



*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

Parish and Mailing Address: 231 Upland Road, Brookhaven, PA 19015

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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.*

October 18, 2015, Twenty Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

*October is the Month of the Guardian Angels*

**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

**NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2015**

5:15 P.M. Jim Hino

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 2015**

8:00 a.m. David Gardner

10:30 a.m. John and Helen Seal

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015**

8:00 a.m. Ella Moretti

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2015**

8:00 a.m. Pro Populo

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2015**

8:00 a.m. Elaine Lockbaum

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015**

8:00 a.m. Phillip and  
Carmela DiMarco

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2015**

8:00 a.m. Ann Cerami Stein

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015**

8:00 a.m. Rita and Albert  
Silverstein

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015**

5:15 p.m. Pro Populo

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2015**

8:00 a.m. George J. Fink

10:30 a.m. Beth Kuhn

1:00 p.m. Confirmation

**COLLECTION TOTALS**

Sunday, October 11: \$6,975

Number of Envelopes returned: 276

Number Attending Masses: 550

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**CONFIRMATION COUNTDOWN**

***Bishop Senior*** will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation at our parish on **Sunday, October 25** for 22 of our Parish Children and 1 adult of our Parish.

*When the Bishop confirms, he makes the sign of the Cross on the candidates' forehead and says: "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit." The candidate says "Amen." Then the Bishop says: "Peace be with you." and the candidate responds: "And with your Spirit."*

## *Greetings from Father Izzo*

### **Forty Hours Thank-Yous**

Again, I echo the sentiments of so many of you who commented last week during the Forty Hours about how beautiful the Church and Devotions were. We were “doubly” blessed to have such fine preaching by Fathers Fedak and Whittingham. Our choir was outstanding. And the attendance was very good. As St. Paul reminds us, faith comes from hearing: which requires both a preacher and a hearer. Thank you to everyone who did their part to make everything so very beautiful. As one faithful parishioner said last Tuesday night, “I wish it wasn’t over, and that we were coming back again tomorrow night for more.” A truly beautiful sentiment of faith!

### **Confirmation is next Sunday, October 25 at 1:00 p.m.**

We welcome His Excellency, Bishop Timothy Senior to our Parish next Sunday. He is coming to OLC to confirm 23 of our parishioners with the seven-fold gift of the Holy Spirit. Confirmation is always a joyous time for a Parish. We know that this is an important moment in the lives of our young people who are asking God to give them spiritual gifts, so that they may respond to His graces, and be enlivened by the Christian Faith. Next Sunday’s Mass is open to all parishioners, and I would encourage you to attend Confirmation.

### **Synod on the Family, Rome, October 4-25**

The Synod in Rome is taking up the Theme of the Family. Last year’s Synod was to prepare for this current meeting of 279 bishops and priests, along with 90 experts, contributors and delegates from other Christian Churches, along with 50 lay auditors. Our own Archbishop Chaput is one of the four bishops elected to represent the United States at this Synod. Below is from

Archbishop Chaput explaining what a Synod is and its work.

A synod – from the Greek word *synodos*, for meeting or assembly — is a global gathering of bishops called together by the Holy Father to give him counsel on a topic he chooses. Its role is purely advisory. The Pope can accept its counsel or choose a different path. But Francis has a keen sense of collegiality. He encourages a high degree of candor in discussing sensitive issues. And few subjects are more sensitive or more urgent than renewing the health of today’s families, the focus of the current synod. If the first day’s interventions were a sign, delegates at this synod will have no trouble being frank. Proceedings are closed to the public, but bishops are free to speak with the media, and many will. So as themes develop over the next three weeks, plenty of information will be available.

In his opening remarks on the first day of the synod, Francis urged his brother bishops to be guided by three principles in the days of discussion ahead: apostolic courage; evangelical humility and trustful prayer.

That’s good advice for anyone seeking to live a genuinely Christian life. But it’s vital for bishops in their work at the Synod on the Family....Please pray for me during this synod, that God gives me the ability to share that hope and joy. (*Note: Archbishop Chaput is a Relator, which means he is charged with making known his Committee’s work to the Holy Father and the rest of the Synod. Next week, I will publish the summaries thus far, which he has asked us to share.*)

## Reflections

by Father Leonard N. Peterson  
Twenty Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

"Foot-in-Mouth" disease apparently has a long history, even though the ancient victims of it would have called it something else. For proof I offer the fact that at least three members of that original band of Jesus' – Peter, James and John – fell victim to it.

