



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 6, 2016
Fourth Sunday Of Lent
March is the month of St. Joseph

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES

SATURDAY,	<u>MARCH 5, 2016</u>
5:15 P.M.	James Hino
SUNDAY,	<u>MARCH 6, 2016</u>
8:00 a.m.	Members of Our Lady of Charity Memorial Society
10:30 a.m.	Michael J. O'Malley, Jr. 13th Anniversary
MONDAY,	<u>MARCH 7, 2016</u>
8:00 a.m.	William Grogan, Sr.
TUESDAY,	<u>MARCH 8, 2016</u>
8:00 a.m.	Anthony and Freda Iacono
WEDNESDAY,	<u>MARCH 9, 2016</u>
8:00 a.m.	Angeline and Paul McNelly
THURSDAY,	<u>MARCH 10, 2016</u>
8:00 a.m.	Mary and James G. Greiner
FRIDAY,	<u>MARCH 11, 2016</u>
8:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
SATURDAY,	<u>MARCH 12, 2016</u>
8:00 a.m.	Elaine Lockbaum 4th Anniversary

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5:15 p.m.	Pro Populo
SUNDAY,	<u>MARCH 13, 2016</u>
8:00 a.m.	Daniel Ragone
10:30 a.m.	Walter and Frances Hook

WEEKLY COLLECTION & ATTENDANCE REPORT

Sunday, February 28	\$7,410
Number of Envelopes returned:	301
Number Attending Masses:	544

Care of Aging Priests Tally:	\$1,985
Number of Envelopes:	126

As always, thank you for your continued support!

Catholic Charities Appeal—2016

Thank you for the sacrifices you have made in order to support the Catholic Charities Appeal. Your support will benefit nearly 180 ministries and programs helping everything from childcare to retirement living, from homelessness to growing the Church on college campuses. Your generosity is a source of inspiration as we have all come together to become a part of ***A New Vision*** of service. Our parish goal is \$40,428.

It is important that every parishioner and parish do their part to help raise \$1.5 million dollars, because we are all one family in Christ. Thank you for your generosity.

Greetings from Father Izzo

SHAME ON DISNEY-ABC

ABC, which is owned by Disney, will launch a new show on March 6, "The Real O'Neals." It is billed as a comedy about an Irish-American family, loosely based on the life of one of its producers, Dan Savage. For those not acquainted with him, his maniacal hatred of Catholicism is so strong that it would be as though David Duke were hired to produce a show about African Americans. That comparison is an understatement: Duke may be a bigot, but he is not known for his foul comments. By contrast, Savage is so vulgar that the original full-page ad I wrote was turned down by this (New York Times) newspaper. Why? Because the obscenities were deemed too incendiary for its readers, even with the use of asterisks in place of letters. Savage has accused a politician of having sex—he used an obscenity—with the consecrated Host, the body and blood of Jesus. His filthy remarks about Jesus and Our Blessed Mother are so over the top that they would make Larry Flynt blush. Pope Benedict XVI, Pope John Paul II, and Cardinal Francis George are portrayed as perverts. And priests—he indicts all priests—are depicted as predators. This is a man who intentionally tried to infect a Christian activist, Gary Bauer, with his sick bodily fluids. He did so by licking the doorknobs of his office, including the bathroom door. When it comes to getting down and dirty, Savage has no equal in public life. ABC has won awards from the gay community for its show, "Modern Family." It has won awards from African Americans for "Black-ish." So concerned was the network that it might offend Asians with its new show, "Fresh Off the Boat," that it invited leaders to meet with producers. But when it comes to Catholics, ABC delivers Dan Savage. Anyone who thinks I exaggerate about Savage's cruel record of bigotry, please go to our website, catholicleague.org, and read the ad we initially submitted.

