

# 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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**PARISH DIRECTORY**

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Rev. Msgr. Joseph W. Murray - *In Residence*  
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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  
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Sunday : Closed

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## PARISH DEVOTIONS

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### 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.

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## OUTREACH

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### 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.

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## NEW RESIDENTS

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### 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.

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## SACRAMENTS

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### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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**LITURGY**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, January 22, 2012**

**7:30 AM Mass -** Clement Galligan

**9:30 AM Mass –** To End All Abortions

**11:30 AM Mass –** Benedict Capacio

**Monday, January 23, 2012**

**8:00 AM Mass –** Joan Bendinger

**Tuesday, January 24, 2012**

**8:00 AM Mass –** Gino Angelina

**Wednesday, January 25, 2012**

**8:00 AM Mass –** Benedict Capacio

**Thursday, January 26, 2012**

**8:00 AM Mass –** Robert E. Lee

**Friday, January 27, 2012**

**8:00 AM Mass –** Irene Lovas

**Saturday, January 28, 2012**

**8:00 AM Mass –** Florence Brescia

**5:15 PM Mass –** Irene Lovas



**BLESSING OF THROATS**

Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Feast of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr. The blessing of the throats will take place immediately following the 8 AM Mass that morning.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

We invite children in Grades Pre-Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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**STEWARDSHIP**

**SHARING TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE**

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**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 1/15/12 totaled \$14,988.93

The collection for 1/16/11 totaled \$16,648.47

Catholic Relief Services collection totaled \$2,714.00

**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 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.

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## FROM OUR PASTOR

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Dear Friends,

Today, we return to the principal Gospel Book used at this time of year: The Book of Mark, who presents discipleship not as a mere verbal commitment to Christ, but as an active response to repent and embrace the Kingdom's lifestyle. In the Old Testament reading, when Jonah preaches repentance, all the citizens of Nineveh respond dramatically with signs of conversion (our own continued conversion is demonstrated when we strike our chest at the Confiteor with an open hand symbolizing the opening of our heart to God). When Jesus calls the first disciples, they abandon everything and follow him. "Deeds, not words," is the message today!

On **February 4<sup>th</sup> at the Vigil Mass for Sunday (5:15)**, I have asked that Bob and Roseann DeSpirito to sit in the front row as we express our gratitude for their long service to the Church in our parish. On the 15<sup>th</sup> of February Bob and Roseann will be moving to Italy, a dream they have shared for many years! Bob is a lifelong parishioner and Roseann has worked in the rectory for six years, being a huge help to the priests and the parish at large. Bob is a member of the Knights of Columbus. For many years they offered a Thanksgiving Breakfast after Mass for everyone who was willing to share with them this heartwarming gathering.

You would know them on the Altar because they both serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion or offering the Gifts at the Presentation.

Bob and Roseann ran the Food Concession Stand for many years at the Christmas Bazaar and used their culinary talents as our parish caterers.

Needless to say, we will miss them both as we also wish them every success and happiness in their new life together! What an adventure it will be! Please join us for this Mass if you can and be sure to wish them well in the vestibule after Mass.

*My prayer this week for you all is reflected in the Collect (opening prayer) of today's Mass: "God, direct our actions according to Your good pleasure."*

*Father Cioppi*

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## IN OUR PARISH

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### MARCH FOR LIFE

Anyone interested in attending the March for Life in Washington, D.C. this year on **Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**,

for a day of prayerful and peaceful protest against the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision legalizing abortion, please contact Mike Fichera at 610-768-9785 or by email at [michaelfichera@comcast.net](mailto:michaelfichera@comcast.net)

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**MDP COMMUNITY CARNIVAL**  
**AUGUST 21 – 25, 2012**

Celebrating the Leap Year.



