

MOTHER OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE

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"We the Parish of Mother of Divine Providence, are of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. Nourished by Eucharist and guided by the example of Mary our Mother, we are called to open ourselves to an intimate relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ. As a welcoming community, we strive to live our Catholic faith and to foster and share this faith through worship, education and service."

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Sister Veronica Gross, R.S.M.-
Director of Parish Services

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Monday - Thursday: 8:30 AM - 9:30 PM
Friday: 8:30 AM - 8:30 PM
Saturday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Sunday : Closed

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PARISH DEVOTIONS

MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM
Monday through Saturday:
8:00 AM
Holydays and Holidays: as announced

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

15 minutes before morning Mass.
(Monday through Saturday)

ROSARY

after morning Mass.
(Monday through Saturday)

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA PRAYERS

after Saturday morning Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

After 8:00 AM Mass until 7:00 PM each
Tuesday.

OUTREACH

CARE MINISTERS

Parishioners dedicated to assisting fellow parishioners at times of sickness or bereavement and to visiting the homebound. Contact the Parish Offices.

ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE CASSEROLE PROGRAM

Casseroles are due on the second Wednesday of every month. Contact Julie about pans, recipes and drop-off point at 610-878-9121.

NEW RESIDENTS

REGISTRATION

We welcome you to our area! Please phone the Parish Offices to schedule an appointment to register. Parish registration is required to schedule baptisms or marriages as well as to obtain certificates of eligibility for godparents and/or sponsors.

SACRAMENTS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 12:45 PM. Call the Parish Offices to schedule.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS

Second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the Parish Offices Building. Both parents must take part. Call the Parish Offices to register.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Vigil of a Holyday: 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM
Also by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Persons intending to marry must visit the priest six months in advance so that the proper preparation may be made.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND THE EUCCHARIST

The priest will gladly come to shut-ins with the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist, Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. Parishioners who are planning surgery should contact the priest to receive the Anointing of the Sick before the surgery.

PREPARING ADULTS TO RECEIVE SACRAMENTS

Informal gatherings of prayer and instructions for adults who are interested in becoming one with us in our Catholic Faith, or who are already Catholic and wish to complete their Christian Initiation by receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and / or Eucharist. For more information contact Theresa Gilmore.

EDUCATING OUR CHILDREN IN THE FAITH

Children not attending the Parish School are educated in the faith through our Religious Education Program. Classes are held on Wednesday evenings during the school year, beginning in September. Contact Theresa Gilmore for details.

LITURGY
22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 28, 2011

7:30 AM Mass – For the People of the Parish

9:30 AM Mass – Living & Deceased Members of James & Margaret Walsh Families

11:30 AM Mass – Jack Dunlevy

Monday, August 29, 2011

8:00 AM Mass – Joseph Dowd

Tuesday, August 30, 2011

8:00 AM Mass – June Stiles

Wednesday, August 31, 2011

8:00 AM Mass – Richard & Cecelia Rattigan

Thursday, September 1, 2011

8:00 AM Mass – Fred Chesky

Friday, September 2, 2011

8:00 AM Mass – Walter Dozer

Saturday September 3, 2011

8:00 AM Mass – Patricia Cole Hadik

5:15 PM Mass – Catherine Mueller



MASS INTENTION BOOK TO OPEN!



The Mass Intention Book for the months of July through December, 2012 will open on **Thursday, September 15th after the 8:30 AM Mass in the Parish Offices Building.** In addition to Mass Intention cards from our parish, we also have Mass Intention cards for

Masses celebrated at St. Charles Seminary. Cards for memorial donations to our Parish's Sanctuary Fund and Building Fund can also be obtained at this time.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

We look forward to seeing all of the children in Grades Pre-Kindergarten through 2nd when we resume the Children's Liturgy of the Word in September at the 9:30 AM Mass and each Sunday thereafter. We are grateful to the catechists who serve so willingly each week to share the Good News with our children. We hope that the children, their families and our catechists enjoy the rest of the summer!

We are also looking for volunteers for the Children's Liturgy Ministry. If you would be interested please contact Rosemarie at the Parish Offices at 610-265-4178 or rderosa@mdpparish.com until a new contact person is determined.

STEWARDSHIP

SHARING TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Your sacrificial giving is greatly appreciated as we strive to maintain our parish facilities and services. God bless your generosity!

The collection for 8/21/11 totaled \$13,887.70

The collection for 8/22/10 totaled \$13,737.16

SANCTUARY FUND

We continue to maintain a wish list of items (vestments, linens and sanctuary appointments) which can be purchased in memory of deceased loved ones. Please call the Parish Offices for more information.

