



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.

March 13, 2016
Fifth Sunday Of Lent
March is the month of St. Joseph

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016
5:15 P.M. Pro Populo

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2016
8:00 a.m. Daniel Ragone
10:30 a.m. Walter and Frances Hook

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2016
8:00 a.m. David Cerami

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016
8:00 a.m. Joseph Andiaro

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2016
8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of
Mullin & Foster Families

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2016
8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of
Bingnear & Boyle Families

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2016
8:00 a.m. Holy Souls In Purgatory

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2016
8:00 a.m. Special Intention

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2016
5:15 p.m. Angeline McNelly

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2016
8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of
Kovacac & Figurelle Fam.
10:30 a.m. John Stichter

WEEKLY COLLECTION & ATTENDANCE REPORT

Sunday, March 6 \$9,464
Number of Envelopes returned: 310
Number Attending Masses: 509

Rice Bowl: \$1,463
Number of Envelopes: 114

As always, thank you for your continued support!

**Catholic Charities Appeal 2016
"A New Vision"**



Archdiocesan Goal: \$15 Million
Campaign Style: Direct Mailing
Campaign by Archdiocese

2016 OLC Parish Goal Amount:
\$40,428

To date for OLC: 91 gifts have been received,
totaling **\$9,725 or 24%** of our total goal.

Please be generous.

Greetings from Father Izzo

Concerning Father Williams

Last Saturday while he was coming to the end of his vacation in Florida, Father Williams suffered a minor stroke and was hospitalized for a few days. Father returned to the parish early last week and is doing pretty well, all things considered. Thankfully, he doesn't have any severe effects of the stroke. Father has requested not to be on the schedule for a while as he is recuperating. So, please keep him in your prayers.

Welcome Family Promise to OLC Convent

Beginning in March, we leased the former convent to an organization familiar to us at OLC, the former Interfaith Hospitality Network, and now called Family Promise of Delaware County. Their work is to assist homeless families, many with children, to create a safe place for them to be, and work with social services to help provide for these families. We were once part of that consortium of churches that used to have families stay in our church hall a few weeks during the year.

The Convent will serve as an office and day-facility for these families and not as a residence. It will be used 7 days a week, including Sundays. So, please keep the reserved convent parking spots available for their use, even on Sunday mornings during Mass.

The parish receives a \$1,000 per month lease payment and we have agreed to share utility costs: 70% (lessee) 30% (OLC). Overall, a very kind arrangement, which ensures that our building is used and maintained.

Dollars and Sense

I have asked Mike to give a report of the income and expenses for the first half of the fiscal year, which is now included in this bulletin. It shows pretty much what we have budgeted for from July through January. Overall, during the last Finance Council meeting, we are expecting our actuals to be better than what's allowed for in the budget, barring anyone unforeseen expenses.

With some of the extraordinary costs that I have told you about in the last few bulletins, we have received over \$12,000 for the Sanctuary painting and costs of the Angels, which would not be reflected in the Dollars and Sense Report. Thank you for your generosity, and I am grateful for your response to these things..

Pastoral and Finance Councils Summaries of our last Meetings

My apologies for the delays in getting these summaries to you. It's an oversight on my part to make sure that they were put into the bulletin. Joan will review where we left off, and have any updates available for next week's bulletin.

Reflections by Fr. Leonard Peterson
Fifth Sunday Of Lent

March 13, 2016

This very Sunday marks the third anniversary of Pope Francis' election in 2013. How appropriate that amid the Year of Mercy our Holy Father has proclaimed, today's Lenten gospel should tell us of an unforgettable act of Jesus' mercy on a terrified unnamed woman.

It certainly is obvious that mercy is one of those qualities in a person that is best shown by action rather than by words. Do you remember Eliza Doolittle's demand in the musical hit "My Fair Lady" when she sings to her boyfriend after hundreds of speech lessons: "Don't talk of love: show me!?" That's what we all look for, from other people and even from God.

As a matter of fact, the whole ensemble of today's Scripture selections declare God's love for us manifest in His actions. Isaiah predicts that Yahweh will bring about a new exodus for His people, one not involving just freedom from Egyptian slavery but from unending slavery to sin. Paul writes to the Philippians that an intimate knowledge of Christ and acceptance of His ways is the best route to salvation.

Then comes the powerful centerpiece story from John about the woman caught in adultery. Note how the men gloat from their position of self-proclaimed superiority, as if adultery were a solitary sin! How they humiliate the terrified creature facing a brutal death by forcing her to stand there shivering before Jesus! Never doubt that she represents all of us, not necessarily with her particular sin, but with a variety of sins that cry out from our consciences for God's mercy.

We watch the God-Man bend down to scribble in the ground, dismissing the shouts of the woman's accusers. Then, standing up to His full height, Jesus tells them who should begin the stone-throwing. There are no takers. The men are silenced.

When He speaks to the woman "Has no one condemned you?" "No one, sir." "Then neither do I- but *from now on* do not sin any more." "From now on." In those three words I hear a call for all of us, no matter what we've done against God's will, to make a new beginning. Time is moving on. Lent is soon ending and our salvation is pending.

Strengthened by the Holy Eucharist, we need not fear. "From now on" we can be the person God had in mind when He created us and He will help. So we pray: "Jesus, Son of God have mercy on Your people, for Your people is us."

WEEKLY LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES
CONFESSIONS FOR LENT

Saturdays 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.
(as regularly scheduled)

Additional Confessions will be heard this
Tuesday of Lent at 7:30 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
Friday 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 Meeting Room

O.L. Coffee & Donuts

today

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

Hope to see you there!

Dollars and July 2015 thru Jan.

