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Mass Schedule:

Weekend: Saturday Vigil 4:00 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.

Confession:

Saturdays: 7:30 to 8 a.m.; 3:15 to 3:45 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 parents who have not attended a class within the past two years are expected to attend a pre-baptismal formation session, which is offered throughout the year. To register for sessions, please call parish secretary.

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.

Letters of Eligibility: If you need a Letter of Eligibility to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, you must be a registered member of the parish for at least six months and a practicing Catholic. 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 Lyons.

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 October to May from 6:30 to 7:45p.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.

PASTOR
Rev. James A. Lyons
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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

The Rectory is open for business Monday through Thursday 9:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Fridays: 9:30 to 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.

May 20, 2018
Pentecost Sunday

The Month of May is Dedicated to the Blessed Mother

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and we will be created, and you will renew the face of the earth.

May our hearts be receptive to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and thus may we be: more loving, joyful, patient, chaste, faithful, gentle, self-controlled, good, modest, content and kind.

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES

SATURDAY,	<u>MAY 19, 2018</u>
4:00 p.m.	Anna Dudek
SUNDAY,	<u>MAY 20, 2018</u>
8:00 a.m.	Mary and Ernest Bonacquisti
10:30 a.m.	Len McClintock
MONDAY,	<u>MAY 21, 2018</u>
8:00 a.m.	Diane Walls Whitney
TUESDAY,	<u>MAY 22, 2018</u>
8:00 a.m.	Special Intention
WEDNESDAY,	<u>MAY 23, 2018</u>
8:00 a.m.	Jim Miele
THURSDAY,	<u>MAY 24, 2018</u>
8:00 am	Charles and Ellen McBride
FRIDAY,	<u>MAY 25, 2018</u>
8:00 am	Roger Angeli
SATURDAY,	<u>MAY 26, 2018</u>
8:00 am	Pro Populo

SATURDAY,	<u>MAY 26, 2018</u>
4:00 PM	Beatrice Spratt
SUNDAY,	<u>MAY 27, 2018</u>
8:00 a.m.	Margaret C. Flanagan
10:30 a.m.	Pro Populo

COLLECTION TOTALS AS DESCRIBED

Sunday, May 13:	\$6,013
Number of Envelopes returned:	232
Number Attending Masses:	445
Catholic Home Mission Collection:	\$753
Number of Envelopes returned:	67
Ascension Thursday Collection:	\$1,352
Number of Envelopes returned:	98

Thank you for your generosity!

Catholic Charities Appeal—2018

60 YEARS OF GIVING HOPE TO ALL

The goal for the 2018 Catholic Charities Appeal is \$12.5 million. It is important that every parishioner and every parish do their part to help raise this \$12.5 million, because we are one family in Christ. Taking care of those who need help the most is one of the most important things we can do as Catholics. We are counting on you to give hope this year to those who need it the most.

This year our parish goal is \$44,471. To date, our parish has donated \$21,410 to Catholic Charities with 163 gifts. We have achieved 48% of our goal. Thank you for your generosity.

Happy Anniversary, Fathers

On May 21st, Father Lyons will celebrate his 24th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood and on May 22nd, Father Williams will celebrate his 53rd Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood.

Please pray for our Priests and we are grateful for their ministry. And please pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life.

Archdiocese Ordains Six New Priests Yesterday at Cathedral

Please pray for six new priests who were ordained by Archbishop Chaput on May 19, 2018. They are:

Rev. Kyle Adamczyk
Rev. Brandon Artman
Rev. Eric Banecker
Rev. Manuel Flores
Rev. Patrick Muka
Rev. Quy Pham

Ad Multos Annos!
Many happy years for them.

Calling All OLC Parish Graduates

If you are graduating this year from 8th Grade, High School or College, we would like to recognize you at a Baccalaureate Mass on **Sunday, June 3rd, at 10:30 a.m. Mass.** If you would like, you can wear your gown from your school of graduation. There will be refreshments in the Church Hall after Mass. Graduation is a special occasion for you and we would like to honor you. Please join us.

If you would like to attend, please call Joan at the Rectory 610-872-6192.

Please respond by Tuesday, May 29th.

"Keeping the Spirit Alive at 25"

To Commemorate Keeping the St. James Spirit Alive after the closing of St. James Catholic High School 25 years ago, the Alumni Association will celebrate a Mass on **Wednesday, June 13, 2018** at St. Rose of Lima Church, Eddystone, PA at 10:30 am. Immediately following the Mass, the Alumni Association will host an All-Class Luncheon at The Doghouse. This is a catered affair and reservations must be made by calling The Doghouse at (610) 876-2006 no later than Monday June 11, 2018.

Notre Dame High School , Moylan "Dames At The Dunes"

Sunday, June 3rd—12:30 pm at the Avalon Golf Club, Camp May Court House. Contact: Candi Corbin Sicoli '62 at mlcorbin@verizon.net, or call 610-696-8116 or go to www.damesatthedunes.com/reunion/information.html for registration information.