MDP MASS ENROLLMENTS

Mass is offered on the first weekend of each month at Mother of Divine Providence Church for the intentions of our benefactors, including the intentions made through our Mass Enrollment program. Attractive white leatherette folders (including a photograph of our outdoor shrine of Mary, Mother of Divine Providence) are available at the Parish Offices. You may choose one of three enrollment periods (25 years, 50 years or a perpetual remembrance) with a donation of \$25, \$50, or \$100. These Mass Enrollments and Folders are designed to honor the living, or to remember the dead. The proceeds realized from the Enrollment Program benefit our Building Fund.

A Memorial Mass Enrollment was given in memory of **Joseph DeMaria, Sr.** by his wife Mary, sons Joseph C., Carmine and daughter Claire Rose.

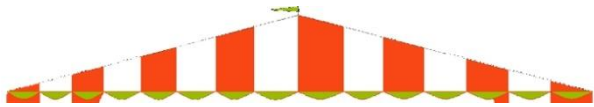
FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Even for those of us who have been Catholics for a long time, today's Gospel can be difficult. As we reflect on the Word of God, may our hearts be comforted by the knowledge that everyone in our parish is praying for YOU as together we journey in faith to heaven! The prophet Jeremiah cries out in anguish to the Lord. Even though he has grown weary, he knows that he must speak out again in the name of the Lord. Saint Paul reminds us to discern the will of God, what is pleasing and perfect in God's sight. Jesus focuses on what God's Will is for His disciples including us: all who follow Him must be willing to take up the cross. We often find this challenge too difficult to accept. So did He! What we need is courage. What we seek is strength. God never abandons those He loves and He loves us too much to let us go!

Have a great week, Father Cioppi

IN OUR PARISH



Dear MDP Families,

As I write this thank you letter, I find myself filled with mixed emotions.....

The weeks leading up to the Carnival were filled with so much excitement with planning and preparation. Our entire committee was pumped up for a great week of fun and entertainment for all. Unfortunately, as Carnival week came upon us, the weather threatened the outcome of our events planned for each night and thus, the overall success of the event.

Each day as we came to the campus to prepare, the sun was bright and we were all hopeful. But as you all know, several of the nights forced us to move the festivities inside with the diminished crowds that came to join us. What we found however is that by forcing us inside, we were able to interact more closely with all of our guests. The overall energy that emitted from the now indoor carnival was amazing!

I am so very blessed to be a part of an event that brings our parish together and provide our families with an opportunity to embrace that true community feeling.

I want to thank the numerous chairs of each committee that made this event such a success; Lorraine Backe (Tickets), Mariann Bevenour (Panther Pavilion), Bet Ferguson (outdoor kitchen), Ed and Pat Campbell (Gaming), Marianne Houston (Finance), Pat Krouse + Brian Roger (Security), Carlos Medina (Beer Garden), Stephanie Maio (Kitchen), Kevin Miller (Raffle), Judy Nigro (Finance), Anthony Pospiech + John Marx + Rich Ritter (Facilities), Sr. Veronica + the DeSpirito's (Panther Café), Susan Dugary (Headquarters). Each of you were an integral part of the success of this event and I thank you for making my job so easy. I am grateful to each and every one of you.

I would like to also thank the OVER 125 volunteers that came out to work the Carnival each and every night. Without your help and support, the carnival would never have run so smoothly.

Finally, I would like to thank the many families from our parish for their donations to the Carnival. From all of the Costco Food donated before the carnival, to all the parish ladies who made the homemade food for the kitchen and to the baked goods donated each night, your help and support made this year's carnival a HUGE success!!!!

The financial results from the Community Carnival will be published in a future bulletin, when all expenses, etc. are paid.

May God Bless all of you and your families!

Monica Pedano
Carnival Chair



AN UPDATE FROM THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION

The Blue Ribbon Commission was formed in December 2010 by Cardinal Justin Rigali to serve as a strategic advisory group. We were charged with providing recommendations to ensure that Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is of excellent quality, affordable, accessible and sustainable far into the future.

As we began our work earlier this year we established a set of guiding principles as a framework. These begin with the overarching recommendation that the Archdiocese make all reasonable efforts to ensure that the opportunity for a high quality, affordable, and accessible Catholic education be available to all those who desire it.

