

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 - 9:00 PM
Friday: 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM
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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
29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 16, 2011

7:30 AM Mass - Fred O'Malley

9:30 AM Mass – Anna Maria DeSimone

11:30 AM Mass – James Wallmuth III

Monday, October 17, 2011

8:00 AM Mass – Gus Cipollini

Tuesday, October 18, 2011

8:00 AM Mass – Philip Cardin

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

8:00 AM Mass – Living & Deceased Members of the
Claney and Marx Families

10:30 AM School Mass – Thomas McGann, Jr.

Thursday, October 20, 2011

8:00 AM Mass – Linda Weber

Friday, October 21, 2011

8:00 AM Mass – Mary Del Carmen Seara

Saturday, October 22, 2011

8:00 AM Mass – Living & Deceased Members of the
O'Hara & Connell Families

5:15 PM Mass – Fred Chesky



Paying Taxes to Caesar

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

We invite children in Grades Pre-Kindergarten through 2nd to participate in the celebration of the Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30 AM Mass each Sunday. We are grateful to the catechists who serve so willingly each week to share the Good News with our children.

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 10/9/11 totaled \$16,927.77

The collection for 10/10/10 totaled \$16,862.97

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.

GENERAL PARISH FUND

Memorial donations have been given by Dwaine & Jerene Glidden, and Jerry Charles Rullo in memory of **Evelyn Rodie**.

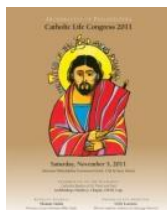
BUILDING FUND

A memorial donation has been given by Vincent & Susan Skahan in memory of **Gus Cipollini**.

MDP MASS ENROLLMENTS

Mass is offered on the first Sunday 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.

CATHOLIC LIFE CONGRESS 2011



Archdiocese of Philadelphia will hold the Catholic Life Congress on Saturday, November 5, 2011 at the Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel. This year's theme, The Word of the Lord Abides Forever, focuses on how God speaks to us and answers our questions, how best to hear and understand Him, how to be shaped by His Word and how to pass on what we have received to others. The Keynote Speaker will be Thomas Smith. On-line registration is available at http://archphila.org/evangelization/formlaity/cathlife_congress/clc.htm

FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today the prophet Isaiah reminds us that God is the Lord, and there is no other. Saint Paul draws our attention to the fact that we are loved by God who chose us in Christ. In the Gospel, as Jesus argues with the Pharisees, he readily admits that there are other priorities in life, like paying taxes, but it is God Who should be 'number one "in our attitudes and actions. As we busy ourselves more and more on the merry-go-round of our lives this is harder to maintain. We trust that God will not lose us in all our busyness. He promises to stay with us always but it would be good to remember that we can forget where He is.

As our parish gathers to worship Him in spirit and in truth, let us remember that even when we think that we have earned everything, it is still a gift, given to us from the infinitely bountiful God and we are grateful.

Today, I want to warmly welcome Father Dennis Wilde who will speak at all our Masses today as part of our Respect Life remembrance month. Also, in the bulletin you will find an insert from our Respect Life Committee regarding several issues that are of concern for us in the context of our life and culture. Please welcome Father Wilde and continue to pray for our parish and support each other in our quest to enter Glory.

Faithfully, Father Cioppi

IV. Catechesis for the People's Parts of the Third Translation for the Roman Missal Nicene Creed

Commentary

This Creed was originally adopted at the Council of Nicaea in A.D. 325 and updated at the Council of Constantinople in A.D. 381. It is therefore also referred to as the "Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed."

The first major change is difficult to miss: the Creed will now say "I believe" instead of "We believe." Other language groups have been using "I believe" in the vernacular, because it is a straightforward translation of the Latin "Credo." This offers a recurring opportunity to reaffirm one's personal faith, just as when individuals respond, "I do," if there is a renewal of baptismal promises during Mass.

The next change is from "seen and unseen" to "visible and invisible." The Latin "visibilium" and "invisibilium" convey a more specific demarcation between the bodily and the spiritual realms. For instance, a child playing hide-and-seek may be unseen yet is still considered visible, whereas one's guardian angel is indeed invisible by nature.

