



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.

March 20, 2016
Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord
March is the month of St. Joseph

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

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
Figurelle & Kovacic
Families
10:30 a.m. John Stichter

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2016
8:00 a.m. John Stein

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2016
8:00 a.m. Michael L. Molla

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2016
8:00 a.m. Robert Silverstein
4th Anniversary

**Holy
THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2016**
7:00 p.m. Pro Populo

**GOOD
FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2016**
3:00 p.m. The Lord's Passion

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2016
8:00 p.m. Pro Populo

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2016
8:00 a.m. Joseph Crilly, Jr.
10:30 a.m. William Boggs

WEEKLY COLLECTION & ATTENDANCE REPORT

Sunday, March 13: **\$7,651**
Number of Envelopes returned: 301
Number Attending Masses: 479

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

As always, thank you for your continued support!

LENTEN GIVING CROSS

**All Gifts for the Giving Cross are due
TODAY!**

**Thank you for your kindness and
generosity!**

Rectory Office Closed

The rectory office will be closed on

Friday, March 25

Monday, March 28

Greetings from Father Izzo

Happy Holy Week

On behalf of Father Williams and myself, I wish to you a very Happy Holy Week. These are very sacred days in our Faith, and I am happy to invite you to participate in them, as best you can. A summary of our Liturgical Celebrations appears in this bulletin.

Father Williams' Address at the Villa

Thank you for your kind expression and concern for good Father Williams. I spoke with Father this week and he's doing okay. Many of you wanted to write Father, so here's his address at the Villa. Please keep him in your prayers!

**Villa Saint Joseph
1436 Lansdowne Ave
Darby, PA 19023**

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.

Summary of the latest Parish Councils meeting from Feb. will be published in next week's bulletin, as well as a summary of the work of the Property Committee, concerning status of School/Convent.

Reflections by Fr. Leonard Peterson
Palm Sunday of the Passion Of The Lord
March 20, 2016

I have a close friend who tends to use the word “awesome” a bit more than I prefer. He applies the adjective to everything from a plate of sushi to a ski slope. Friendship trumps grammar, and I would never want to be a curmudgeonly ex-English teacher. So I offer him neither correction nor suggestion. But I did think of my friend’s habit as I pondered the Passion of Jesus, and thought to myself: “How awesome!”

This account of God’s unparalleled love for us almost baffles the mind, and brings to light how puny our response often is. Or how quickly and often we forget what Jesus endured for our sake.

We know deep down that the lesser characters in the drama act as stand-ins for us and how we act. We betray Him. We deny Him. We run from Him. We’re there in the crowd that shouts “Crucify Him!” to Pilate. Maybe often. Maybe seldom. But we do these things in our relationship with God. We need His mercy to survive and start over.

Our guilt is assuaged somewhat by those stout hearts and loyal followers who stayed with Jesus to the end. They were mostly women, who dare us from their vantage point at the foot of the cross, to call them “the weaker sex.” Mary His Mother, “Tower of gold and ivory” stands among them, bloodied from His wounds.

The Church holds us back today from letting us hear officially about the events of Easter morning. We stop reading at the point in the gospel where Pilate lets the chief priests and the Pharisees use his soldiers as a guard at the temporary tomb of God.

We will wait out the week ahead and recall and honor the events that will come. The Holy Eucharist and the new priesthood will originate before the nails get driven into His hands and feet. We will watch in our minds’ eyes as the story is read to us twenty-one centuries afterward. We will be stunned to see the dark side in each of us contrasted sharply with the holiness of the Nazarene. We will perhaps hear with our imagination the words and music of Handel’s “Messiah” as background for our meditation. But at certain points this week we will be compelled to silence in the face of what happened before Easter. It is Holy Week, and it is entirely... awesome.

Office of the Archbishop
March 20, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Good Friday, March 25, 2016, we celebrate the mystery of the Lord’s Passion, contemplating the sacrifice by which Jesus redeemed the human race from sin and death. It also has been our longstanding tradition as Catholics to offer alms in support of the Catholic Community in the Holy Land.

