

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

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Deacon Mark H. Dillon - *Permanent Deacon*

PASTORAL STAFF

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

OFFICE HOURS

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. Theresa Gilmore -
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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
23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 4, 2011

7:30 AM Mass – Kristin White

9:30 AM Mass – Rosalia Fajardo

11:30 AM Mass – For Our Benefactors

Monday, September 5, 2011

9:00 AM Mass – Louis, Elizabeth & Robert Saxon

Tuesday, September 6, 2011

8:00 AM Mass – David Waterman

Wednesday, September 7, 2011

8:00 AM Mass – Dolores Cook

Thursday, September 8, 2011

8:00 AM Mass – Thomas LaPenna

Friday, September 9, 2011

8:00 AM Mass – Zigmund Wisniewski, Jr.

Saturday September 10, 2011

8:00 AM Mass – Walter Dozer

5:15 PM Mass – William McNamee



MASS INTENTION BOOK TO OPEN!



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

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

We look forward to seeing all of the children in Grades Pre-Kindergarten through 2nd when we resume the Children's Liturgy of the Word **September 11TH** at the 9:30 AM Mass and each Sunday thereafter.

STEWARDSHIP

SHARING TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

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

The collection for 8/28/11 totaled \$10,280.32

The collection for 8/29/10 totaled \$14,622.66

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Black and Indian Missions

Established in 1884, the Black and Indian Mission Collection is the embodiment of the Catholic Church's concern for evangelizing the Black, Native American and Indigenous peoples of the United States. Your financial contribution to this fund assists clergy, religious and lay catechists, parishes, schools and catechetical center. It is only through your continued generosity toward this collection that such efforts are realized.

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.

FROM OUR PASTOR

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

“Jesus abides among us whenever two or three are gathered in His Name.” Our parish gathers here in our family sanctuary to worship God as His People. We open our ears now to listen to God’s Word. Let any hearts dulled by complacency awaken to the power of that Word. Saint Paul reminds us of the great commandment in today’s second reading: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” This love is not a selfish love, nor does it open itself up to a world of work alone. This love challenges every human person to love self, wholesomely, as a means of maturing as persons in order to love the whole human person in our neighbor and among our enemies. Paul says, ‘we are bound by the law of love,’ and so we are bound to know ourselves as righteous before the eyes of God. As our journey of conversion continues, take to heart the words of today’s Gospel. As Christians, we are called to be reconciled with Christ and with one another. There is no room in a Christian’s life for grudges, prejudice, or arrogance. To help us, we have a parish that prays for us, encourages and supports us on our Way to heaven. Rely on us, so we can together reach our goal in Christ! As John Donne said, ‘No man is an island unto himself.’

This Labor Day Weekend, we remember workers and the value of work. We remember also, persons who want to work but have no work. Work is dignified in the life of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and also in his faithful Son, Jesus, a carpenter. We should ask Saint Joseph to pray with us this weekend to strengthen our resolve to work well and make each work day a day to give glory and honor to God.



I am excited by our new website: **MDPPARISH.COM**. Please visit it often and get up to date information on our parish and its life with God.

Catechetical Sunday is September 18, 2011
Catechetical Sunday is celebrated annually on the third Sunday in September in parishes across the United States. The theme for 2011 Catechetical Sunday is “Do This in Memory of Me” (Lk 22:19). By reflecting on this theme, we are also preparing to receive the Third Typical Edition of the Roman Missal. We hope that this year’s celebration will provide the opportunity not only to reflect on the beauty and mystery of the Eucharist, as found in the Scriptures and the Tradition of the Church, but also to be moved to a more intense participation in the Sunday celebration of Mass, worthy

reception of Holy Communion, and a more intentional embrace of the Church’s sacramental life and mission. Next week we will have more about Catechetical Sunday.

Welcome Home to our children in school and in our parish religious education program! We have missed you all and look forward to seeing you and working with you as you mature in faith with our parish! Like in any family, the excitement of our young people is infectious and helps us remain positive and alert to the growing lives of our young people in our Catholic parish!

May God’s blessing be on you and your family this week,

Father Cioppi

IN OUR PARISH

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

The Parish Offices will be closed **Monday, September 5th** in observance of Labor Day. The offices will reopen Tuesday, September 6th at 8:30 AM.

*****PARISH PICNIC*****

The MDP Parish Fall Picnic will be held after the 5:15 PM Mass on **Saturday, September 10th**. We ask that each family with the last names:

A – I bring beverages
J – Q – bring desserts
R – Z - bring salads

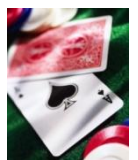


Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Bring your lawn chairs and games and join us for a fun evening.

SAVE THE DATE

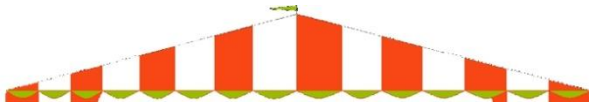


Please mark your calendar and plan to attend **A Night at the Palio, MDP’s first annual Monte**



Carlo Night! This evening will include food, fun and fellowship on **Saturday, October 1, 2011** from 6:00

PM to 10:00 PM. Complete details will follow in upcoming bulletins and on our new parish website.



