



Live + Jesus

July 24, 2022 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## *Our Mother of Consolation Parish*

Administered by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales and the Sisters of St. Joseph

### ***Parish Mission Prayer***

*Nourished by the Word and Eucharist, we, the members of Our Mother of Consolation Parish, strive to create a vital, welcoming Catholic faith community that embraces each person. Acknowledging our blessings and supporting one another, we humbly serve the needs of God's people and work to be the presence of Christ in our world.*

***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 Vigil	4:30 PM
Sunday	7:30 AM
	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM*

\*Livestreamed

Low-Gluten Hosts are available; please check in at the Sacristy before Mass.

### **Reconciliation (Confessions)**

Saturday: 3:30 PM to 4:00 PM

### **Private Prayer**

Weekdays: 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM (Chapel)  
Wednesday: 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM (Church)

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

First Friday of the month (October through June): 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM in Church  
with Vespers & Benediction - 5:30 PM

### **Stay Connected:**

**Flocknote** - Text OMC to 84576 or  
visit the parish homepage



**Instagram** - @omcparish



## Lord Hear Our Prayer

### *We Celebrate Baptisms this week ...*

Tate Joseph Stoudt - Son of Lorena & Christopher

### *We Pray for.....*

All medical professionals, civic officials, and the *first responders on the frontlines of the Coronavirus.*

**Those serving in our military, especially:** Jack Anthony, Miguel Castro, John Dobbins, Eric Duckworth, Christopher Gaiters, Tim Gallagher, Thomas Howe, Stephen R. Irwin, Gryphin Kelly, Christian Kostis, Alexander S. Martin, Jack R. Martin, Edward T. McCann, Brendan McCormick, Anthony Palombi, Billy Roust, Christian A. Stout, Ryan Sullivan

### *Those who have died, especially:*

**Those who are sick and homebound, especially:** Alyssa Aimette, Adi Aleti, Stephanie Anderson, Elyssa Antonucci, Gloria Antonucci, Anne Thornton Bradley, Katie Brennan, Joy Broszka, Eileen Cawley, Megan Conboy, Winston Chin-Ahin, Mike Columbello, Georgette Cook, Hugh Cregan, Carol Davis, Christie Deandrea, Rosemarie Dietz, Mario Diliberty, Ann and Tom Dougherty, Joan Gain, Bill Gregg, Agnes Grossman, Tom Hauer, Dutch Highland, Ed Hooved, Rick Johnson, Charles Joyner, Marian Joyner, Kate Kapczynski, Bruce Katz, Sheila Kendall, Hillary Kessler, Marie King, Flavia Langan, Bobby Langdon Jr., Judith Leahey, Renee Lee, Sade Lewis, Eli Lewin-Tankel, Mary MacFarland, Gail Maletta, James Mazzone, Molly McClure, George McCombie, Jimmy McGillian, Michael Meade, June Molloy, Vera Morangello, Robyn Muldrow, Theresa Nocero, Beth Palan, Darryl Palmer, Ken Patrick, Dominic Pironti, John Paul Pironti, William Patrick Pironti, James Pizzo, Will Rackin, Megan Ramus, Sr. Cathy Rebello, SSD, Gene Reilly, Michael Reinking, Robert Richey III, Joseph Rizzo Jr., Kiersten Reilly, Ernest Robinson, Kathleen Rodgers, Beth Scarpello, Rosemary Schoendorfer, David Sickles Sr., Matt Sokol, Bernadette Smith, Caroline Sweeney, Michael Sweeney, Chris Tama, Lt. Ryan Timoney, Diane Towey, Sr. Clare Tully SSJ, Alice Georgia Unsworth, Jack Wall, Darrin Wood, and those who care for them.

### **Prayers for the Sick and Homebound**

If there is anyone you would like added or removed from our Sick & Homebound Listing, please call the Parish Office at 215-247-0430.

