



Mary, Untier of Knots, Pray for Us

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

The Rectory is open for business Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Closed on Friday at 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.

November 1, 2015, Solemnity of All Saints
November is the Month of the Holy Souls

The Glory of the Saints

We can pay no greater honor to the Saints than by offering up to God in their name the Blood of Jesus. The efficacy of their past merits and present prayers is greatly increased when offered to God in close association with the merits and prayers of Our Lord. Therefore, the Church commemorates on this day all the Saints in heaven without exception, and thus honors also those who are unknown and who have no public recognition in the Liturgy. Let us all rejoice in the Lord, celebrating a festival day in honor of all the Saints.

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2015

5:15 P.M. Frank Varzaaly
24th Anniversary

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2015

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

10:30 a.m. Joseph A. Diggins

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2015

8:00 a.m. All Souls

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015

8:00 a.m. Holy Souls In Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2015

8:00 a.m. Catherine Foster

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2015

8:00 a.m. Pro Populo

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2015

8:00 a.m. Luigi DiMarco

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2015

8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of
Bingnear and Boyle
Families

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2015

5:15 p.m. Jennie & Anthony
DeFrank

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2015

8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of
Hart & Lipton Families

10:30 a.m. All Souls, In Particular,
All Our Deceased
Parishioners of the
Past Year

COLLECTION TOTALS

Sunday, October 25: \$7,553

Number of Envelopes returned: 279

Number Attending Masses: 710

World Mission Talley: \$1,148

Number of Envelopes: 38

Block Collection Talley: \$9,242

Number of Envelopes: 137

Thank you for your generosity!

Our Parish Celebration of All Soul's

Our annual All Soul's Mass will be next Sunday. We have invited the families of our deceased parishioners to join us on

Sunday, November 8, at 10:30 a.m.

Our November OLCoffee will coincide with this event.

Greetings from Father Izzo

Synod on the Family, Rome October 4-25: From Our Archbishop

From Rome, October 21: In less than a week I'll be home in Philadelphia and hopefully – finally – back to the normal life of a great diocese. I use that word “great” deliberately. What makes Philadelphia unique is not its legacy, or industries, or universities, or cultural centers. All these things are important, but they're just words until we remember the people who give them life. The Church in Philadelphia is “great” because of her people. She's blessed in her clergy, religious and lay faithful. Above all, she's blessed in her families, rich and poor, who sacrifice to support their parishes and do their best to live the Gospel week in and week out. And nothing captured the real character of Philadelphia more beautifully than the outpouring of enthusiasm and love from tens of thousands of families that greeted Pope Francis last month and made the World Meeting of Families such a memorable success.

As the 2015 Synod on the Family draws to a close here in Rome, bishops from around the world continue to praise those remarkable days in our city. One of those bishops is the bishop of Rome. On October 20, via the apostolic nuncio, I received a letter dated October 5 from Pope Francis himself – addressed to me, but meant for every Catholic and every other person of good will across the Philadelphia region:

I wish to express my great appreciation to you and the clergy, consecrated men and women, and lay faithful of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for your warm welcome. I am especially grateful for your brotherly hospitality, and for the zeal, piety and enthusiasm which you shared with me and which daily guide your episcopal ministry. I am sure that our days together will continue to deepen the bonds of communion which we enjoy.

I thank you also for your many efforts in preparing for my visit to the Archdiocese, especially for the World Meeting of Families. Your commitment to the family was evident in the organization of the Meeting, and I know how diligently you and your staff, along with so many volunteers and benefactors, have worked these past three years. I trust that these celebrations will bear a new harvest of grace for your local Church and will be a source of renewal for marriage and family life.

Assuring you of my fraternal prayers, I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing to you and to all those entrusted to your pastoral care as a pledge of peace and joy in the Lord Jesus.

