

# 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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**CLERGY**

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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*

**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

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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**  
**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY**  
**MOTHER OF GOD**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, January 1, 2012**

**7:30 AM Mass** - For Our Benefactors

**9:30 AM Mass** – Philip Cardin

**11:30 AM Mass** – Larry Ferrari

**Monday, January 2, 2012**

**8:00 AM Mass** – Leonard Pisano

**Tuesday, January 3, 2012**

**8:00 AM Mass** – Joan Bendinger

**Wednesday, January 4, 2012**

**8:00 AM Mass** – Francis Gillespie

**Thursday, January 5, 2012**

**8:00 AM Mass** – Elizabeth Anne Cole

**Friday, January 6, 2012**

**8:00 AM Mass** – Lois Pocoreba

**Saturday, January 7, 2012**

**8:00 AM Mass** – Cathy Mueller

**5:15 PM Mass** – Ella & James Richardson



**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.

**There will be no Children's Liturgy on Sunday, January 1st. The next Children's Liturgy will be January 8<sup>th</sup>.**

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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!

Due to the early transmission of this bulletin the collection for Christmas will be in next week's bulletin.

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK**

There will be a second collection next weekend, **January 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

A memorial donation has been made to our Sanctuary Fund in memory of **Carol Kelley** by Mr. & Mrs. James Fox. Also another memorial donation has been made in memory of **Patricia Pasquarelli** by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas McCuch.

**GENERAL PARISH FUND**

A memorial donation has been given by Mr. & Mrs. Donnon McGinley in memory of **Carol Kelley**.

**BUILDING FUND**

A memorial donation has been given by Mr. & Mrs. George Marrer in memory of **Frank Palladino**.

**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, the Universal Church rings in the New Year by celebrating our most ancient feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Today is filled with so much hope of new beginnings and good resolutions.

Mary herself stands before us as the Queen of Peace, the woman of contemplative prayer who reflects in her heart on God's ever-renewed presence in the world. She is likewise first among disciples, the woman of gospel action who responds to God's Word with obedient faith and selfless charity.

As we enter this new year of grace, let us gather our courage; let us muster our strength, given us by God to withstand the storms that ravage our hearts and emotions. Let us possess every confidence in God's love for His Holy People and be resolved to stay on the Boat of the Church in rocking seas. Mary points to her Son and says to us as she said to the stewards in Cana, "Do whatever He tells you."

I wish all of you my heartfelt wishes for a serene and holy new year, filled with the grace to endure whatever challenges come our way. May Mary, Mother of Divine Providence always point our families, united in our parish, in the right direction – toward heaven!

Happy New Year,

*Father Cioppi*

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## IN OUR PARISH

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### **PARISH OFFICES CLOSED**

The Parish Business Offices will be closed Monday, January 2, 2012 in celebration of the New Year holiday.

### **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 Laretta Zimmer at 610-265-0655 or Karen Pedano at 610-209-8800 for further information.

### **WINTER COAT AND SWEATER DRIVE**

Have an extra winter coat or sweater to give to those in need? The Knights of Columbus at St. Charles Seminary is sponsoring a Winter Coat and Sweater Drive for local shelters. On the weekend of **January 14 – 15<sup>th</sup>**, we will have a box, in church, to collect your donated coat or sweater. We are so grateful for your charity. In helping out, you are not just warming bodies – you are warming hearts!

### **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. 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 **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](mailto: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](http://www.virtus.org) or call the Office for Child and Youth Protection at 215-587-2466.

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

2/6/12 – Arch Office Center, Phila. – 6:30 PM

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

The **MDP Seniors** will hold their meeting on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 AM in the Parish Offices Building.

The **Contemporary Guitar Group** will meet Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:45 PM in the Parish Offices Building.

There will be **Food Addicts Meeting** on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 PM in McGrory Hall.

The **Intercessory Prayer Group** will meet on Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM in the Church.

**Boy Scout Troop #481** will hold their meeting on Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in Providence Hall.

