Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil  4:30 PM
Sunday  7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM
Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday  8:30 AM
Tuesday and Thursday  6:30 AM
Holyday Mass Schedule  Vigil  7:00PM
Holyday 6:30 & 8:30AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Every day by appointment. Saturdays 3:30 – 4:15 PM
Communal Penance Services are scheduled seasonally.

Sacrament of Baptism
Pre Jordan classes are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM. Pre-registration is required one week in advance. Baptisms are held the first and third Sundays of each month at 12:15 PM. Call the rectory to register 610-449-1613.

Sacrament of Marriage
Couples contemplating marriage are requested to make an appointment with a priest at least six months in advance.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Every Wednesday following the 8:30 am Mass in church. Evening Prayer and Benediction will be celebrated at 7:00 pm Wednesday evening. Church is open every day 8:30—2:30 for private prayer.

Anointing of the Sick
This Sacrament is available to the seriously ill. Emergency calls will be given prompt attention any hour of the day or night.

Communion for the Homebound
If you or a family member are unable to attend Sunday Mass, please contact the Parish Office so that arrangements can be made for you to receive Holy Communion at home.
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday  7/10  Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am  Rita Kelly
9:00am  Harry Bowman
11:00am  Robert Smedley

Monday  7/11  St. Benedict
8:30am  Felice LoConte

Tuesday  7/12  Weekday
6:30am  William and Margaret Moran

Wednesday  7/13  St Henry
8:30am  Carmine Carosella

Thursday  7/14  St. Kateri Tekakwitha
6:30am  Leon Larosa, Jr.

Friday  7/15  St. Bonaventure
8:30am  Seamus Comer

Saturday  7/16  Our Lady of Mount Carmel
8:30am  John McDevitt

The rosary is prayed in church each morning following the 6:30 am mass or before the 8:30 am mass.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Gareth Jones to Megan Roe
7-8-2016

May their marriage be blessed with faith and love for God and one another.

H.O.P.E.

Helping Other People in Emergencies tries to arrange rides to church, the doctor, the hairdresser, the store, etc. for individuals in need.

Week of 7/10  Joan Smyth  610-449-1405
Monica McLaverty  610-449-8488

Week of 7/17  Norma Grassi  610-789-2237

We continue to pray for all the men and women serving in the armed forces. May the sacrifices they are making bring peace, and may God bring them all home safely.

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

We have Exposition and Adoration in church every Wednesday immediately following the 8:30 am Mass

Rosary for Life will be prayed at 6:40 pm
Evening Prayer and Benediction is celebrated at 7:00 pm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

Charles Auge, Phyllis Auge, Brielle Barber, Bea Beaver, Joan Bullard, Barbara Cella, Elaine Chemol Jen Colletti, Carrie Connolly, Tiffany Cera, Jim Cullen, Conall Harvey, Karen Creeley, Mary DiPersio, Matthew Donahue, Rose Anne Dunn, Elizabeth Ferry, Pat Flynn, Tom Forester, Gilda Fulginiti, Brianna Gansert, Sean Grogan, Donald Halderman, Thomas Hickey, Jane Hughes, Mary Huha, Dana Iannella, Teresa Immel, Susan Battani Karwacki, Barry Kelly, Elizabeth Kolbe, Kris Kruse, Paul Lang, Eric LoMonaco, Mary Looby, Baby Jack Luli, John Mahan, Barbara McCaulley, Baby Charles Morris, Tim Pickeral, Betsy Plowman, Steven Rinaldi, Michael Scanlon, Baby Henry Schovain, Christine Seltzer, Lori Ellen Simon, Larry Smith, Caroline Mulgrew Tamaccio, Barbara Tourdot and Rita Walsh.

All the sick and shut-ins of the parish remain in our prayers.

Celebrants for the weekend of July 17th
4:30pm  Fr. Cox
7:30am  Fr. Cox
9:00am  Fr. Speziale
11:00am  Fr. Check

Note: Subject to change

PRAYER CORNER

Together this week as a parish, let us join in praying for families living on Rodman Avenue, Sagamore Road, Spring Road and Strathmore Road.
ANNOUNCED MASS BOOK 2017
If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention during the 2017 year, kindly stop by the Parish Office.

What better way for us to show our loved ones (living and deceased) just how much they mean to us.