From the Vatican, 5 October 2015

+Francis

These past three weeks in Rome have been strange and hopeful at the same time. Strange, because the synod reported in the media and the synod actually taking place at the Vatican are rarely the same creatures. The issues of modern family life are complex. They have great importance for the future of the Church and the world. So the work of this synod matters. True to his style, Pope Francis has encouraged an open and frank spirit from the start. Differences among the synod fathers – including serious differences on serious matters – are part of the natural flow of discussion. Bishops at the synod need to deal with such matters candidly. Otherwise, nothing good can result. But “warring camps” simply don't exist. The mood among the synod fathers has been far friendlier than any commentators seem to imagine. There are no “revolutionaries” or “reactionaries” in the synod hall – only bishops sincerely trying to face sensitive issues and chart the right course for the Church in the light of the Gospel. Which brings me to why this synod experience has also been hopeful. It's one thing to hear about the “catholic” nature of the Catholic faith. It's another, deeply reassuring thing to see it alive in the intelligence and dedication of bishops from around the world gathered as brothers in one place....The point is: Whatever develops in the short term from this synod, God remains with his Church. We should cultivate that peace in our hearts. We need to trust in God's Word, and we need to pray for and trust the Holy Father. Otherwise we defeat our own discipleship. Confusion – as I was famously misquoted, out of context, a year ago – is of the devil. We shouldn't be part of it. It will be good to be back in Philadelphia. *(Minor edits for space constraints)*

Reflections
by Father Leonard N. Peterson
Solemnity of All Saints

"I Love a Parade." I'm pretty sure that Harold Arlen (nee Hyman Arluck, d. 1986) was not thinking of the parade of the saints when he wrote that catchy tune. Yet the picture of a parade conjured up by that old song lyric is what leapt to my mind when I contemplated today's Readings. That "vision of people which none could count, from every nation, race, people and tongue" would not be standing still, but marching joyfully. I imagine them in their white robes, toting those palm branches and smiling all the way. Different as they would be from each other, their costumes and their joy would be identical. As a unique group, they give meaning to the description of our Catholic Church as "Here comes everyone!"

Some examples of what I mean. Certainly St. Thomas Aquinas has little in common with St. Thomas More, save for their first names and their faith. Nor does fiery St. Teresa of Avila, a Doctor of the Church who died in 1582 have much in common externally with the shy Therese of Lisieux, also a Doctor of the Church, who died at age 24 in 1897, except for their names, status, and feastdays last month just 12 days apart. But they, and all the canonized saints of our Church, "parade" before our eyes, so to speak, as models for life.

Naturally, we have to add among the marchers all those believers in the faith whose names are largely unknown, such as the family grandmother who is dubbed "a saint" by all who ever knew her.

I think we need this "parade" this November Sunday 2015 for no other reason than the fact that people are actually asking whether or not we are living in "the end times." Someone did just that over the weekend of a retreat for married couples that I recently led. The world really is a dangerous place these days. Terrorists seem to have won the battle when you think of all those expensive security procedures that were put in place before and during the pope's visit to our country. There was indeed a gentler time in our collective past.

Recall that story of a teenager who actually conjured up a plan to kill the pope? Or the fact that there exists internet instructions for making a bomb? Or that Planned Parenthood would actually seek to profit by selling the body parts of aborted children? Evil has many faces.

Dear friends, we need help to fight this battle. With the aid of the Holy Spirit, we can win it. In striving to imitate those saintly paraders I mentioned, and many more, it seems that therein lies the only authentic credentials to guarantee that we'll all be there "when the saints go marchin' in."

Mass Book For 2016

Masses for 2016 are available at the Rectory during weekday business hours. There is a limit of three (3) Sunday Masses and no limit on weekday Masses.

If you are unable to come during this time, please call Joan at 610-872-6192 to make arrangements.

Christmas Mass Schedule

We are looking for your input about the time of Masses for Christmas

1. Christmas Eve Masses are popular. In the 1990's, OLC began scheduling three vigil Masses for Christmas, as well as three Masses on Christmas. Then, there were three or more priests, so each priest got a Vigil and a Mass on Christmas, in addition to our parish having over 2,500 families. Now we are just over 1,600 families, and technically speaking, one priest assigned to the Parish.
2. Last year, we reintroduced the Midnight Mass, which had a very nice attendance. There were some requests made over the years to again have the Midnight Mass. We are one of only a few places in our area that have the Midnight. Also popular is our earliest vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m. which is the earliest time allowed in our Archdiocese to schedule a Vigil Mass for a Holy Day. But surprisingly two years ago, we had over 575 at the 4:00 p.m. Vigil and last year, only 440 at the same time.
3. I would like your feedback, please, concerning the "Choir" Mass at 7:30/8:00p.m. Traditionally, this is the Mass where the choir performs carols about 30 minutes prior to Mass. For the past three years, we really haven't had a singing program before Mass, expect for maybe 10 minutes prior to Mass beginning. Plus, the attendance at this Mass has also dwindled the last few years. Last year, we might of had 100-115 people. (And I know there's no perfect time, and family traditions change, etc.)
4. When we used to have three vigils at 4:00, 6:00, and 8:00 p.m., the least attended of these was the 6:00 p.m. So we dropped that time slot in 2011, and kept the 4:00, and 8:00 or 7:30 p.m., as it was last year due to the request of the choir members, who also return to sing at the Christmas Day 10:30 a.m.
5. So, this year, OLC will definitely have a 4:00 p.m. and Midnight (celebrated at Midnight). Christmas Day will be our regular Sunday Schedule.
6. Consequently, I would like to know if you would also want an additional Christmas Eve Mass, and if so, what time? Also, would you want an additional time for Mass on Christmas Day, depending upon your family traditions and holiday plans.

