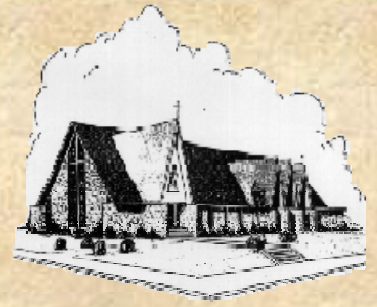


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January 2nd/3rd, 2016

The Epiphany of the Lord

My Dear Parishioners,

As we begin the new year of 2016, it is appropriate for us to look back with gratitude for all the blessings God has given us in the past year. Our faith enables us to look to the future with hope, trust, and confidence that Emmanuel will always be with us to guide us.

2015 had many joyous occasions for which I am grateful. I celebrated my 25th anniversary of priesthood in May. Our parish school directed by principal Frank Mokrisi and our PREP program directed by Mariana Rossi continued to do wonderful work to help our children grow in their faith. We were very proud of the many talented students in our parish school, especially Gianna LaMena who won a prestigious Neumann Scholarship. Our CYO sports program did great work in helping our young people to work and play together with good sportsmanship under the leadership of the coaches, CYO board, and athletic director Mike Esbensen. In June, our parish carnival was a great success thanks to the hard work of a new carnival committee lead by Brendan McGhee and Mary Luberda. Under the direction of our maintenance director Tom Panzano and the generosity of many parishioners, we saw the addition of new LED lights in the sanctuary and a beautifully renovated gym floor.

The past year also included the sad passing of our parish secretary and dear friend Lori Tarnowski. We are all grateful for her years of dedicated service to OLGC and for the kindness and sense of humor that she brought to us all. I am happy to announce that our new parish secretary will be Bernadette Clune. Bernadette has been working at OLGC for years as the assistant to our Coordinator of Religious Education Mariana Rossi. She will continue most of her duties with the PREP program while assuming the role of parish secretary. I am grateful for her willingness to accept this new responsibility and confident that she will be more than competent in this important role.

May God bless you all for your generosity and your continued support of our great parish, and may He grant us all a healthy and happy 2016.

God bless you,

Reverend Robert G. Suskey
Pastor

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil -- 5:15PM

Sunday -- 7:00AM, 8:30AM, 10:00AM , 12:00 Noon

Daily Mass - Mon thru Fri 9:00 AM; Sat. 8:00 AM

First Friday (Sept thru June) - 10:00 AM

All Masses are in the Upper Church

Holy Day of Obligation

7:00PM Vigil

6:30AM, 9:00AM and 12:05PM

(Please check the Parish Bulletin for hours if Holy Day falls on a Saturday or a Monday)

Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

Saturdays -- 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM & 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Also by appointment

Holy Rosary - All parishioners are welcome to join the OLGK Knights of Columbus every Monday evening at 6:30 pm in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Adoration before the Most Blessed Sacrament -- Each Monday following the 9:00AM Mass until 7:30PM with Miraculous Medal Novena and Benediction. Also, each First Friday when school is in session after the 10:00AM Mass until 2:00PM.

Divine Mercy Chaplet -- Monday at 7:00PM.

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Sacraments of Initiation

Adults or school aged children inquiring about the Faith, for the reception of *Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist, and for Reception into Full Communion of the Catholic Church*, please call Marianna Rossi .

Baptism of Children is celebrated on Sundays at 1:30 PM. All baptisms must be scheduled in advance. Please call the parish office to make the necessary arrangements.

Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation: The *Rite of Reconciliation* is celebrated on Saturdays from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM and from 4:00 PM to 5:00 pm, and by appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage Couples are encouraged to contact the Parish Office soon after their engagement to meet with one of the Parish Priests. It is recommended that a date is set with the Church before a date is set with a reception hall. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia requires that couples make arrangements for the Wedding no less than six months prior to the planned date of marriage. Either the bride or the groom must be a registered member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish for the Wedding to be scheduled. For *PreCana* information, please contact the Family Life Office at famlife@archphila.org.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and Communion of the Sick The *Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick* is available anytime upon request. *Communion of the Sick* for the homebound is arranged through the Parish Office and anytime upon request.

The Sacrament of Holy Orders Any man interested in the *Diaconate* or *Priesthood* should contact one of the Parish Priests or the *Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood* at 610-667-5778. Also, anyone interested in the *Religious Life* should contact one of the Parish Priests for further direction.

