

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*
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Pastor Emeritus, St. Stanislaus
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

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Mrs. Marianne Houston - *Business Manager*
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MDP SCHOOL

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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
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 11, 2011

7:30 AM Mass - Edward Novak

9:30 AM Mass - Benedict Capacio

11:30 AM Mass - James Connolly

Monday, December 12, 2011

8:00 AM Mass - To End All Abortions

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

8:00 AM Mass - Theresa Schwartz

Wednesday, December 14, 2011

8:00 AM Mass - Anthony & Rita Sammartino

Thursday, December 15, 2011

8:00 AM Mass - Raymond Forster

Friday, December 16, 2011

8:00 AM Mass - Ted Lovas

Saturday, December 17, 2011

8:00 AM Mass - June Stiles

5:15 PM Mass - Donald Kelsh



PREPARING FOR THE COMING OF CHRIST

Mother of Divine Providence Parish will take part in a **Regional Penance Service, Wednesday, December 21st at 7 PM.** The Penance Service will be held at St. Augustine Church in Bridgeport. Our priests and priests from area churches will be participating in this service. All are encouraged to attend.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 17 - 4 PM - 5 PM

Tuesday, December 20 - 7 PM - 8 PM followed by
Night Prayer at 8 PM

Thursday, December 22 - 7 PM - 8 PM followed by
Night Prayer at 8 PM.

Friday, December 23 - 7 PM - 8 PM followed by Night
Prayer at 8 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE

Saturday, December 24 - 4 PM Mass (Carols at 3:15 PM) and 8 PM (Carols at 7:30 PM.)

CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, December 25 - Masses at 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Saturday, December 31 - 4 PM Vigil Mass.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Sunday, January 1 - Masses at 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

STEWARDSHIP

SHARING TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

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

The collection for 12/04/11 totaled \$19,518.85

The collection for 12/05/10 totaled \$18,758.27

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

There will be a second collection next weekend, **December 18th and 19th.** This will be for the Parish Fund.

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.

FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Gaudete! This is Gaudete Sunday a day of rejoicing that we are ever closer to the Second Coming of Christ as we meditate with great enthusiasm on His first Coming and on His dwelling within our parish and in our hearts! *Gaudete!*

The prophet Isaiah echoes today's Collect by calling us to "solemn worship and glad rejoicing." Isaiah reminds us that this is "a year of the Lord's favor," where healing, justice and salvation will become a reality for us all. Mary joins the chorus with her Canticle, "My soul rejoices in my God." Paul calls us to constant rejoicing, unceasing prayer, and integrity of life as we prepare our parish, our children, ourselves for His Coming. After all, Jesus is the reason.....The Baptist reminds us, we need to possess 'eyes to see,' the glory that awaits us. As Christmas draws near, share the excitement of the new born Savior with renewed hearts made serene by our waiting and our deep reflection on His Love.

Faithfully,

Father Cioppi

IN OUR PARISH

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

The Parish Business Offices will be closed Monday, December 26, 2011 and Monday, January 2, 2012 in celebration of the Christmas and New Year holidays.

COFFEE AND DONUTS

Please join us next **Sunday, December 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!



NEW BEGINNINGS- Coming in 2012!

Beginning in February 2012, MDP is starting a new group for adults who are not partnered-singles/divorced/separated/widowed. New Beginnings is about helping men and women live a better life. Your participation and involvement is needed! A pre-planning meeting will be held on **Thursday, January**

19 at 7 PM in the Parish Offices Building. You can contact Lauretta Zimmer at 610-265-0655 or Karen Pedano at 610-209-8800 for further information.

CYO ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



The MDP Athletic Association will hold its monthly general meeting on Sunday, December 11th at 7 PM in McGrory Hall. All coaches are reminded of their obligation to attend meetings regularly. All parents are welcome and invited to attend.

SANTA SACKS FOR ST. VERONICA SCHOOL

Please remember to return your filled Santa Sacks for the children of St. Veronica School to the boxes in the Church foyer this weekend, December 10-11. We are counting on everyone to remember so that no child will be disappointed. We will deliver the gifts to the school on Monday morning December 12. Additionally, all donations to the poor boxes during the month of December will be given to the school to help provide art and music programs for the children. Thanks for sharing your Christmas spirit with our sister parish!