Bill Donohue President

The Not-so-Real O'Neals

Last Wednesday, Catholic bigotry continued on ABC when they aired a show called, "The Real O'Neals." It may first appear to be another new show portraying "normal" American life of today; and it will probably have the usual vulgar humor that many shows of today have. But this show will be a little different because it's supposed to be portraying a Catholic family of today. Trouble is, the creator of the show definitely has some biases against the Church, the Popes and Priests in general. Bill Donohue, of the Catholic League attempted to take an ad in the New York Times listing the many disgusting things the show's producer Dan Savage has said about Jesus, Mary, Pope Benedict and Cardinals and Priests. But it was denied. We have received permission to reprint his Op-Ed that was published in the NY Times last Monday.

Who knows what the ratings of such a show will be, or how it will do. It's a shame such a show has made it to air because of the many cheap shots it will supposedly take against the Church and our religion. Of course, there will never be such a show portraying a Muslim family or the Holy Prophet Mohammed—but that's okay. Because it's okay to make slight against the Catholic Christians. But even worse, some Catholics might actually like what they see.

Tuesday Evening, March 8
Evening Stations of the Cross at
6:45 p.m.

Reflections by Fr. Leonard Peterson
Fourth Sunday Of Lent

March 6, 2016

Back in 1949, the writer Fulton Oursler gave the world his “take” on the Gospels and titled his book “The Greatest Story Ever Told.” An apt description for sure about a story that never grows old.

But I daresay that this parable that we hear at today’s Mass taken from Luke’s gospel could well be named: “The Second Greatest Story Ever Told.” Why? Because if there ever were an answer to the whole problem of human weakness, this well-known parable is it. It is a story bound to console those of us who fail the Lord from time to time. It also is a transparent picture of two opposing reactions to God’s mercy, as found in the character of the two sons’ father.

Our own holy father, Pope Francis, has designated the current year as a Jubilee Year of Mercy. He inaugurated it last December 8 with the solemn opening of the “Holy Door” at St. Peter’s basilica in Rome, and shortly after there were openings of the Holy Doors of cathedrals around the world. The opened doors symbolize the openness of God’s mercy, allowing us to “enter” into His forgiveness of our sins.

The parable of the loving father, augmented by Paul’s letter about reconciliation, and even the story from the Book of Joshua about the Israelites celebrating the Passover in their new homeland all highlight God’s tender mercy.

So in this Year of Mercy, the parable especially makes for perfect preparation for confession. If you are one of those people who has a residual fear of confession, perhaps one left over from childhood, or even of a bad adult experience of the sacrament, this is the story to recall to try again. Don’t be afraid!

The Church, acting as the good Mother she is, invites you and me to this embrace of God’s mercy. There really is no good reason to carry around the burden of past sins. The confessional door is probably the one “holy door” most of us will pass through this year.

But on the way out of that same door suddenly our life stories become “great”, in the sense that they align with God’s will. That alignment brings a peace and contentment money cannot buy. No matter how far we have traveled to “distant lands” and squandered graces like the young son. Or grown jealous or cynical like the older son. God’s “heart” is bigger than we can imagine. Meanwhile if you’re still a little timid about making a good confession because you fear returning to your old familiar ways, it is a good thing to remember that “the will of God will never take you to where His grace will not protect you.”

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
Tuesday at 6:45 p.m. and 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 Conference Room

SAVE THE DATE FOR OLC’S
2ND ANNUAL ATTIC TREASURES
April 8, 9, 10

Remember that your “junk” is another person’s “treasure”. So when you are cleaning out your closets and basements, remember that we want your special treasures. More information in next week’s bulletin.

Knights of Columbus Crab Cake Sale

All orders are due today. The pickup date is
Saturday, March 12th from 4 to 7 pm
Rectory Meeting Room

Office of the Archbishop

March 6, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year we celebrate the important milestone of 50 years of solidarity with the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean. Like many other places throughout the world, Latin American Catholics face many challenges as they strive to live and share their faith. For example, in Peru, the 14 villages of Chazuta, in Moyobamba, are all located away from the city center, with the most remote places only accessible by boat. The faithful in these communities do not have access to catechetical formation, and members often feel separated from the life of the universal Church. Through a grant from the Collection for the Church in Latin America, the religious congregation of the Missionaries of Jesus was able to provide faith formation, spiritual retreats, and workshops to nearly 250 people. Through this program, members of the Chazuta villages felt the love and support of the universal Church.