Dear MDP Families,

We are asking all the families who took carnival signs for their front lawns to please return them to the back of the church as soon as you can.

Monica Pedano
Carnival Chair



**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.

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.

**MDP YOUNG ADULTS
GROUP**

(ages 20-35)



Let's Get Together!

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

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY

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

**WHY CATHOLIC? REGISTRATION ENDS
SEPTEMBER 11TH.**

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



CHOIR WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS



If you have any singing experience we would consider you an asset to our choir. All are welcome, but we are especially in need of men. LADIES, please encourage your husband, son, fiancé or brother to join the choir. We will help you develop whatever talent God has given you. The choir rehearses every Thursday evening at 7:30 PM in the church choir loft beginning on September 8th. If you're not sure; try us out for a few weeks and then make your decision. If you have any questions please see Ed Klady at the organ after the 5:15 PM or 11:30 AM Masses; or by email (listed on the second page of this bulletin).

CANTORS NEEDED

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

FORE!!!



Calling all golfers – good and bad. MDP Athletic Association is hosting the 1st Annual MDPAA Golf Classic, **Saturday, September 10th**, in conjunction with MDP's Fall Picnic. Tee times are limited so sign up now for your chance to show off your skills. Closest to the pin, longest drive, straightest drive are some of the highlights of the day.

After golf is over, we'll attend 5:15 Mass and then sit back and enjoy the Fall picnic. More details to follow. If you would like to sponsor a hole or for more information, please contact Mike Cristinzio at stinz1@verizon.net.

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

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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Legion of Mary will meet on Sunday, September 4th at 12:30 PM in McGrory Hall.

There will be a **MDP Seniors Meeting** Tuesday, September 6th at 11 AM in the Parish Offices Building.

There will be a **Food Addicts Meeting**, Tuesday, September 6th at 7 PM in the McGrory Hall.

The **Intercessory Prayer Group** will meet on Wednesday, September 7th at 9 AM in the Church

There will be **Choir Practice** on Thursday, September 8th at 7:30 PM in the Church.

PARISH SERVICES

MDP SENIORS



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

CARE MINISTERS

Our first meeting for Care Ministers will be on Monday, September 12 at 2 P.M. in the Parish Offices Building. Father Cioppi will speak to us about **Discipleship**. With 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 keep Saturday, October 15 open for our Pilgrimage to the National Shrine in Washington. There will be an insert in our bulletin the weekend of September 10-11 with details and a registration form. Hope you can join us for a special spiritual experience.

WHAT HAVE YOU SEEN THIS WEEK?

LÓÖK
**What have
you seen?**

While I was on vacation, my friend and I took a picnic lunch and set out to Beltsville State Park. It is about a 30 minute ride from where we stay. But it is worth the trip. There is a manmade lake with a sand beach; a large area of grass with picnic tables and grills...just a beautiful spot. We spent most of the day there, enjoyed our picnic lunch and read a little, walked a little. Needless to say, I did a lot of people watching. I was delighted to see so many families coming to enjoy the area – and it is free. As I watched the people head for the lake, they were laden down with “stuff”. They carried coolers, beach chairs, umbrellas, bats, beach balls, you name it, they brought it. What struck me about these families was the behavior of the children. They were helping with all of the equipment, they were respectful and they were enjoying themselves. I didn't hear any parent yelling at their children, there was no fighting. The peace of this place seemed to touch the people who came to spend time there. Environment does affect us. So I ask, where do we go, where do we spend our leisure time and what do we do when we are there? Do we allow it to touch our spirit? What have you seen this week?

from the desk of Sr. Veronica

CATECHETICAL FORMATION



PREPARING ADULTS TO RECEIVE SACRAMENTS

*We have been meeting with interested adults throughout the summer, and will be in full swing **by September 12th**. Join us at 7:00 PM in Theresa's office in the school.*

We warmly welcome any adult who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, is interested in coming into the Church or would like to complete their Initiation with the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Please contact us at theresa.gilmore@mdpschool.com



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

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

We are eagerly looking for children who are not yet registered! Registration information and forms may be found on the bottom shelf of the pamphlet rack in the lobby of the church, and also on the parish website: www.mdpparish.com. Click on Faith Formation / Children's Religious Education. *To learn more about our children's faith formation program, email Theresa Gilmore.*

OPENING DAY - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

CATECHETICAL STAFF NEEDS

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

Our religious education program is looking for faith-filled adults who are moved by the Holy Spirit to help instill our Catholic Faith in the children of the parish.

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

from the desk of Theresa Gilmore, DRE

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL

<http://MDPSchool.com>

Dear Parents,



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

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

The first day of school for grades 1 – 8 is Wednesday September 7. Children must pack a lunch that first week. Regular cafeteria lunch service begins on Monday September 12.