As directed by our Holy Father, Pope Francis, funds generated by this collection support programs and services in the Holy Land. Support is needed to maintain the sacred places, to provide educational and pastoral programs as well as outreach programs for the poor through established charitable institutions.

On behalf of those Christians and others in so much need, I seek your most generous and sacrificial support of the Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land on March 25, 2016. I know that God our Father will reward your generosity beyond all measure.

*Gratefully and with best wishes in Christ,
Most Rev. Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M.Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia*

WEEKLY LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Weekly Book Study on “Rediscover Jesus”
Monday at 7:00 pm
Rectory Mtg. Room
Discussions lead by Father Izzo

Scripture Study
Wednesday at 7:00 pm
Rectory Conference Room

HOLY WEEK 2016

PALM SUNDAY

Solemn Procession & Blessing of Palm
Sunday, March 20
10:30 a.m.

Palm will be given out at all the Masses

HOLY THURSDAY

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Thursday, March 24
7:00 p.m.

Church open for adoration and visits until
10:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

Celebration of Our Lord's Passion
Friday, March 25
3:00 p.m.

Church open for visits, prayers, and
private Stations of the Cross at 11:00 a.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:00 p.m.

Confessions available after Stations.

HOLY SATURDAY

Confessions
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil Mass
Saturday, March 26
8:00 p.m.

*Please note there is NO 5:15 Mass on
Saturday, March 26*

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, March 27

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.



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: 104 gifts have been received,
totaling **\$10,985 or 27%** of our total goal.

Please be generous.

Easter Flowers

Remember your deceased loved ones as well as help to decorate our Church for Holy Week to Easter by making a special contribution via the special envelope provided in your Easter mailing. Like we did at Christmas, we are planning some very special decorations for Easter this year. We are grateful for your generosity because it really does allow us to make our Church beautiful for these Awe-Inspiring days.

As usual, we will again list all the Memorials we receive for the Easter Flowers in our Bulletin on the Second Sunday of Easter.

OLC Youth Group Grades 5 to 9

Join us this Sunday, March 20th from 7 to 8 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room for this month's youth group service event!

We will be assembling bags of food for the isolated shut-ins in our community through the group Aid For Friends. If you're able, we'd welcome donations to include in the bags, including oatmeal packets, granola bars, peanut butter crackers, and fruit cups. Remember, this counts as service hours for Confirmation and other activities! Please contact Jessica DuBois at jrdubois7@gmail.com for questions.

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!

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

Marian Altemus
Anna DiNicola
Adelaide Vernon
Mary White

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

Parish Calendar of Events this Week:

Sunday, March 20
Youth Group, 7 to 8 pm, Rectory Meeting Room
Monday, March 21
Book Club Study, 7 p.m., Rec. Mtg. Room
Tuesday, March 22
Legion of Mary, 5 pm, Rec. Conf. Room
NO PREP
Confessions, 7 PM, Church
Wednesday, March 23
Fresh Hope A.A., 5:30 pm, Rec. Mtg. Room
Scripture Study, 7 pm, Rec. Conf. Room
Saturday, March 26
Confessions, 1 to 3 pm, Church

Liturgical Ministers’ Schedules for Next Weekend

Saturday, March 26, 8:00 p.m.

Altar Server: A. Mielechowsky, S. Lynch
Lector: Breanne McGovern,
Len Jankauskas, Cindy Gallo
Special Ministers: Janice Sawicki,
Lynn McMonagle, Fred O’Malley



Sunday, March 27, 8:00 a.m.

Altar Server: Tom Boyle
Lector: Diane Glatts
Special Ministers: Elizabeth Hermansen,
Antoinette Bonacquisti



Sunday, March 27, 10:30 a.m.

Altar Server: G. & I. Sullenberger
Lector: Doreen McGettigan
Special Ministers: Bob Losak,
Vivian Linowski, 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 Mattera, Len McClintock, Michael McGettigan, Jill Nix, Kathleen Noveretta, June Ramsey, Ted Stahl, Maryanne Talley, Joseph & Seraphine Traub, Wanda Trynovich, Mae Wassel, Shirley West.