## **Announced Mass Intentions**

### **Monday, July 25 - St. James (apostle)**

7:00 AM: Dr. Michael Guarino  
req by Rita Bruno

### **Tuesday, July 26 - Saints Joachim and Anne**

7:00 AM: John Hawthorne  
req by Tom Robinson

### **Wednesday, July 27**

7:00 AM: Fr. Steve Wetzel, OSFS  
req by Gerard Laskowski

### **Thursday, July 28**

7:00 AM : Dr. Michael Guarino  
req by James & Maureen Bruno

### **Friday, July 29**

7:00 AM: For an end to Gun Violence  
req by OMC Parish Community

### **Saturday, July 30 - St. Peter Chrysologus**

4:30 PM: Bill & Dolores Hunter  
req by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hunter

### **Sunday, July 31 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 AM: Deceased members of the Barbati Family  
req by Toni White

9:00 AM: Harry Stinger

req by The Stinger Family

11:00 AM: Scott Elvin

req by The McGann Family

## ***Prayer Hint for the Week:***

St. Francis de Sales reminds us: “*Be who we are and be that well.*” Societal pressures, competition, and comparisons can lead to feelings of self-doubt and insecurity. His words can support us and remind us that with God’s help, I get to define what it means to be me. St. Francis reminds us that today God just wants me to do the best I can, the best way I know how as I use God’s gifts.





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

*"Every Christian needs a half-hour of prayer each day, except when he is busy, then he needs an hour."*

### **The Week at a Glance**

**Monday, July 25**

**Tuesday, July 26**

**Wednesday, July 27**

7:30 AM: Teen Ministry Breakfast (Parish Center)

7:00 PM: RCIA (Parish Center)

**Thursday, July 28**

7:30 PM: Finance Committee Meeting (Parish Center)

**Friday, July 29**

**Saturday, July 30**

3:30 PM: Confessions (Church)

4:30 PM: Vigil Mass (Church)

**Sunday, July 31 - 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Masses: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, & 11:00 AM

12:30 PM: Baptism (Church)

6:00 PM: Teen Ministry Gathering (Parish Center)



**Congratulations to the following High School students on your academic achievement:**

### **Merion Mercy Academy**

Eve Laurito - *Distinguished Honors*

Emily Kallmeyer - *Honors*

### **La Salle College High School**

#### ***First Honors:***

Radek Adam Cohen

Christopher George Dolich

Jack Graver Pilling

James Henry Reitmeyer

Matthew Simpson

Branden Patrick Tilley

Owen Patrick Valinis

### **St. Joseph Preparatory School**

#### ***Academic Honors:***

Charles Amuso

Francis Amuso

John Clark

William Clark

Thomas Davies

Padraic May

Leonard Villari

Aidan Williams

**We are very proud of your accomplishment!**

*If your school is not listed, please request them to send the student honorees to the Parish Office for publication.*

## **Stewardship of Treasure**

Week of July 17, 2022 ..... \$ 11,156

Weekly Budgeted ..... \$12,500

Fiscal Year-to-Date 2021-22 ..... \$36,985

Year-to-Date Budgeted 2021-22 ..... \$40,380

Thanks for your support of our Parish and our ministries. The Parish Finance Council encourages you to consider online giving as a way of supporting the Sunday Collection. Online giving is a convenient and secure way of continuing your financial support of our Parish. **Visit the parish homepage or scan the QR Code to sign-up.**







## Synod 2021/2023

### For a synodal Church

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A few weeks ago, Sr. Christine and I met with Fran Feeny and Jason Santini regarding their findings from the various "listening sessions" they held for the **Synod on Synodality**. They will collate

their material into a single document which we will publish in the bulletin and house on our website in September, so as to proceed with "next steps" as a parish. While some have feared that similar efforts taken in parishes throughout the world may not be going anywhere, we will see how this report can help us grow as a community of faith, so that ***we may be the presence of Christ for the world today***.

Many thanks to Fran and Jason, as well as all those who had the opportunity to share in the 10 or 11 sessions held.

- John Fisher, OSFS



## July 24, 2022 - THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus affirms that to be a disciple we must also sit at his feet and listen to him. St. Vincent de Paul taught that it is only in prayer that we can give selfless loving service to those who are poor.