Please complete the items below as they would pertain to your family's practice.

_____ I attend Christmas Eve. Mass should be at: _____ o'clock.

_____ I think there should only be the two Masses: at 4 pm and at Midnight.

_____ I would prefer another time on Christmas Day, at _____ o'clock.

Please drop in the collection basket or send to the Rectory by Sunday, November 15th

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

The St. Vincent de Paul Society at Our Lady of Charity will be making food baskets for the needy of our parish on Sunday, November 15. We would appreciate your food donations so that we can supply the baskets requested. Please leave non-perishable foods in the vestibule on **that** weekend.

Anyone who needs a food basket should call the Rectory (610-872-6192) and speak with Joan (during regular business hours) by November 12th.

Also, if you would like to donate a Supermarket Gift Card, simply put the card in an envelope and label: **St. Vincent de Paul** and drop into the Collection basket before or on November 16.

TRIP TO THE NATIONAL CENTRE FOR ST. PADRE PIO

The Charitians are sponsoring a trip to St. Padre Pio in Barto, PA on Sunday, November 29th.

Our spiritual Christmas visit to St. Padre Pio will include a Christmas Concert and catered on-site luncheon. Bus will leave from PathMark parking lot at 10 AM with an approximate return of 5 PM. Cost for the event is \$45.00. All are welcome to join us. For information and reservations, please call Joe at 610-874-0803 or Jerry at 610-876-0585.

Brookhaven Veterans Day
Ceremony

Saturday November 7, 2015
9:00 am

Brookhaven Memorial Island



Delaware County Veterans Memorial

Honoring Our WWII Veterans

Sponsored By American Legion Post # 94

Prayers For The Sick

Peter Adamonis, Doreen Ash, Adele Blonski, Virginia Bernero, Janet Bischof, Jean Brower, Betty Burns, Shawn Burns, Theresa Carlin, Patricia Cawley, Gerald Cucchi, Jean Curran, Josephine D'Amico, Robert DelPrato, Maria DiPaola, Louis Finsterbusch, Ruth Ford, Gina Gasiorowski, Alice Gordon, Betty Hart, Mary Layer, Elaine Loflin, Michelle (Lamont) Maher, Maria "Pia" Mattera, Michael Mattera, Cameron McCarthy, Len McClintock, Jill Nix, Sandy Partin, June Ramsey, Ted Stahl, Maryanne Talley, Joseph & Seraphine Traub, Adelaide Vernon, Mae Wassel, Shirley West.

Please Note: If you know of anyone who should be removed from the sick list, please call the rectory. All names will be on for three months; if they should still be on after that time, please call the rectory.

**Liturgical Ministers' Schedules for
Next Weekend**

Saturday, November 7, 5:15 p.m.

Lector: Alice Kachelries

Special Ministers: Janice Sawicki,
Fred O'Malley, Lynn McMonagle



Sunday, November 8, 8:00 a.m.

Altar Server: Skylar Lynch

Lector: Cynthia Vicente

Special Ministers: Judy Wright,
Jim Heslin, Kathy DeJohn



Sunday, November 8, 10:30 a.m.

Altar Server: M. Costigan

Lector: Joan Boyle

Special Ministers: John Moletteri,
June Stolnis, Elizabeth Hermansen



Parish Calendar of Events this Week:

Tuesday, November 3

PREP, 6:30 to 7:45, School

Wednesday, November 4

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

Scripture Class, 7pm, Rec. Conf. Room

Thursday, November 5

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

Choir Practice, 7 pm, Church

Saturday, November 7

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

Serra Club Meeting, 8:30 am, Rec. Mtg. Room

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