



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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New and Improved Parish Website: www.olcbrookhaven.org

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Religious Education: Call Rectory or Email: olcharityprep@gmail.com

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 25, 2015, Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

October is the Month of the Guardian Angels

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2015

8:00 a.m. Marie Maida
3rd Anniversary

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2015

8:00 a.m. John J. DiMeglio

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2015

8:00 a.m. Domenica Pirri

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2015

8:00 a.m. Nata & James Mirigliani

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2015

8:00 a.m. Guilio Chiarieri

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 2015

8:00 a.m. Jeffrey Mayo
3rd Anniversary

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2015

5:15 p.m. Frank Varzaly
24th Anniversary

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2015

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

10:30 a.m. Joseph A. Diggins

COLLECTION TOTALS

Sunday, October 18:	\$8,898
Number of Envelopes returned:	316
Number Attending Masses:	556

World Mission:	\$988
Number of Envelopes:	27

Block Collection:	\$3,707
Number of Envelopes:	88

Thank you for your generosity!

Our Parish Celebration of All Soul's

Our annual All Soul's Mass will be Sunday, November 8. 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.

Eternal Rest Grant unto them Lord ...

Greetings from Father Izzo

Confirmation is Today, Mass at 1:00 p.m. Welcome Bishop Senior

We welcome His Excellency, Bishop Timothy Senior to our Parish. He is coming to OLC to confirm 23 of our parishioners with the seven-fold gifts 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.

Synod on the Family, Rome October 4-25

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput delivered the following speech, termed an intervention, Oct. 10 in Rome at the Synod of Bishops on the Family. Pope Francis is leading selected bishops from around the world this month to discuss pastoral issues concerning marriage and family.

Brothers,

The Holy Father has wisely encouraged us to be both fraternal and candid in speaking our thoughts during this synod.

Just as our thoughts shape the language we use, so too the language we use shapes our thinking and the content of our discussions. Imprecise language leads to confused thinking, and that can sometimes lead to unhappy results. I want to share with you two examples that should cause us some concern, at least in the English-speaking world.

The first example is the word *inclusive*. We've heard many times that the Church should be *inclusive*. And if by "inclusive" we mean a Church that is patient and humble, merciful and welcoming — then all of us here will agree. But it's very hard to include those who do not wish to be included, or insist on being included on their own terms. To put it another way: I can invite someone into my home, and I can make my home as warm and hospitable as possible. *But the person outside my door must still choose to enter.* If I rebuild my house to the blueprint of the visitor or stranger, my family will bear the cost, and *my* home will no longer be *their* home.

The lesson is simple. We need to be a *welcoming* Church that offers refuge to anyone honestly seeking God. But we need to remain a Church committed to the Word of God, faithful to the wisdom of the Christian tradition, and preaching the truth of Jesus Christ.

The second example is the expression *unity in diversity*. The Church is "catholic" or universal. We need to honor the many differences in personality and culture that exist among the faithful. But we live in a time of intense global change, confusion and unrest. Our most urgent need is *unity*, and our greatest danger is fragmentation. Brothers, we need to be *very* cautious in devolving important disciplinary and doctrinal issues to national and regional episcopal conferences — especially when pressure in that direction is accompanied by an implicit spirit of self-assertion and resistance.

Five hundred years ago, at a moment very like our own, Erasmus of Rotterdam wrote that the unity of the Church is the single most important of her attributes. We can argue about what Erasmus actually believed, and what he intended with his writing. But we can't argue about the consequences when the need for Church unity was ignored.

Reflections
by Father Leonard N. Peterson
Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The official designation of today as “World Priest Day” in the good ol’ USA prompts me to forgo the usual reflection on the gospel, rich as today’s gospel is for meditation. It is today’s Second Reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, that best fits the spirit of the “Day.” This beautiful section of the Letter induces us to celebrate the priesthood without the heavy overtones of Holy Thursday night. The fact is that the priesthood is both a gift and a necessity for the life of our Church.

The gift aspect stems from the fact that priests are truly “taken from among men.” That means, in less lofty language, that we priests are far from worthy of being chosen in the first place. Yours truly for one is truly “beset by weakness” and “must make sin offerings” for my sins. But I was chosen despite this.

In the light of all the battering the priesthood in general has taken in recent times, caused mostly by the monstrous moral failures of a small minority of us, linked with the inexplicable cover-up of it all by some of our bishops, the weaknesses among us are a given. That does not justify the false accusations made against otherwise good men among our ranks whose reputations get damaged by over-zealous observers who see what isn’t there. No priest worthy of the name seeks out a pedestal to stand on because of some misguided conviction that he is somehow superior to the rest of mankind. We are all pilgrims in the Church on earth.

Nevertheless, apart from individuals, this same priesthood is also a necessity for the Church. Quite simply put, without the priest there is no Eucharist. Without the Eucharist there is no Church. Blame Jesus if you want to for His choice of weak substitutes for Himself. It began with His choice of Twelve ordinary men we now call the Apostles.