In Columbia, the parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Diocese of Garzon, is blessed with a large community; however, there are only a few priests to address its many needs. Through a grant from the Collection for the Church in Latin America, the parish was able to train pastoral and evangelization leaders. These leaders participated in formation on leadership and catechesis, as well as in spiritual retreats, so they could reach out to the larger community. The parish also created kits to aid in evangelization and teaching the faith to those in the community. Through this project, the parish was able to achieve its goal of creating an evangelization program that can reach the 3,700 families of the parish.

The Collection for the Church in Latin America, through projects like these family and marriage programs, as well as catechesis programs, empowers the faithful of Latin America to deepen their faith and share it with each other and the world.

Our Archdiocese will take up this Collection the weekend of March 12 and 13, 2016. Please be generous and take this opportunity to share your faith with the families of Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support will truly make a difference. Thank you and God bless you.

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

Lenten Giving Cross

Since our Advent Giving Tree is such a huge success, we are again having a similar project for Lent: the Lenten Giving Cross. This week, we will display a simple large wooden cross in the Church, and there will be a basket by the cross with a paper cross for you to take. Basically the crosses represent a vendor for a gift card to either Giant, Walmart or Target. If you would like to participate please put the gift card in an envelope and attach your Lenten Cross to it and drop it in the Collection basket before or by Sunday, March 20. The gift cards will be shared with needy parishioners and also the OLC 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!)*

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

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy and during this season of Lent, Our Lady of Charity cordially invites you to an evening with Anita Morro (RN, BSN, CCM), Healing and Wellness Coordinator of St. Mary Magdalen Parish, Media, PA, who will speak about "Forgiveness: Anger's Worst Enemy."

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.

O.L. Coffee & Donuts

Next weekend

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

Hope to see you there!

St. James Blue and Gray Choir

The St. James Blue and Gray Voices are seeking new members to join our men's choir. You do not have to be a graduate of St. James High School, just enjoy singing and take an active part in our rehearsals and singing engagements.

We are very active in music liturgies of our church and in public and social activities throughout the year. We receive excellent choral and music training from our dedicated leaders. Please contact Ken Chew at 302-798-6520 for more detailed information.



Congratulations to

**Laura Dean
and
Erik Shuster**

On their marriage at OLC
on February 13, 2016

May God Bless them with
much happiness!

**Msgr. Bonner and Arch. Prendergast Catholic
High School proudly presents
Disney's "Beauty and the Beast"**

On March 11, 12, 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m. and Matinees on
March 13 at 2:00 pm and 19 at 1:30 p.m. For tickets please
call 610.259.0280. ext. 1312.

Daylight Savings Time

Please Remember – Next **Sunday, March 13th** is
the first day of Daylight Savings Time. Remember
to turn your clocks **ahead** one hour next Saturday
evening. Spring forward!

Parish Calendar of Events this Week:

Monday, March 7

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

Tuesday, March 8

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

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

Confessions 6:45 p.m. Church

Wednesday, March 9

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

Scripture Study, 7 pm, Rec. Conf. Room

Knights of Columbus, 7 pm, Rec. Mtg. Room

Thursday, March 10

Social Committee, 7 pm, Rec. Mtg. Room

Choir, 7 pm, Choir Loft

Saturday, March 11

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

Liturgical Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

Saturday, March 12, 5:15 p.m.

Lector: Breanne McGovern

Special Ministers: Lynn McMonagle,
Margaret Flanagan, Corinne O'Grady



Sunday, March 13, 8:00 a.m.

Altar Server: Russell Lockbaum

Lector: Diane Glatts

Special Ministers: Dolores O'Malley,
Marie Miele, Kathy DeJohn



Sunday, March 13, 10:30 a.m.

Altar Server: R. Costigan

Lector: Denise DiIorio

Special Ministers: Elizabeth Hermansen,
John Moletteri, Eileen Wilson



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

Mary Cunnion

Frances DeAugustine

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

Prayers For The Sick

Please pray for the sick of our parish and for all those who
have asked for prayers.