Our efforts envision a priority for Catholic children while maintaining a commitment to all others who seek the benefits of Catholic education, especially those in

urban and under-served communities. Specific principles of our framework are:

- The structure, location, and density of Catholic high schools and elementary schools should reflect the desire to ensure quality, affordability, and accessibility for those who seek Catholic school education for their children.
- Various alternatives to the traditional parish elementary school must be considered in order to meet this goal. Alternatives include, but are not limited to, regional schools, multi-parish schools, and independent schools.
- The commitment to those in urban and under-served communities must reflect a need-based approach featuring various educational alternatives funded by diverse sources.
- Archdiocesan education strategies must always recognize that its schools play a critical role in faith formation and provide an opportunity for evangelization.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOPS AT MDP

Thursday, September 22, 2011 6:45 PM – 9:30 PM
Saturday, October 8, 2011 – 8:45 AM – 11:30 AM

Attention all new coaches, assistants, and volunteers who are thinking about going on field trips, working with our children in the school, chaperoning school functions, etc., helping with our Youth Group activities or volunteering in the Religious Education Program. In order to work with our parish children, you **MUST** attend a Protecting God's Children workshop in addition to getting the required clearances.

This is a great opportunity for everyone, including parents, to learn the warning signs exhibited by predators and what to do when you see them. Our children are a precious gift from God. It is the responsibility of **ALL** of us to ensure they are safe no matter whom they are with or where they are.

Please call Simone at 610-337-2174 or email simone.angelucci@mdpschool.com to register for one of the workshops being held in **Room 24 in the School** on Thursday, September 22nd or Saturday, October 8th. Everyone 18 or older is welcome.

PRE-CANA REGISTRATION

The next session of our Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Program for engaged couples will be held on **Saturday, October 29, 2011** in Providence Hall. The program will begin with a continental breakfast starting at 8:45 AM and will run through 4:00 PM. Lunch will be provided for all



participants. Registration for this session is limited to 15 couples. A program fee of \$135 per couple is required at the time of registration in order to hold a spot for the engaged couple. Registration forms may be obtained on the MDP website or by contacting Rosemarie DeRosa at the parish offices at 610-265-4178 or Deacon Mark Dillon at 610-293-9774.

SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, August 29th, 1PM – 7PM
Providence Hall



- Reserve a Donation time after all the Masses this weekend
- Make an on-line appointment at:
www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation
Enter Sponsor Code: 1656



CANDLELIGHT ROSARY

The Legion of Mary will be sponsoring a Candlelight Rosary on **Thursday, September 8th at 7:30 PM**, commemorating the birth of Mary and for the special intention of world peace. The rosary will be held by the statue of Our Mother of Divine Providence located on the parish grounds. **If the weather is inclement**, the Rosary will take place in McGrory Hall. Candles will be provided. Light refreshment will be served after the prayer service in McGrory Hall. Please join us.

WHY CATHOLIC?

Sign-ups for the 6 week Fall Session will be **this weekend and September 10th – 11th**. The Fall Session will begin the week of Oct. 2nd and will be completed prior to the week of Thanksgiving. Please join us! Everyone must register again, including those who were past small group leaders and past participants. Please list the time and day of the week that you are available in order of preference. We will try our best to accommodate your 1st or 2nd choices. New members must pay \$15 for the cost of materials and registration. This Fall we will continue our Faith Sharing on the topic of Prayer.



CHOIR WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

If you have any singing experience we would consider you an asset to our choir. All are welcome, but we are especially in need of men. LADIES, please encourage your husband, son, fiancé or brother to join the choir. We will help you develop whatever talent God has given you. The choir rehearses every Thursday evening at 7:30 PM in the church choir loft beginning on September 8th. If you're not sure; try us out for a few weeks and then make your decision. If you have any questions please see Ed Klady at the organ after

the 5:15 PM or 11:30 AM Masses; or by email (listed on the second page of this bulletin).

CANTORS NEEDED

If you have a clear singing voice; please consider being a cantor at the 5:15 PM or 11:30 AM Masses. If you are interested, see Ed Klady at the organ or contact him through the information listed on the second page of this bulletin.

