



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.

January 3, 2016
The Epiphany of the Lord
January is the month of the Holy Name

Within this past week, we celebrated the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus, a universal feast in the Church since 1721. Our Lord's name, Jesus, means Saviour of the World, was brought by the Angel Gabriel from God: *"For he shall save them from their sins."* In this Christmastide, all of our Liturgical celebrations have been making us ready for today's Solemnity of the Epiphany, or the manifestation of Christ to the world. Behold the Lord is come: and the Kingdom is in His Hand, and power and dominion.

Look graciously we beseech Thee, O Lord, upon the offerings of Thy Church, in which are no longer offered gold, frankincense, and myrrh: but He, Who by these same gifts was signified, is sacrificed and received, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord: Who with Thee live and reign.

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 2016

5:15 P.M. George Amalfitano

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2016

8:00 a.m. Members of OLC
Memorial Society

10:30 a.m. James Gannon

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016

8:00 a.m. F. Clark Walton
2nd Anniversary

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2016

8:00 a.m. Robert Stanners

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2015

8:00 a.m. Mildred Autenreith
Martin

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2015

8:00 a.m. Pro Populo

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2015

8:00 a.m. Ben and
Dolores Antonowicz

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2015

8:00 a.m. Holy Souls In Purgatory

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2015

5:15 p.m. Lucille D'Amato

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2015

8:00 a.m. Louise Delgott

10:30 a.m. Louise Dobinson

WEEKLY COLLECTION & ATTENDANCE REPORT

Sunday, December 20: \$8,331
Number of Envelopes returned: 302
Number Attending Masses: 562

Block Collection Tally: \$30,345
Number of Envelopes Tally: 377

Christmas Flowers \$2,311
Number of Envelopes: 129

As always, thank you for your continued support!

Due to the early submission of this bulletin, the Christmas, Sunday, December 27 and January 1 Collections will be noted in next week's bulletin.

Greetings from Father Izzo

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

On behalf of Father Williams, I extend to you and your families a very Merry Christmas, and a happy and healthy New Year

BISHOP MCINTYRE TO BLESS THE SANCTUARY NEXT SUNDAY

Please come next Sunday to the 10:30 a.m. Mass when we will be joined by Bishop John McIntyre, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia. I invited the bishop to come and bless the renovations to our Sanctuary.

All are welcome.

Afterwards, it's our OLCoffee Sunday, so we'll have some special treats afterwards in the Church hall.

Happy Epiphany Day

Here is an order of prayer to bless your home during this Feast of the Epiphany. Take blessed chalk of any color and mark on the lintel of your front door the following inscription:

20 + C + M + B + 16

As you write the above inscription, recite:

"The Three Wise Men, C, Caspar, M, Melchior, B, Balthasar, followed the star of God's Son, who became man. 20, two thousand, 16, Sixteen years ago. + + May Christ bless our home, + + and remain with us through this new year. Amen."

God is love, and those who abide in love, abide in God, and God abides in them. Christ is present in the love and care we manifest to each other in our daily lives together.

Reflections by Fr. Leonard Peterson
The Epiphany Of The Lord
January 3, 2016

The picture of St Peter's Successor, Pope Francis, at the UN headquarters in New York addressing the representatives from nearly every country in the world is replete with meaning. For one such, it takes only a short leap of imagination to see St. Peter himself standing in that same great hall fulfilling the original mandate given him by Christ to preach to all nations.

Akin to this is the central meaning of today's feast, which commemorates the manifestation of Christ to representatives of the Gentile world. While He could not yet literally speak to the magi, their presence certainly spoke to the original gospel hearers.

This constituted a quiet revolution coming into the world, one without drums and cymbals, announcing a change of heart for all the world to experience. It was a new way of thinking about God. An invitation to believe that the Creator so loves His creatures that He would leave His heaven and walk the earth as one of us. His mission would be to teach us how to live according to God's original design and to redeem us from the bad choice our first parents were duped into making.

"Epiphany" means "manifestation" or "showing." Christ showed Himself to the non-Jewish world. The welcome given to these exotic Gentiles by Mary and Joseph also gives gospel notice that no nationality has a "lock" on God. True, God chose the Jews as His people, but they rejected His Son.

Just as God is one, but also a community of Three Persons, so we as Church spring from multiple communities, racial and cultural, are called to be one family. All of this naturally leads us as to ponder our position on all the so-called "hot button" issues involving other people.