**This week you can also "treat the poor with mercy" by putting a gift in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box.**

### OMC SVDP Society Visitation

Throughout the year, St. Vincent de Paul members visit the elderly & homebound, alone or sick, bringing a plant and a card, along with the love and prayers of the OMC community. If you know of someone who might benefit from such a visit, please let us know. We would be happy to add them to our visitation list. Please contact the Parish Office at 215-247-0430 with a name and address. For more information, leave a message with Mary Cassidy or on the SVDP hotline (same phone #) and we will return your call.

**Laudato Si Corner** - "...the family is the heart of the culture of life. In the family we first learn how to show love and respect for life; we are taught the proper use of things, order and cleanliness, respect for the local ecosystem, and care for all creatures. (LS 213)

**Action** - remember to say the simple **Prayer Before Meals**: "Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty through Christ our Lord. Amen"

**Contemplation** - Think about how much is said in so few words.

To join the OMC Climate Ministry send an email to [laudatosiomc@gmail.com](mailto:laudatosiomc@gmail.com) or call the office.





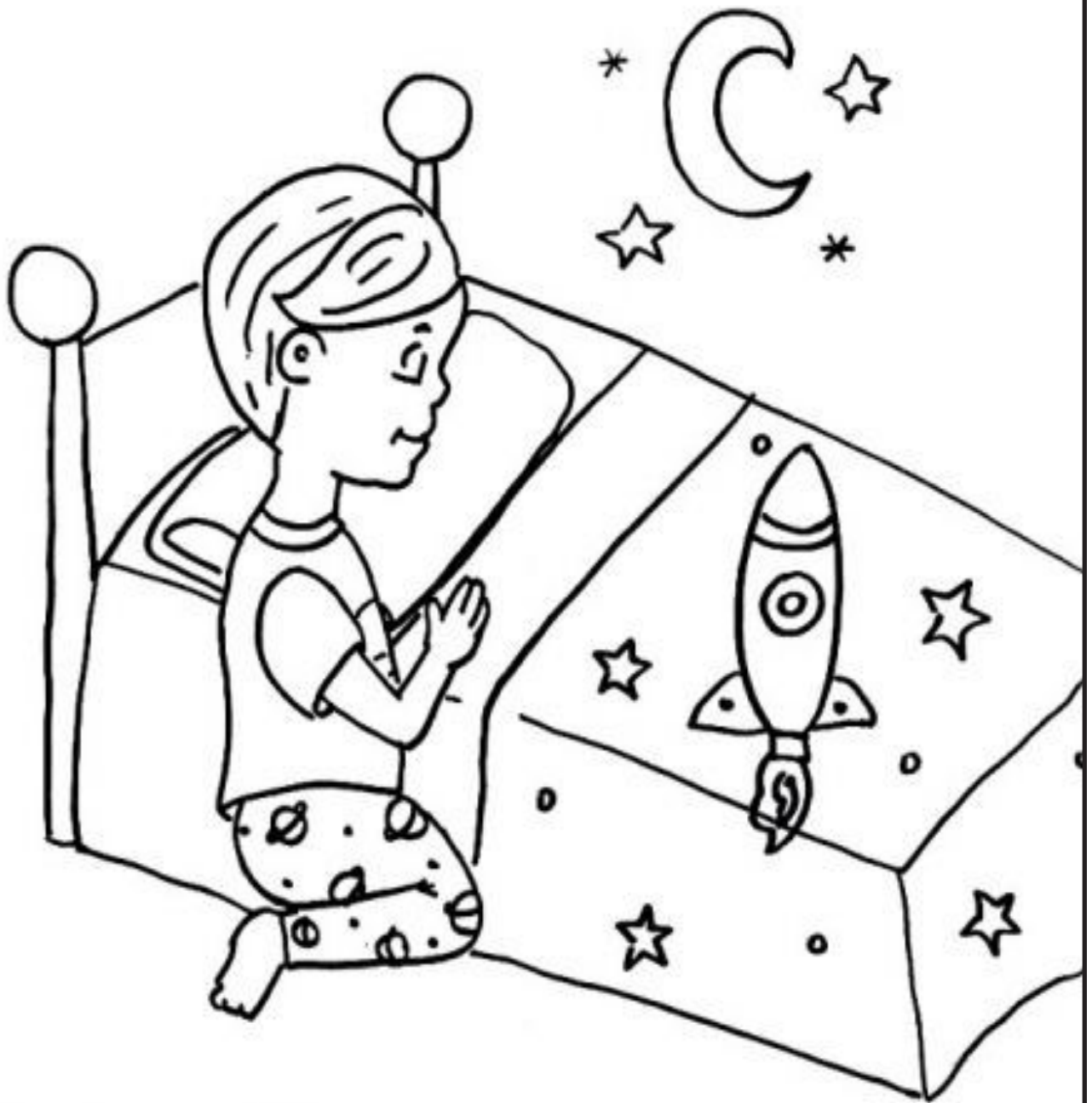
Today, on the fourth Sunday of July, the Church celebrates for the second time World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. When in high school ministry, I made a big fuss when grandparents attended school functions such as awards nights and graduation. I remarked how in their eyes their grandchildren could do no wrong. They would smile and nod their heads in agreement. Grandparents image for us God's love, freely given and totally unmerited. But, when their grandchild is suffering,