School starts at 8:45 AM for all, but children often start arriving as early as 8:20 AM. Bussing is available for K - 8th, but PreK children must be dropped off (State law prohibits bussing prior to Kindergarten.). For working parents, we also have a CARES program that will accept children as early as 7:00 AM, for a fee. Dismissal for PreK and ½ day Kindergarten is at 11:30 AM and for K - 8th at 3:15 PM. There are afternoon CARES programs as well, to cover the balance of the day if needed (See website: www.MDPSchool.com).

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

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

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

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



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

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

from the office of Theresa Garvin, Principal

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY



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

household goods (beds and bath linens/pots/pan/dishes/cooking utensils/toys/books and small appliances in good working order). You are invited to take all donations to the Society's trailer in the parking lot of the locations noted. Tax receipts are available upon request. The Society also offers pick-up service for furniture/large appliances and vehicle donations. For more information, please call 215-288-8160.

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

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

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

CENTENNIAL EVENTS

St. Edmond Parish, will have a Patriotic Mass at 11 AM, **Sunday, September 11th**, at the church, 21st and Snyder Avenue in Philadelphia, to honor police, firefighters, and the military and to remember the victims of 9-11. A reception in the church hall, 2130 South 21st Street will take place after Mass. For more information, call 215-334-3755/56.

ARCHDIOCESAN BOY CHOIR AUDITIONS

Do you know a boy who loves to sing? The archdiocesan Boy Choir will be holding auditions for boys in grades 2-8 on **September 17th and 24th**. To schedule an audition please call Director Tom Windelder at 2150425-6995 or 610-906-3551.

REUNION

West Catholic Class of 1951, combined boys and girls, will hold a 60th reunion luncheon on **Friday, September 16th** at Drexelbrook. Contact Ron Walsh at 610-853-2056 or Peg Bushey at 610-728-5462

"A SHORE THING"

La Salle College H.S. will hold its annual A Shore Thing for alumni at Greate Bay Country Club in Somers Point, NJ on **Sunday, September 11th**. Admission is \$50 per person. For reservations or additional information, please call Mary Frances Kelly

at 215-402-4814 or visit the school's web site at www.lschs.org.

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.studycatholictheology.com to learn about all of the course and certificate programs being offered this fall.

SCHEDULES FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Catechist for Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sunday, September 11, 2011

9:30 AM Mass – Tom Boyle

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday, September 10, 2011

5:15 PM Mass – A. Angelucci, Sr. V. Gross, J. Marx, M. McDevitt, M. McDevitt, R. O'Hara, L. Puco, J. Walsh

Sunday, September 11, 2011

7:30 AM Mass – S. Angelucci, S. Griffith, C. Hill, D. O'Brien, D. Pedlow, S. Strahle, M. White, R. White

9:30 AM Mass - D. Cichowicz, J. Copp, Paul Hawk, A. O'Hara, T. Traister, L. Wolen, J. Wolen, A. Yates

11:30 AM Mass – J. DeMaria, C. Faustman, J. Faustman, J. Garrity, A. Garrity, V. Limongelli, T. McLaughlin, L. McGroaty

Lectors

Saturday, September 10, 2011

5:15 PM Mass – S. Swinty

Sunday, September 11, 2011

7:30 AM Mass - J. McCabe

9:30 AM Mass – M. Baker

11:30 AM Mass – J. Olexy

Altar Servers

Monday, September 5, 2011

9:00 AM Mass – M. DeFrancesco, A. Prusacki

Tuesday, September 6, 2011

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

Wednesday, September 7, 2011

8:00 AM Mass – N. Spingler, A. Prusacki

Thursday, September 8, 2011

8:00 AM Mass – N. Spingler, A. Prusacki

Friday, September 9, 2011

8:00 AM Mass - N. Spingler, A. Prusacki

Saturday, September 10, 2011

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

5:15 PM Mass – A. Bristowe, M. Bristowe, E. Campbell

Sunday, September 11, 2011

7:30 AM Mass – G. Lacy, J. O'Brien, J. Mangan

9:30 AM Mass – S. Lloyd, M. Hutchinson, N. Spingler

11:30 AM Mass - J. Fratoni, L. Galban, G. Custer

Altar Society Cleaning Team

Wednesday, September 7, 2011

B. Barrett, S. Colucci

Altar Society Linen Preparation

Sunday, September 11, 2011

E. Buchwald

SCHEDULES FOR SCRIP SELLERS

Wednesday, September 7, 2011 – 3:00-3:30

M. Bevenour

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

L. Splendore

Friday, September 9, 2011 – 11:30 – 12:00 Noon

P. Campbell

Saturday, September 10, 2011

5:15 PM Mass – G. Heslin, C. O'Hara

Sunday, September 11, 2011

7:30 AM Mass – C. Hopson

9:30 AM Mass - J. Lloyd, L. Mazzilli

11:30 AM Mass – D. Custer

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\$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