MDP GIVING TREE

MDP has again partnered with Catholic Social Service in Norristown for the annual Christmas Gift giving program. Please return all unwrapped gifts, today, **December 11th (NEW DATE)**. All gifts will be delivered to the Catholic Social Services on **Wednesday, December 14th (NEW DATE)**. We can use help with delivery of these items. If interested in helping to deliver the gifts to the Catholic Social Services, please call Kara Wilson at 610-265-5991. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



YOUR SHOPPING HELPS OUR PARISH!

If you are shopping at The Catholic Shop between now and Christmas, be sure to mention that you are a member of our parish and saw this notice. The Catholic Shop will give us a percentage of what you buy to be added to the proceeds of our bazaar.



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,



Let's Get Together!

service, and great fun for all of us. We will meet outside the church after the 11:30 Mass and go to lunch on **January 8, 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. Please check us out on our Facebook Page at MDP Young Adults Group.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP

Listed below is the new schedule, for the **Protecting God's Children Workshop, from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia**



Attention all new coaches, assistants, and volunteers who are thinking about going on field trips, working with our children in the school, chaperoning school

functions, etc., helping with our Youth Group activities or volunteering in the Religious Education Program. In order to work with our parish children, you **MUST** attend a Protecting God's Children workshop in addition to getting the required clearances. To register please visit the Virtus website www.virtus.org or call the Office for Child and Youth Protection at 215-587-2466.

- 12/12/11 – Arch. Office Center, Phila. – 6:30 PM
- 1/18/12 – Arch. Office Center, Phila. – 6:30 PM
- 2/6/12 – Arch Office Center, Phila. – 6:30 PM

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.

PRE-CANA REGISTRATION

The next session of our Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Program for engaged couples will be held on **Saturday, March 31, 2012** in Providence Hall. The program will begin with a continental breakfast starting at 8:45 AM and will run through 4:00 PM. Lunch will be provided for all participants. Registration for this session is limited to 15 couples. A program fee of \$135 per couple is required at the time of registration in order to hold a spot for the engaged



couple. Registration forms may be obtained on the MDP website or by contacting Rosemarie DeRosa at the parish offices at 610-265-4178 or Deacon Mark Dillon at 610-293-9774.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The **Legion of Mary** will hold their meeting, Sunday, December 11th at 12:30 PM in McGrory Hall.

There will be **Altar Server Training for Religious Education Servers** on Sunday, December 11th at 1 PM and Saturday, December 17th at 3 PM. Both in the Church.

The **Youth Group** will meet for Adoration on Sunday, December 11th at 7 PM in the Church and then meet for their meeting at 7:30 PM in the Gym.

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

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

There will be a **Home and School Board Meeting** on Monday, December 12th at 6:30 PM in the Parish Offices Building.

The **Charismatic Prayer Group** will hold their meeting on Monday, December 12th at 7:30 PM in the Parish Offices Building.

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

There will be a **Run Committee Meeting** on Tuesday, December 13th at 7 PM in the Parish Offices Building.

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

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

There will be a **Home and School St. Patrick's Day Fundraising Meeting** on Wednesday, December 14th at 7 PM in the Parish Offices Building.

There will be a **Marketing Committee Meeting** on Wednesday, December 14th at 7 PM in the Parish Offices Building.

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

Boy Scout Troop #481 will hold their meeting on Thursday, December 15th at 7 PM in Providence Hall.

Choir Practice will be held on Thursday, December 15th at 7:30 PM in the Church.

There will be a **Natural Family Planning Class** on Friday, December 16th at 6 PM in the Parish Offices Building.

PARISH NURSE

Thank you to all of the “45” generous blood donors who participated in the MDP Holiday Blood Drive November 25th! All donations, including 4 bags of double red blood cells, were used by the American Red Cross to benefit 135 people in need. “Thank you for Giving the Gift of Life!”



from the desk of Ellie Buchwald, RN, BSN

PARISH SERVICES

ST. JOHN HOSPICE CASSEROLE

Our next pick up for casseroles is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 14**. Details may be found in the bulletin under Parish Outreach. Thank you for your

continued support.



