Our parish community extends a warm welcome to all our guests and visitors. If you would like to register as a member of our parish community, please contact the parish office.

**Mass Schedule**

Monday - Friday  
7:00 AM

Saturday Daily  
8:00 AM

Saturday Vigil  
4:30 PM

Sunday  
7:30 AM
9:00 AM
11:00 AM
6:00 PM

Gluten-Free Hosts available in the Sacristy

**Reconciliation (Confessions)**

Saturday:  
8:30 - 9:00 AM
3:30 - 4:00 PM

**Private Prayer**

The Chapel, located in the Oblate Residence, is open during the week from 6:00AM to 6:00PM for prayer and devotion.

**First Friday Eucharistic Devotion**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Chapel - 7:30AM to 6:00PM on the First Friday of the month (September to June).

**Stay Connected**

Do you receive parish emails & texts? If you would like to receive information and updates about parish events, please text OMC to 84576 or visit: new.flocknote.com/omc

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**HOLY WEEK**

**HOLY THURSDAY** – March 24

Mass of the Lord’s Supper - 7:30 PM  
Adoration follows the Liturgy until 11:00 PM

**GOOD FRIDAY** – March 25

The Way of the Cross -12:00 PM  
Stations of the Cross - 12:15 PM  
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion - 7:30 PM

**HOLY SATURDAY** – March 26

Blessing of Easter Food - 11:00 AM  
Easter Vigil – 7:30 PM  
Note: There are no confessions or 4:30 PM Mass

**EASTER SUNDAY** – March 27

Masses: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM  
Note: There will be no 6:00 PM Mass
Lord Hear Our Prayer

We Celebrate Baptisms this weekend…

We Pray for…….

Those serving in our military, especially:

Those who have died, especially:
Rev. George P. Lawless, OSA

Those who are sick and homebound, especially:

Announced Masses

Monday, March 21
7:00 AM: Jane M. Hills
req by Kimberlee & Lori

Tuesday, March 22
7:00 AM: Catherine Chiodo
req by her Family

Wednesday, March 23
7:00 AM: Bax Leaming
req by Family

Thursday, March 24 - HOLY THURSDAY
7:30 PM: Deceased Members of the SVDP Society
req by The Members of the SVDP Society

Friday, March 25 - GOOD FRIDAY
12:00 PM: Walking the Way of the Cross
12:15 PM: Reflecting on the Way of the Cross
7:30 PM: Celebration of the Lord’s Passion

Saturday, March 26 - HOLY SATURDAY
Note: No Confessions or 4:30 PM Mass
7:30 PM: Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 27 - EASTER SUNDAY
7:30 AM: Intentions of OMC Parishioners
req by The OMC Parish Community
9:00 AM: The Caruso Family
req by Joanne Caruso Garges
11:00 AM: Cesira Costa
req by Daughter & Granddaughter

Note: There will be no 6:00 PM Mass

Stewardship of Treasure

“Give to the Lord as he has given to you, generously, according to your means.” Sirach 35:12

Week of March 13, 2016: $ 10,552
Weekly Budgeted: $12,500

Thanks for your support of our parish and our ministries. Your continued and consistent contributions to the parish are greatly appreciated. The Parish Finance Council invites you to consider online giving as a way of supporting the Sunday Collection throughout the year. For more information, please visit the parish web page and click on “Online Giving.”
**The Week at a Glance**

**Monday, March 21**
5:15 PM: OMC CYO Track Practice (Off Site)
7:00 PM: St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (Oblate Conf. Room)
7:30 PM: Engaging the Struggles of the Heart (Parish Center)

**Tuesday, March 22**
6:00 PM: OMC CYO Pee Wee Basketball (Crefeld Gym)
7:00 PM: Women Sharing (Parish Center)

**Wednesday, March 23**
5:15 PM: OMC CYO Track Practice (Off Site)
7:00 PM: Lenten Penance Service (St. Genevieve)

**Thursday, March 24 - HOLY THURSDAY**
6:00 PM: Choir Rehearsal (Parish Center)
7:30 PM: Mass of the Lord’s Supper (Church)
Adoration follows until 11 PM (Chapel)

**Friday, March 25 - GOOD FRIDAY**
12:00 PM: Walking Stations (gathering outside of Church)
12:15 PM: Stations of the Cross (Church)
7:30 PM: Celebration of the Lord’s Passion (Church)

**Saturday, March 26 - HOLY SATURDAY**
11:00 AM: Blessing of Easter Food (Rectory Porch)
6:00 PM: Choir Rehearsal (Parish Center)
7:30 PM: Easter Vigil (Church)

**Sunday, March 27 - EASTER SUNDAY**
Masses: 7:30 AM - 9 AM - 11 AM - No 6 PM Mass

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**A Thought from St. Francis de Sales**

“To take up our cross and follow Jesus Christ means nothing other than receiving and accepting all the troubles, contradictions, afflictions, and mortifications that come our way in this life. We should accept them with complete submission and resignation.”

