



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 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.

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 7:45p.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 8, 2015, Thirty-Second In Ordinary Time
November is the Month of the Holy Souls

Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them (Psalm) A hymn, O God, becomes from Thee in Zion; and a vow shall be paid to Thee in Jerusalem: hear my prayer; all flesh shall come to Thee. Eternal rest give unto Them...Absolve, O' Lord, the souls of all the faithful departed from every bond of sin. And by the help of Thy grace may they be enabled to escape the avenging judgment And enjoy the bliss of everlasting light.

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

SATURDAY,	<u>NOVEMBER 7, 2015</u>
5:15 P.M.	Jennie & Anthony DeFrank
SUNDAY,	<u>NOVEMBER 8, 2015</u>
8:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of Hart & Lipton Members
10:30 a.m.	All Souls, In Particular, All Our Deceased Parishioners of the Past Year
MONDAY,	<u>NOVEMBER 9, 2015</u>
8:00 a.m.	Holy Souls In Purgatory
TUESDAY,	<u>NOVEMBER 10, 2015</u>
8:00 a.m.	Ross Curcio
WEDNESDAY,	<u>NOVEMBER 11, 2015</u>
8:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of The Gillespie and Autenreith Families
THURSDAY,	<u>NOVEMBER 12, 2015</u>
8:00 a.m.	Janet Kujolic
FRIDAY,	<u>NOVEMBER 13, 2015</u>
8:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
SATURDAY,	<u>NOVEMBER 14, 2015</u>
8:00 a.m.	Esther & John D'Aquanno

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES

SATURDAY,	<u>NOVEMBER 14, 2015</u>
5:15 p.m.	Carol & James Aldridge
SUNDAY,	<u>NOVEMBER 15, 2015</u>
8:00 a.m.	Stanley & Alfreda Kwaszkiewicz
10:30 a.m.	Ronald Mayo 6th Anniversary

COLLECTION TOTALS

Sunday, November 1:	\$8,234
Number of Envelopes returned:	302
Number Attending Masses:	533
All Saints Collection:	\$1,081
Number of Envelopes returned:	105
Block Collection Talley:	\$14,061
Number of Envelopes:	242

Thank you for your generosity!



Greetings from Father Izzo

ST. GERTRUDE'S PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

Tradition tells us that St. Gertrude was blessed to see the Holy Souls in Purgatory. As she saw them, she was compelled to pray the following prayer:

Eternal Father, I offer You the most precious blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, for those in my own home and in my family. Amen.

ON RETREAT THIS COMING WEEK

This coming week, I will be away on my retreat. Please know of my prayers for you each night during the Holy Hour. I am grateful for your prayers as well. I am happy to leave you in the capable hands of Fr. Williams this week.

OUR BELOVED PARISHIONERS WHO DIED DURING THIS PAST YEAR

Last year, we celebrated 32 funerals at our Parish. Father Williams and I are always ready to console those who grieve when a loved one dies. It is a very special part of our ministry as a Priest. On this day, we remember our Parishioners, whom we know, who died this past year (and others who were buried from our church).

They are:

(Names are listed in the order of their deaths, beginning at the left column and down.)

Lawrence April	Delfino DiNunno	Rita Socash	Robert Doherty
James Siple	Olga Wrzesniewski	Andrew Daluisio	Dolores DePrince
Elizabeth Kondracki	Jean Alessi	Veronica Platt	Lisa DeSalis
Donald Catone	Edward Samara	John Overbeck	Harry Corson
Mary Micklo	Dorothy Kammerer	Gennario Iacono	Gertrude Bowling
Richard Laskoski	Margaret Stichter	Joan Frankenfield	Louise Delgott
Anthony Morelli, Jr.	Alice Carroll	Dennis Kounnas	<i>Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O' Lord, and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them. May They rest in peace. Amen. And May their souls, and all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.</i>
Mary Skulski	Mildred DiMatteo	William Grogan	
Sara Polo	Irene Miller	Catherine Halpin	

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

Social security as a government entitlement has often been cast as “the third rail” of politics. That analogy refers to the high voltage electrical supply coming to trains riding on the other two rails of tracks. Office seekers are cautioned to avoid touching the subject because it just could kill their chances of getting elected.

Money in general is always a touchy subject in our society because there is always along with it the reality of the haves and the have nots. Early on we learn the etiquette of not asking to know another person’s salary, much less their general finances. Asking about their charitable giving is also off limits. Only God, or one’s tax accountant and maybe one’s pastor really knows and they’re not talking! Yet Our Lord does just that today in the Temple incident, in very concrete terms.

Note how in today’s Gospel scene we have not only a study in comparison and contrast, but also what Jesus’ comments on it are. The scribes come out as losers because of what a poor widow contributes to the collection. She represents the “marginalized” people of her day and ours, even if she would simply describe herself as poor.

In paraphrase Jesus says that if all God gets from a rich donor is their surplus income, it’s not heartfelt generosity. A donor needs to exhibit the kind of generosity that “hurts a little”, such as that of the widow.

Note how poor this good lady was. She certainly had no surplus income. Hers was the grinding poverty that fears the night and dreads the tug of the day’s demands. Did she have a child, or children, to feed and raise? An elderly parent completely dependent on her? We’ll never know. What we do know is that this lady took her religious obligation to God very seriously. The Temple was His dwelling place, and He the supreme Giver of life and all else. She had an obligation to thank Him in a tangible way, and perhaps help others like herself. So as her “two small coins” clinked together in the collection vessel, she was making her own powerful statement about the place of God and money in her life. And Jesus was watching, turning her gesture into an object lesson for His first disciples.

Deciding which group to belong to should be a “no brainer”, as we say these days. Especially so because Jesus is still watching.

Mass Book For 2016

Masses for 2016 are available at the Rectory during weekday business hours. 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 15.

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-sire 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.

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.

GIVING TREE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Monday, November 9 at 7:00 PM

We are going to cut out the paper ornaments that will be put on our tree and put on the stickers for the ornament. If you would like to help, please come to the Rectory Meeting Room on Monday evening at 7 pm. *(Please bring scissors and any extra yarn that you may have.)*

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 Angeline McNelly, Jill Nix, Sandy Partin, June Ramsey, Ted Stahl, Marianne Talley, Joseph & Seraphine Traub, Adelaide Vernon, Mae Wassel, Shirley West.

Liturgical Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

Saturday, November 14, 5:15 p.m.

Lector: Velma Clark

Special Ministers: Margaret Flanagan,
Marie Miele, Lynn McMonagle



Sunday, November 15, 8:00 a.m.

Altar Server: Russell Lockbaum

Lector: Len Jankauskas

Special Ministers: Vivian Linowski,
Jim Heslin, Kathy DeJohn



Sunday, November 15, 10:30 a.m.

Altar Server: Denise DiIorio

Lector: A. & A Mielechowsky

Special Ministers: Dolores O'Malley,
June Stolnis, Corinne O'Grady



Parish Calendar of Events this Week:

Sunday, November 8

Coffee Sunday, after 8 and 10:30 Mass, Hall

Monday, November 9

Giving Tree, 7 pm, Rec. Mtg. Room

Tuesday, November 10

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

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

Wednesday, November 11

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

Scripture Class, 7pm, 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