Today we hear how it happened. The brothers Zebedee approached Jesus, the very Person who declared Himself "meek and humble of heart", and they brashly ask Him for a prestigious post in His kingdom. Ironical if not slightly comical.

Notice Our Lord's reaction. No anger. No scolding. No disgusted demeanor. All He does is ask a dangerous question of the two seekers. He's done this before, remember, with a certain rich young man. This is it: "Can you drink the cup that I drink?" Here "cup" meant "Calvary."

This brings up an important point for our Christian living. Note that suffering runs like a red thread through the tapestry of Our Lord's life. From birth in a stinking stable to the agonizing death on a bloody cross it is there. In between were the nasty reactions to some of His sermons; the ridicule following His claims; the frustration of working with ignorant men. Then the betrayal of one and the denial by another. Indeed, He is Isaiah's "Suffering Servant" in the flesh. The author of Hebrews agrees when he writes of Christ being "tested in every way."

All you need do to compare and contrast the modern world's approach to suffering is to watch a few of the commercials crammed into the typical prime time TV schedule. The constant in them is that "pain is insane" or "get rid of pain as fast as you can by taking 'X.'"

As for that prestige so sought after by our two gospel guys, there's a widespread cultural pressure we all feel to "go for it" even if it only lasts for the famous "fifteen minutes."

No doubt, James and John learned from Christ by word and example that they were called to something much different: humble service of others. That will forever be a "CFC", or "Challenge for Christians. Some have even honed their skills at self promotion to an "art", and they are not limited to the laypeople in the Church.

With our senses soaked in secularism almost every waking hour of the week, it's no wonder that our one hour with God on Sunday is not enough to counterbalance its influence. So we always come back to that need to have a prime place in our schedule for prayer.

But may I offer this cautionary note? Many people view God as a kind of heavenly genie, ready when you rub the lamp of prayer to appear and say, "Yes, master; what do you want me to do?" But God is not like that. God is sovereign. God moves according to His own purposes, and He does not play games with us. He is not to be mollified and placated by a temporary return to Him when we get into difficulty. A good thing to recall just before inserting your foot into your mouth when you go to Him, even though He's always glad to hear from you.

DOMINICAN SISTERS OF PEACE  
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October 11, 2015

Rev. Brian Izzo  
Our Lady of Charity Parish

Dear Father Izzo,

It is with mixed emotions that we leave Our Lady of Charity parish. We truly have been blessed to be a part of this very welcoming parish family.

We want to thank you for all you have done for us during these past five years. On many occasions we have said among ourselves that being here was part of the hundredfold promised us by our loving God.

We will miss everyone and promise to keep all in OLC parish in our prayers.

Thanks too for that great send off!

Gratefully,

The Dominican Sisters  
*S. Mary Bergin*  
*Sr. Madeline*  
*Sr. Mary Ellen*

*Preach the Truth as if you had a million voices. It is silence that kills the world.*

St. Catherine of Siena

Here are the addresses of the Sisters who have lived at Charity for the past 3 to 4 years:

**Sr. Mary Ellen Bennett, O.P.**  
**Dominican Sisters of Peace**  
**773 Drahner Road**  
**Oxford, MI 48371**

**Sr. Mary Bergin, O.P.**  
**Sr. Madeline O'Neill, O.P.**  
**Dominican Sisters of Peace**  
**2320 Airport Drive**  
**Columbus, OH 43219**

## Mass Book Opens October 29:

Mass intentions for 2016 will be taken starting on:

**Thursday, October 29**

**2:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

**Rectory Meeting Room**

On October 29, to accommodate all our parishioners, only three (3) requests for Sunday Masses will be taken per visit. Six (6) requests for daily Masses will be taken on October 29.

Beginning Monday, November 2 there will be no limit for daily Masses.

If you are unable to come on October 29 to arrange for Masses, you may:

1. Come to the Rectory beginning Monday, November 2, during our regular business hours to arrange for Masses. (M-Thurs. 9:30 to 4:30, Friday 9:30 to 12:30) or
2. Call Joan beginning Monday, November 2, at the Rectory to make arrangements.