The new Creed translation also recovers Christ's title, "Only Begotten Son" ("Fili Unigenite"), which we see in the revised Gloria. To say the Son is "born of the

Father before all ages" is a profound theological truth, for the Son is not "born" in the human sense of beginning one's life, but eternally proceeds from the Father while being always fully God. Therefore, we profess that Jesus Christ is "begotten, not made."

Following this comes a major wording change: from "one in being" to "consubstantial with the Father." "Consubstantial" ("consubstantialem" in the Latin text) is an unusual word that will require some catechesis, but it is a crucial early theological term, asserting that the Son is of the "same substance" with the Father – meaning He equally shares the Father's divinity as a Person of the Holy Trinity.

Although it carries the same basic meaning as "one in being," the more precise use of "consubstantial" is an acknowledgement of how the Greek equivalent of the word was so important for safeguarding orthodoxy in the early Church. In the Fourth Century, the description "homoousios" ("same substance") was affirmed over "homoiousios" ("like substance"). The reality of who Christ is thus hinged upon a single letter!

There is another important change in the middle of the Creed: "and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man." The current wording of "born of the Virgin Mary, and became man" can easily be misinterpreted to mean that Christ did not actually become man until the time He was born. Of course, the reality is that the Son of God took on human nature from the moment of His conception in the Blessed Virgin Mary's womb, at the Annunciation. By using the term, "incarnate," the new translation leaves no ambiguity.

One of the remaining minor changes in the new Creed translation is "I look forward to the resurrection of the dead," by which one expresses a sincere desire, rather than simply "looking for" the resurrection. The Latin "exspecto" conveys a sense of anxious waiting and expectation!

Present translation:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered, died, and was buried. On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the

Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

New translation:

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Next week, we will comment on the Invitation to Prayer and the Preface Dialogue.

RESPECT LIFE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

The Parish Respect Life Committee is happy to announce the following events for this month dedicated to Mary and to catechesis regarding all Life Issues that confront the everyday Catholic in our Pluralistic society.

October 15-16: Father Dennis Wilde, OSA and also a member of Priests for Life will speak to the parish during the Sunday Masses.

October 16th at 2 PM: Presentation by Fr. Wilde on the dangers of the Pill.

October 23rd at 2 PM: The Annual Memorial Service in memory of God's Precious Children who have died by abortion will be held at St. Augustine Cemetery.

October 25: The Rosary will be prayed throughout the day in Church by various parish organizations, closing with Benediction at 7 PM.

IN OUR PARISH



11TH ANNUAL MDP CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR AND BAZAAR

“ONE OF A KIND BOOTH”

The Christmas Craft Fair and Bazaar is coming soon ! Time to make your special craft for the “One of a Kind Booth”. All proceeds will go directly to the Parish. If you have any questions, please call Shirley McCuch at 610-525-3801.

TOMBOLA DONATIONS

Thank you to all those who donated items for the tombola booth. It is now time for the committee to assemble the baskets, as it takes many weeks to do this. **Please do not leave any additional tombola donations in the rear of church.** Remember, we will be collecting again next year, so start saving.

LAWN SIGN REQUEST

Advertising is the best way to get the word out about our 11th Annual Craft Fair & Bazaar. If you are interested in displaying a lawn sign to advertise this wonderful event, please email Donna at dsgobrien@comcast.net. We drop off and pick up all signs for you. Further information will be sent via email once you sign up.



A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O God, Father of all mercies, Provider of a bountiful harvest, send Your graces upon those You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor; preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of You. Open the hearts of Your children that they may discern Your Holy Will; inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ.



OVER 30 BASKETBALL

Do you enjoy playing basketball? If you are 30 years of age or older (no upper limit) we are looking for players. We meet at MDP Gym on Friday evenings at 8:00 PM. Games are pickup and low key. Stop by or

call Steve Gibbons (610 964 8825) for more information.

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN
WORKSHOPS**

**Listed below is the new schedule from the
Archdiocese of Philadelphia**

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.

To register please visit the Virtus website www.virtus.org or call the Office for Child and Youth Protection at 215-587-2466.

