

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."

PARISH DIRECTORY

CLERGY

Rev. Martin T. Cioppi, Ed. D. - *Pastor*
Rev. Charles E. Gormley - *Pastor Emeritus*
Rev. Msgr. Joseph W. Murray - *In Residence*
Pastor Emeritus, St. Stanislaus
Deacon Mark H. Dillon - *Permanent Deacon*

PASTORAL STAFF

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
Saturday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Sunday : Closed

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Mrs. Rosemarie DeRosa - *Parish Secretary*

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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
24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 11, 2011

7:30 AM Mass – John M. Hickey

9:30 AM Mass – Doreen Thornbury O'Donnell

11:30 AM Mass – Fred Chesky

Monday, September 12, 2011

9:00 AM Mass – James Brennan

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

8:00 AM Mass – Fred Chesky

Wednesday, September 14, 2011

8:00 AM Mass – The Living & Deceased Members of the Harper & McMenamin Families

Thursday, September 15, 2011

8:00 AM Mass – Mary Malik

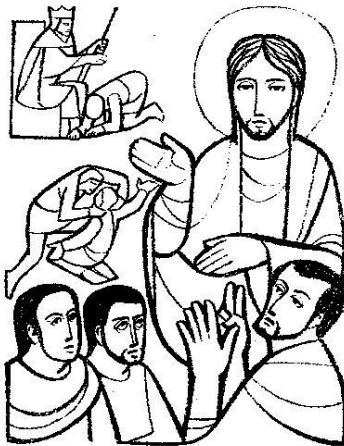
Friday, September 16, 2011

8:00 AM Mass – Ann Gabriele

Saturday September 17, 2011

8:00 AM Mass – Dominic Carr

5:15 PM Mass – In Thanksgiving to St. Jude for Favors Granted



ALTAR SERVERS

You may recall that last spring the servers were refreshed in their Daily Mass skills, it is now time to address their service for Sunday Masses. Deacon Mark Dillon will meet with all servers on **Sunday, September 25th from 12:45 to 1:30 PM** for this purpose. All servers are asked to attend.

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 at the 9:30 AM Mass on September 11th and each Sunday hereafter.

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 8:00 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.

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 9/4/11 totaled \$19,115.20

The collection for 9/5/10 totaled \$16,253.50

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 **Gloria Tarquinio** by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas McCuch.

FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Today's scriptures call us to place forgiveness and reconciliation as the heart of our Christian Way. Wrath and anger Sirach reminds us are hateful things and have no place with us. In the Gospel, Jesus advises Peter to forgive his neighbor not seven times but seventy times seven.

Today marks the **Tenth Anniversary of the tragic events of September 11, 2001** which affected not only our lives but will affect the lives of human beings yet to be born. Through our remembrance of this tragedy, we acknowledge our human frailties; we acknowledge human suffering throughout the world and we recognize evil for what it is, a deception.

While our immediate response was shock and incredible heroism, our only aspiration as a Christian people remains in the building up of 'communities of hope,' places where children and young people learn the values that keep us human in spite of hardship; loving, in spite of hatred and violence; and hopeful in spite of despair.

Our first step is to be aware of our own family, the first 'school of hope;' to heal the suffering and forgive the sinner; to make charity in the Eucharist the foundation and destiny of each member. To entrust our lives to Mary, our devoted Mother who will secure a place for us in heaven by helping us cultivate a pathway of peace and true freedom within the Holy Family of God. Our second step is to ensure that our Catholic community is solid in hope and rich in charity. We remember throughout our history Catholics have and still suffer. We remember those Catholics who sacrificed their lives for their faith in Christ. Through this communal suffering, we remember all human suffering. We become as His Mystical Body connected with those who died or who were injured on that fatal day.

Our hope is solidly rooted in our collaboration with Christ ever witnessing with sincerity and truth the healing power of Jesus for others. My friends, our parish can be a community of redemption if we open our minds and souls to the heart of Jesus who forgives more than we can imagine.