Dare we decide that God made a mistake in creating certain races? Or that His will involved setting up grades of acceptability among us? We know better. Such is contrary to His nature. But the practical conclusion is that when distressed people knock on our doors, we can never say "no" as if they were not related to us in a spiritual way. This is a serious matter for consideration as we prepare for our own ultimate meeting with Christ.

Meanwhile, on this Epiphany Day, we can savor the Good News that for all our failings and sins, we have a Saviour whose hallmarks include both justice and mercy. He looks only for our response to the love He has for us as His family members. How appropriate that news is in this Year of Mercy! Remember that "Charity is twice blessed—it blesses the one who gives and the one who receives."

**BISHOP JOHN J. MCINTYRE
TO BLESS THE
SANCTUARY NEXT SUNDAY
JANUARY 10
10:30 A.M. MASS**

**Bishop McIntyre will be coming to OLC
to bless the Sanctuary
on January 10, the Feast of the Baptism
of the Lord, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.
All are encouraged to attend**

Christmas Flowers

We are grateful for your generous contribution to our Christmas Flower Collection.

The names of the memorials that were received after Christmas will be included in next week's bulletin.

Monies collected for Flowers are used for purchasing Christmas flowers and other decorations as well as, flowers for use at other times. We also do the same for our Easter Flowers.

As always, thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

O.L. Coffee & Donuts

Next Sunday

January 10

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

Stop down for a good cup of "Joe"

And chat with friends

OLC Memorial Society

We acknowledge those who have recently given to our Memorial Fund.

Thank you to those of you who have given and to those families who have requested donations to the Parish recently. We are grateful for:

In Memory Of:

John Margetich, \$150

Laura Krajewski, \$50

Joan Bunting, \$30,

Louise Delgott, \$30

Kathleen Reilly, \$30

Angeline McNelly, \$30

Sarah Jane Guy, \$25

Olga Wrzesniewski, \$25

Rev. John H. Roebuck, \$20,

James DiBardino, \$20

David Gardner, \$20,

Bruce Maw, \$20

Guisseppe Pizzulo, \$10

Margaret Semerjian, \$10

William McCormick, \$10

Ann Shinn, \$10

Mary McNelis, \$10

Richard Raftovich, \$10

John Yondura, \$10

Scott Jones, \$10

Lon Sulkowski, \$10

Agnes McCafferty, \$10

David DeColli, \$10

Dennis Costello, \$10

Samuel Messini, \$10

Colleen Herzog \$10

Samuel Ritz, \$10

Dorothy Chiponis

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 January 17th. 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.

Scripture Study

Join us in the new year for
OLC Scripture Study resuming
**Wednesday evenings,
starting January 13, 2016 at 7:00 PM.**

Why not start out the New Year with a spiritual goal of gaining a deeper understanding of the Sunday Scripture Readings and how to apply them to your daily life?

Join us on Wednesday evenings, starting January 13 at 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Rectory Conference 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 or 610-494-7142.

Please Pray for our Beloved Dead
Kindly keep in your prayers:

Dorothy Chiponis

for the happy repose of her soul and for the
consolation of her family and friends

Parish Calendar of Events this Week:

Tuesday, January 5

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

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

Wednesday, January 6

Charitian Board Meeting, 11 am, Rec.. Conf. Room

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

Thursday, January 7

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

Saturday, January 9

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

Liturgical Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

Saturday, January 9, 5:15 p.m.

Lector: Breanne McGovern

Special Ministers: Marie Miele,
Margaret Flanagan, Gail Costigan



Sunday, January 10, 8:00 a.m.

Altar Server: Russell Lockbaum

Lector: Diane Glatts

Special Ministers: Ben Linowski,
Antoinette Bonacquisti, Dolores Lavelle



Sunday, January 10 10:30 a.m.

Altar Server: R. Costigan

Lector: Len Jankauskas

Special Ministers: Dominic DiFiore,
Eileen Wilson, Dolores O'Malley



Prayers For The Sick

Peter Adamonis, Doreen Ash, Adele Blonski, Virginia Bernero, Janet Bischof, Jean Brower, Betty Burns, Shawn Burns, Theresa Carlin, Patricia Cawley, Meghan Clements, Joseph Crilly, 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) Maher, Michael Mattera, Cameron McCarthy, Len McClintock, Michael McGettigan, Jill Nix, Sandy Partin, June Ramsey, Ted Stahl, Susan Sutsko, Maryanne Talley, Victor Testoni, Joseph & Seraphine Traub, Adelaide Vernon, Mae Wassel, Shirley West.