MDP YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Welcome All MDP Young Adults
(ages 20-35)

We invite you to join us. We will start by getting together for lunch once a month, and grow from there. Our hope is that this group will become a source of fellowship, service, and great fun for all of us. We will meet outside the church after the 11:30 Mass and go to lunch **September 4**. To RSVP or if you have any questions, please contact Annie Eadie at annie.eadie@gmail.com



PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY



Lord, Jesus, Savior of the world and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of our Country especially: **Lt. Col. Eric Grace, Sgt. David Michael Koch, Captain Patrick Neher, A1C Aaron**

Stoner, 1st Lieut. Adam Bouvier, 2nd Lieut. Troy (Bouvier) Gondela, Lieut. William Gondela, Lieut. Thomas Morgan, PFC Shannon Spencer Simpson, Sgt. Brian Simpson, Anthony Muro, Lance Corporal Kathryn Mannion, GySgt. Joseph Renner, Tech. Sgt. Amber Saienni, Master Sgt. Martin Saienni, A1C Tawnya Smyrk, Commander Carolyn McMonigle, Captain John Gillis, Col. John Drolet, 2nd Lieut. Aaron Oswald, Chief Petty Officer Russell Thompson, and Capt. Terry Wilkin. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers of military life. Keep them close to You and help them live the Commandments. Lord, Jesus, give them courage to serve their Country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthening them when they face hardships. And Lord, grant that, when their service is finished, they may return to us sound in mind, body and soul. In particular, we remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their fellow man and Country. Amen. **You are invited to submit your loved one's name to the Parish Offices or email Rosemarie DeRosa at rderosa@mdpparish.com**

UPCOMING MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Legion of Mary will meet on Sunday, August 28th at 12:30 PM in McGrory Hall.

There will be a **Pastoral Council Meeting**, Monday, August 29th at 7 PM in the Parish Offices Building.

The Charismatic Prayer Group will meet on Monday, August 29th at 7:30 PM in the Parish Offices Building.

There will be a **Finance Council Meeting**, Tuesday, August 30th at 7 PM in the Parish Offices Building.

There will be a **Youth Group Planning Meeting**, Tuesday, August 30th at 7 PM in the Parish Offices Building.

There will be a **Food Addicts Meeting** on Tuesday, August 30th at 7 PM in McGrory Hall.

The **Intercessory Prayer Group** will meet on Wednesday, August 31st at 9 AM in the Church

There will be a **Christmas Craft Fair Meeting** on Wednesday, August 31st at 7 PM in the Parish Offices Building.

There will be a **Religious Education Catechist Meeting** on Wednesday, August 31st at 7 PM in Providence Hall.

There will be a **Home and School Board Meeting** on Thursday, September 1st at 4:30 PM in the Parish Offices Building.

There will be a **Why Catholic? Team Meeting** on Thursday, September 1st at 7 PM in the Parish Offices Building.

CYO ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

MDP CYO FALL SPORTS



MDP Fall Sports will be here before you know it. Its just a few weeks away. All MDP Parish and School Children entering 5th through 8th grade are eligible to register. Registration is open for: Cross Country (K-8),

Cheerleading, Football, Intramurals (K-4), Soccer and Volleyball. Online registration is required. Go to www.wagdogs.com. New families will need to create an account for your family first. To register for a sport select "register for a league", select "Mother of Divine Providence CYO, King of Prussia", enter your child's information, select desired sport and continue on to finish the registration.

ATTENTION ALL BOYS AND GIRLS K THRU 4TH GRADE

Join the MDP CYO Intramurals Program! The MDP Intramurals program provides the younger children in our parish community the opportunity to experience all of the sports available to them at MDP, plus more! You pay \$10 for the entire year!! Mini Panthers t-shirts and snacks



will be provide for all who participate. **On-Line registration is required.** To register, go to www.wagdogs.com.

Save the Date: Monday, Sept. 12th – Opening day for Intramurals.

Time: 6:00 – 6:45 PM for K thru 2nd
7:00 – 8 PM for 3rd & 4th

Location: MDP Field

Agenda: Orientation for players and parents, exercise, games and fun ! Water and snacks will be provided!

Happening this Year: Lacrosse, Baseball/Softball, Basketball, Volleyball, Football/Cheerleading, Soccer, and Track. (All sports subject to change.)

For more information, contact Brian McConnell at 484-326-7370 or by email at steelavengers@yahoo.com

PARISH SERVICES

MDP SENIORS



MDP Seniors are scheduled to meet on **Tuesday, September 6, 2011** for a presentation by Ellie Buchwald, our parish nurse. Ellie will offer many helpful hints for safe living for our seniors. Please join us at 11

A.M. in the Parish Office Building.