As we join in moments of prayer with our comrades throughout the nation and around the world, let us remember those who were sacrificed and those who sacrifice their lives, even today, for the freedom we hold so dear. Let us do something, 'beautiful for God.' So that our actions may rise like the sun in a darkened world and our enemies come to know we love them with Christian hearts.

Let this be a day, a year, a lifetime of continued healing and forgiveness.

Parish Fund

As you know over the past few years our parish has been making many improvements to our campus that have rejuvenated parish life and has served to maintain and improve our buildings. Because our buildings are almost fifty years old, things can go wrong quickly and we need to secure our parish financial base in order to meet these challenges: replacement of the boiler/air conditioner in the Church, replace the roofing on the Church Rectory and School building, upgrade the parking lot, and replace the lighting in the Church. These are some of the big ticket items with which we have to exercise wisdom and good stewardship if we are to meet our responsibilities to each other in insuring a healthy parish.

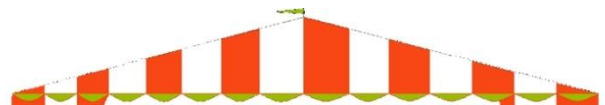
The insertion of a separate PARISH FUND envelope beginning in your October mailing gives us the opportunity to save money that can be used in emergencies without jeopardizing our ordinary operating budget. I would appreciate your serious consideration when donating to this fund each month.

To all our **grandparents**, I want to wish you a very Happy Grandparents Day! May God's blessing be on you, your children and your dear grandchildren who love you very much!

With prayers and benediction for you, all first responders in our community and those who protect us and keep us safe,

Father Cioppi

IN OUR PARISH



Hello MDP Families,

On behalf of the Carnival Committee I would like to take this time to thank all of you for the amazing support of our Community Event.

This week, I would like to send a special thank you out to all the volunteers that helped to make our Food Concessions a HUGH success !!! The people listed below were integral in the donation of ALL the products we needed from Costo: Aliceann Colucci, Barbara Hamill, Bernadetta DiLisi, the Carandang Family, Diana Hughes, the Farrell Family, Jean Grimes, Jeannette Tarone, Jennifer Melocchi, Jim & Teresa Fox, Joan Grunwold, Jolly Tiglao, Julieann & Ben Richer, Karen Sion, Lisa Goodman, Lorraine Backe, Maureen Harrington, MB Birnbauer, MDP Athletic Association, Mildred Peyton, Rich & Lee Reilly, Rita Walsh, Rosemarie Penhale, Sharon Mahar, Shelia

Doherty, Soo Hooi Oh, Terry DiNenna, Theresita D. Zantua, TJ and Jade Durkin.

We would also like to send out a special thank you to all the bakers that supplied ALL of the amazing baked goods for our very successful Panther Café: Simone Angelucci, Andrea Begley, Lynne Collins, Lisa Cristinzio, Barbara Hamill, Corrine Hill, Lisa Lamesta, Mike Lucas, Fran LaPenna, Jeannette Medina, Lisa McGroarty, Rachel Michalek, Dorothy Morio, Soo Hooi Oh, Jackie Ramsey, Lee Reilly, Julianne Richer, Amanda Walmsley, Theresa DeAngelo, Betty Barrett, Kelli Powers, Connie Schmidt, Ellie Buchwald, Bob DeSpirito.

An extra special thank you to Rosemarie DeRosa, Sue DeFrancesco, Lisa Cristinzio, Jackie DiPasquale, Theresa Gilmore, Simone Angelucci, Josephine Santangelo, Dianne Gustafson, and Bernadette Gerardi who donated all the homemade meatballs and to Corrine Hill who donated all the homemade pasta salad.

The Carnival final numbers will be posted in next week's bulletin as we are still accepting donations.

Monica Pedano
Carnival Chairperson

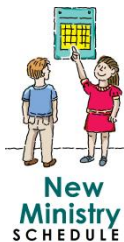


COFFEE AND DONUTS

Please join us **next Sunday, September 18th** in McGrory Hall immediately following the 9:30 AM Mass, for coffee and donuts. The Parish Hospitality Committee hosts this monthly opportunity for socialization and refreshment. We hope to see you there!



