



# OUR LADY OF CHARITY

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

BROOKHAVEN, PENNSYLVANIA

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*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.

## 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 15 2015, Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

*November is the Month of the Holy Souls*

**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

**NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2015**  
5:15 P.M. Carol and James Aldridge

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2015**  
5:15 p.m. Deceased Members of  
Chverha Family

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2015**  
8:00 a.m. Stanley and Alfreda  
Kwaszkiewicz

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2015**  
8:00 a.m. Jane and Francis Burke

10:30 a.m. Ronald Mayo  
6th Anniversary

10:30 a.m. Philomena DiCarlo

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2015**  
8:00 a.m. Albert Merlino

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2015**  
8:00 a.m. F. Clark Walton

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2015**  
8:00 a.m. Elaine Lockbaum

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2015**  
8:00 a.m. Joseph and  
Angeline Ferrone

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2015**  
8:00 a.m. James Della Polla

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2015**  
8:00 a.m. Pro Populo

**COLLECTION TOTALS**

Sunday, November 8: \$9,192  
Number of Envelopes returned: 350  
Number Attending Masses: 583

All Saints Collection: \$1,425  
Number of Envelopes returned: 118

Block Collection Talley: \$18,261  
Number of Envelopes: 277

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD**

**G**ood Jesus, whose loving heart was ever troubled by the sorrows of others, look with pity on the souls of our dear ones in purgatory. O You, who "loved Your own," hear the cry for mercy, and grant that those whom You called from our homes and hearts, may soon enjoy everlasting life in Heaven.

**E**ternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

**M**ay their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## *Greetings from Father Izzo*

### **SANCTUARY COLORS FOR PAINTING**

Thanks very much for your input last week. I know it was a surprise coming into the Church last weekend, and seeing the partial painting begun. As you know from my previous posting here, I wanted to paint the Sanctuary, especially since the renovations. I found a few generous donors who are covering the costs of the Sanctuary painting. I did not think the painter was coming until after my retreat, but he had an opening in his schedule at the end of last week.

Joan is tallying all the responses you gave last week and will do so for this weekend. It was suggested by the painter, who specializes in Church painting—nice guy from County Cork, and also a design consultant, that more neutral colors be considered for the larger space of the Sanctuary, and they better blend with the dark green that is visible throughout the steps and floor of the sanctuary. Behind the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph Statues, we will be adding some specially designed stencil work (not too much) depicting particular designs for both Mary and Joseph. In order to complement the gold behind the Crucifix, it was suggested by the designer to keep the three “Archways” that are visually seen in the entire Sanctuary together, the same color.

Keep you posted on the progress; however, this one is very easy to see along the way. I think the new paint job will help to “warm-up” the Sanctuary. I am grateful for those contributors, almost all, I believe, who wish to remain anonymous, for their generosity.

### **Saints Are Simply Living the Normal Christian Life**

By Melanie Jean Juneau, appeared February 24, 2014, on [www.Catholicstand.com](http://www.Catholicstand.com). Used with permission of author and Catholicstand.

Twenty-five years ago, my husband discovered a book entitled *“Guidelines to Mystical Prayer”* by a British Carmelite nun, Ruth Burrows. That book changed our lives. Ruth Burrows describes, Petra, a woman who lives only by faith without any experiences of God, and Claire, a “light on” nun who experiences mystical encounters. Both women know with absolute clarity that their core identity has shifted from ego-centric to Christ-centric. They were actually modern-day saints. The Spirit of Jesus lives in them and they lives surrounded by the Holy Spirit, plugged into the universal God.

*“Guidelines to Mystical Prayer”* prompted me to question my basic premise about the nature of reality. Its message rekindled joy in my drooping spirit then challenged me to allow God to transform me with his power and strength and not by my futile striving. Prior to reading this book, I had tried to become a saint, but to no avail.