CARE MINISTERS

Our first meeting for Care Ministers will be on **Monday, September 12 at 2 P.M.** in the Parish Offices Building. Father Cioppi will speak to us about **Discipleship**. With the presentation, we will begin our new year on a spiritual note. Please be sure to join us.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS AT MDP

Have you experienced the death of a loved one, a close friend or co-worker? Are you dealing with questions about loss and the feelings you are having as a result of this loss? Our Grief Support Group will assist you in moving through this process. Our gathering begins on **September 22** and continues for 7 consecutive Thursdays from 6 to 7:30 P.M. in the parish offices. Our time together includes prayer, instruction on the grief process and sharing. If you are looking for a reflective, respectful atmosphere to share your feelings, please join us. You may reserve a place by calling Sister Veronica at 610-265-4178. Or if you just have questions, don't hesitate to call. May peace be in your heart.

PILGRIMAGE TO WASHINGTON

Please keep **Saturday, October 15** open for our Pilgrimage to the National Shrine in Washington. There will be an insert in our bulletin the weekend of

September 10-11 with details and a registration form. Hope you can join us for a special spiritual experience.

WHAT HAVE YOU SEEN THIS WEEK?

Well, it is a full week since our Community Carnival and sometimes it seems as if it never happened. Yet, it did and the memories linger. I must be honest and say that I am not a carnival person, I'm not sure why. Even as a child, I did not like the circus. But, Father Cioppi has given me a new outlook on what OUR carnival is all about. Before the carnival opened on Tuesday, all of the workers gathered and Father prayed for us and the success of the Carnival. In his prayer, he asked for the grace to receive our *guests* with gracious hospitality and to be the presence of Christ to all who came to support our efforts. Events such as these are part of our Catholic Culture – the carnival brings people together to celebrate life and enjoy each other, laugh and eat good food – not just any food but all homemade food from our kind parishioners. Listening to Father's prayer, my eyes began to open to the beauty of such an event and now I pray in gratitude for the generosity of our parish volunteers and all who participated in the Carnival to make it such a great success. Father Cioppi, thank you for giving me a new vision. What have you seen this week?

from the desk of Sr. Veronica

CATECHETICAL FORMATION



PREPARING ADULTS TO RECEIVE SACRAMENTS

We have been meeting with interested adults throughout the summer, and will be in full swing by September 12th. Join us at 7:00 PM in Theresa's office in the school. We warmly welcome any adult who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, is interested in coming into the Church or would like to complete their Initiation with the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Please contact the Religious Education Office at theresa.gilmore@mdpschool.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Summer is almost a thing of the past and our program is about to begin! Please note: Our opening session for parents and children will begin on **Sunday, September 11th at 1:00 PM** in church. More information will be emailed to each family.

We are eagerly looking for children who are not yet registered! Registration information and forms may be found on the bottom shelf of the pamphlet rack in the lobby of the church, and also on the parish website:

www.mdpparish.com. Click on Faith Formation / Children's Religious Education. To learn more about our children's faith formation program, email Theresa Gilmore.

OPENING DAY - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Please Note: We will begin our year with prayer on **Sunday, September 11th at 1:00 PM** in church. Children will then accompany their catechists to the classrooms, parents will have a short meeting and then proceed to the school to meet the catechists and take their children home. Attendance will be taken.

CATECHETICAL STAFF NEEDS

It is the Lord's work ... We are His hands

Our religious education program is looking for faith-filled adults who are moved by the Holy Spirit to help instill our Catholic Faith in the children of the parish. Catechists are needed for two Level 3 classes and one Level 4 class, and assistants are needed for an upper level class.

Volunteers will be asked to obtain the appropriate clearances and participate in a Protecting God's Children workshop prior to working with the children. Please contact Theresa Gilmore to answer this baptismal call!

CATECHETICAL STAFF MEETING

Catechetical Staff volunteers who opted for the second meeting will come together on **Wednesday, August 31st at 7:00 PM** in the school.

from the desk of Theresa Gilmore, DRE

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL

<http://MDPSchool.com>

Dear Parents,



I am delighted to welcome you to a new academic year at Mother of Divine Providence School. I am sure you must have many questions, so I will address some of the more common ones here.

There is a "Back-to-School" orientation for parents of PreK - 1st grades on Tuesday Sept. 6, and for parents of 2nd - 8th grades on Thursday Sept. 8, both beginning in Providence Hall at 7:00 PM.



The first day of school for grades 1 - 8 is Wednesday September 7. Children must pack a lunch that first

week. Regular cafeteria lunch service begins on Monday September 12.