MINISTER INFORMATION IS NEEDED



We are preparing to run the new ministry schedule for the period of Oct. 1st through Jan. 31st. If you are involved in any of our scheduled ministries, please be sure to visit the Web Terminal to update your personal information. Please remember to note which Masses you CANNOT serve during the Christmas season.

You can access the Terminal by clicking on the "Ministers" tab on our Parish website www.mdpparish.com. An e-mail was sent to all ministers on August 25th with your user name and password. If you do not have access to the internet, please be sure to call Susan in the Parish Offices to update your profile. The deadline for this information is Monday, September 12th.



THE 11TH ANNUAL MDP CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR AND BAZAAR CALLING ALL CRAFTERS

The Annual MDP Craft Show and Bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, **November 19th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**. There are still some spaces remaining for those talented Individuals who would like to be a part of this wonderful event and sell their hand made items. For more information, and to register, please contact Jayne Lloyd at 610-337-1701. Tables range from \$25-\$30 per space.



Christmas Craft Fair & 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.



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.

MONTE CARLO NIGHT

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the planning and execution of our next parish fundraiser – “A Night in the Palio” – MDP’s Annual Monte Carlo Night”. This event, to be held on **Saturday, October 1st**, will be a fun evening filled with blackjack, poker, craps and roulette in addition to the highlight of the evening – a LIVE Palio Horse Race! Please join us at our next planning meeting on **Wednesday, September 14th at 7:30 PM** in the Parish Offices. This is a new event for us at MDP and YOUR help will assure us of a successful evening. Any questions, please call the Parish Offices or Monica Pedano at 610-842-2760.

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.

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. 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).

WHY CATHOLIC?

Sign-ups for the 6 week Fall Session will be **this weekend 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.



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



Let's Get Together!

all of us. We will meet outside the church after the 11:30 Mass and go to lunch on **October 9, November 6, and December 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

The **MDP Young Adults Brunch Meeting** will meet on Sunday, September 11th after the 11:30 Mass in the Vestibule.

Legion of Mary will meet on Sunday, September 11th at 12:30 PM in McGrory Hall.

There will be a **Religious Education Parent Meeting** on Sunday, September 11th at 1:00 PM in Church.

The **Youth Group** will meet for Adoration on September 11th at 7 PM in the Church and then in the Gym at 7:30 PM.

There will be a **CYO Athletic Association Meeting** on Sunday, September 11th at 7 PM in McGrory Hall.

Women's Walk will meet on Monday, September 12th at 9:30 AM in the Parish Offices Building.

Care Ministers will hold their meeting on September 12th at 2 PM in the Parish Offices Building.

There will be a **Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting** on Monday, September 12th at 7 PM in McGrory Hall.

The Charismatic Prayer Group will meet on Monday, September 12th at 7:30 PM in the Parish Offices Building.

The Contemporary Guitar Group will meet on Tuesday, September 13th at 6:45 PM in the Parish Offices Building.

There will be a **Food Addicts Meeting** on Tuesday, September 13th at 7 PM in McGrory Hall.

There will be a **Liturgy Committee Meeting** on Tuesday, September 13th at 7:15 PM in the Parish Offices Building.

The **Intercessory Prayer Group** will meet on Wednesday, September 14th at 9 AM in the Church

There will be a **Monte Carlo Night Planning Meeting** on Wednesday, September 14th at 7:30 PM in the Parish Offices Building.

There will be a **Pre-Jordan Class** on Wednesday, September 14th at 7:30 PM in the Parish Offices Building.

Boy Scout Troop # 481 will meet on Thursday, September 15th at 7 PM in Providence Hall.

The **Choir** will practice on Thursday, September 15th at 7:30 PM in the Church.

CYO ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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 provided 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

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 this presentation, we will begin our new year on a spiritual note learning about our call to serve. Please be sure to join us.



