



*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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**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 27, 2016, The Resurrection of Our Lord The Solemnity of all Solemnities

Our Lord in death has gone lower than the worst of our sins. Not only did He pay the debt of sin, but He paid it super-abundantly, suffering out of love for each one of us. Three days later, He rose victorious by His own power from the bonds of sin and death. This great day has indeed brought us back to immortal life – the life of God dwelling in our souls by His Grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the eternal life in the world to come. The Resurrection of Jesus that we celebrate today is a pledge to us of our future bodily resurrection, when at Christ's second coming, we will be reunited to our earthly bodies. Now, we are led back to our home above through our Lord's Resurrection.

### ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b><u>MARCH 26, 2016</u></b>
8:00 P.M.	Pro Populo
<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b><u>MARCH 27, 2016</u></b>
8:00 a.m.	Joseph Crilly, Jr.
10:30 a.m.	William Boggs
<b>MONDAY,</b>	<b><u>MARCH 28, 2016</u></b>
8:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of Marchlik Family
<b>TUESDAY,</b>	<b><u>MARCH 29, 2016</u></b>
8:00 a.m.	Edward and Mary Dougherty
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b>	<b><u>MARCH 30, 2016</u></b>
8:00 a.m.	Edward Miazza 7th Anniversary
<b>THURSDAY,</b>	<b><u>MARCH 31, 2016</u></b>
8:00 a.m.	Edith Campbell
<b>FRIDAY,</b>	<b><u>APRIL 1, 2016</u></b>
8:00 a.m.	Esther D'Aquanno and Robert Silverstein
<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b><u>APRIL 2 2016</u></b>
8:00 a.m.	Jayne M. McNamee

### NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES

<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b><u>APRIL 2, 2016</u></b>
5:15 p.m.	Pro Populo
<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b><u>APRIL 3, 2016</u></b>
8:00 a.m.	Members of Our Lady of Charity Memorial Society
10:30 a.m.	Larry Katzmire 20th Anniversary

Our beautiful Easter Candle and Altar Candles  
were donated this year:

In memory of the  
deceased members of the

***Platt and Carney Families***

*Thank You for your generosity!*

*Due to the early submission of this bulletin to the printers, the collections for March 20 will be published in next week's bulletin.*

*Also, we will publish the names of the Easter memorials for the Flowers as an insert in next week's bulletin.*

*Parish Office will be closed for the Easter Holiday on Monday, March 28. We will reopen on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.*

## *Greetings from Father Izzo*

### Happy Easter

On behalf of Father Williams and myself, I wish you a very happy and blessed Easter. Please know of our prayers for you during this most blessed season.

### Father Williams' address at the Villa

Saint Joseph Villa  
1036 Lansdowne Avenue  
Darby, PA 19023

### Father Izzo's Book Club Continues Tomorrow Night

### Pastoral and Finance Council Summaries of our last Meetings

Joan has included in this bulletin, the summaries of our latest Pastoral and Finance Council Meetings. Please see them on the next page.

### Property Committee Summary

I have been providing periodic updates since June about the work of the Property Committee. Here's the latest update:

As you know, we have received permission over a year ago from the Archdiocese to possibly sell or lease our school and or convent buildings. The Property Committee has been discussing the best financial and neighborhood friendly goals of the sale. The Parish Councils have given their permission to this process with great support. At this point, we have submitted all the required permissions and appraisals to the Archdiocese. Their review process will not be completed until June. We don't expect any difficulties from this review. In the meantime, I have requested that our real estate brokers make some selected inquiries from local Catholic entities and other businesses/colleges concerning our properties to see if there is any interest. They are in the process of doing that work at this time. Otherwise, we are intending on listing the properties once we receive the permission to do so from the Archdiocese. Overall, we expect any sale would take about 18 months to complete, so it's good that we are beginning this process now. As always, I will keep you informed every step of the way.