- 10/17/11 – St. Joe's Prep., Phila. – 6 PM
- 10/17/11 – St. Denis, Havertown – 7 PM
- 10/17/11 - St. Cornelius, Chadds Ford – 9:30 AM
- 10/17/11 – St. Cornelius, Chadds Ford – 6:30 PM
- 10/18/11 – St. Isidore, Quakertown – 7 PM
- 10/19/11 – Devon Prep., Devon – 3 PM
- 10/20/11 – St. Anthony of Padua, Ambler – 7 PM
- 10/20/11 – St. Madeline, Ridley Park – 7 PM
- 10/24/11 – St. Matthew, Phila. – 7 PM
- 10/25/11 – St. Ignatius of Antioch, Yardley – 7 PM
- 10/25/11 – OLMC, Doylestown, 6:30 PM
- 10/25/11 – St. Cecilia, Phila. – 9 AM
- 10/27/11 – St. Francis de Sales, Lenni - 7 PM
- 11/2/11 – Sacred Heart of Jesus, Phila. – 7 PM
- 11/3/11 – St. Jude, Chalfont – 6:30 PM
- 11/16/11 – Christ the King, Phila. – 7 PM
- 11/21/11 – Arch. Office Center, Phila. – 6:30 PM
- 12/12/11 – Arch. Office Center, Phila. – 6:30 PM
- 1/18/12 – Arch. Office Center, Phila. – 6:30 PM
- 2/6/12 – Arch Office Center, Phila. – 6:30 PM

MDP YOUNG ADULTS GROUP
(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 on **November 6, and December 4**. To RSVP or if you have any questions, please contact Annie Eadie at annie.eadie@gmail.com

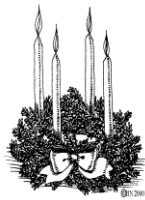


UPCOMING MEETINGS

The **Legion of Mary** will hold their meeting on Sunday, October 16th at 12:30 PM in McGrory Hall.
There will be a **CYO Athletic Association Regional Coaches Meeting** on Sunday, October 16th at 7 PM in Providence Hall.
Women's Walk will meet on Monday, October 17th at 9:30 AM in the Parish Offices Building.
There will be a **HASA Board Meeting** on Monday, October 17th at 6:30 PM in the Parish Offices Building.
There will be a **Knights of Columbus General Meeting** on Monday, October 17th at 7 PM in Providence Hall.
The **Charismatic Prayer Group** will meet on Monday, October 17th at 7:30 PM in the Parish Offices Building.
The **Contemporary Guitar Group** will meet on Tuesday, October 18th at 6:45 PM in the Parish Offices Building
There will be a **Food Addicts Meeting** on October 18th at 7 PM in McGrory Hall.
The Intercessory Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, October 19th at 9 AM in the Church.
There will be a **Marketing Committee Meeting** on Wednesday, October 19th at 7 PM in the Parish Offices Building.
Boy Scout Troop 481 will meet on Thursday, October 20th at 7 PM in Providence Hall.
The **Choir** will meet for practice on Thursday, October 20th at 7:30 PM in the Church.

ADVENT WREATH-MAKING

Fill your home with Advent Spirit!



You are invited to our Advent wreath-making on Saturday, November 26th at 10 AM in Providence Hall. The \$20 cost for materials is due with your registration. Details will be emailed upon receipt of this form.

Please return by Wednesday, November 2nd to the parish offices, the school or the religious education program.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Number attending: Adults _____ Children _____

I can help with: Refreshments: _____

Set-up: _____ Clean-up: _____

Checks payable to Mother of Divine Providence.
\$20 x number of wreaths _____ =
\$ _____

CYO ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

MDP BASKETBALL COACHES MEETING

Anyone interested in helping to coach or assist with boys or girls basketball for the 2011-2012 session should attend the **Coaches Meeting on Sunday, October 16th at 7 PM in Providence Hall.** MDP Basketball is open to children from 4th grade through High School. Parents are welcome to attend. If you have questions or are unable to attend, please contact Athletic Director Patti Hutchinson at mphutch@msn.com or 610-213-6016.

MDP Basketball – Registrations for MDP Basketball started October 1st. MDP offers basketball for boys and girls from 4th grade through High School who attend MDP School or are members of MDP Parish. The season runs November 2nd through February 29th. Cost – Varsity & JV - \$75; High School - \$60; and 4th grade \$45. Children must be registered on www.wagdogs.com before attending their first practice. For more information, contact Patti Hutchinson at mphutch@msn.com or 610-213-6016.