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP 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 check this week's Bulletin insert for information on the Parish Pilgrimage to the National Shrine. It is scheduled for **October 15** and will be led by our new Archbishop Charles Chaput. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Sister Veronica at 610-265-4178.

ST. JOHN CASSEROLE PROGRAM

Our next scheduled pick up date for Casseroles is **Wednesday, September 14.** Pans, lids and recipes may be found in the back of church.

SPECIAL THANKS to all who helped with the summer collection of toiletries. The response was overwhelming, as always.

WHAT HAVE YOU SEEN THIS WEEK?

What is happening to us? We have recently experienced a 5.8 magnitude earthquake, hurricane Irene and lots of flooding. The weather seems to be out of control. This week I'm not really looking outside of ourselves, but rather inside – What have these experiences done to us? How has all of this inconvenience affected our spirit? I have found myself to be very edgy. I have no patience and everything is a bother. What is happening outside of ourselves does affect us when we don't pay attention to our spirit and allow those outside experiences control us. So, what has all of this done to you? What are you doing to get

back on track? Take some time this week to reflect on your inner self and decide how to make changes if needed. Let us pray for each other. What have you seen this week?

from the desk of Sr. Veronica

CATECHETICAL FORMATION

PREPARING ADULTS TO RECEIVE SACRAMENTS

Adults who are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and the process of becoming a Catholic and Catholics who have not received the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation, are invited to Theresa Gilmore's office in the school building on Monday, September 12th at 7:00 PM. Please contact us at theresa.gilmore@mdpschool.com



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Our program will open on Sunday, **September 11th** at 1:00 PM with prayer in church. Students will then meet with their Catechists and receive their books and other materials. Parents will remain for a short meeting and then proceed to the school to meet the catechists and bring their children home. Attendance will be taken. **All parents of children in our program are asked to attend the meeting. Children must bring their class admittance slips with them. Only children whose registration forms were received by August 31st may go to the classrooms on Sunday the 11th.**

from the desk of Theresa Gilmore, DRE

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL

School News

<http://mdpschool.com>



It is so wonderful to hear young footsteps in the hallways, delightful chatter in the lunchroom and general excitement in the classrooms. It is finally September and *we are back at school*. Tomorrow the Pre-K children join the rest, and we cannot wait to have them among us!

We opened the academic year with a joyful prayer service, arranged by Student Council. The children sang, welcoming everyone to "The Father's House," *with room for everyone*. New students and teachers were introduced, and we all dedicated our year to growing closer in relationship with Jesus. Our vibrant Student Council had everyone involved.



The week closed with a patriotic theme, remembering the tenth anniversary of the tragic 9/11 terrorist attack on our nation. Teachers reviewed the devastating events, and then acknowledged the courageous acts of heroism that defined us on that day and in the days that followed. We spoke of respect for all people, prayed for peace, and played a tribute video. Each child received an American flag lapel pin, which may be worn on the uniform. May this generation grow to be people of faith, hope, love and peace – a sign of Jesus' continuing presence among us.

This summer, several of our teachers participated in the *Peaceful Schools Institute*, and they learned some wonderful proactive strategies for creating a positive school climate. There are several exciting themes that will be carried through the school year. You will be hearing about the "Morning Meeting," STAR strategies (Stop, Think, Act, Reflect), cooperative games, positive discipline (encouraging self-discipline), and anti-bullying. We are keeping vigilant, as these issues are fresh for each new group that comes before us. Building peace in our world is a daily commitment, not a "one and done" focus. We appreciate the example set by parents, coaches, and other community leaders as we approach this goal together.



Looking Ahead:

Monday 9/12 – Pre-School begins at 8:45 AM; please drop children off by 8:30 AM if possible. Informal social (coffee/tea and donuts) for parents, in Providence Hall after drop-off. Meet the parents of your children's classmates! Catch your breath and relax!

Monday 9/12 – Band Assembly for grades 4 – 6 at 2:30 PM in Providence Hall.

Thursday 9/15 – Launch for "Kid's Stuff Entertainment Books" Home and School Assn. fundraiser

Friday 9/16 – Family Fun Night at Petrucci's – Ice Cream and Water Ice. What a great way to start the year with our families!