### WHY CATHOLIC?

Sign-ups for our next session will be **January 21-22** after all weekend Masses. The new book is entitled "Believe", Profession of Faith". Small groups are forming on many days and evenings of the week. Sessions are 90 minutes long and will begin the week of February 5<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to join! You do not need to be a previous participant. We will meet for 6 weeks now and then 6 weeks next fall. Please see a Team Member with any questions or call Mary Beth Arechabala at 610-265-7258. The cost is \$15.

### CHOIR NEWS

We are beginning a recruiting campaign to enlist more people for our parish adult choir. We need younger people (especially male singers) who can continue the fine musical tradition of our choir.



The liturgical role of the choir is twofold: To add beauty & solemnity to the liturgy and assist the singing of the congregation. In order to make a sound that will reinforce 400-500 people in the congregation, we need more people. At a liturgy, we all help each other, we are church: the priest, musicians, and the assembly. All of us make each other more fulfilled in the liturgy when we all do our own role better. We leave the liturgy feeling renewed and refreshed. For the choir to fulfill its responsibility, there must be more voices in the choir.

Hear are a few reasons to join the choir:

- You would like a deeper involvement in Mass as well as the fellowship
- You would like to give of yourself to the church in a different way
- You would like a more intense participation in the Mass
- YOU ENJOY SINGING

This is a great time to join the choir since we will soon be preparing music for Lent and Easter. You do not have to know how to read music – there is no audition – ALL ARE WELCOME ! Come to a few rehearsals and try us out. If you don't feel up to the challenge we can still part as friends. We rehearse Thursday evenings from 7:30 PM to 9:15 PM in the church and sing at the Sunday 11:30 Mass.

### CYO ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Winter is flying by and before you know it the weather will be getting warmer. Registration is *NOW OPEN FOR ALL* MDP Spring Sports. All MDP Parish and School children are eligible to register. Registration will be open until February 15, 2012. Registration is open for:

- Baseball – (5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>) \$75**
- Softball – (5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>) \$75**
- Track – (Peewee: K-3) \$30, (4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>) \$40**
- High School Volleyball – (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>) \$60**

**ONLINE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** To register, go to [www.wagdogs.com](http://www.wagdogs.com).

New families will need to create an account for your family. You will then receive a verification email in order to proceed. To register for a sport:

- Select "Register for a League"
- Select "Mother of Divine Providence CYO, K of P"
- Enter your child's information
- Select desired sport
- Continue on to finish registration

### CYO BOWLING OUTING

Looking for something fun to do with the family or friends? Then come and join us at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual MDP Athletic Association Bowling Outing which will be held on **Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 – 5 PM** at Faceda-Whitaker Lanes, 2912 Swede Road, East Norriton. All proceeds benefit the MDP Athletic Association and Intramural programs. Everyone is invited. **SPECIAL RATE: \$15** per person includes shoe rental and 2 ½ hours continuous bowling! If you would like to attend, please contact Brian McConnell at 484-326-7370 or email at



[steelavengers@yahoo.com](mailto:steelavengers@yahoo.com). Forms and payment are due Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>.

### 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. This group has 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



*Let's Get Together!*

**February 5, March 4, April 8, May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 9, October 7, November 4, and December 2.** To RSVP or if you have any questions, please contact Annie Eadie at [annie.eadie@gmail.com](mailto:annie.eadie@gmail.com). Please check us out on our Facebook Page at MDP Young Adults Group.

### HELP SUPPORT THE YOUTH MISSION TRIP BY EATING AT GINO'S

Eat at Gino's Burgers & Chicken, 611 West DeKalb Pike in King of Prussia, **Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> between 3 Pm and 9 PM.** Mention "MDP Workcamp Group" and the group will receive 15% of the sales to help support our mission trip this summer. Spread the word! Tell all your friends and neighbors to come! Don't forget to mention "MDP Workcamp Group" when you order. Thank you.