MDP Softball/Baseball – Intramurals started Monday, October 10th at Heuser Park. The remaining weeks will be October 17th and 24th. Children in Kindergarten and 1st grade will start at 6:15 PM, 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades will start 7 PM. Equipment will be provided but if you have your own glove, please bring it with you. The MDP Intramurals program provides the younger children in our parish community the opportunity to experience all of the sports available to them. You pay \$10 for the entire year. Mini Panthers t-shirts and snacks will be provided for all who participate. Online registration is required at www.wagdogs.com. Participants must sign in before starting the clinic and then they will receive a nametag. At least one parent must remain on site. The success of the program depends upon parental involvement. Please contact Brian McConnell at 484-326-7370 or steelavengers@yahoo.com. All volunteers need to have the required clearances.

PARISH SERVICES

LOOKING AHEAD TO OUR MASS OF REMEMBRANCE



Mother of Divine Providence Parish will be celebrating All Souls' Mass on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at 7 PM. All are welcome to attend to remember those who have died. At this Mass, we will remember in a special way all those who were buried from our Church in the past year.

Please join us for prayer and fellowship – refreshments will be served after Mass in McGrory Hall.

MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Special thanks to all those who helped to make our Mass on Sunday, October 9th a wonderful experience. Many of our parishioners and parishioners from Our Lady of Mount Carmel came to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their help with the set up; our Hospitality Committee for delicious refreshments; our Care Ministers for giving attention to those in attendance; our ministers at the altar and Father Pronesti, pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel for being the main celebrant and homilist. Father Pronesti, offered his personal witness to the power of this sacrament for physical healing. Let us rejoice in the great love God has for all of us in the life of the Church.

from the desk of Sister Veronica

THE NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL

School News -

<http://mdpschool.com>

Thank you to all the families who sent in candy so that our students could make up goodie bags for the children at St. Veronica's – our sister school. The younger grades are decorating treat bags, and the upper grades are filling the bags with the donated candy. In this way, the children understand and are connected to their "act of charity." The neighborhoods around St. Veronica's are not particularly safe for "trick or treat," something unknown to our fortunate children. We are the only source of treats at Halloween for these children. Our goal is to help our students see charity as an opportunity rather than a requirement.



Congratulations to recent **Apple of My Eye** winners. Many children earned tickets through their acts of kindness or responsibility. Each week we draw tickets from the full bin of "good apples" to award dress-down passes. These went to: Sneha Chaudhuri, Julia DeNardo, Josiah Herman, Matthew DeLucca, Melanie Curran, and Conor Dollarton. You are all the apple of my eye!

Parents, please check out the **lunch duty schedule** at www.MDPschool.com, so that you don't miss your turn. If a conflict arises, please contact another parent to switch days. If someone agrees to replace you, it is customary to send that parent a \$20.00 gratuity.

Parents need to actively supervise the recess play, to insure the safety of all children.



A Girls Volleyball Clinic will be held on 10/25 and 10/27 from 6 – 9 PM, conducted by championship coach Brian McCann. Grades 5 and 6 are in the first session from 6 - 7:30 and the older girls, grades 7 and 8, train from 7:30 - 9. Any HS girls interested in attending can come to the second session. The cost is only \$30. Pre-registration is not required; participants can pay at the door. Proceeds will go to the Marketing Committee to produce a school video.

Student Council collection of baby goods for Birthright continues through October 14, to observe Respect Life Month.

Discovery Education and the Healthy Weight Commitment Foundation invite you to enter the Healthy Playground Makeover Sweepstakes. It's all part of Energy Balance 101 - a robust online resource for educators, nurses and health care professionals, and parents to help kids find the right balance between what they eat and how they move! Anyone can enter to win on behalf of your school, so spread the word, and enter today!