School starts at 8:45 AM for all, but children often start arriving as early as 8:20 AM. Bussing is available for K - 8th, but PreK children must be dropped off (State law prohibits bussing prior to Kindergarten.). For working parents, we also have a CARES program that will accept children as early as 7:00 AM, for a fee. Dismissal for PreK and 1/2 day Kindergarten is at 11:30 AM and for K - 8th at 3:15 PM. There are afternoon CARES programs as well, to cover the balance of the day if needed (See website: www.MDPschool.com).

Young children come with a parent to "Meet the Teacher," and you bring their school supplies then.

☺ Wednesday Sept. 7 from 10 - 11:15 AM for Kindergarten; first regular school day on Thursday Sept. 8.

☺ Thursday Sept. 8 from 10 - 11:15 AM for Pre-Kindergarten; first regular school day on Monday Sept. 12.

☺ There will be a coffee/tea and donuts social for parents from 8:30 - 10:00 AM on Monday Sept. 12 in Providence Hall. Meet and greet the parents of your children's classmates!



Other policies and procedures, including uniform dress code, school supply list, and summer assignments, can be found on the website www.MDPschool.com. Check the site regularly for information and updates.

Enjoy the remaining days of summer. We look forward to working together with you to build a wonderful educational experience for your children, as they grow in wisdom, age and grace. See you in September.

Theresa Garvin, Principal

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be at the following locations from 9 AM to 2 PM each day to collect donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing. They will also be accepting small

household goods (beds and bath linens/pots/pan/dishes/cooking utensils/toys/books and small appliances in good working order. You are invited to take all donations to the Society's trailer in the parking lot of the locations noted. Tax receipts are

available upon request. The Society also offers pick-up service for furniture/large appliances and vehicle donations. For more information, please call 215-288-8160.

Saturday, Sept 10th – Sacred Heart Parish, Swedesburg, Pa.

Saturday, Sept. 17th – St. Gertrude, Conshohocken, PA.

Saturday, Sept. 24th – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Bridgeport, PA.

SCHEDULES FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday, September 3, 2011

5:15 PM Mass – M. Bevenour, E. Buchwald, S. DeFrancesco, R. Fenlon, M. Hood, J. Marx, M. Pedlow, D. Schnupp

Sunday, September 4, 2011

7:30 AM Mass – S. Angelucci, G. DeFusco, D. Dy, T. Funsten, P. Hawk, J. Hirshorn, M. Marchese, E. Shea

9:30 AM Mass – J. Copp, B. Ferguson, S. Gibbons, V. Lewandowski, M. Mulgrew, R. Scannapieco, H. Trainor, T. Traister

11:30 AM Mass – B. Dugary, D. Giova, S. Guminski, M. Guminski, M. Houston, E. Lindsay, R. Sheetz, T. White

Lectors

Saturday, September 3, 2011

5:15 PM Mass – T. Boyle

Sunday, September 4, 2011

7:30 AM Mass – T. McCuch

9:30 AM Mass – G. Maskarinec

11:30 AM Mass – E. Strack

Altar Servers

Monday, August 29, 2011

8:00 AM Mass – N. Spingler, J. Rajasekaran

Tuesday, August 30, 2011

8:00 AM Mass – M. Hutchinson, L. Hutchinson

Wednesday, August 31, 2011

8:00 AM Mass – M. Hutchinson, L. Hutchinson

Thursday, September 1, 2011

8:00 AM Mass – M. Hutchinson, L. Hutchinson

Friday, September 2, 2011

8:00 AM Mass – M. Cristinzio, S. Cristinzio

Saturday, September 3, 2011

8:00 AM Mass – E. Cirafesi, J. Rajasekaran

5:15 PM Mass – J. Galdi, L. Pedlow, C. Dollarton

Sunday, September 4, 2011

7:30 AM Mass – L. Hutchinson, Q. Mazzilli, M. Hutchinson

9:30 AM Mass – T. Gibbons, S. Mulgrew, C. Mulgrew

11:30 AM Mass – A. Acchione, M. Hopson, L. Nigro

Altar Society Cleaning Team

Wednesday, August 31, 2011

C. Hill, S. McCuch, J. Montgomery

Altar Society Linen Preparation

Sunday, September 4, 2011

F. LaPenna

SCHEDULES FOR SCRIP SELLERS

Wednesday, August 31, 2011 – 6:00 – 7:00 PM (POB)

M. Bevenour

Saturday, September 3, 2011

5:15 PM Mass – G. Heslin, M. Neves

Sunday, September 4, 2011

7:30 AM Mass – P. Valenti

9:30 AM Mass – L. Gibbons, D. Mulgrew

11:30 AM Mass – C. Hopson

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