## SUMMARY OF RECENT PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCIL MEETINGS

### PASTORAL COUNCIL FEBRUARY 8, 2016

Discussed envelope mailings that are sent out and we do not receive that many envelopes back, our return is about 20%. Joan will review records with Envelope Company. Father Izzo will contact inactive parishioners to inquire about their status with the Parish. He noted that many Pastors in the area have begun to write letters to such parishioners. Noted: Phone calls don't work, because so many people now have cell phones, and we don't have the updated numbers....lack of responses from census requests.

Reviewed upcoming Lenten opportunities in our parish.

Discussed the need for volunteers for Don Guanella House.

Discussed the School and Convent Sale or Lease. Since July the Property Committee, has been working diligently on this. To this point, the appraisals were completed mid-December and the Council has just begun to take up the discussion. Questions arose about the process with the Archdiocese and how to actually begin to list the properties.

Aside: In late January, the Parish Councils met jointly to discuss this issue more in-depth with our real estate broker, Mr. Jim Leary. He was available to answer many of the questions and to further speak of the results of the appraisals.

Evelyn Tarpey Brennan from Archdiocese Office of Pastoral Planning was present to work with Council members on developing a Pastoral Plan for the parish. Discussed challenges of our parish and others. In discussing the Pastoral Planning Process, which we have already done, it was noted that that process is still underway and that every parish in the Archdiocese will be involved in it in some fashion. Discussed how we can get people of the parish involved in activities.

### FINANCE COUNCIL FEBRUARY 9, 2016

Discussed the School and Convent Sale or Lease and that there were appraisals done on both. Spoke in-depth about the details of the appraisals.

Family Promises will be leasing the convent for a year beginning on March 1, 2016.

Mr. Blair gave the 6 month review of the budget to actuals to the members. Sunday collections are down 6% from last year. We have received donations for the Sanctuary Renovations as well as items purchased from the Ecclesiastical exchange.

## 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:*

<i>Frances (Jean) Torelli</i>	<i>\$1,100</i>
<i>Mary Sablian</i>	<i>\$625</i>
<i>Mary Cunnion</i>	<i>\$100</i>
<i>Agnes &amp; William Strauss</i>	<i>\$100</i>
<i>John Margetich</i>	<i>\$70</i>
<i>Joseph Crilly</i>	<i>\$45</i>
<i>Marian Altemus</i>	<i>\$20</i>
<i>Bernard Hasson</i>	<i>\$20</i>
<i>Ed Pollakis</i>	<i>\$20</i>
<i>Kay Baurenschmidt</i>	<i>\$10</i>
<i>Dorothy Chiponis</i>	<i>\$10</i>
<i>Rose Cianci</i>	<i>\$10</i>
<i>Denis Geraghty, Sr.</i>	<i>\$10</i>
<i>William Giampalmi</i>	<i>\$10</i>
<i>Iris DiBattista</i>	<i>\$10</i>
<i>John Gray</i>	<i>\$10</i>
<i>Marie Manning</i>	<i>\$10</i>
<i>Marek Family</i>	<i>\$10</i>
<i>Angeline McNelly</i>	<i>\$10</i>

### Easter Flowers

We are grateful for your generosity because it really does allow us to make our Church beautiful for these Awe-Inspiring days.

As we have been doing, we will again list all the Memorials we receive for the Easter Flowers in next week's bulletin.

### First Communion Parents' Meeting

There is a mandatory meeting for parents of our students who will receive their First Holy Communion in May on  
**Tuesday, March 29**

**from 6:30 to 7:45 pm**

in the school building.

**Reflections by Fr. Leonard Peterson**  
**Easter Sunday**  
**March 27, 2016**

One of the great derivatives of this “Day of Days” is its endorsement of hope. So much struggle stalks our lives that hope loses out to its opposite for many people. Often enough our call to seek “what is above” is abandoned. At the worst, we cry out “Where is God?” in any serious intrusion on our plans. The rush of changes in technology doesn’t help.

A respected spiritual writer offers this analysis: *“All the givens have changed and all the rules with them. Built-in obsolescence is the new given. Things are made to be discarded or upgraded or re-placed. Everything in life is simply another step, not the final step, in the process of becoming something else. Life itself has become a series of life-changing interruptions we are meant to expect and to broach with very little help.”*

I resonate with that observation. I feel the pressure in small matters, like updating my smart phone, all the way to important items like reminding Catholics about the Church’s definition of marriage when the world all around us challenges it. Add to these things the whole problem of the “throwaway culture,” as Pope Francis describes it.