THANK YOU FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Special thanks to all who made donations to the St. Vincent de Paul truck last week. The items are appreciated and always put to good



use.

COOKIES, COOKIES, COOKIES

Thank you to our bakers for helping to make the cookies for our homebound effort a huge success. I have never seen so many cookies in one place outside of a bakery. We appreciate the time and talent that went into your baking and help with this event. Blessings on all who participated.

from the desk of Sister Veronica



CATECHETICAL FORMATION

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION



Our opening prayer this week will be centered around the Advent Wreath. It's shape is a circle to represent the timelessness of our God Who had no

beginning and has no end. The evergreens remind us that God never changes but is always faithful, always loving, always forgiving. The 3 bluish purple candles represent the color of the sky just before dawn and the rose colored candle symbolizes the joy that is ours in knowing that Jesus Christ our Savior is near. Come, Lord Jesus!

PARENT EVENING OF REFLECTION FOR SACRAMENTS: MAKE-UP GATHERING

If your child is preparing to receive Reconciliation or Confirmation this year and you missed the recent Parent Evening of Reflection for that Sacrament please come to the Religious Education office in the school on Wednesday, December 14th at 6:40 PM. Important paperwork will be distributed during this gathering.

from the desk of Theresa Gilmore, DRE

THE NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL

School News

<http://mdpschool.com>

Congratulations to our recent *Apple of My Eye* winners. Our children are very thoughtful and generous, and so there are many tickets in the bin each week. Lucky winners over the last few weeks include: Gabe Falcone, Lexie Egan, Colin Woehlicke, Nina Dudas, Ben Kilroy, Adriana Lamesta, Chase Lucas, Julia Perate, Sean Bruce, Madalyn Colbert, Amelia Egan, Dillon Bowman, Lauren Montgomery, Declan Anstock, Natalie Spingler, Melissa Matus, Ryan Remar, Maeve Dollarton, and teacher, Mrs. McTiernan. I am proud of these and all of our kind and helpful “good apples.”

The Week-at-a-Glance

- ❖ 12/12 Monday – Pick-up items from the Joe Corbi Sale from 3:00 – 6:00 PM.
- ❖ 12/13 Tuesday – Faculty In-service – NO SCHOOL or CARES.
- ❖ 12/14 Wednesday – Marketing Meeting at 7:00 PM in the parish offices; all are welcome.
- ❖ 12/15 Thursday – Early Childhood Christmas Concert at 9:45 AM, followed by Breakfast with Santa. Young children from the parish are invited to celebrate with us.
- ❖ 12/16 Friday – Noon dismissal for Faculty, Staff and Parish Staff Christmas Party. There is no afternoon CARES so that all staff are free to celebrate together.

Yearbook news ...

- ATTENTION 8TH GRADE PARENTS – YEARBOOK INFORMATION
All money for yearbook ads is now due. Please make checks payable to: *MDP School*.
- FALL SPORTS TEAM PICTURES
The yearbook staff is in need of team pictures for fall sports. We currently have Volleyball Varsity A and JV Volleyball. All other teams are missing. If you have taken a team picture of any other fall sports team, please send us a copy. It can be emailed to carol.obrien@mdpschool.com or a hard copy can be sent to school to Mrs. O'Brien's attention. Thank you.

Thank you to the elves (Karen Sion, Sheila Doherty, Talia Urquhart and many more) who opened up a Secret Santa Shoppe this week for the children. The Science Lab was turned to a Wonderland of special gifts for a few days, and parent volunteers helped the children with their Christmas shopping. What a delightful Home and School activity!

The Middle School students are participating in a new activity – the Future Cities Competition. Using SimCity software they solve an environmental engineering problem for the city they design. The students will construct a physical model of their blueprint and enter it in competition. A few student volunteers from Villanova's Engineering Department are mentoring the students and Science teacher, Mrs. Kate McTiernan, is moderating the new club. Very exciting!