My husband and I poured over this book, reading it again and again, soaking in every nuance, digging out every morsel, every detail which described this new life. We were filled with an exuberant joy, because finally we realized that our deepest longings could be fulfilled. The life described by St. Paul so eloquently is actually factual. The life of saints is possible; a simple spiritual life.

***“Yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me; insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me.”*** (Galatians 2:20)

We have all read the experiences of saints who claimed to live in mystical union with Christ. The image that comes to mind is of medieval saints who were morose and miserable, wearing hair shirts and living on bread and water. However, I discovered that the claims of saints are not bogus, but true. Furthermore, that their achievements are completely realistic, and that I should expect to live *joyfully* in the Resurrection. The accounts of the saints might be couched in fanciful, archaic language, but they are not allegories or fairy tales. This Resurrected Life is not for a select few; humans are wired for a life lived in and through a mystical connection to God. In fact, life in Christ is not a big deal. The experience is not just for those we label as saints; it is simply the normal Christian life.

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Reflections  
by Father Leonard N. Peterson  
Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

In a rare departure from my now familiar retirement routine, I took a total of five airline flights to and from my nephew's wedding in sunny California this past Labor Day weekend. Considering the fun-filled but hectic-paced events of the weekend, the pre-dawn start of the last three flights home was hardly welcome. The whole adventure lost a lot of its charm as that day progressed, because it involved a seat change; a temporarily lost wallet and a late night hunt in the near deserted airport for luggage that had been sent ahead on an earlier flight without my knowledge. So much for passenger comfort by the almighty airlines!

One of the requirements of such travel is paying close attention to the ubiquitous flight information boards. They quickly make obsolete most of the previously printed information on one's boarding pass, as airport gates and departure times change with the touch of an unseen keyboard.

All of this I offer as prelude to reflections on the Readings that come our way at Mass for these last weeks of the Liturgical year each November. How they coincide with the shorter days, cooler nights and the falling leaves that are all part of the eleventh month! These Scriptures remind us that what seems to go on indefinitely will end when we least expect it. I refer not only to our small personal allotment of years in this earth, but also to the macro matter of the end of the whole cosmos.

That Jesus is on His way back according to a timetable only the Trinity knows is a fact. He told us so. The truth is trumpeted especially by our Third Eucharistic Prayer whenever it is prayed.

So, if you'll pardon the use of the airline patois that recently became so familiar to me: "Are you prepared for departure?" Are your carry-on bags, hopefully packed with good deeds added to each day, ready "to be safely stowed in the overhead compartments? Is your personal bag of prayers "able to fit fully under the seat in front of you?" Those seem to me to be the only ways to be spiritually "prepared for takeoff, with your seat belt securely fastened."

Meantime, it is always a good idea to let the all-knowing "Pilot" up in the cockpit be the one to chart the course for your "final destination." Otherwise the flight could be cancelled.

**Our Lady of Charity Evangelization Committee  
Presents**

**“MADE FOR LOVE”**

An Introduction to the Catholic Church’s teachings on the human person, the body, and sexuality. The presentation will introduce the main themes of this life-changing vision of human life and love:

- \* What is the meaning of life?
- \* Why were we created male and female?
- \* How should men and women relate to one another?
- \* What does human love have to do with God?

Join us for a presentation and discussion that could change the way you look at life, love and our Catholic faith. The speaker will be Meghan Cokeley, the Director of the Office for the New Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3**

**7 to 8:30 PM**

**OLC RECTORY MEETING ROOM**

**RSVP: Gina Mesko at  
gagm2002@comcast or  
610-872-0876**

**Charitian Meeting  
Wednesday, November 18  
12:00 pm**

**Brookhaven Municipal Center**

Mr. Ed Murphy, Director of Admissions and Marketing of the Broomall Manor Nursing Home will be the speaker

We will be collecting the money for the Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 16th at Lia’s.  
Cost is \$25.00 for members

***Prayers For The Sick***

Peter Adamonis, Doreen Ash, Adele Blonski, Virginia Bernero, Janet Bischof, Jean Brower, Betty Burns, Shawn Burns, Theresa Carlin, Patricia Cawley, Joseph Crilly, 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” Mattered, Michael Mattered, Cameron McCarthy, Len McClintock, Michael McGettigan Angeline McNelly, Jill Nix, Sandy Partin, June Ramsey, Ted Stahl, Maryanne Talley, Joseph & Seraphine Traub, Adelaide Vernon, Mae Wassel, Shirley West.