Revenue:

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| Collections | |
| Sunday | 235,131 |
| Block | 31,537 |
| Other | 49,647 |
| Religious Educ. | 10,825 |
| Other Income | 35,527 |
| Total Revenue | 362,667 |

Expense:

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| Salaries & Bene. | 160,888 |
| Dioc. Assessmnt. | 56,000 |
| Insur. & Taxes | 21,249 |
| Religious Educ. | 4,695 |
| Operations | 66,024 |
| Maintenance | 35,689 |
| Utilities | 22,236 |
| Subsidy to Schls. | 10,600 |
| Other Disburse- | |
| ments | 79,292 |
| Total Expense | 456,673 |

Net Gain / (Loss) -94,006

The loss incurred to date is primarily associated with the Sanctuary renovations and the assoc. painting and art work, the shrine room and statues and the replacement of the air conditioning system in the rectory. It should be noted that some of the work and statues have been offset by donations from our parishioners.

Our Lady of Charity Presents: Forgiveness: Anger's Own Worst Enemy (Myths, Truths & the Healing Process)

Anita Morro (RN, BSN, CCM), Healing and Wellness Coordinator of St. Mary Magdalen Parish, Media will be the speaker.

The meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 15, 2016, from 6:30pm-7:45pm** in Our Lady of Charity's Rectory Meeting Room. To reserve a seat, kindly contact Gina Mesko gagm2002@comcast.net or 610 872 0876.

Lenten Giving Cross

There are paper crosses on the cross for gift cards to Giant or Walmart. 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 **by next Sunday, March 20**. The gift cards will be shared with needy parishioners and also the Our Lady of Charity 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!)

Faith and Pizza Night!

Who: 5-9th graders

What: talking about "Easter: What It Means To Us" while eating delicious pizza and snacks

When: Sunday, 3/13 from 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?

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Contact Jessica DuBois at

jrdubois7@gmail.com for any questions.

Charitian Meeting

Wednesday, March 16 @ 12 Noon

Brookhaven Municipal Building

Our Lady of Charity Food Collection

Next weekend, March 19 & 20th
Please put non-perishable items at the exits of the Church. All food is donated to The Bernardine Center in Chester.

**ATTIC TREASURES –
April 8th, 9th and 10th
Church Hall**

We are looking for all your old junk! Remember your “junk” is another person’s “treasure.” Our Lady of Charity Parish will hold its 2nd Attic Treasure Extravaganza on

**Friday, April 8th from 6—8 pm
Saturday, April 9th after the 5:15 pm Mass
Sunday, April 10th from 9 am to 12 noon .**

Here’s how it works. You have "treasures" that you want to get rid of. We need "treasures" to sell at our event. So when you are cleaning out your closets and basements, remember we want your special treasures. We are looking for small furniture, books, Christmas items, dishes, any house wares, etc. PLEASE: NO CLOTHING OR ELECTRONIC ITEMS. All proceeds benefit OLC Parish. You may bring your items to the church hall on Saturdays and Sundays after the Masses. If you are unable to get your treasures here, please call Joan at 610-872-6192 to set up a drop off time. Let’s work together to make this event an awesome success!

Bulletin Deadline

All input for the March 20 bulletin is due
into the Rectory office by:
Monday, March 14 @ 12 noon

All input for the Easter bulletin (March 27) is due into the
Rectory office by:
Wednesday, March 16 @ 12 noon

Prayer Opportunities

The Legion of Mary of Southern Delaware County Curio will pray Aices today, Sunday, March 13 at 2:00 PM at St. Made-line’s Church in Ridley Park. Fellowship will follow in the meeting room at the Spiritual Center.

The World Apostolate of Fatima requested prayers for marriage on Saturday, March 19. We will pray at Noon in front of Our Lady of Charity Church that day.

**Cardinal O’Hara High School proudly presents
“Seussical the Musical”**

On March 17, 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m. and March 20 at 3:00 pm. For tickets please call 610.544.3800, ext. 1818 or Visit www.cohsstore.com

Parish Calendar of Events this Week:

Monday, March 14

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

Tuesday, March 15

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

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

Confessions, 7 PM, Church

Forgiveness Talk, 6:30 pm, Rec. Mtg. Room

Wednesday, March 16

Charitians, 12 noon, Brookhaven Municipal Bldg.

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

Scripture Study, 7 pm, Rec. Mtg. Room

St. Vincent de Paul, 7 pm, Rec. Conf. Room

Thursday, March 17

Choir, 7 pm, Choir Loft

Saturday, March 19

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

**Liturgical Ministers’ Schedules for
Next Weekend**

Saturday, March 19, 5:15 p.m.

Lector: Alice Kachelries, Michael Costigan

Special Ministers: Judy Wright,

Margaret Flanagan, Fred O’Malley



Sunday, March 20, 8:00 a.m.

Altar Server: S. Lynch

Lector: Joan Boyle, Cynthia Vicente

Special Ministers: Kathy DeJohn,

Ben and Vivian Linowski



Sunday, March 20, 10:30 a.m.

Altar Server: A . & A. Mielechowsky

Lector: Irene Lyons, Doreen McGettigan

Special Ministers: Corinne O’Grady,

John Moletteri, Dolores O’Malley



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, Devin Kates, Betty Hart, Mary Layer, Patrick Lavelle, Elaine Loflin, Michelle Lamont Maher, Michael Mattered, Len McClintock, Michael McGettigan, Jill Nix, Kathleen Noveretta, June Ramsey, Ted Stahl, Maryanne Talley, Joseph & Seraphine Traub, Wanda Trynovich, Mae Wassel, Shirley West.