PREP NEWS

A heartfelt "thank you" to all the PREP families who participated in the May Procession. It was a beautiful devotion to Our Blessed Mother. We completed our PREP year 2017-2018 with awards given to our students who have been promoted to the next level.

Enjoy your summer!

Jeanne Turn, Director of Religious Education

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Today as we celebrate Pentecost, the Holy Spirit wants to make us advocates of God's presence to bring new life to others, especially those who do not know the love of God in their lives.

Your gift to the St. Vincent de Paul poor box will help the poor to believe in the mystery of God's love for them.

OLC SCHOOL PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

You may have noticed that the playground equipment behind the school has disappeared. No, we were not the victim of thieves. An arrangement has been made with the Borough of Brookhaven to relocate this equipment to one of their parks, Sommerville Park, which will benefit the children of our area. This is being done at no cost to the parish. And, the generous parishioner who originally donated the equipment has been notified and has agreed to its relocation. We wish to thank everyone involved in this endeavor to make it a win-win all around.

Reflections by Fr. Leonard Peterson
Pentecost Sunday
May 20, 2018

Absent cake and candles, this day of Pentecost is often referred to as “the birthday of the Church.” That’s because Pentecost marks the day when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles while they were covered in fear and hiding behind locked doors following Jesus’ resurrection.

After receiving the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit, these same men went out and preached Jesus’ message to crowds of Jews gathered in Jerusalem city for the conclusion of the fifty days of Passover. Pentecost means “fifty,” and it marked the end of the barley harvest and the beginning of the wheat harvest. How appropriate that the Holy Spirit would transform it into a spiritual harvest of new believers!

The marvel of the preaching that day was that Jews from all over the civilized world were able to understand what the Apostles were saying in their own languages. The uneducated Apostles suddenly became skilled linguists. But it was really the Holy Spirit who spoke through them. The Catechism of the Church calls that day the beginning of “the Age of the Church.” It is the same in which we now live.

There are three symbols of Pentecost, namely wind, fire and a dove. The first symbol, wind, is taken from the noise the apostles heard as the Spirit descended upon them (Acts 22). After the wind, flames appeared and rested upon the heads of each of the apostles (Acts 23).

A dove serves as a symbol of the Holy Spirit. While there is no mention of a dove in the Acts account, we associate a dove with the Holy Spirit because of the story of Jesus’ baptism: “After Jesus was baptized, He came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove coming upon Him.” (Matthew 3:16).

Pentecost is probably one of the most important days on the Church calendar, but it often gets overlooked. It also falls at the time of year when the ordination of new priests often takes place in many dioceses. (Today’s date marks the actual ordination anniversary, number 51, of this writer.)

You and your families could celebrate it today just as you would for any other birthday, with cake and ice cream. But instead of singing “Happy Birthday” someone could lead a prayer for Pentecost found in many prayer books or online. Or we could wear something red today to match the priest’s vestments. The point is to acknowledge the awareness of the specialness of this day.

The great truth of Pentecost is that our ancient Church is ever new, and it is graced with the gifts that each of you bring to keep it ever young.

Parish Calendar of Events this Week:

Monday, May 21

Legion of Mary, 4 pm, Rectory Conference Room

Wednesday, May 23

Fresh Hope A.A., 5:30 pm, Rectory Meeting Room

**Liturgical Ministers’ Schedules for
Next Weekend**

Saturday, May 26, 4:00 p.m.

Altar Server: Pat Caligiuri
 Lector: Len Jankauskas
 Special Ministers: Lynn McMonagle,
 Janice Sawicki, Fred O’Malley



Sunday, May 27, 8:00 a.m.

Altar Server: Russell Lockbaum
 Lector: Cynthia Vicente
 Special Ministers: Ben Linowski,
 Jim Heslin, Dolores Lavelle



Sunday, May 27, 10:30 a.m.

Altar Server: G. Sullenberger
 Lector: Jeanne Turn
 Special Ministers: Eileen Wilson,
 Elizabeth Hermansen, John Moletteri



Please remember in your prayers all our sick:

Ron C. Ancone, Anne Arner, Mylene Ausdauer, Virginia Bernero, Janet Bischof, Betty Burns, Shawn Burns, Theresa Carlin, Patricia Cawley, Jean Curran, Josephine D’Amico, Mary Dietzler, Eleanor Diggins, Maria DiPaola, Teresa Durkin, Rita Fries, Gina Gasiorowski, Alice Gordon, John Grady, Devin Kates, Kathi Kleinert, John Maher, Michelle Lamont Maher, Michael Mattered, Michael McGettigan, Helen McGowan, Susan McVeigh, Cindy Miller, Evelyn Molla, Jill Nix, Dolores O’Malley, Sandy Strickland, Carol Todd, Joseph & Seraphine Traub, Marge Varzaly, Mae Wassel, Shirley West, Robert Yurko

Please pray for our beloved deceased:

Grace Febbo

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

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MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

SATURDAY, MAY 26

AT 11:00 AM

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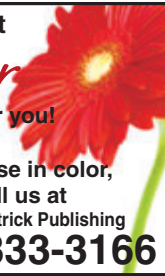
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