### ROUND UP AT THE MDP CORRAL 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Technology Fundraiser Saturday, February 11, 2012

Lasso a partner and put on your cowboy hat and boots. MDP is going country for the night! Our evening will include dinner, complimentary drinks, music, a silent/live auction, and raffle and tombola prizes. There have been many items donated already and our list continues to grow. These items range from gift certificates to local eateries, sporting events, theater tickets and sight-seeing adventures.



This event helps our technology resources to grow and sustains our current ones. The proceeds from the auction benefit not only our school but the programs we offer to our MDP community. If you are unable to join us but would like to support the auction, you can complete a donation form found as an insert in today's bulletin and also online through [www.mdpparish.com](http://www.mdpparish.com) and [www.mdpschool.com](http://www.mdpschool.com). Tickets for admittance and raffle will be on sale after all the Masses on February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

As in years past we will have a re-gifting program. Do you have any leftover or unwanted holiday gifts? Consider donating them to our Silent Auction. Both re-gifting items and new donations may be placed in the marked bins in the back of the church.

Advertising space in the Auction booklet is available along with other marketing options – we would love to showcase your business! Forms for advertising are also available on the websites.

If you are interested in purchasing a ticket for the evening, please contact Judy Nigro at 610-687-4485. If you have any questions regarding donations, advertising or volunteering for the event, please contact Julie Fredette 610-213-3138 or via email at jkfbearsfan@gmail.com.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

The **Legion of Mary** will meet on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30 PM in McGrory Hall.

**Women's Walk** will meet on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 AM in the Parish Offices Building.

The **Charismatic Prayer Group** will meet on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 PM in the Parish Offices Building

The **Contemporary Guitar Group** will meet Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 PM in the Parish Offices Building.

There will be **Carnival Committee Meeting** on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the Parish Offices Building.

There will be a **Food Addicts Meeting** on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in McGrory Hall.

The **Intercessory Prayer Group** will meet on Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM in the Church.

There will be a **HASA St. Patrick's Fundraising Meeting** on Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the Parish Offices Building.

There will be a **Respect Life Committee Meeting** on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the Parish Offices Building.

**Boy Scout Troop #481** will hold their meeting on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in McGrory Hall.

**Choir Practice** will be held on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM in the Church.

There will be a **Natural Family Planning Meeting** on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM in the Parish Offices Building.

### 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.

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## PARISH SERVICES

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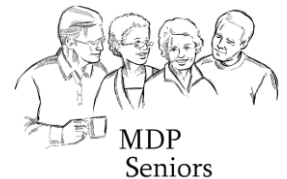
### LET'S CELEBRATE



Today there will be a wonderful celebration in Norristown. Twenty years ago more than 24 churches in the Norristown and King of Prussia area united to open a shelter for the poor and homeless of which Mother of Divine Providence Parish was one. Thus, **Norristown Ministry Hospitality Center** on Church Road was formed. Representatives from the parishes responsible for the beginning of this center will gather for prayer at the First Baptist Church in Norristown. In order to continue to support this effort, donations placed in our bins in the back of church next weekend will go to the shelter. They are in need of the following items: powdered milk, sugar, coffee, paper towels, paper napkins, travel tissues, boxed tissues, and white socks. Thank you for whatever help you can offer. To learn more about this center check their website at [www.hospitalitycenter.org](http://www.hospitalitycenter.org)

### MDP SENIORS

MDP Seniors are scheduled to meet on **Tuesday, February 7 at 11 A.M.** Father Cioppi will speak to us on Our Lady of Lourdes – World Day of the Sick. Pope Benedict XVI has named this feast, February 11 as World Day of the Sick. Let us remember all who are in need of the healing power of God.



### ST. JOHN CASSEROLE PROGRAM



Our next casserole collection is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 8, 2012.** Please read the Outreach section of our Church Bulletin. This program allows all who participate to practice the Corporal Work of Mercy – Feed the Hungry. Thank you for all you do to assist the poor.