Trinity Center Office Hours

Monday thru Friday -- 9:00AM - 4:00PM

Monday thru Thursday - 5:00PM - 8:00PM

Saturday -- 9:00AM - 4:00PM

Sunday -- 9:00AM - 2:00PM

Scrip Office Hours

Monday thru Friday-- 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM

Monday thru Thursday - 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Saturday -- 10:00AM - 3:30 PM

Sunday - 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

OLGC Senior Club News

Preview – Sat. May 21st to Fri. May 27th, 2016. – MACKINAC ISLAND, MICHIGAN and more! A fabulous trip for the inclusive cost of \$889 pp, double and triple occupancy. Call for brochure/reservation form. We have just 26 openings on this so send in deposit and reservation form as soon as possible.

For further information call Ronnie at 215-357-8596..

HELP OLGC SCHOOL! CARTRIDGE RECYCLING

Please continue to drop off your inkjet & laser printer cartridges as well as old cell phones and digital cameras in our recycling box when you come to Mass. Thanks to all of our parishioners who have supported this great fundraiser for the OLGC School Technology program.



Question (Deacon) Mark



What does the Church teach about dealing with an ectopic pregnancy? Isn't such surgery causing an abortion?

In an ectopic pregnancy, the embryo typically implants in the Fallopian tube instead of the uterus, although other sites are also possible. In the case of a tubal pregnancy, as the embryo begins to grow, abdominal pain is often the first sign that something has gone wrong. The tube may eventually rupture, provoking hemorrhaging and the likelihood of peritonitis. In such cases, medical intervention is necessary to save the mother's life. This presents a moral dilemma, but the Church does provide us with sound guidance to help deal with the crisis.

In Moral Theology, we evaluate the circumstances surrounding an issue and attempt to consider the choices that confront all people involved in resolving difficult situations such as ectopic pregnancies. Germain Grisez, an extremely conservative moral theologian of the 20th century, discusses the matter of ectopic pregnancies in his preeminent book, *Fulfillment in Christ*. In certain moral dilemmas, an action can have a positive as well as a negative outcome. This is termed the Principle of Double Effect, and when it arises, we have to carefully evaluate what our true intentions are. In the case of a tubal pregnancy, removing the tube will certainly cause the death of the child. However, in the overwhelming majority of cases, the embryo has already died by the time the Fallopian tube is about to rupture, and once it does, the child will certainly die. If the doctor's intent in removing the tube is to save the mother's life, not to cause the death of the child, then his action would be deemed moral. If the doctor's primary intent is to cause the death of the child, the act would then be considered an abortion and therefore immoral. The same holds true for anyone else involved in the case: the obstetrician, the nursing staff, the anesthesiologist, the patient and any member of her family who takes part in the decision making process. Some of them are remotely involved; others have primary responsibility; in all cases, they must ultimately answer to God for the intent of their actions.

Not all cases are as clear-cut as a tubal pregnancy, among them the very moving story of Saint Gianna Beretta Molla, who was canonized just 11 years ago. In the second month of her fourth pregnancy, Dr. Molla was found to have a fibroma on her uterus that could have been treated by a hysterectomy. Saint Gianna could have morally opted for the hysterectomy given the circumstances, but heroically decided that the baby's life mattered more to her than her own. She died from peritonitis a week after giving birth to her daughter Gianna Emanuela, who eventually became a medical doctor, following in her mother's footsteps. Dr. Gianna Emanuela Molla came to Philadelphia this past September to attend the World Meeting of Families, and she publicly shared excerpts from some of the beautiful love letters that her saintly mother had written to her husband.

The bottom line, brothers and sisters, is this: we must all inform our consciences to the best of our ability and seek God's will in all that we do. Whether we realize it or not, we make many moral choices on a daily basis. Let's take the time at the outset of every day to ask the Holy Spirit's help and guidance so that we may choose wisely.



A Catholic
Elementary
School
Building on
Foundations of
Faith

Calling all former OLGC students*!

Tell your moms, dads, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, and friends! Anyone you know who attended Our Lady of Good Counsel School!

The Alumni committee is looking for you!

Reunions
Networking
Philanthropy

These are just a few of the things we hope to do. Our mission is to keep the OLGC school and parish vibrant and successful for future generations! But we need your help!!

Fill out the information on the reverse side of this paper, and return to the Trinity Center, or email the information to OLGCalum@gmail.com.