Great news ... Mother of Divine Providence School was selected as a 2011 ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Grant Award winner! Five hundred dollars has been donated for a new Math or Science initiative. We are considering the *First in Math* program or Robotics (mentor needed). Stay tuned for further details.

from the desk of Theresa Garvin, Principal

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

CONFESSION AND WEEKLY MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP CHAPUT AT THE CATHEDRAL ALL ARE INVITED

Archbishop Chaput has begun to hear confession and celebrate Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul each Sunday. All are welcome to attend. Confessions are heard at 5:30 PM followed by Mass at 6:30 PM. The Cathedral is located at 18th Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. Archbishop Chaput's homilies from all Masses

celebrated at the Cathedral can be downloaded as an mp3 file at www.archphila.org. You are welcome to visit Archbishop Chaput's official Facebook page at the following <http://www.facebook.com/ArchbishopChaput>.

SAINT JOE'S ANNOUNCES WINTER BASEBALL CLINICS FOR GRADES 4 - 12

Cost \$65 - \$75. Please contact for information, registration and fees to Jacob Gill at jgill@sju.edu or 610-660-2592 or www.sjuhawks.com.

Available Clinics:

- 12/27/11 – Infield Clinic for Gr. 4-8, 8:30 to 11 AM
- 12/27/11 – Hitting Clinic for Gr. 4–8, 12:00 to 3 PM
- 12/28/11 – “Practice like a Hawk for Gr. 4-8, 9 AM to 12:00 Noon
- 1/7/12 – Catching Clinic for Gr. 4-8, 9 to 11:30 AM
- 1/7/12 – Hitting Clinic for Gr. 4-8, 12:30 to 3:30 PM
- 1/8/12 – Pitching Clinic for Gr. 4-8, 9 AM to 12 Noon
- 1/14/12 - Pitching Clinic for Gr. 9-12, 9 AM to 12 Noon
- 1/14/12 – Pitching Clinic for Gr. 9-12, 12:30 to 3:30 PM

MUSIC AT ST. MONICA'S

The Fairmount Woodwind Quintet presents a concert of varied works at the Church of St. Monica's in Berwyn. Highlights of the 2012 season is as follows:

- 1/8/12 – 3 PM – Phila. Orchestra Concertmaster David Kim, violin
- 1/29/12 – 3 PM – The Keystone State Boys Choir
- 2/19/12 – 3 PM – Pyxis Piano Quartet
- 3/23/12 – 8 PM – Concert OPERA Philadelphia: Carmen
- 4/1/12 – 3 PM – Taize Service for Holy Week
- 5/20/12 – 3 PM – The Camerata Singers of Conestoga

The concert is free and family friendly; a free-will offering will be accepted. For more information please contact 610-644-0110 ext. 118 or visit www.saintmonicachurch.org.

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 on **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.



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGES

** Please consider joining the "Ava Maria" Holy Land Pilgrimage. **March 4 – 13, 2012**, hosted by Msgr. F. X.



Schmidt. Trip benefits "Father Chuck's Challenge" and its mission work in Nicaragua and Haiti. Cool temperatures ! Small group! Wonderful spiritual experience! Relatively low cost (\$2,999 not including

gratuities). For more information, please contact Mrs. Connie Hunt at 610-265-2380 or corneliahunt@gmail.com.

** There will also be a pilgrimage hosted by Fr. V. Kocherry, Asst. Pastor, St. Peter's Church and the National Shrine of St. John Neumann. Taking place **October 8 – 17, 2012**. Walk where Jesus walked: Galilee Nazareth, Mt. of Olives, Old City of Jerusalem, Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre – visit Bethlehem and the Church of the Nativity and more....For only \$2,699 per person including air – round trip from Philadelphia, First Class Hotels, Breakfast and Dinner daily. Comprehensive sightseeing and much more! For a full color brochure, call Fr. Kocherry at 215-627-3319 or give your name, address & telephone number by email vkocherry@hotmail.com or by mail to Fr. Kocherry, 1019 N. 5th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123.