Sanctuary Light or Bread and Wine intentions are for one week (Sunday to the following Saturday).

Office hours 8:30 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday.

2016 CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
The collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. CCHS’s grants improve education, support economic development, and create affordable housing in low-income neighborhoods. Help us continue to defend human dignity and build communities of solidarity. Please give to the CCHD collection.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FOR JUSTICE
Most merciful mother, you came to tell us of your compassion through St. Juan Diego, whom you called the littlest and dearest of your sons. Give your strength and protection to all who live in poverty today, especially to the young, elderly and vulnerable. Plead for them to the Father, that they might experience the Divine Love tangibly in their daily lives, and that all who work for justice on behalf of the poor might grow in fortitude and humility. Manifest your charity and concern in our lives, that our weeping humanity may be heard, and all our suffering, pain, and misfortune may be filled with divine comfort and healing. May we always know the peace of being in the cradle of your arms, and bring us safely home to your son, Jesus. Amen.

WORD OF LIFE
"Gracious Father, I thank you for the mercy you have shown in forgiving my sins and for the peace that comes from being reconciled with you and with your Church."

"Trust in God’s Mercy" USCCP Prayer Card

PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS
Any students of Confirmation age attending private schools should contact Leslee Smith at 610-449-9858 as soon as possible.

ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE
St. John’s Hospice feeds, clothes and shelters hundreds of homeless men in need.

The following items are needed: Socks, Undershirts (large and extra-large)
Underwear (preferably boxers—large and extra-large)
Toiletries: tooth brushes, mouthwash, toothpaste, shampoo, shaving cream and disposable razors.

Any of the above will be greatly appreciated and may be dropped off in the church hall the same day and times as the casseroles. Casseroles and donations will be collected on Friday, July 15th from 6:30 am until 10:00 am in the church hall.

Kindly mark the date of pick up on the lid of your casserole.

ST. JOSEPH'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL
First Honors
Aidan Donaher and Ronald Spaid
Second Honors
Liam Broderick and Kyle Rae

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ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY
In today’s Gospel when Jesus asks “which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers victim? The scholar of the law answered, “the one who treated him with mercy.” Jesus then said, “Go and do likewise.”

This week you can also “treat the poor with mercy” by putting a gift in the poor box.
**ST. DENIS SENIORS**
The next meeting of the St. Denis Seniors will be September 12, 2016 at 1 pm.

For info or suggestions call .... Mary Moerman—610-449-7085

**Casino Trips**
July 13th Resorts $25.00/$25.00 slots
August 17th Resorts $25.00/$25.00 slots
September 14th Resorts $25.00/$25.00 slots
All Casino buses leave from St. Denis parking lot at 9:15 am.
For Casino Info call Mike Dorsaneo 610-642-2562

**Bus Trips**
Wednesday, September 28th
All you can eat Crab feast & Riverboat Cruise in Hurlock, MD $90.00

Tuesday and Wednesday, November 29th to 30th
Overnight Holiday Trip to Ocean City, Maryland
Cost: $175.00 pp double occupancy; $188.00 for single occupancy
Leave 9:30 Nov. 29th, stopping for lunch at your own expense on the way to Ocean City.
Accommodations at the Holiday Inn Express
Dinner at the Atlantic Hotel in historic Berlin. Menu choice of salmon, crab cake or chicken breast.
Tram ride tour of Ocean City’s Winterfest of Lights.
Complimentary breakfast at hotel.
Stop at Ocean City Downs Casino in Berlin, Maryland with $25.00 back for slot play. Contact Anita Scullin 610-449-5756 for reservations.

Thursday, December 8th
American Music Theater Christmas Show. Lunch at Arthur’s Terrace Restaurant at the Eden Resort $90.00  (Bus full—stand by names are being taken)
Trip info call Anita Scullin 610-449-5756

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**
The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic Lay organization in the world.
The Knights are committed to exemplifying the virtues of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.

The council at Annunciation BVM Parish is committed to directly supporting this parish and its pastor.

If you are a Catholic man at least 18 years old and are interested in joining the Annunciation Knights contact them at annbvmbrooklinekofc@gmail.com

**PARISH GIVING**
Annunciation BVM Parish has enlisted Parish Giving to provide its members with the opportunity to use Electronic Funds Transfer. Parish Giving is being offered to you free of charge. At the same time, Annunciation will benefit from a reliable, more efficient and more convenient means to process the contributions that make it possible to support its mission.

