Mass Schedule:
Weekend: Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm — Sunday 9 a.m. (until further notice)
Daily Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday - 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: 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 11:30 a.m. (immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass). 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. 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. For more information, please contact Mrs. Jeanne Turn, DRE.

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.

January 24, 2021
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Third Sunday In Ordinary Time
January is the Month of the Holy Name

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2021
4:00 p.m. Mildred Wegrzyn

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2020
9:00 a.m. Ronald O. Schaar
1st Anniversary

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021
8:00 a.m. William Lennon

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021
8:00 a.m. Rev. Edmond J. Speitel

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021
8:00 am Pro Populo

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2021
8:00 a.m. Anthony Bagonis

NEXT WEEKEND’S MASSES

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2021
4:00 p.m. Arthur Noel

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021
9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of Figurelle and Kovacic Families

WEAKLY COLLECTION & ATTENDANCE REPORT

Sunday, January 17:
Number of Envelopes returned: 119
Number Attending Masses: 171

Christmas Collection Tally: $21,270
Number of Envelopes returned: 243

Block Collection: $17,906
Number of Envelopes returned: 164

Thank you for your generosity!

2020 Tax Statement

If you would like a copy of your 2020 Contribution Statement, please send us your name and address, along with a self-addressed stamped envelope and it will be mailed to you.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things, and I long for You in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually into my heart.
As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You;
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Reflections by Fr. Leonard Peterson
Third Sunday In Ordinary Time
January 24, 2021

St. Mark, in giving us this scene for meditation as the Holy Spirit’s spokesman, hits upon the secret of every good salesperson as well. For it seems to me that such people are actually selling a dream. One they passionately believe in.

My own dear Dad spent the bulk of his working years selling life insurance. In this case, the “dream” is guaranteed security and strong protection against the twin nightmares of uncertainty and fear. But all salespeople offer a product that will not only preclude disaster but also bring a strong dose of hope and optimism.

Our Lord Jesus could also be called “the World’s Greatest Salesman.” He has all the good qualities of a person who believes in what they’re selling, so to speak, and none of the dark characteristics often attributed to salespeople. His “product” of course is “the Kingdom of God.” He tells us it is nearer than we think.

In the process He was actually selling Himself as the perfect actualization of that kingdom. He made His hearers understand that this kingdom is such that positivity is the law of the land and undying love is its hallmark. In other words, He was “selling” God back to those who had abandoned Him. How good He was at His work shows in the way even His first listeners were so quickly able to leave behind much of their old life and walk with Him.

Some of the actors who have played Jesus in Hollywood films have managed for me to capture His charm to a satisfying degree. It may be that as a confirmed romantic I fell for their portrayals too easily. But I watched through the lens of a committed believer in Jesus, and one who has his own ideas of how to play Jesus. However, the Bible tells me not just to play the role but live it.

But no matter our nature or temperament, we are all “hard wired” to be attracted by truth and the obvious conviction of an authentic truth teller. We “buy into” their wares with ease. Is it any wonder that Simon and Andrew, James and John dropped their fishing nets to follow the Divine Troubadour? And aren’t you glad that you did too? What we have gained from this magnetism of the Master is the joy of having Someone to believe in. That cannot be taken away from us by anyone, especially the one “evil salesman” who was formerly an archangel. That’s why it’s best for us to remember:

“You are writing a Gospel, a chapter each day,
By deeds that you do, by words that you say.
People read what you write, whether faithless or true.
Say! What is that gospel, according to YOU?”

God love you and give you His peace!

Reading I: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10
The prophet, as God’s spokesman, brings about a miraculous turnaround by the people of Nineveh. Prior to that, the city was known only for its sinful cruelty and wickedness.

Reading II: I Corinthians 7: 29-31
St. Paul believed in an imminent end of the world, so he recommends detachment from earthly ways. It would be ridiculous to maintain one’s “status quo” in such circumstances.

The Gospel: Mark 1: 14-20
Jesus calls His first disciples. He was so compelling that they were immediate with their responses. Jesus describes their new life’s work as their becoming “fishers of men.”
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED ON JANUARY 17, 2021

Nolan Daniel Greto
Son of Daniel and Hannah

May God Bless Nolan Daniel and his parents!

Pre-Baptism Class

The next Pre-Baptism class will be held on Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Rectory Meeting Room. This class is mandatory for both parents who have not attended a class within the last two years.

Pre-Registration is required. Please call Joan at 610-872-6192 to register for the class. A date for Baptism can be scheduled after attending this class.

Society of St. Vincent dePaul

In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus says “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” As disciples, we are called to continue God’s work on earth. Taking care of God’s poor is indeed living gospel values.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist five (5) families, providing $175 in food, scrip and $1,509.90 for utility, rent and other bills. May God Bless You!

There will be a St. Vincent DePaul meeting on Wednesday, January 27th at 7 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. Please remember your mask.

OTHER NEWS

March for Life, Washington, DC
Friday, January 29, 2021
The March for Life is an inspiring, peaceful, vibrant, and joy-filled rally of women, men, young people, and children from all across the country. Every year, tens of thousands of pro-lifers converge on the National Mall and march on Capitol Hill on the anniversary of the Supreme Court’s 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling which legalized abortion in all 50 states. It’s the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world.

More info and regular updates: https://marchforlife.org/
For all those who are unable to attend the March for Life in Washington DC this year, you are invited to celebrate Mass on Friday, January 29th at 10 am with Archbishop Pérez at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Philadelphia. Contact the Office for Life and Family for more information: http://phillycatholiclife.org/
In Remembrance of Samantha Josephson

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