*Even if you only attended for a few years, we still want to hear from you!

OLGC Food Drive Continues

Isaiah says "Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry".

Please join with concerned OLGC parishioners as we continue to collect non-perishable food items to support the **Southampton Food Bank** and **St Vincent de Paul Food Bank at St John Bosco**. Both groups have sent notes thanking the good people of OLGC for their generosity. And due to your tremendous generosity, we have raised our average to 8 bags a week and every little bit helps.

During this holiday season, CAN YOU PURCHASE ONE EXTRA ITEM A WEEK WHILE GROCERY SHOPPING?? And bring it to Church on Sat/Sun and put it in our marked box in the back of Church. While we can't solve all of the world's problems, we can help the 1,700 people from our own neighborhoods, served by these Food Banks each month.

LIFE: AN "EPIPHANY" OF GOD

"Life is always a good. ... Why is life a good? This question is found everywhere in the Bible, and from the very first pages it receives a powerful and amazing answer. The life which God gives man is quite different from the life of all other living creatures, inasmuch as man, although formed from the dust of the earth (cf. Gen 2:7, 3:19; Job 34:15; Ps 103:14; 104:29), is a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory (cf. Gen 1:26-27; Ps 8:6). This is what Saint Irenaeus of Lyons wanted to emphasize in his celebrated definition: 'Man, living man, is the glory of God'. Man has been given a sublime dignity, based on the intimate bond which unites him to his Creator: in man there shines forth a reflection of God himself" (The Gospel of Life, n. 34).

Bulletin reflections from Priests For Life, www.priestsforlife.org.



Save the Date:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

25th Annual CYO Golf Outing

Benefiting:

**Our Lady of Good Counsel's
Youth Sports Organization**

**Spring Mill Country Club
80 Jacksonville Road
Ivyland, PA**

Parish Meetings

Knights of Columbus Council No.15658 - Meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM in the Trinity Center. Rosary every Monday at 6:30 PM in the Church. For information, please contact 215-357-1300 Ext. 106 or olgckofc@gmail.com. Also visit www.olgckofc.org and [facebook.com/olgckofc](https://www.facebook.com/olgckofc). **The next meeting will be on January 26th.**

Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary: Meets once a month on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in the Trinity Center. **The next meeting will be on January 19th.** For more information, please call 215-357-1300, ext. 234 or email KofCLadies15658@gmail.com.

Widow/Widower Support Group Regular meetings are held on the third Monday of each month from 1-2:30PM in the Trinity Center. **The next meeting will be held on January 18th.**

St. Monica's Circle – Meets monthly in the Trinity Center from September to May alternating between Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings. For information, contact Suzanne Kuhn at 215-355-5846, SuzanneRKuhn@msn.com. **Our next meeting will be on January 26th at 7:00 PM.**

Outreach Ministry - Meetings are held on the fourth Monday each month, at 7PM in the Trinity Center. **There will be no December meeting. The next meeting will be held on January 22nd.**

Third Order Carmelites—meet on the third Saturday each month from Sept through June for ongoing spiritual formation. For information call 215-766-7513. **The next meeting will be on January 16th.**

Mothers of Young Children - Meets on the third Tuesday each month from 10-11:30 AM (babysitting provided). **Our next meeting will be on January 19th.**

St. Francis Senior Club - Meets on the first and third Friday of the month at 10:00 AM in the Trinity Center. **Our next meeting will be on January 15th.**

OLGC Senior Club - Meets on the second and fourth Fridays each month at 10AM in the Trinity Center. **Please join us for our meeting on January 8th.**

Health & Wellness Ministry - Meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7PM in the Trinity Center. For info, call 215-357-1300 ext. 273.

Boy Scout Troop 144 - Monday nights 7:00–8:30PM @ OLGC. For Boys 10-17 years old. For info contact Gus Fiocca at 215-901-4472 or www.scouts144.com.

Bucks County AI-Anon ACAFG: meets on Thursdays in the Lower Church from 7:30 to 8:30 PM. For information please contact Patty at 267-992-6687 or visit www.aisdv.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. This means that an applicant or member accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church. OLGC Council also welcomes fellow knights who wish to transfer from another Council.