the grandparents hurt twice: once for the grandchild and twice for their own child who, as parents, need to accompany their child through the difficulty. In this sense, the "worry" they felt as parents continues in grandparenting. Here, they act as sources of hope and affirmation through the healing process. Hopefully, grandparents spend their lives enjoying the recitals, the school plays, the various athletic and artistic competitions, and then later, the wedding or other monumental celebrations. They are a source of wisdom and grace for their grandchildren. Many engage in the grandparent handshake in which is contained a neatly folded five dollar bill. Yesterday, while walking to the beach on my day off, I commented on a gentleman's shirt, "great dads are promoted to awesome grandfathers," only to have his mother say, "it's even better when you are a great-grandparent." They see their legacy, the gift God gave them and the hope for only good in their lives. Some question what happened to lessons taught when some are not attending church. Others worry about the great debt their grandchildren are being saddled with due to our uncontrolled spending and thirst for the material things. Here is the time for them to impart the blessing and gift of age to their family. When gone, they are never forgotten. Who has not said that "(grand) mom or dad would have loved this event or gathering"? They are always with us. Those who have died, the just "whose souls rest in the hand of God," continue to intercede for us. May they help us to stay close to God and to one another (our family here on earth).

Recognizing that some grandparents and elderly today have lived, albeit young, through World War II and subsequent conflicts in Europe, Pope Francis calls on them to be "creators of the revolution of tenderness" living lives of intense prayer for peace in Ukraine and other "hot spots" in our world. Add to this the unending, senseless violence in our streets with children wielding guns with no regard for the dignity of the other, grandparents and the elderly have a tremendous vocation of prayer, to teach us the world God intended it to be. Rather than discard or forget the elderly, Francis calls upon them and their vocation as "pray-ers" and welcomes them into the centrality of our lives. So, let us do our part and visit our elderly loved ones, call and or write to them that they feel loved, connected and appreciated for their presence in our lives. This is especially important as the "moratorium" of physical contact due to the pandemic seems to be relaxing greatly. It is sad too many elderly receive little or no contact from their loved ones. For those who may not be the vibrant family members we remembered, especially if dealing with dementia or Alzheimer's, let us recognize in them the image and likeness of God; let us sense the connection of blood and affiliation. Perhaps St. Ignatius of Loyola's great prayer known as the *Suscipe* may be a sense of comfort and consolation when examining their lives. With and for them we pray, ***"Take Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all that I have and possess. Thou hast given all to me. To Thee, O lord, I return it. All is Thine, dispose of it wholly according to Thy will. Give me Thy love and thy grace, for this is sufficient for me."*** May the Lord's "love and grace" be with them now and always until they receive the fulness of these gifts when called home to eternal glory. {suggested reading: The Gift of Years by Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB. This is a most excellent book for those of us in the "second half of life" to celebrate well each day.}

~John Fisher, OSFS

God hears me



when I

PRAY.





