



*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.*

# November 22, 2015 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

## November is the Month of the Holy Souls

The empire of our Redeemer embraces all men. To use the words of Our immortal predecessor, Pope Leo XIII: "His empire includes not only Catholic nations, not only baptized persons who, though of right belonging to the Church, have been led astray by error, or have been cut off from her by schism, but also all those who are outside the Christian faith; so that truly the whole of mankind is subject to the power of Jesus Christ." Nor is there any difference in this matter between the individual and the family or the State; for all men, whether collectively or individually, are under the dominion of Christ. In him is the salvation of the individual, in him is the salvation of society. ... If, therefore, the rulers of nations wish to preserve their authority, to promote and increase the prosperity of their countries, they will not neglect the public duty of reverence and obedience to the rule of Christ. ... When once men recognize, both in private and in public life, that Christ is King, society will at last receive the great blessings of real liberty, well-ordered discipline, peace and harmony. (*Quas Primas* 18-19)

### ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

### NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES

**SATURDAY,                      NOVEMBER 21 2015**

5:15 P.M.      Deceased Members of  
Chverha Family

**SUNDAY,                      NOVEMBER 22, 2015**

8:00 a.m.      Jane and Francis Burke

10:30 a.m.      Philomena DiCarlo

**MONDAY,                      NOVEMBER 23, 2015**

8:00 a.m.      Forgotten Souls In  
Purgatory

**TUESDAY,                      NOVEMBER 24, 2015**

8:00 a.m.      Mabel Davis

**WEDNESDAY,                      NOVEMBER 25, 2015**

8:00 a.m.      Frederick F. Turner

**THURSDAY,                      NOVEMBER 26, 2015**

9:00 a.m.      John Earo

**FRIDAY,                      NOVEMBER 27, 2015**

No Mass

**SATURDAY,                      NOVEMBER 28, 2015**

8:00 a.m.      George Urian, Jr.

**SATURDAY,                      NOVEMBER 28, 2015**

5:15 p.m.      Joseph Pino  
2nd Anniversary

**SUNDAY,                      NOVEMBER 29, 2015**

8:00 a.m.      Marie Tallant  
10th Anniversary

10:30 a.m.      Pro Populo

### COLLECTION TOTALS

Sunday, November 15:	\$6,996
Number of Envelopes returned:	285
Number Attending Masses:	528

Block Collection Talley:	\$21,121
Number of Envelopes:	300

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass on Thanksgiving Day  
will be celebrated at

**9:00 AM**

*Please Note*

***There will be no Mass on Friday, November 27***

*The Rectory Office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day,  
Thursday Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov 27*

## *Greetings from Father Izzo*

### **SANCTUARY COLORS BEGINNING TO GO UP; NOW CHOOSE FROM A QUOTE.**

Thank you for your input for the color selections. The most popular color (S5, Sherwin Williams, *August Moon*) now appears in the Sanctuary. As of this writing of the bulletin, the painters began on Wednesday and Thursday of last week, and will be here a few days this week as well. I hope that you agree that the new colors make our Sanctuary more warm and inviting. I know that there were others who liked the other colors as well, that's why we gave choices—all of them—would have worked in our space. So, if your color wasn't the final chosen, I hope that you were at least pleased with the process, and that your feedback was important.

For this week, would you please consider the choices for the script that will be painted above the Altar. I have selected three possibilities: one from Scripture, one from the Catechism, and one from the Saints. Which do you like? Kindly make your choice, if you wish, and put into the Collection basket, or leave at the end of the pews, and we will collect them.

### **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE FEEDBACK**

Again, thanks for your feedback concerning the Christmas Mass Schedule. Based upon your input here is our Schedule. Every one will still receive this information by way of the Christmas mailing, but it's here for you because you were kind enough to give feedback.

**Confessions on Christmas Eve: 10 a.m. to Noon.**

**Christmas Eve: 4:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.**

**Christmas Day: Midnight, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**

The choir will sing at the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil and the 10:30 a.m. Christmas Mass. As is our tradition here, we will also have music at the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Christmas day. There will also be music with cantor and organist at the 6:30 p.m. Christmas Vigil and Midnight Mass. Thanks for your assistance.

### **December 8, Begins The Year of Mercy**

Pope Francis has called for a Year of Mercy to be celebrated throughout the Church beginning on December 8th. Regularly, we will be sharing information about this celebration. As a way to begin that, here is a list of the Major celebrations planned in the Archdiocese. We especially point out the "*24 Hours for the Lord*" time for Confessions in Lent. Next week, I will share some of the words of the Pope from his Letter for Mercy.

### **PRINCIPAL DATES FOR OBSERVANCE OF THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**

Opening of the Jubilee Year of Mercy

Opening of the Holy Door and Solemn Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul  
**Sunday, December 13, 2015 at 6:30 PM.**

Archdiocesan Observance of *24 Hours for the Lord*

**Friday, March 4-Saturday, March 5, 2016**

Observance of the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday

**Sunday, April 3, 2016**

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine  
of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Saturday, April 23, 2016**

Closing of the Jubilee Year of Mercy

Closing of the Holy Door and  
Solemn Mass

at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul  
**Sunday, November 20, 2016 at 6:30 PM**



**Reflections**  
**by Father Leonard N. Peterson**  
**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

A mirror can at times be comforting or cruel, but it never lies. That's why we don't always want to look into one. That's not true for the little four year old girl who admires herself in a brand new party dress. Then there's the tall teen-age boy, marred a bit with acne, who looks hopefully and is counting on his prom tux to shield his embarrassment. Or the young bride who glows before the mirror on her special day wearing that most special gown and veil. Or the middle-aged man who notices now the changes in his physique that shout out for a diet alteration and more exercise. Or the elderly lady who accepts what she sees and is content with what it implies.