The administration, faculty, staff, parents and students of MDP School deeply appreciate the generous and loving support of our parishioners in promoting quality Catholic education. God bless you.

Theresa Garvin, Principal

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary (previously known as the Religious Studies Division) invites you to walk in the footsteps of the Apostles in discipleship to Jesus Christ! Please visit their website at www.studyatholiceology.com to learn about all of the course and certificate programs being offered this fall.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES – MONEY MANAGEMENT COURSE

There will be a 5 week money management course given at the CSS at 353 E. Johnson Hwy, Norristown. The class will be **September 13th – October 25th from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM** and also **September 15th – October 27th from 7 PM to 9 PM**. Classes begin on time and last 2 hours. There is no charge for the class. For more information call 610-279-7372.

SCHEDULES FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Catechist for Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sunday, September 18, 2011

9:30 AM Mass – TBD

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday, September 17, 2011

5:15 PM Mass – S. DeFrancesco, F. Donovan, S. Dugary, B. Dugary, D. Giova, S. Mahar, T. McCuch, F. Moffa

Sunday, September 18, 2011

7:30 AM Mass – G. DeFusco, D. Dy, J. Fox, T. Fox, T. Funsten, S. Griffith, M. Marchese, J. Wolen

9:30 AM Mass - E. Bogle, T. Boyle, M. D'Agostino, B. Ferguson, J. Forster, MA. Hood, V. Lewandowski, D. O'Brien

11:30 AM Mass – S. Guminski, M. Guminski, P. Kroll, E. Lindsay, R. Sheetz, E. Strack, A. Urben, T. White

Lectors

Saturday, September 17, 2011

5:15 PM Mass – N. Olson

Sunday, September 18, 2011

7:30 AM Mass - C. Welde

9:30 AM Mass – S. Wildemann

11:30 AM Mass – A. Kroll

Altar Servers

Monday, September 12, 2011

8:00 AM Mass – T. Gibbons, M. Bishop

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

8:00 AM Mass - T. Gibbons, M. Bishop

Wednesday, September 14, 2011

8:00 AM Mass – T. Gibbons, M. Bishop

Thursday, September 15, 2011

8:00 AM Mass – T. Gibbons, M. Bishop

Friday, September 16, 2011

8:00 AM Mass - J. Rajasekaran, M. Bishop

Saturday, September 17, 2011

8:00 AM Mass – C. Cirafesi, L. Nigro

5:15 PM Mass – K. Abreu, M. DeFrancesco, A. Prusacki

Sunday, September 18, 2011

7:30 AM Mass – Q. Mazzilli, H. Mazzilli,

J. Rajasekaran

9:30 AM Mass – N. Lewandowski, A. Splendore, L. Hutchinson

11:30 AM Mass - J. Galdi, M. Hopson, B. Kilroy

Altar Society Cleaning Team

Wednesday, September 14, 2011

J. McConnell

Altar Society Linen Preparation

Sunday, September 18, 2011

J. Panaccio

SCHEDULES FOR SCRIP SELLERS

Monday, September 12, 2011 – 3:00-3:30

K. Watkinson

Tuesday, September 13, 2011 – 8:30 – 9 AM

M. Mangan

Wednesday, September 14, 2011 – 3:00 – 3:30 PM

P. Campbell

Thursday, September 15, 2011 - 8:30 - 9:00

L. Cristinzio

Friday, September 16, 2011 – 11:30 – 12:00 Noon

Jayne Lloyd

Saturday, September 17, 2011

5:15 PM Mass – G. Heslin, M. Neves

Sunday, September 18, 2011

7:30 AM Mass – D. Funsten

9:30 AM Mass - D. Groth, D. Mulgrew

11:30 AM Mass – C. Hopson

SCRIP NEWS

What's New!!!



\$25 at 8%
15%

\$25 & \$100 at 3%

\$10 at

Gap has increased the retailer contribution to 14%
Einstein Bros. Bagels has \$10 at 10% contribution.