# Parish Faith Formation



Sr. Christine Konopelski, SSJ - Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation  
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## Pre-Baptism Class ~ Sunday, August 14 ~ 12:30 PM

Expecting your first child? First-time parents need to attend a Pre-Baptism class to prepare for this special sacramental moment. The next class being offered is on Sunday, August 14 at 12:30 PM in the Parish Center. **Pre-registration is required.** Contact Sister Christine at 215-247-0430 or [christinessj@omcparish.com](mailto:christinessj@omcparish.com).

## RCIA ~ Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

*Are you interested in the knowing more about the Catholic Faith?  
 Or do you know someone who may be interested?*

Or are you a baptized Catholic desiring to celebrate the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation? Perhaps you moved as a child and did not have the opportunity to complete your Sacraments of Initiation? If so, we want to welcome you into an adult experience of learning about the Catholic Faith and discerning where God may be calling you to a deeper relationship within our Parish Community. Contact Sister Christine at [christinessj@omcparish.com](mailto:christinessj@omcparish.com) or 215-247-0430.



## Attention Parents of Children Entering Grade 2 and Grade 7

*If you are a parishioner with a child entering Grade 2 and/or Grade 7 this academic year, please read further! Your son/daughter may be eligible for the Sacraments of First Eucharist or Confirmation in the 2022-2023 academic year. Even if your child attends a private Catholic School, we want to be aware and support you. If you have not received an email from Sister Christine regarding this, please contact Sister by phone or email as soon as possible at 215-247-0430 or [christinessj@omcparish.com](mailto:christinessj@omcparish.com).*

## PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP) REGISTRATION FOR 2022 - 2023

Do you have a child entering first grade in public school in September 2022? Or do you have children who need religious education or preparation for Sacraments? If so, it is time to register your son or daughter for the Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) which also begins in September! Children need to be entering first grade and be age six by September 1 to attend. In addition, if you have a child currently in a special needs learning situation, talk with us regarding preparation for the Sacraments. We are accepting children in Year 1 to 6. Children in Year 7 are admitted on a case by case basis and only if they are coming from a Catholic School.  
**First priority is given to OMC Parishioners. To register, contact Sr. Christine at 215-247-0430 or [christinessj@omcparish.com](mailto:christinessj@omcparish.com).**





## Safe Environment Program

At OMC School and Church, all staff members and volunteers who have contact with children under the age of 18 are required to complete all mandated background checks and training required by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in conjunction with Pennsylvania State Law. One requirement is the completion of the "Protecting God's Children" Workshop Registration is required. To register, please go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org).



## Catholic Charities Appeal

**OMC 2022 Goal: \$78,762**

**Goal to Date: \$40,036**

**50.83% of Goal**



## The Sisters of St. Joseph Welcome Center, a Sponsored Ministry of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Chestnut Hill located in the heart of the Kensington section of Philadelphia, **needs your help!**

We are looking for volunteers to teach some of our **online** classes for adult immigrants. Opportunities are available for online English and/or citizenship preparation classes. Our first need is for more evening volunteers. But there are also morning opportunities and we welcome a conversation with all who are interested! Classes will begin in September.

Teaching experience is not required. Any necessary training and support will be available to you. Let us know of your interest by completing a short survey. Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LWK2T6D>.

## Greetings from the NEW CHOIR DIRECTOR!



Hello! My name is Laura Demkovitz, and I'm so excited to accept the baton the talented Barbara Chandler has passed on to me. My husband, Peter, and I have lived in Wyndmoor with our now fully-grown children, Zoe, Olivia, Graham, and Nadia, for over twenty years, and are no strangers to this lovely parish community. I was fortunate to be able to accompany and sing at the OMC 4:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass, pre-COVID, with several of my former students. I grew up singing with my family in our Byzantine church's a cappella choir back in Wilkes-Barre, PA, before earning a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from Wilkes University. A former elementary music teacher, as well as a Music Director at Holy Martyrs in Orelan and Christ the King in Northeast Philly, I look forward to meeting many of you soon and making music with the awesome OMC Adult Choir and Cantors!