**HUNGERING TO BUILD COMMUNITY**

We follow Jesus this week on our Lenten journey as he enters Jerusalem, a community he knew well. CRS Rice Bowl asks us to prayerfully enter into our own communities, to find those who are hungry and thirsty, those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we encounter in our daily lives? Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.

**Collection of Operation Rice Bowls**

There is a basket in the vestibule to place your filled Operation Rice Bowl boxes and any other monetary contributions. It will take a lot of coins, dollars, and checks to fill it, but let’s try! We will continue to collect the Rice Bowl returns through the 6:00 PM Mass on the Second Sunday of Easter (April 3) for the convenience of parishioners who may be away for the Easter weekend or spring break. May Our Mother of Consolation’s Lenten generosity to Operation Rice Bowl deepen our Easter joy and may every parishioner have a full measure of the season’s blessings.

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**Bulletin Articles & Insert Deadline**

April 3 - articles due March 24
April 10 - articles due Marcy 31

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**Chosen Fathers: A Retreat for Fathers of Children with Disabilities:**

Saturday, April 30, 2016, at St. Charles Seminary, the Office for Life and Family and the Office for Persons with Disabilities will host a retreat for fathers and grandfathers of children with disabilities. The retreat will be led by Doug Keck, a Chosen Father, who is the president of EWTN and an award winning TV/Radio host. To register online go to www.opdarchphilly.org. For more information call 215-587-3530 or email mcullinan@archphila.org.

**Mothers of Children with Disabilities Retreat:**

Tuesday, May 3, 2016, at Malvern Retreat House, Fr. Dennis O’Donnell will direct a retreat for mothers and grandmothers who are raising children with disabilities and also those who have adult children with disabilities. There will be time to pray, reflect, and chat with other mothers. To register online go to www.opdarchphilly.com. For more information please contact Malvern Retreat House at 610-644-0400 or the Office for Persons with Disabilities at 215-587-3530.

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**Lenten Opportunities**

**Communal Reconciliation Service**
Wednesday, March 23 - 7:00 PM  
St. Genevieve Church

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**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

**Holy Thursday** Mass is a special service for the St. Vincent de Paul Society when our semi-annual St. Vincent de Paul Society Collection takes place. We use this money to provide direct help to families experiencing short-term crisis, to provide gifts and companionship to the homebound and nursing home residents, to support local Soup Kitchens, and to provide food to the needy. We appreciate your contributions and are proud to serve the needy in the name of all OMC parishioners. Many, many thanks for your constant support and generosity. We wish you a blessed Holy Week.

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**Good Friday**

**Walking the Way of the Cross**
Stations throughout the Neighborhood

**Carry the Cross and Raise Money for Hands Together in Haiti** - All are welcome to join our traditional Walking Stations on **Good Friday, March 25, beginning at 12 Noon.** We will gather at the front entrance of the Church and carry the Cross through the business district of Chestnut Hill, stopping at the designated spots to read the Station and remember those who are troubled both here and abroad in Haiti. We invite all to participate in this faith-bearing experience. The entire walk takes about 2 hours and makes stops at Churches, Chestnut Hill Hospital, Springfield Residence and Keystone Hospice. If you wish to donate for walking, you can place cash or check (made payable to “Hands Together”) in an envelope. We will also collect on the day of the Walk. “Hands Together” is an outreach program of Fr. Tom Hagan, an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales. Any questions, email Marianne Dwyer at mdwyer325@aol.com.

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**Reflecting on the Way of the Cross**
12:15 PM - OMC Church

Come and experience an artistic and reflective meditation on the Stations of the Cross using original art work and prayer  
Presented by Remy Jones

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On **Good Friday, March 25,** we celebrate the mystery of the Lord’s Passion, contemplating the sacrifice by which Jesus redeemed the human race from sin and death. It also has been our longstanding tradition as Catholics to offer alms in support of the Catholic Community in the Holy Land.