To sign up visit the website: www.parish-giving.org
• click create a new account
• enter parish zip code 19083
• parish name Annunciation BVM Parish
• provide your envelope number

**INVITE THE BLESSED MOTHER INTO YOUR HOME!!**
Would you like to host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue in your home for a week? The Legion of Mary is sponsoring this program to encourage private and family prayer and devotion to our Blessed Mother.
Members of the Legion will deliver the statue to your home at an agreed upon time. You then keep the statue for about a week. At the conclusion of your week, Legion members return for farewell prayers and to pick up the statue.

For sign up or questions, contact Leona Paterson at 610-853-2867 or leona125@verizon.net.

**CARDINAL FOLEY SCHOOL**

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**
The summer office hours during the month of July will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 AM to Noon. The office will be closed from Monday, August 1 until Monday, August 15. The office will reopen on Tuesday, August 16.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT -**

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In the spring of 1933, a young man nearing the prime of life, exceptionally handsome and an artist with words, picked up a train ticket from Moscow to Kiev, ducking the Soviet security system.

He was one of three journalists the Soviets had chosen to tell the world that everything was coming up milk and honey in their farms. For Stalin had rounded up all the resistant landowners in the fertile Ukraine and sent them to the tundra or had them shot. He intended to turn all their farms into collectives, because according to the Marxist theory, that was the thing to do. It had to work. It also served to rub out his enemies, crush the Ukrainians, and establish the name he had given himself — "Steel" — as a synonym for cold, inflexible terror.

By temperament and upbringing, the writer was suspicious of all of the posturing of those who are considered great in the world. He saw through the swagger. He knew that Stalin was lying. He also knew that everyone else in the Soviet Union knew it. The question was not, "Are millions of people dying of hunger in Ukraine?" They were. They had eaten their seed corn. They had eaten their cattle. There were credible reports of cannibalism. An "experimental" farm run by Germans had to employ five men whose only work, day in and day out, was to bury the dead peasants who had come there begging for food. Many millions would starve.

So the young Malcolm Muggeridge went to see for himself. Many years later he made light of the danger. "It was actually pleasant," he said of the Pullman coach that offered "endless glasses of hot tea." He was not new to human disasters. He had been a British civil servant in India, and had lived through an epidemic of cholera. But, said he, "the novelty of this particular famine, what made it so diabolical, is that it was not the result of some catastrophe like a drought or an epidemic. It was the deliberate creation of a bureaucratic mind": the breadbasket of Europe, turned into a wilderness. He vowed to tell the truth.

Others had not. Walter Duranty, writing for The New York Times, won a Pulitzer for his creampuff reportage of the Communist paradise. Duranty was an amiable companion, said Muggeridge, but also "the greatest liar of any journalist I have ever met," and that took some doing. Muggeridge was an agnostic, and by no means the most virtuous man in the room. But he loved truth. So he reported for the British Guardian:

The fields are neglected and full of weeds; no cattle are to be seen anywhere, and few horses; only the military and [Communist party officials] are well fed, and the rest of the population obviously starving, obviously terrorized.

Did Malcolm Muggeridge win a prize for his courageous reporting? Hardly. He lost his job — and, what's more, he knew he would. If there were rainbow banners in those days, they were all for Stalin, the darling of the secular Left. Several years later, when Stalin joined hands with Hitler, Muggeridge allowed himself to imagine "the Dean of Canterbury having a momentary doubt as to whether Stalin really would go on building the Kingdom of Christ." The moment passed. He knew that the Western intelligentsia would be like dope addicts returning to the next dose.

A Humble Woman in Calcutta

It is more than three decades later. Our journalist has seen the "sheer imbecility of the kingdom of heaven on earth, as envisaged by the most authoritative and powerful voices of our time." A mad spree of wealth and toys, people stupefied by television and sex, "happiness in as many colors as there are pills." Nor was he overwhelmed by the totem of our day. "Towards any kind of scientific mumbo-jumbo," he wrote, "we display a credulity which must be the envy of African witch-doctors." But Muggeridge did not shroud his soul in satire. The cynic hates falsehood, but he does not love the truth. Muggeridge continued to seek, and that made him, again and again, turn to the words and the person of Jesus, more alive now than we who walk the earth. And still Muggeridge did not believe in the Resurrection.