- 2 lucky schools will win a **\$30,000 grant** from Sports Authority and a **new playground** from Playworld Systems
- 3 more schools will be awarded a **\$5,000 grant** from Sports Authority

Enter to enhance our chance to win!
<http://tinyurl.com/PlaygroundSweepstakes>

The Week-at-a-Glance:

- 10/18 Tuesday – Family Food/Fun Night at *Ruby's Diner*
- 10/19 Wednesday – School Mass and Student Council Installation at 10:30 AM
- 10/25 Tuesday – No SCHOOL (or CARES) – Faculty & Staff “Mandated Reporter Training”
- 10/25 Tuesday – Confirmation Parents’ Meeting 7:00 PM in Church
- 10/26 Wednesday – Kindergarten Field Trip to Merry Mead Farm
- 10/27 Thursday – Grade 3 Field Trip to Riverbend Environmental Education Center
- 10/28 Friday – Halloween Carnival

from the desk of Theresa Garvin, Principal

CATECHETICAL FORMATION

CONGRATULATIONS ON FIRST SACRAMENTS

Congratulations to Joseph Rajasekaran who celebrated God's loving forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and received Jesus in Holy

Communion for the first of many times this Saturday evening. May God bless you abundantly today and always!

CONFIRMATION PARENT EVENING OF ENRICHMENT



Parents who have children in grades 6 and 7 are reminded to attend the Parent Evening of Enrichment on Tuesday, October 25th from 7:00 – 8:00 PM in church. Father Stephen DeLacy will be our speaker. Important information and student

worksheets will be distributed following our evening of enrichment. At least one parent from each family **must** attend.

Parents who have students in private schools, who are in grades 6 and up and have not been confirmed, are also requested to attend this gathering.

PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Confirmation candidates will be called forth following the homily at the 9:30 Mass on Sunday, October 30th. They join Father in the sanctuary to profess their Faith and receive a special blessing. Students are requested to sit toward the front of the church with their families.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION



Thank you to all who participated in our peanut butter and jelly collection for the food pantry in Norristown. Many people will benefit from your generosity. God bless you all!

from the desk of Theresa Gilmore

SCHEDULES FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Catechist for Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sunday, October 23, 2011

9:30 AM Mass – Lisa Matics

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday, October 22, 2011

5:15 PM Mass – Sr. V. Gross, C. Lucas, T. McCuch, L. McGroarty, M. Pedlow, L. Pucio, D. Schnupp, J. Walsh

Sunday, October 23, 2011

7:30 AM Mass - S. Angelucci, T. Boyle, G. DeFusco, C. Hill, D. O'Brien, S. Strahle, H. Trainor, R. White

9:30 AM Mass - D. Cichowicz, M. Cooper, S. Gibbons, P. Hawk, M. Hood, G. Maskarinec, L. Wolen, J. Wolen

11:30 AM Mass - E. Buchwald, A. Garrity, J. Garrity, D. Giova, S. Guminski, V. Limongelli, T. McLaughlin, T. Shine

Lectors

Saturday, October 22, 2011

5:15 PM Mass - G. Bevenour

Sunday, October 23, 2011

7:30 AM Mass - C. Welde
 9:30 AM Mass - M. Baker
 11:30 AM Mass - J. DeMaria

Altar Servers

Monday, October 17, 2011
 8:00 AM Mass – L. Hutchinson, M. Hutchinson
Tuesday, October 18, 2011
 8:00 AM Mass - L. Hutchinson, M. Hutchinson
Wednesday, October 19, 2011
 8:00 AM Mass - L. Hutchinson, M. Hutchinson
Thursday, October 20, 2011
 8:00 AM Mass - L. Hutchinson, M. Hutchinson
Friday, October 21, 2011
 8:00 AM Mass - L. Hutchinson, M. Hutchinson
Saturday, October 22, 2011
 8:00 AM Mass – C. Anderson, M. DeFrancesco
 5:15 PM Mass – A.J. Gardiner, G. Lacy, L. Pedlow
Sunday, October 23, 2011
 7:30 AM Mass – K. Burns, C. Cirafesi, M. DeFrancesco
 9:30 AM Mass - J. Galdi, T. Gibbons, H. Mazzilli
 11:30 AM Mass – M. Hopson, J. Mangan, J. Mangan,
 A. Monaco