### WHAT HAVE YOU SEEN THIS WEEK?

Here we are in Ordinary Time. The reality is that there is nothing ordinary about it. Things are in flux all around us. How do we see these changes? Do we remember that Jesus, the light of the world, came to live among us? Do we know that if we live in His Light, we see with new vision? Even the rising and the setting of the sun reminds us of Jesus' presence with us. The other

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What have  
you seen?

day when I was walking down the hall, there was a window directly in front of me and I realized that it was not yet dark – it was 5:30 P.M. – and it was not dark. Each day we have a little more light at the end of the day to see what is before us. How exciting is that? If we are able to get excited about the light of day, how much more excited should be we to live in the Light of the Lord to see as He sees. Let us move forward with a new vision. What have you seen this week?

*from the desk of Sister Veronica*

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## CATECHETICAL FORMATION

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### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION



Our Vocation's Night this past Wednesday was a wonderful success. The students in Levels 3 through 8 had the opportunity to spend the evening hearing about vocations to the priesthood and religious life and asking some very thoughtful questions of Father Cioppi and Sister Ana Dura, CSR. We are grateful to both of our guests for taking this time to help plant the seeds and open the children's hearts to become aware of God's call to serve Him through these vocations.

Our Level 2 students spent the evening exploring the confessionals in preparation for the reception of their first celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please keep in your prayers all the children of the parish who are in the Communion class.

*from the desk of Theresa Gilmore, DRE*

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## THE NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL

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### School News

<http://mdpschool.com>

#### The Changing Face of Catholic Education

As you know, announcements of school closures and new regional schools have been released by the archdiocesan Blue Ribbon Commission. This restructuring will strengthen our schools by conserving resources, sustaining important programs, and sharing the gifts of each community - to provide a solid foundation for all of our children and to build up the Body of Christ. Further details can be found at [www.FaithInTheFuture.com](http://www.FaithInTheFuture.com).

Mother of Divine Providence families and Conshohocken Catholic families will now join to form a new regional Catholic school at this King of Prussia location. Certainly, it is a painful time for all at CCS, as children and families leave behind a familiar and beloved school. Those at MDP will give up a 55 year identity. Please know that the whole archdiocese carries all of us in prayer. Fr. Cioppi and I will continue to meet with other administrators to receive direction on regionalization; address hiring of teachers/staff; arrive at a new school name; and so on. Rest assured, all will be ready for the 2012-13 academic year, to carry this heritage forward for many years to come. Through the grace of God and personal resolve, both school populations can embrace this change and embrace one another, to build something new. To God be the glory! The children stand ready to make new friends and begin new traditions. I am very pleased with how they handled the news of this change. I pray we all follow their lead, bright with the promise of untold blessings.



Robotics begins soon – two Lego Mindstorms kits have arrived, courtesy of a \$500.00 math/science grant from Exxon/Mobil Educational Alliance. The fifth grade students are the pilot group for this new activity. If donations continue, we can add more students to this initial group. We will keep you posted about the programmable robots they design.

Congratulations to the most recent class of MDP parishioners and friends to complete the COMMTECH computer training class. This **free computer course for adults** begins again on Thursday 2/2/12. Instruction is provided by MDP teachers & assisted by student coaches. The class runs from 3:45 – 5:15 PM, and refreshments are included. Each participant also gets a free flash drive! Our students are eager to offer their expertise as one-to-one mentors for the participants. Please invite neighbors, friends and relatives to register by calling 610-265-2323.



#### The Week-at-a-Glance

- ❖ 1/24 Tuesday – Family Food Night at Angelo's Pizza.

*from the desk of Theresa Garvin, Principal*

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## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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### TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS

A televised Sunday Mass is now airing on ABC Family from 6:30 AM to 7:00 AM each Sunday morning. The

Sunday Mass is produced by the Passionist Fathers and Brothers out of New York City and is available nationally on local affiliates. Too early for you? Tape it, Tivo it, or watch online. For more information consult the website at [www.TheSundayMass.org](http://www.TheSundayMass.org).

