

**Our Mother of Consolation  
Red Cross Blood Donor Drive  
Saturday, February 2 – 9 AM to 2 PM**

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

On Saturday, February 2, from 9 AM till 2 PM, OMC will again host a Red Cross Blood Donation Drive. Every 2 seconds, somewhere in the US, someone needs blood products – 38,000 units of blood daily. Availability of blood, when needed, saves lives.

The OMC volunteer donor registration process starts on the weekend of January 12-13. Parish volunteers will have a table set up after each Mass at which you can pick up information on blood donation and sign up to donate on February 2. Our registration process collects only your name, email address, and phone number, so that you can receive an email/phone reminder of your scheduled blood donation. We will also have sign-up tables on the weekends of January 19-20 and January 26-27. The Red Cross Blood Donation Drive will be held in the OMC Parish Hall. Donors will be received in the Parish Hall registration area from 8:45 AM until 2 PM. We need to schedule your specific donation time (8 donors can be accommodated each hour) at sign-up. This year, for the first time, we can also accept “Power Red” blood donations at specified times.

Parish volunteers will welcome our donors in the OMC School on 2/2/19 starting 15 minutes before your scheduled donation time. Our volunteers will sign in donors. Donor evaluations and medical histories are then performed by trained Red Cross personnel. After donation, donors will rest and enjoy juices/other fluids and snacks to replace the donated blood volume during the recovery observation period before release. Donors may park in the School Parking Lot. Come to the Parish Hall door (down the steps between the Church and School), under the Church on Chestnut Hill Avenue. There will be signs posted for your guidance.

There is lots of information for prospective blood donors on the Red Cross web site at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Questions can also be answered by the Red Cross Donor Client Support Center at 1-866-236-3276. Blood donors can also sign up to donate at OMC directly on the Red Cross web site at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>

**Use the Sponsor Code: OurMotherCH.** This site will also schedule the donation. Red Cross web site self-scheduled donation information will be shared with the Parish Blood Drive Coordinator to prevent scheduling conflicts.

Thank you in advance for giving the “gift of life” of a blood donation if you are able to do so .

*The OMC Blood Drive Team*