But this love for Jesus drew him to Calcutta, where a little wizened old Albanian nun was toiling in obscurity, loving the destitute and the dying, people afflicted with leprosy and gangrene, children reduced to sticks, human refuse. Her name was Mother Teresa.
Yes, it was the same journalist who made Mother Teresa known to the world, first through a documentary and then through his book *Something Beautiful for God.* "In a dark time," he wrote, "she is a burning and shining light; in a cruel time, a living embodiment of Christ's Gospel of love; in a Godless time, the Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth." Muggeridge donated all of the book's proceeds to Mother Teresa's work. The two became very dear friends.

What an unlikely friendship that might seem, on the face of it! But consider. Muggeridge had seen the parade of the "great" come and go. The worst were devils in human form; even the best, a Churchill or an Eisenhower, were, in his eyes, at least half humbug. He was a world traveler, while the nun's daily rounds were confined to that dreadful urban hole. He could have rolled his eyes and smiled to himself at her simple faith. He did not. Here was truth, in action.

Muggeridge and Mother Teresa continued to correspond by letter. She prayed for him ceaselessly, admonishing him, advising him to become like a little child, and to overcome the finite — the all-too-visible failings of the Church upon earth — with the infinite. Finally, in 1982, at the age of seventy-nine, Malcolm Muggeridge was baptized a Roman Catholic, he and his wife Kitty.

"I Thirst"

Yet maybe they were united by something else, something that strikes the world with terror.

Malcolm Muggeridge tried to expose the liar Stalin to a world gone merry for its latest substitutes for Jesus and the Kingdom of God. The world would not listen. Then he brought to the world's never-very-keen attention the greatest Christian missionary of a century awash in blood and gin. The world seemed to listen for a while. But now that both he and she have passed on to the judgment of their Maker, the world has had second thoughts.

The world — that same world that found much wisdom in millions of copies of Mao's Little Red Book, the world that never met a tyrant it didn't like, the world fooled by ideas so brutally stupid and unreal that only intellectuals can believe them and dictators enforce them — that world, with its knowing smirk, now says that Mother Teresa perhaps was not a saint, and that Muggeridge sort of made her up.

Thousands of Missionaries of Charity are scattered across the world, doing work that no one else will do, and accompanying that work with gentle hands and loving smiles that no one else will give. They are real, and the people they tend are real. But Mother Teresa called abortion the greatest sin of our age, and Muggeridge was her apostle, Muggeridge who dared to tear the curtain from the Soviet vaudeville show, and who never ceased to laugh at the modern world and its bluster, its glamour and pomp and empty promises. So they must be slandered. The world knows better.

It seems to me a battle of drinkers, this. We know from her diary that Mother Teresa was given a locution from Christ: his terrible words upon the cross. "I thirst," said he. He still does. He is still where we have put him, on the black cross against a blank sky, thirsting, the longing that is more urgent than hunger, thirsting in love for souls in danger of loss. He is the Savior who promises living waters to all who thirst, and who gives his blood as wine for his enemies, yearning to entice them with its taste, the taste of purity, holiness, and truth. It is a heady liquor. To Mother Teresa it was given to share in that thirst of Christ.

And somehow, somewhere in his long life, by the grace of God the agnostic journalist was given a taste of the wine. The world slakes its thirst elsewhere. It has made itself drunk on ditch water. Let us not do so. For Jesus, we know, is an excellent host. He saves the best wine for last.

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**Visit of St. Gianna’s Daughter, Gianna Emauela Molla**

The daughter of St. Gianna, Dr. Gianna Emanuela Molla, will be visiting the Archdiocesan Shrine of Saint Gianna Beretta Molla on Saturday, July 16 and Sunday, July 17! Meet Gianna and venerate her mother’s relics on Saturday from 2:00-4:30 pm. Or, join us for the 12pm Holy Mass on Sunday, July 17, followed by a talk by Gianna at 1:30 with relic veneration and a meet and greet. Nativity of Our Lord Church, 625 W. Street Road, Warminster, PA 18974.

For more information, please see our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/ShrineofSaintGiannaUSA or email info@saintginna.org.