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Pope John Paul II High School Drama presents: ANYTHING GOES . Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **SENIOR BOWLING AT FACENDA WHITAKER LANES**

Norristown men's retired bowling league, 55 and over, is looking for a few bowlers. All are welcome regardless of bowling average. Bowling is every Thursday from 12 noon – 3 PM. If interested, call Pete Crescitelli at 610-630-6165 or Joe Morello at 484-429-4358.

### **7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PRACTICE ENTRANCE EXAM**

Mount Saint Joseph Academy in Flourtown, PA is offering a practice entrance exam to 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls on **Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 8 AM to 11:30 AM**. The Pre-High School Placement Test is a 7<sup>th</sup> grade edition of the actual Scholarship/Entrance Exam given to 8<sup>th</sup> grade applicants. It is scored with 7<sup>th</sup> grade norms. The purpose of the test is for students to become acquainted with the test format and to gain insight into strengths and weaknesses. Register online only at [www.msjacad.org](http://www.msjacad.org). Registrations begins on January 3<sup>rd</sup> and ends on March 26<sup>th</sup>. You will receive registration and payment confirmation via email.

### **MARRIAGE HELP**

Retrouvaille is a Catholic based program to help marriages that are stressed or in trouble. Retrouvaille has helped countless married couples in all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. Retrouvaille can help your marriage too. The next program will be held at St. Joseph in the Hills Malvern Retreat Center, Malvern, PA, **February 10-12, 2012**. All calls are confidential. For more information call 1-800-470-2230 or 302-832-8044 or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).



### **MARY MOTHER OF CAPTIVES SUPPORT GROUP**

"I was in prison and you visited me"....."When were you in prison and I visited you Lord?" He will answer them as often as you did it for one of my least brothers you did it for Me...Matthew 25:36.

Please help in the "Corporal Work of Mercy". Pen Pals needed. We have a fool proof system offering complete anonymity for those who participate in this

Corporal Work of Mercy. Please visit our web site at [www.MMOCsupportgroup.org](http://www.MMOCsupportgroup.org) or our Email: [mmocsprtgp@comcast.net](mailto:mmocsprtgp@comcast.net). For additional information please call Jack/Sophie at 215-698-7656. Please pray for all those in prison.

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## **SCHEDULES FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

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### **Catechist for Children's Liturgy of the Word**

**Sunday, January 29, 2012**

**9:30 AM Mass – Frances Krouse**

### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**Saturday, January 28, 2012**