*Please Note: as we have done in the past few years, NO Weekday Mass Intentions will be taken for July and August at this time. We will take intentions for these two months in late Spring, and at that time, we will announce when you may arrange for intentions. We would also encourage you, if you so desire, to also satisfy your intentions via unannounced intentions or by use of our Memorial Society, which are available anytime.*

## Would you like to better understand how Jesus is truly present in the Holy Eucharist and the extraordinary power of the Eucharist?

Please join us this **Tuesday evening, October 20**, from 6:30-7:45 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room where we will address difficult questions such as “How can Jesus be present in this small wafer?” or “What Biblical evidence do we have that states this?” Whether you are a practicing Catholic, lukewarm, or have been away, this session will present enlightening information on Jesus’ true presence in the Eucharist as well as a powerful video to help you gain a much deeper appreciation of the Eucharist. We encourage you to reach out and invite a friend or family member to join us, especially if they have been away from Mass or other church activities for a while. All are welcome. This session is FREE and is part of our Catholics Reaching Out (CRO) Series. Refreshments will be served. For more info or to reserve a seat, as seating is limited, contact Gina Mesko at 610-872-0876 or gagm2002@comcast.net

## PREP NEWS and INFORMATION

From Ms. Jeanne Havrilla

The PREP children have been bringing in peanut butter and jelly for the Nutritional Development Services which will go to a local food bank. All donations are due by Tuesday, October 20. Thank you for your generosity.

The PREP “Parade of Saints” will take place on Tuesday, October 27 at 7:30 PM.

## CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD EVERY SUNDAY AT THE 10:30 AM MASS Children ages 4 to 9

Children’s Liturgy of the Word provides children aged four to nine the opportunity to hear the Scripture Readings adapted to a level of understanding for them. They talk about the Word’s meaning for their lives, and enter into prayer with the group gathered in the Church Hall. Anyone interested in volunteering or if you have questions regarding the program, contact Ms. Jeanne Havrilla at 610-872-6192 or email at olcharityprep@gmail.com.

### Aids For Friends

Another successful Aid For Friends group cook was held on Saturday, October 3rd. Our volunteer cooks provided and assembled 153 delicious meals for our freezer. These meals are distributed to elderly and disabled home bound client/friends in Delaware County. Thanks to all who helped with the group cook and to everyone who provides meals to our Aid For Friends ministry. A special thanks to our youth volunteers, Sydney Lynch and Alex and Aaron Mielechowsky, for their participation.

### Pope Francis

#### Commemorative Book and Video

Pre-orders are now being accepted for **Pope Francis in America: The Official Photographic Record**. This book chronicles the visit of Pope Francis to Philadelphia, as well as Washington, D.C. and New York City. For each book sold, the World Meeting of Families organization will receive \$8 to help defray expenses associated with hosting the Holy Father. For a limited time, pre-ordered books come with a 25% discount. Orders can be placed through the World Meeting of Families website. Go to [www.worldmeeting2015.org](http://www.worldmeeting2015.org) and click on "Pre-Order Your Keepsake Book."

### 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, Fred DeLuca, 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 Pray for those who have died

Kindly keep in your prayers

#### Louise Delgott

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

### Parish Calendar of Events this Week:

#### Sunday, October 18

Confirmation Retreat, 12 noon, Church

#### Monday, October 19

Pastoral Council Meeting, 7 pm, Rec. Conf. Rm

#### Tuesday, October 20

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

PREP, 6:30 to 7:45, School

Catholics Reaching Out, 7 pm, Rec. Mtg. Room

#### Wednesday, October 21

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

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

#### Thursday, October 22

Choir Practice, 7 pm, Church

#### Saturday, October 24

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

### Liturgical Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

#### Saturday, October 24, 5:15 p.m.

Altar Server: R. Costigan

Lector: Breanne McGovern

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



#### Sunday, October 25, 8:00 a.m.

Altar Server: S. Lynch

Lector: Velma Clark

Special Ministers: Marie Miele,  
Jim Heslin, Dolores Lavelle



#### Sunday, October 25, 10:30 a.m.

Altar Server: A. & A. Mielechowsky

Lector: Denise DiIorio

Special Ministers: Corinne O'Grady,  
Dominic DiFiore, Bob Losak