Please Pray for those who have died

Kindly keep in your prayers

Laura Krajewski

For the happy repose of her soul and for the consolation of her family and friends.

*Saints are Simply Living a Normal Christian Life, continued from page 3.*

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*,

**PART THREE, LIFE IN CHRIST**

**1691** “Christian, recognize your dignity and, now that **you share in God’s own nature**, do not return to your former base condition by sinning. Remember who is your head and of whose body you are a member.

**1695** “sanctified... [and] **called to be saints**,” [1 Cor 1:2] Christians have become the **temple of the Holy Spirit**. [Cf. 1 Cor 6:19], having become their life, prompts them to act so as to bear “the fruit of the Spirit” [Gal 5:22, 25] . **Healing the wounds of sin, the Holy Spirit renews us interiorly through a spiritual transformation.** [Cf. Eph 4:23]

*It is true!*

The lives of the saints are really true. If you are a secret cynic, or simply someone like me who tried to no avail to connect to God with only my own strength, why don’t you give God the permission to save you and transform you into a normal Christian? You will be surprised; “surprised by joy”.\*

\*(Wordsworth, C.S. Lewis)

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## VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR DON GUANELLA VILLAGE

Volunteers are needed daily, weekly or monthly at the Don Guanella House (located next to the Rectory). The time would be from 6:15/6:30 pm to 7:15/7:30 pm and the volunteers would be assisting the men with Art & Craft Projects, reading stories, helping with puzzles, singing songs, playing games, etc.

Many of our parishioners have asked about helping at the Don Guanella House and we are sure you will find it most rewarding. If you are interested, please contact Father Dennis Weber, S.C. at 484-475-2467.

### Deadlines for Bulletin Submissions Thanksgiving Holiday

**November 22 Bulletin**  
Bulletin copy by 1:00 PM,  
Monday, Nov. 16

**November 29 Bulletin**  
Bulletin copy by 1:00 PM,  
Wednesday, Nov. 18  
Thank you for your cooperation.

### 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.

### Holiday Craft Shows

**St. Joseph, Church, Aston**  
Nov. 21 from 9 a.m. to 5 pm in Church Hall

**Brookhaven Town Watch**  
Nov. 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the  
Brookhaven Municipal Building.

## Liturgical Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

### Saturday, November 21, 5:15 p.m.

Lector: Michael Costigan

Special Ministers: Gail Costigan,  
Janice Sawicki, Fred O'Malley



### Sunday, November 22, 8:00 a.m.

Altar Server: Tom Boyle

Lector: Cindy Gallo

Special Ministers: Ben Linowski,  
Jim Heslin, Dolores Lavelle



### Sunday, November 22, 10:30 a.m.

Altar Server: G. Sullenberger

Lector: Diane Glatts

Special Ministers: Eileen Wilson,  
Corinne O'Grady, Bob Losak



## Parish Calendar of Events this Week:

### Monday, November 16

Scripture Class, 7 pm, Rec. Mtg. Room

### Tuesday, November 17

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

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

Serra Board Meeting, Rec. Conf. Room

### Wednesday, November 18

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

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

### Thursday, November 12

Choir Practice, 7 pm, Church

### Saturday, November 13

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

### "THE LITTLE MERMAID"

Msgr. Bonner & Archbishop Prendergast Catholic High School presents "The Little Mermaid" on November 15 @ 2 pm and Nov. 20 & 21 at 7 PM. Call 610-259-0280, ext. 1312).