Altar Society Cleaning Team

Wednesday, October 19, 2011
 B. Barrett, B. Hamill, R. Smondrowski

Altar Society Linen Preparation

Sunday, October 23, 2011
 B. Barrett

SCHEDULES FOR SCRIP SELLERS

Monday, October 17, 2011 – 3:00 – 3:30
 M. Bevenour
Tuesday, October 18, 2011 – 8:30 – 9:00
 L. Wisniewski
Wednesday, October 19, 2011 – 3:00-3:30
 P. Campbell
Thursday, October 20, 2011 8:30 - 9:00
 L. Splendore
Friday October 21, 2011 – 11:30 – 12:00 Noon
 P. Campbell
Saturday, October 22, 2011
 5:15 PM Mass – M. Bevenour, D. Groth
Sunday, October 23, 2011
 7:30 AM Mass – P. Valenti
 9:30 AM Mass – L. Gibbons, L. Mazzilli
 11:30 AM Mass – S. Dugary

SCRIP NEWS

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- Click on **“Yes Renew”**
- Enter either your phone number, email, or Club Card Number

OR

Sign Up

Your participation can mean hundreds of dollars for our group.

- Go to eScrip.com
- Click on **“1-Sign Up”**
- Enter your Club Card number

SALE TIMES

In addition to before and after all weekend Masses, sales are daily in the school lobby:

Monday 3:00 – 3:30 PM
 Tuesday, 8:30 – 9:00 AM
 Wednesday, 3:00 – 3:30 PM
 Thursday, 8:30 – 9:00 AM
 Friday, 11:30 – 12:00 Noon

There are no sales on the days school is not in session.

Respect Life Month 2011

A look at the Pill – by the MDP Respect Life Committee



A recent survey released by the Guttmacher Institute indicated that 98% of Catholic woman have at one time used artificial birth control methods, while 31% of Catholics use the pill or another hormonal method. While there are numerous reasons why the Catholic Church's teaching on the subject has been ignored, there are serious reasons why the teachings* should be followed. The teachings are there not to be arbitrarily oppressive or restrictive - they are there for a reason.

While such laws are proclamations of what is the **truth**, perhaps more importantly at the **heart**, they are expressions of the Church's desire to uphold the **dignity** and **well-being** of the followers of Christ. They are intended with the **best interests** in mind for of our bodies and souls.

Over the next few weeks, we will examine the Pill, and why it is dangerous to women, the unborn, the environment, and society.

Dangerous to Women

The Pill has been linked to several serious side effects. Studies have shown women have died from the use of the pill due to blood clots (deep vein thrombosis), heart attacks, and pulmonary embolisms. The Royal College of General Practitioners study found women using oral contraceptives have a **five times greater risk** of death from **cardiovascular causes**. Johnson & Johnson had to settle hundreds of law suits and recall their birth control patch due to women who suffered blood clots, heart attacks and strokes, some of whom died as a result.

The pill may also cause many other serious problems such as pelvic inflammatory disease, depression and cancer. Did you know the pill is classified by the World Health Organization as a **Group I carcinogen**, in the same category as **asbestos** and **radon**? While many doctors will defend its safety, even benefits by preventing some forms of cancer, many of the most commonly cited safety statistics are rooted in a popular study performed in the 1970s, when test subjects were only on the Pill for a short period of time. Modern researchers like Dr. Maria Kraw discovered a **24% increased** risk in breast cancer among pill users. Chris Kahlenborn, M.D., of the Polycarp Research Institute, found a **striking risk of cancer among young women, especially teens** with developing breast tissue. In his October 2006 Mayo Clinic Proceedings article, Kahlenborn stated that "21 out of 23 retrospective studies done since 1980 showed that women who took oral contraceptives prior to the birth of their first child sustained a **44% average increased** risk of developing pre-menopausal breast cancer." The risk rises to **52%** if the Pill is taken for at least four years before pregnancy. Despite the press received about the cancer risks from using post-menopausal artificial estrogens, Kahlenborn has expressed consternation at the minimal interest by the media in his findings. How many carcinogenic substances do you know which are dispensed so freely? Perhaps the Pill can get a warning label on them like cigarette packs?

•Next week: How the Pill is dangerous to the unborn

*see Sections #2399 and #2370 of the Catechism

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