As directed by our Holy Father, Pope Francis, funds generated by this collection support programs and services in the Holy Land. Support is needed to maintain the sacred places, to provide educational and pastoral programs, as well as outreach programs for the poor through established charitable institutions.

On behalf of those Christians and others in so much need, I seek your most generous and sacrificial support of the **Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land** on **March 25.** I know that God our Father will reward your generosity beyond all measures.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,

Archbishop of Philadelphia

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The Passion of the Lord - 044 - 4
HOLY WEEK 2016

Holy Week is the heart of the Church year. The word “holy” in the descriptive title “Holy Week” highlights this week as unique and most holy in the annual cycle of time for Christians. Official Church rituals and other traditions observed during this week, remember and make present the passing of Jesus from life to death to new life and all of creation along with him.

HOLY WEEK IS FOR EVERYONE - Children Welcome!

We are approaching the “high holy days” of our Christian faith. Beginning with Palm Sunday, our celebration of Holy Week is a time of remembering and savoring God’s infinite love and mercy toward us, in giving his only Son so that we might live a new life in him. This celebration is for ALL of us, even the youngest among us. All of us, baptized in Christ Jesus, are recipients of God’s love and so need to celebrate this together.

In that spirit, we encourage parents to consider bringing the “little ones” to all of the Holy Week services. There are many interactive symbols and rituals during this week: the palm & procession, the washing of feet, veneration of the cross, the new fire, the dark church with lighted candles, and the stories of our salvation history recounted in the scripture readings. Some might think these liturgies are not “family friendly” because of their length, but all of them can engage the children and be opportunities for families to reflect together on our faith and the goodness and mercy of God.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME to all or part of our services! They can be long for children so come when you can and leave when you need, making your children comfortable in God’s house at a later time than normal (perhaps pajamas). Talk to them before you come about what they will experience (the cross, fire, darkness, incense, light, water), and reflect afterward on how God’s love was experienced in these symbol and rituals.

Palm Sunday - March 20

Palm Sunday is a day for marching in processions. The Gospels tell us that the people waved branches to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem. So today, we too, wave branches. The 40 days of Lent have been a time to travel in spirit to the holy city of Jerusalem. Today, we enter the city. Before each of the liturgies, we will gather outside for the blessing of Palm.

The Paschal Triduum

Lent ends during the day on Holy Thursday. Triduum means “three days,” and the Paschal Triduum is the three-day season counted sunset to sunset, from Holy Thursday night to Easter Sunday morning. During these three days, we keep one festival, our Passover, our Easter. We join with all the people of our parish, and in spirit, with all Christians, to fast, pray and keep watch.
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HOLY THURSDAY - March 24
On this night we follow the Lord’s command. On this night we collect the Lenten alms, which we have been putting aside throughout Lent. We wash feet, celebrate the Lord’s Supper, and then we keep watch with Christ.

Mass of the Lord’s Supper - 7:30 PM
Adoration following Mass until 11:00 PM.

GOOD FRIDAY - March 25
Good Friday remembers the death of Jesus on the cross just outside the walls of Jerusalem. This moment will be completed the following day as the Saturday night hours change into Sunday and death turns into resurrection. The origin of the term “Good” in the title of this day is unknown, but probably emphasizes the saving value of the historical event of the crucifixion of Jesus. Another theory is that it is a corruption of “God’s” Friday. The theme of this day throughout history has been one of quiet sadness and mourning for the crucified and dead Jesus.

The Way of the Cross - 12:00 PM
The Way of the Cross represents the sorrowful journey that Jesus made with his cross to die on Calvary for the love of us. We should, therefore, practice this devotion with the greatest possible fervor, placing ourselves in spirit beside Christ as He walked this sorrowful way, uniting our tears with His, and offering to Him both our compassion and our gratitude.

Walking The Way of the Cross - 12 Noon
Stations throughout the neighborhood

Reflecting on the Way of the Cross - 12:15 PM
A visual guided meditation in the church

The Lord’s Passion - 7:30 PM
Mass of the Pre-Sanctified
During the Middle Ages, the simple communion service of the Good Friday liturgy evolved into the Mass of the Pre-Sanctified (“Mass” with bread consecrated the day before). The ritual began to imitate a regular Mass without the Eucharistic Prayer. Early in its history, the laity stopped receiving communion, just as they had at any Mass. The priest alone, therefore, received communion on Good Friday. In 1955, the traditional ritual was restored: the Liturgy of the Word, the Veneration of the Cross, and Communion by the people.
**EASTER SEASON**

Easter time is the 50-day celebration that flows from the Triduum. It is the Church’s most ancient and most beautiful season. These are springtime days of blossoming orchards, of open windows, of the great gladness of the awakening earth.