While He was here on earth among us, Jesus was a type of mirror to the foils and fumbles of the human condition. He often told stories that mirrored the everyday lives of His listeners, and how they too often played games with the truth. Because the Scriptures are timeless, they describe us as well. So it's natural to apply to ourselves the moral in those mirrors.

In the tension-filled scene given us today of Jesus encountering Pilate on a Friday morning long ago, against the background of a boisterous crowd outside, the vacillating Roman comes across as the weakling. So often, when Jesus met an antagonist, He mirrored back the other person's true self. How uncomfortable that must have made them. Pilate kept washing his hands as a result.

Perhaps that is why Christ the King is a forbidding title for a lot of people, especially those who were lukewarm or sporadic believers. Being the very Truth itself, Jesus reflected back to them the full truth of their lifestyles. All these centuries later, the modern versions of this group know who He claimed to be. They know they have to decide about Him one way or the other.

Even believers can be annoyed at Christ the King for occasionally challenging their moral decisions. How dare this King invade their privacy and demand loyalty without reservations! They despise the mirror also.

But happily there are those good souls like you who have no problem serving Christ the King because you don't think He interferes with your freedom. You believe He guarantees it. He rules your hearts. The nearest crucifix is your icon of proof.

When you and I look into the faith mirror, hopefully we see at least some resemblance to our King, despite our acute awareness of our sins. We know we were created in His image and likeness. Aren't you glad that our faith makes for a beautiful reflection?

**STATEMENT OF ARCHBISHOP  
CHARLES J. CHAPUT, O.F.M. Cap.  
REGARDING THE TRAGEDY IN PARIS**

God is the source of love and life. People who kill in his name are not martyrs or saints but murderers. Pilgrims from Paris and across France traveled thousands of miles in September to take part in the joy of World Meeting Of Families. Their presence graced us all. We join with the Church in France in this moment of national suffering. I ask the clergy and people of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to pray in a special way in the coming days for the families of all those killed in Paris.

**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.

**OLCoffee Sunday—December 13<sup>th</sup>**

**after the 8AM and 10:30AM Masses**

This month, in addition to our coffee and donuts, please visit our Charity Christmas Bake Table – where there will be an assortment of home-made baked goodies for sale.

And, our Social Committee Elves have been busy and have created some Christmas craft items –low prices and perfect for those last minute gifts.

For children of all ages (yep everyone) visit our Santa Letter Writing table where you can write your letter to Santa! We even have a special mailbox for the letters and guarantee that Santa will get every letter. Children are also invited to the craft table where they can make a Christmas craft item.

**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**

***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” Mattera, Michael Mattera, Cameron McCarthy, Len McClintock, Michael McGettigan, Jill Nix, Sandy Partin, June Ramsey, Ted Stahl, Maryanne Talley, Joseph & Seraphine Traub, Adelaide Vernon, Mae Wassel, Shirley West.

## The Giving Tree Project OLC Parish Family

We are carriers of God's love. During this upcoming season of Advent, preparing for the Coming of Christ, we are going to sponsor a Giving Tree Project for those in need. Especially this year! Beginning **(November 28 & 29)**, you are asked to take an ornament off the Christmas tree located in the Church. Buy the gift written on the ornament, tape the ornament on the outside of the package and return it to the church under the tree. *(Please do not wrap the gifts; the organizations need to see the gifts so they can distribute them properly. Also, for the gift cards, please put them in a little gift bag or in an envelope.)*

### PLEASE: NEW ITEMS ONLY.

All gifts are to be returned no later than

**Sunday, December 13**

at which time they will be delivered to their appropriate places. Thank you for your generosity. Any questions – please call Joan at the Rectory.

Thank you in advance for your generosity to those in need in our area.

Please Pray for those who have died

Kindly keep in your prayers

Angeline McNelly

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

## Liturgical Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

**Saturday, November 28, 5:15 p.m.**

Lector: Breanne McGovern

Special Ministers: Judy Wright,  
Marie Miele, Margaret Flanagan



**Sunday, November 29, 8:00 a.m.**

Altar Server: S. Lynch

Lector: Diane Glatts

Special Ministers: Elizabeth Hermansen,  
Antoinette Bonacquisti, Kathy DeJohn



**Sunday, November 29, 10:30 a.m.**

Altar Server: B. Stekowicz

Lector: Irene Lyons

Special Ministers: Bob Losak,  
June Stolnis, John Moletteri



## Parish Calendar of Events this Week:

**Tuesday, November 24**

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

**Wednesday, November 25**

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

**Saturday, November 28**

Confession, 4:15 to 5 pm, Church

## Thank You

Thanks to all those who contributed food to our Thanksgiving food drive and to the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society who packed and delivered the baskets to those in need. You will make their holiday very happy.

## “Disney’s Mary Poppins”

Cardinal O’Hara High School presents “Disney’s Mary Poppins” on Nov. 27, 28 and Dec. 4 & 5 at 7:30 pm and Nov. 29 @ 2 pm. Call 610.544.3800 or [www.cohsstore.com](http://www.cohsstore.com). Tickets are \$15.