So we need Easter. We need to remember how Christ’s death and resurrection sheds light on our skewed cultural outlook and shows it for what it is. Nothing but darkness in disguise.

The empty tomb is more than the triumph of Jesus, although it is certainly that. It is also, for believers, the source of a joy that ameliorates sadness, and offers the message of life after this one. It is the certainty of objective truth towering over fashionable half-truths and outright lies. The Risen One knew the future as well as the present when He once said of Himself “I am the Way and the Truth and the Life.”

Perceptive people know that maintaining this Easter faith today is almost as difficult as it was for the Church’s early martyrs, albeit in a different way, as a type of “dry martyrdom.” Even this is changing however, as we note the Christian victims of ISIS and its brutality.

A saintly John Paul II, who emerged from Nazi persecution and Communist intimidation, called out in his inaugural homily “Be not afraid!” Those are the same words that the Christmas angels told the shepherds on the hillside. They are the same words Gabriel said to Mary when He announced her coming pregnancy. Today we have the same words implied in the question the “two men in dazzling garments” asked: “Why seek the living among the dead?” Why indeed?

Standing in spirit before the empty tomb this Easter Day 2016, somewhere between anxiety and hope, we have to recall our cry of conviction, now centuries old but ever new: “Alleluia! He has risen! Alleluia!”

**Catholic Charities Appeal 2016**

We need your support through the Catholic Charities Appeal to continue to do the Lord’s work. Your gift will help guarantee that our brothers and sisters in need will continue to know, and see the loving face of Christ in those who serve them. It also provides a shining example of your belief in the Church’s commitment to the poor, needy, and vulnerable. *For more information please visit our website at [www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org), or email us at [cca@catholicfoundationphila.org](mailto:cca@catholicfoundationphila.org) or call us at 215-587-5650*

**Please send your contribution directly to the Archdiocese in the envelope  
they provided you in the original mailing**

**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!

**PREP NEWS**

Our local Knights of Columbus held a poster contest recently on the dangers of drug abuse. Three PREP students placed in this contest.

First Place Winners with a check for \$25:

Ashley Wassel—Level 3 and  
Christian Daniele—Level 4.

Second Place Winner: Colin DiProgetto—Level 3.

Congratulations to these students who competed. We are proud of their accomplishments!

**Cardinal O’Hara High School Open House**

All 6th, 7th and 8th graders and their families are invited to attend Cardinal O’Hara High School’s Open House on Sunday, April 3. Join us for Mass at 12 noon followed by our program at 1 pm. Faculty and staff, including coaches, will be available to answer questions as families tour the school with our student ambassadors. Please register to attend at [www.cohs.com](http://www.cohs.com). For more information, contact the Office of Admissions at 610-544-3800, x 1870

**Parish Calendar of Events this Week:**

**Monday, March 28**

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

**Tuesday, March 29**

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

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

First Communion Parents’ Meeting, 6:30 pm, School

**Wednesday, March 30**

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

**Thursday, March 31**

Choir, 7 pm, Choir Loft

**Saturday, April 2**

Confession, 7:30 to 8 am & 4:15 to 5 pm, Church  
Delchester Serra Club Mtg., 8:30 am, Rec. Mtg. Room

**Liturgical Ministers’ Schedules for  
Next Weekend**

**Saturday, April 2, 5:15 p.m.**

Lector: Michael Costigan

Special Ministers: Margaret Flanagan,  
Lynn McMonagle, Janice Sawicki



**Sunday, April 3, 8:00 a.m.**

Altar Server: Russell Lockbaum

Lector: Cynthia Vicente

Special Ministers: Judy Wright,  
Antoinette Bonacquisti, Jim Heslin



**Sunday, April 3, 10:30 a.m.**

Altar Server: A. & A. Mielechowsky

Lector: Denise DiIorio

Special Ministers: Elizabeth Hermansen,  
Dominic DiFiore, June Stolnis



**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.