STEPPING STONES KIDS SALE

Want to clear a bunch of kids stuff out of your house? Want to make a little money doing it? Then check our website for information on becoming a consignor at the "Stepping Stone Kids Sale" on **March 26, 2012**, St. Katharine of Siena in Wayne, in the school cafeteria. Come to our Spring & Summer consignment sale of gently used and new children's clothing and accessories for ages newborn to size 16. You will find shoes, baby strollers, highchairs, bouncers, nursery furniture, toys, books, DVDs, sports equipment, maternity clothes and much more! For more information email us on SSKidsSale@gmail.com or visit us on our website at www.SteppingStonesKidsSale.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 or our Email:

mmocsprtgp@comcast.net. For additional information please call Jack/Sophie at 215-698-7656. Please pray for all those in prison.

SCHEDULES FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Catechist for Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sunday, December 18, 2011

9:30 AM Mass – Thomas Boyle

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday, December 17, 2011

5:15 PM Mass – F. Donovan, R. Fajardo, D. Giova, M. Houston, T. McCuch, M. McDevitt, R. O'Hara, E. Ritter

Sunday, December 18, 2011

7:30 AM Mass - S. Angelucci, G. DeFusco, T. Fox, J. Fox, S. Griffith, MA. Marchese, R. White, M. White
9:30 AM Mass - M. Cooper, J. Copp, B. Ferguson, J. Forster, T. Gerardi, A. O'Hara, R. Scannapieco, H. Trainor

11:30 AM Mass - B. Dugary, J. Faustman, C. Faustman, A. Garrity, J. Garrity, E. Lindsay, R. Sheetz, T. White

Lectors

Saturday, December 17, 2011

5:15 PM Mass – N. Olson, D. Hackett

Sunday, December 18, 2011

7:30 AM Mass - J. McCabe

9:30 AM Mass - C. Crowley, C. Welde

11:30 AM Mass - J. Olexy, J. DeMaria

Altar Servers

Monday, December 12, 2011

8:00 AM Mass – R. Boyle, G. Lacy

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

8:00 AM Mass - R. Boyle, G. Lacy

Wednesday, December 14, 2011

8:00 AM Mass - R. Boyle, G. Lacy

Thursday, December 15, 2011

8:00 AM Mass - R. Boyle, G. Lacy

Friday, December 16, 2011

8:00 AM Mass - R. Boyle, G. Lacy

Saturday, December 17, 2011

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

5:15 PM Mass – K. Abreu, B. Donovan, L. Galban

Sunday, December 18, 2011

7:30 AM Mass – R. Boyle, M. Hutchinson, L. Hutchinson

9:30 AM Mass – C. Cirafesi, G. Custer, S. McGeehan

11:30 AM Mass – A. Acchione, A. Monaco, A. Prusacki, J. Rajasekaran

Altar Society Cleaning Team
Wednesday, December 14, 2011
 C. Hill, S. McCuch, J. Montgomery

Altar Society Linen Preparation
Sunday, December 18, 2011
 J. King

SCHEDULES FOR SCRIP SELLERS

Monday, December 12, 2011 – 3:00 – 3:30

L. Splendore

Tuesday, December 13, 2011 – 8:30 – 9:00

NO SALES

Wednesday, December 14, 2011 – 3:00-3:30

Pat Campbell

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

K. Bristowe

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

NO SALES

Saturday, December 17, 2011

5:15 PM Mass – J. McConnell, C. O'Hara

Sunday, December 18, 2011

7:30 AM Mass – P. Valenti

9:30 AM Mass – D. Custer, B. Gerardi

11:30 AM Mass – S. Dugary

SCRIP NEWS



Take a look at these affordable ideas for stocking stuffers that anyone on your list will love!



Bath & Body Works®



STARBUCKS®



claire's

What's New?

JO-ANN
fabric and craft stores®

Jo-Ann Fabrics \$20 Cards are being replaced with a \$25 Jo-Ann Fabrics gift cards. The non-profit contribution will remain the same at 6%.

DSW
DESIGNER SHOE WAREHOUSE®

We are pleased to announce the DSW Shoe Warehouse has joined our program. They offer \$25 at 9% contribution.



Great News! Honey Baked Ham will be changing over to \$25 gift cards. The non-profit contribution will remain the same at 12%.

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.