*We're still here*  
while you're on vacation!

Going on vacation? Please use Online Giving to catch-up on offertory donations. Go to [www.omcparish.com](http://www.omcparish.com) and click on the Online Giving link. It's quick and easy. Your support during the summer months helps sustain our Parish.



# GIVING HOPE TO ALL

CATHOLICCHARITIESAPPEAL.ORG 2022

## SOCIAL SERVICES

### OUR BENEFICIARIES

Gifts made to the Catholic Charities Appeal will provide vital support to hundreds of thousands of people in need. These individuals are served by a range of organizations, programs, and ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The beneficiaries of the Catholic Charities Appeal focus on five key areas:

- Social Services
- Education
- Evangelization, Parish and Spiritual Life
- Local Mission Activities
- Clergy

To see a full listing of 2022 beneficiaries, please visit [catholiccharitiesappeal.org](http://catholiccharitiesappeal.org).

### Giving Hope to a Struggling Community

"During the pandemic, I found myself unemployed and in need of food. I had never struggled like this before; I have an Art and Business Degree and never knew what it was like to feel hungry. One cold day I was walking the streets in my community, Kensington, in search of a hot cup of coffee. I stumbled upon the Community Center at Visitation, and my life completely changed. They took me in, served me coffee and a meal. I lived in this neighborhood for 15 years and didn't know they existed. I kept coming back each day, and they offered me a job working in maintenance. I wanted to be part of this community and help people in need, as the food pantry helped me when I was in need. People in this area are struggling. They need food to survive, and the food pantry at the Community Center helps so many people who have nowhere else to turn. Kensington is a rough neighborhood, and most people in this area live below the poverty line and cannot afford the high food prices.

**We are deeply in need in Kensington, and without help from the Catholic Charities Appeal, we will not be able to survive. Just a little bit can make a great difference to this community. Please give with your heart and help provide hope to those who desperately need it."** - Patrick, Visitation Community Center Food Pantry, Maintenance Worker



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The Community Center at Visitation Food Pantry, located in Kensington, serves 200 people each month, equaling approximately 2,400 grocery visits a year.



### WAYS TO GIVE

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- Pledge Gift
- Gifts of Cash
- Matching Gifts
- Electronic Fund
- Transfer (EFT)
- Gifts of Security
- Planned Gifts

For more information about any of the ways you can support the 2022 Catholic Charities Appeal, please call The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia at 215.587.5650 or email [cca@thecfcp.org](mailto:cca@thecfcp.org).



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Mr. Paul Cillo - School Minister  
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## **Parish Office Hours**

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

## **Tuition/Business Hours**

Monday thru Thursday - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

## **Ministry of Disability Accommodations**

[allbelong@omcparish.com](mailto:allbelong@omcparish.com)

**Entrance Ramp** – located in the courtyard.

**Seating** – Available in the front pew for those with difficulty walking. Wheelchair space adjacent

**Sound Amplification System** - Available in the sacristy for those with hearing impairment.

**Low Gluten Hosts** – Available in the Sacristy.

## **Sacrament of Marriage**

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

## **The Sacrament of Baptism**

Are you expecting your first child? Parents must participate in a preparation session prior to the Baptism, usually during pregnancy.

## **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 Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist). If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Catholic, please contact the Parish Office.

## **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 Office.



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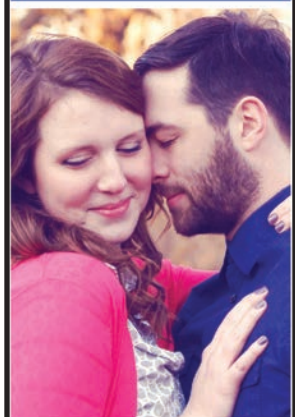


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