**5:15 PM Mass – S. DeFrancesco, F. Donovan, R. Fajardo, Sr V. Gross, S Mahar, MA O'Brien, P. Poche' L Puco**

**Sunday, January 29, 2012**

**7:30 AM Mass - S. Angelucci, G. DeFusco, J. Fox,**

**T. Fox, T. Funsten, C. Hill, F. LaPenna, T. McCuch**

**9:30 AM Mass - E. Bogle, M Cooper, M D'Agostino,**

**R. Dillon, A O'Hara, C. Traister, T. Traister, A. Yates**

**11:30 AM Mass - C. Faustman, J. Faustman,**

**J Garrity, A Garrity, P. Kroll, V. Limongelli,**

**T. McLaughlin, A. Urben**

### **Lectors**

**Saturday, January 28, 2012**

**5:15 PM Mass – N. Olson (Lector 1),**

**M. Houston (Lector 2)**

**Sunday, January 29, 2012**

**7:30 AM Mass - C. Welde (Lector 1),**

**J. McCabe (Lector 2)**

**9:30 AM Mass - G. Maskarinec (Lector 1),**

**R. Scannapieco (Lector 2)**

**11:30 AM Mass - C. DeMaria (Lector 1),**

**A. Kroll (Lector 2)**

### **Altar Servers**

**Monday, January 23, 2012**

**8:00 AM Mass – M. Bevenour, M. Bishop**

**Tuesday, January 24, 2012**

**8:00 AM Mass - M. Bevenour, M. Bishop**

**Wednesday, January 25, 2012**

**8:00 AM Mass – M. Bevenour, M. Bishop**

**Thursday, January 26, 2012**

**8:00 AM Mass - M. Bevenour, M. Bishop**

**Friday, January 27, 2012**

**8:00 AM Mass - M. Bevenour, M. Bishop**

**Saturday, January 28, 2012**

**8:00 AM Mass – M. Bristowe, A. Bristowe**

**5:15 PM Mass – L. Galban, J. Galdi, E. McConnell**

**Sunday, January 29, 2012**

**7:30 AM Mass – E. Campbell, M Hutchinson,**

**L Hutchinson**

**9:30 AM Mass** – C Cirafesi, C Krouse, C. Krouse  
**11:30 AM Mass** – M. Bevenour, A Monaco,  
JT. Tiglao, AJ Tiglao

**Altar Society Cleaning Team**

**Wednesday, January 25, 2012**

S Colucci, A. Colucci

**Altar Society Linen Preparation**

**Sunday, January 29, 2012**

J. King

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**SCHEDULES FOR SCRIP SELLERS**

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**Monday, January 23, 2012 – 3:00 – 3:30**

L. Splendore

**Tuesday, January 24, 2012, 2011 – 8:30 – 9:00**

C. McNabb

**Wednesday, January 25, 2012 – 3:00-3:30**

P. Campbell

**Thursday, January 26, 2012 - 8:30 - 9:00**

L. Cristinzio

**Friday, January 27, 2012 – 11:30 – 12:00 Noon**

J. Lloyd

**Saturday, January 28, 2012**

**5:15 PM Mass** – J. McConnell, MB. Pedlow

**Sunday, January 29, 2012**

**7:30 AM Mass** – D. Funsten

**9:30 AM Mass** – J. Lloyd, D Mulgrew

**11:30 AM Mass** – M. Cantrell

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**SCRIP NEWS**

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**WHAT'S NEW**



We regret to inform you that the \$20 Barnes and Noble Teacher Card will no longer be available as it is being discontinued.

**What is Scrip?**

Scrip is a term that means "substitute money". When you purchase scrip, you are purchasing gift cards that can be used just like cash. You can use scrip to purchase every expense like food, clothing, and other essentials. With every purchase, you earn revenue for yourself and for MDP!

**How does it work?**

Great Lakes Scrip Center acts on behalf of non profit organizations to purchase large amounts of scrip from grocery stores, department stores and other participating retailers. Because the scrip is purchased up front with cash, the retailers offer a substantial discount. MDP then buys the scrip from Great Lakes and re-sells for full face value. The discount of 2% to 15% or more is then split between you, the purchaser, and MDP. For instance, Acme offers 5% discount. Therefore 2.5% profit goes to the purchaser and 2.5% goes to MDP.

**Scrip is "shopping cart fundraising"**

Scrip is a popular choice because families like yourselves don't have to sell anything. You produce revenue by making regular household purchases you would make anyway. Groceries, clothing, toys, gifts, and even gasoline can be purchased with scrip!

**Who benefits from the "fundraising"?**

The Parish and YOU do!!! Whatever the percentage discount the retailer offers is split between the parish and you! For instance, if the percentage is 5%. The parish gets 2.5% and you get 2.5% credit toward tuition. Credits are then tallied 2x's a year and the total credit earned is deducted from your tuition balance. The tuition credits can be applied to any level of catholic education (pre-K thru college). If you no longer pay tuition, you may earn credits for another family member, friend or neighbor.

**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.**

Feedback and questions to enhance our program are most welcome. Please forward any comments, suggestions and questions to Mariann Bevenour at [mbevenour@mdpparish.com](mailto:mbevenour@mdpparish.com).