, needs all of us to be in "good working order" so that we can fulfill our mission. At the end of Mass, the priest or deacon will tell us to "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord." That's our mission!

Too often we act as if the Church's mission is meant for clergy to carry out. Or we assign it mentally to just about everybody else seated in the congregation of a Sunday morning because we believe they are better qualified, more informed, and especially more holy than us. All of that may be true, but there is no reason to think that we, because of our presumed lower rank, have no part. That, in brief, is not just double talk, but "devil talk." The evil One means to draw you away from God and lessen your self-esteem. Jesus believes in you. Isn't that enough, on this mid-winter Sunday, to convince you that being active in His cause is not just something made for movies.

Here is the perceptive and practical mystic saint, Teresa of Avila, with her take on the matter: "Christ has no body now on earth but yours; no hands but yours; no feet but yours. Yours are the eye through which His compassion looks out on the world. Yours are the feet with which He can go about doing good; yours are the hands with which He is to bless us now."

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

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting for their annual Wheelchair Mission this 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.

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 teeta054@comcast.net

**Would you like to help the needy in our
immediate parish area**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society at OLC is a charitable organization which responds to the requests of those with hardship within the parish boundaries. In particular, they respond to requests for financial and other charitable help to those in need. This support comes directly from our OLC church poor boxes located in the rear of the church. As we are in the colder winter months, would you kindly consider placing a contribution into one of our poor boxes to help those less privileged?
We are very grateful for your support.

Faith and Pizza Night!

Who: 5-8th graders

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

When: Sunday, 1/24 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.

**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.

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 front of the church or rear vestibule.

OTHER NEWS

Holy Family Regional Catholic School
3265 Concord Road
Aston, PA

Catholic Schools Week Open House
Holy Family Regional Catholic School would like to welcome you to our open house. Please join us:
Sunday, January 31, 2016
11:00am to 1:00pm in school
Come share in our community of Faith, Knowledge & Service

Cardinal O'Hara to Launch **"Thank-a-Thon" for Donors**

Catholic Schools Week (January 31 - February 5) will mark the launch of Cardinal O'Hara High School's Thank-a-Thon. Student members of our Lion Ambassadors, National Honor Society and Student Council will be calling donors to The 2016 O'Hara Fund to thank them for their support. Additionally, these students will be calling alumni and friends to confirm their postal and email addresses to ensure that everyone in the O'Hara community continues to hear about the news and events happening at the school. Advancement Questions about The O'Hara Fund or "Believe Thank-a-Thon" should be directed to Jennifer Tuberosa, Director of Institutional Advancement (610.544.5679 or jtuberosa@cohs.com.)

Parish Calendar of Events this Week:

Sunday, January 24

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

Tuesday, January 26

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

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

Wednesday, January 27

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

Scripture Study, 7 PM, Rec. Mtg. Room

Saturday, January 30

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

Liturgical Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

Saturday, January 30, 5:15 p.m.

Lector: Michael Costigan



Special Ministers: Judy Wright,
Gail Costigan, Fred O'Malley

Sunday, January 31, 8:00 a.m.

Altar Server: Tom Boyle



Lector: Joan Boyle

Special Ministers: Vivian Linowski,
Dolores O'Malley, Dolores Lavelle

Sunday, January 31, 10:30 a.m.

Altar Server: R. Costigan



Lector: Irene Lyons

Special Ministers: Dominic DiFiore,
Elizabeth Hermansen, Eileen Wilson

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.