LADIES AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Ladies Auxiliary to the Knight of Columbus Council 15658. is open to women 18 years of age or older within and outside the Parish who are practicing Catholics in union with the Holy See. Any Catholic woman registered in another parish is also welcomed to join. Applicant or member accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Please pray for the protection of our men and women serving in the Armed Forces, especially:

Stephen Bednarik, Anthony Brothman, Vincent Brothman Jr., Joseph Cymerman, Col. Troy D'Agostino, Andy Daily, Dana Daily, Daniel Dalton, John Doerffel, Patrick James Doherty, Joseph Dooley, Brady C. Fagans, George Froggatt, Robert Gallagher, Scott Ginger, James Gormley, Jim Hacker, Sean Hartman, Capt. John Herbert, Paul Hesser, Zachary Hill, Robert Jankowski, Lt. Col. David Jones, Sean Kehoe, Jimmy Ketler, Stephen Kraus, Major Joseph Krill, Brian Lackman, Sallie Lackman, Andrew Layman, Michael Maricle, Jude Martin, Brian McDermott, John McDermott, Daniel MacDonald, William G. McCloskey, Grant Miller, Steven Neithold, Eric Nescio, John & Dawn O'Hara, Greg Palush, Lcpl. Matthew Pellegrini, Lt. Michael H. Poekert, Gordon Pulford, SSgt. John Ramsey, Richard Raubenstine Jr., Capt. Chaplain Tony Michael Repic, Kevin Roberts, Patrick Rooney, Jack Ryan, Nolan Ryan, Eric Sanderlin, Hali Sanderlin, Adam C. Schmidt, Bryan Schwartz, John C. Sparks IV, Ryan Speed, Bill Stanert, Lt. Col. Frederick D. Straka, Tim Studler, Col. Douglas Swift USAF, Justin Urban, Shawn Veach, Kevin Vizzari, David Weatherington, David Webb, and Alex Williams.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday	7:00	People of the Parish
	8:30	Living & Deceased Members Melville & Ranieszski Families
	10:00	Frank & Patricia Domanico
	12:00	Thomas Skubish
Monday	9:00	Rob Bobbin
Tuesday	9:00	Philip Lindmeier
Wednesday	9:00	Theresa Breslin
Thursday	9:00	Dominic M. Pavlik, Jr.
Friday	9:00	Donald Zielstorf
Saturday	8:00	James J. Mullin (25th Anniv.)
	5:15pm	Deceased Members of the Garrity Family
Sunday	7:00	Living & Deceased Members Of McDermott & Schneider Families
	8:30	People of the Parish
	10:00	Cienkowski & Jaszczak Families
	12:00	Howard Hartz

Any Parishioner present at any Mass being said for family members and relatives who wishes to take up the gifts, please notify the ushers prior to the start of Mass. Family members and relatives will be given first consideration

Please pray for our Holy Father



POPE FRANCIS I

And his special intentions for January

Universal: That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

Evangelization: That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.



REMEMBER OUR SICK
*Please pray for the sick, those
in hospitals, nursing homes,
and in particular:*

John Alek	Peggy Johnson Maher
Bill Boiston	Jordie Maine
Thomas Burns	Gianna Grace Masciantonio
Robert Carchidi	Joan McMahon
Jim Carroll, Sr.	Jeanette Menna
Kevin Chase	James Monaghan
Helen DeAngelis	Lavinia Murray
Anne Donnelly	Carl Neri
Walter "Buddy" Donovan	John Neri
Lisa Haffner Dorantes	Trevor Newhouse
Nancy Dunn	Chuck Paradis
Victoria Gross	Howard Peak
Georgie Hartley	Richard Powers
Dan Hawe	Ted Powers
Gail Hogeland	Blair Ray
Mary Johnson	Kate Rhul
Dan Kane	Julia Richardson
Kaelah Kennedy	Vincent Stahl
Samuel Kilgallon	Mary Straub
Steven Krachuk	Jason Sturts
Cindy Kuhn	Margaret Stutz
Mary Kuntz	Maddy Swenson
Raymond Lodise	Maryanne Tate
Kevin Lynch	Nicole Williams

Names added to the sick list remain for 4 weeks of publication. To renew a name to the sick list, please call the Parish Secretary at 215-357-1300 ext. 150.

Please pray for those who have died, members of our family and friends, and in particular:



**Remember
Those who
Have Died**

*Theresa Fuerst
Lori Tarnowski*

Also please remember those who have no one to pray for them and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord
And may perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed,
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.*