In times past, another word for Easter time was “Pentecost.” Now we use that word to mean the last day of Easter time, but “Pentecost” can mean “fifty days” or “fiftieth day.” The ascension of the Lord and the sending of the Holy Spirit are celebrated on two solemnities of the season, but they also are celebrated throughout Easter time. We can’t really separate these wonders. The Lord’s incarnation, epiphany, passion, death, burial, resurrection, ascension and the gift of the Spirit are one mystery, called the “Paschal Mystery.”
Walking Stations of the Cross
Good Friday, March 25, 2016
Time: 12:00 PM

“Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me”

1. Chestnut Hill Hospital
2. Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill
3. Norwood-Fontbonne Academy
4. Fountain Plaza/Library
5. Fire Station on Highland Avenue
6. Jenks Children’s Park
7. Christ Ascension Lutheran Church
8. Pastorius Park
9. Buckley Park – Hartwell Lane
10. Water Tower Recreation Center
11. Veterans’ Memorial At Water Tower
12. Springfield Retirement Home
13. Keystone Hospice
14. St. Paul’s Episcopal Church
15. Our Mother of Consolation Church

Carry the Cross and Raise Money for Hands Together in Haiti

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“Live, Jesus, live, your death upon the tree shows all your boundless love for me!”

St. Francis de Sales
PARABLES OF MERCY (Adult Scripture Study)
Five Mondays, April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2 ~ 7:30 PM, Parish Center

This five-week scripture study will explore familiar parables from the Gospel of Luke with an invitation to see them in a new way... recognizing ourselves in the stories. Through personal reflection we see that mercy is a powerful force that overcomes all, and fills our hearts with God's unbridled pardon and fierce love for us. As Pope Francis says, we are, as a Church, called to "echo the word of God that resounds strong and clear as a message and a sign of pardon, strength, aid, and love." During this Year of Mercy take some time to grow in your own "call to be merciful" as you deepen your understanding of God's mercy through the Sacred Scripture. Joseph Banecker will facilitate this sharing. Suggested material donation, $15. Pre-registration is requested by March 30. To register contact Sr. Christine at christinessj@omcparish.com.

Pre-Baptism Class
Sunday, April 10
12:30 PM - Parish Center

Are you a soon to be parent expecting your first child? If so, the next Pre-Baptism Class is Sunday, April 10 at 12:30 PM. First-time parents need to attend this class in preparation for their child’s reception of the Sacrament of Baptism.

Pre-registration is requested. To register contact Sr. Christine at christinessj@omcparish.com.

RCIA :
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Do you know someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith?
Are you a member of another faith tradition but desire to know about the Catholic Church?
Are you a baptized Catholic who has not yet received First Communion and/or Confirmation? If so, you may be interested in becoming part of OMC Parish RCIA gatherings. The RCIA process is a faith formation experience where people meet with others who desire to learn more about the Catholic Faith and experience a fuller participation in the Sacramental life of the Church. If you are interested in learning more, contact Sr. Christine at christinessj@omcparish.com.

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Accessibility

Entrance – For those who are unable to use the front steps, a ramp is located to the left of the main entrance.

Seating – Seating for those who have difficulty in walking is available in the front pew.

Sound Amplification System – An amplification system is available for those with a hearing impairment. Please contact the parish office to obtain an earpiece for your personal use.

Gluten Free Hosts – Please check in the Sacristy.

Marriage – Please contact the parish office at least nine months prior to the wedding date you desire and before making any other arrangements.

Baptism – Are you expecting a child? Parents participate in the preparation session prior to the Baptism, usually during pregnancy. Sessions will be conducted at the Parish Center (7 E. Chestnut Hill Avenue). For more information, contact the Parish Center (215-247-0430).

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) – The RCIA is the sacramental process by which a person seeks full initiation into the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Catholic, please contact the Parish Center (215-247-0430).

Ministry to the Sick & Homebound – Please help us to remain informed about parishioners who are hospitalized, homebound, or in a nursing facility. If you know of someone who wishes to celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Center (215-247-0430).
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