Being a priest in the present day is much different from what it was decades ago. Priests are now ready made targets of cynicism. If you could just stand beside me in the narthex on a typical Sunday morning you would hear sprinkled among the pleasantries either complaints about silly things or even more serious criticism. Of course, any good leader inevitably offends someone. Jesus certainly did.

Add to this the obvious shortage of priests, and the increased demands now spread among fewer men, I hope you can understand that “father” may not always want to croon like Crosby. But all of us do try to be our best selves, and to act as kindly as we can.

One thing hasn’t changed. For those truly called, the life of a priest is fantastic, or “awesome” if you prefer. The great High Priest Jesus Christ gifts us far beyond what we deserve, and fills our lives with more delight than distress. So please say your favorite prayer today for all priests, with special note of those who have served you sacramentally. And don’t forget our heroic seminarians. As for our weaknesses, remember what one wag commented: “If the parish wants a better pastor, it only needs to pray for the one it has.”

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.

**Congratulations to the following Parishioners who will receive The Sacrament of Confirmation on October 25 at the hands of
Bishop Timothy C. Senior**

Angelina **Valentine** Artmont
Patrick **Florian** Brees
Olivia **Margaret** Cunrod
Julian **Francis** DelRossi
MyKenna **Elizabeth** French
Alexis **Anne** Haughey
Isabella **Maria** Leslie
Nathan **Anthony** McGinnis
Noelle **Elizabeth** Parker
Tegan **Natalia** Schultz
Madison **Bridget** Weaver
Patricia **Bernadette** McCullough

Victoria **Rita** Barr
Michael **Anthony** Brees, Jr.
Shawn **Patrick** Corrado
Seamus **Michael** Dougherty
Grace **Emily** Greway
Allyssa **Cecilia** Laird
E. Gabriel **John** Lloyd
Megan **Rose** Montella
Isabella **Elizabeth** Rowley
Sabrina **Cecilia** Smith
Caroline **Christina** Wood

OLC Family Night Bingo

A big **THANK YOU** goes out to everyone who helped make OLC Family Bingo 2015 another great success. All of your generous donations succeeded in creating 57 (two more than last year) beautiful baskets! For the fourth year in a row, we have topped the previous year's success.

I want to thank the girls of the Social Committee! Without their generosity and creativity, I couldn't put this event together. Each member has a job to do, and they do it so well! They make my job so easy.

I would like to thank Mr. Lee Bateman of Bateman Funeral Home and the WAWA Corporation for their generous donations towards our "Special" Bingo games.

As usual, if anyone would like to recycle any baskets, please drop them off at any Church entrance or the rectory. I will pick them up and save them for next year.

Thank you,

Suzanne Lynch & the OLC Social Committee

SAVE THE DATE...

OLC is having a Holiday Craft Show on Saturday, November 14th from 9AM-3PM.

Crafters will be in the Church Hall and will include some of our own parishioners! Food will also be available for sale.

If you would like to sell your crafts, contact Kathy DeJohn at kdejohn12@gmail.com. Spaces are \$25.00 and we have a limited number available.

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.

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.

St. James H.S. Alumni Association

will hold its 22nd Annual Mass and Communion Breakfast on **Sunday, November 1st at 8:30 a.m.** at St. Madeline's Parish in Ridley Park. Celebrant: Rev. Joseph Amalfitano; Concelebrant is Rev. John Flanagan. The breakfast will be held at "The Doghouse", at 1499 E., 9th Street, Eddystone immediately following the Mass. Tickets are \$20/Adults and \$10/children under 12. For ticket information, please go to stjbulldogs.org or call 610-876-2006.

Parish Calendar of Events this Week:

Sunday, October 25

Confirmation, 1 pm, Church

Monday, October 26

Scripture Class, 7 pm, Rec. Conf. Rm

Tuesday, October 27

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

PREP, 6:30 to 7:45, School

PREP Parade of Saints, 7:30 pm, School

Wednesday, October 28

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

Thursday, October 29

Mass Book Opens, 2-6 pm, Rec. Mtg. Room

Choir Practice, 7 pm, Church

Saturday, October 31

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

Liturgical Ministers' Schedules for Next Weekend

Saturday, October 31, 5:15 p.m.

Altar Server M. Costigan

Lector: Please see schedule

Special Ministers: Janice Sawicki, Judy Wright, Fred O'Malley

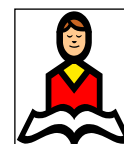


Sunday, November 1, 8:00 a.m.

Altar Server: Tom Boyle

Lector: Please see schedule

Special Ministers: Vivian Linowski, Dolores O'Malley, Dolores Lavelle



Sunday, November 1, 10:30 a.m.

Altar Server: G. Sullenberger

Lector: Please see schedule

Special Ministers: Elizabeth Hermansen, Dominic DiFiore, Eileen Wilson