**Choir Practice** will be held on Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM in the Church.

## 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: **Capt. Tom Figgatt, David W. Bogle, Major Christopher Koebbe, M.D.,**

**Cpl. Gregory Greenaway, Lt. Col. Eric Grace, Sgt. David Michael Koch, Captain Patrick Neher, A1C Aaron Stoner, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. Adam Bouvier, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

## PARISH NURSE



A New Year brings the promise of things to come and things to be left behind. Resolutions are admirable but as is often said, "The devil is in the details!" Often it is how we go about making our plans. Whether your focus is

spiritual, diet, sleep, exercise, money or social habits...it takes time to self-examine and make an honest assessment to power the resolutions for change. Polls have found that by springtime, 68% of Americans who made a New Year's resolution have broken it. After one year, only 15% claim success. You have to want to change! Experts suggest it takes 21 days for a committed change to become a changed habit. The trick, therefore, is to renew your desire to achieve your goal and keep modifying your strategy until you succeed.

I found four characteristic's of people who stick to their resolutions: they believe in their ability to change, they do not indulge in self-blame or excuse making, they avoid wishful thinking and concentrate on results, they understand their motivator's and reasons why the resolution is important to them.

How do you keep your resolve going? Consider the above suggestions as well as the following: Adopt a **realistic vision** of success, adopt an **effective strategy** by focusing on **short term goals**, **acknowledge success** and, **renew your commitment** as often as weekly, monthly or quarterly and not as "this year".

**Go for it! Just do it!**

**Happy New Year to everyone!**

*from the desk of Ellie Buchwald, RN, BSN*

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## PARISH SERVICES

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### MDP SENIORS



Our seniors are scheduled to meet for the new year on **Tuesday, January 3 at 11 A.M.** This will be an open meeting, which means that we do not have a speaker. It will be an opportunity for friends to meet and enjoy good conversation and refreshments. Please join us.

### ST. JOHN CASSEROLE PROGRAM

Casserole pick up for January is scheduled for Wednesday, January 11. Details are in the bulletin under our OUTREACH information.



Our parishioner, Corinne Hill, visits St. John's on a regular basis and shared this information –

Anthony Willoughby, the Kitchen supervisor, told her how appreciative they are for the wonderful casseroles. The number of casseroles has almost doubled since about 15 months ago. In addition, one of the MDP

donors has been sending multiple boxes of baked goods. They are so very thankful...especially during these difficult financial times. Thank you for making this possible.

### CARE MINISTERS

Care Ministers will be meeting on **Monday, January 9 at 2 P.M.** Our speaker Vicki Lelli, a registered nurse, will be speaking on how to be alert when visiting the homebound. How to look for safety issues so that our homebound parishioners are safe around the house. Please join us for this informative meeting.



### WHAT HAVE YOU SEEN THIS WEEK?

**LOOK**  
What have you seen?

We may not like to admit it, but we are all a little crazy. I guess it helps with the lives we lead. I say this because of what I always observe at Christmas time. The Christmas shopping season begins earlier every year and we fall into the trap of shopping earlier every year. SALES – SALES - SALES! A beautiful word for some. We hurry to buy the perfect gift for someone. Then the receiver promptly heads out to the store after Christmas to stand in line to return that perfect gift. Why do we do this? We are very generous givers. What kind of receivers are we? Do we really know how to accept something from another? So I need to ask: How do we receive the gracious gifts of our God? Do I make good use of the graces received daily? Do I even know that they are given to me? When I visit our homebound for Holy Communion, after we have had a little time to visit, we recollect ourselves to know that we are in God's presence, then, I mention some of the intentions that were shared in our conversation. But I always end it by asking the Lord to bless us with the graces we need that we don't know we need. God has one picture of us and we have another. May we open our eyes to the gifts we receive from God and not ignore them or send them back unused. What have you seen this week?

*from the desk of Sister Veronica*

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### CATECHETICAL FORMATION

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### COMMUNION PARENT EVENING OF ENRICHMENT

Parents who have a child preparing to receive first Holy Communion are



reminded of the evening of enrichment to be held on **Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** in Providence Hall. Father Stephen DeLacy will again be our speaker. Important information will be distributed following the presentation. At least one parent per family must attend. Thank you for arranging child care at home.

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



Classes will resume on **Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup>** with our traditional celebration of the Epiphany. By this manifestation of Christ to the Gentile Magi the message of salvation reaches out to all peoples. Be filled with the Holy Spirit as we celebrate our call to oneness with God through His Son, Jesus Christ! Have a very blessed year!

*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>

Yearbook news ...

- ATTENTION 8<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:carol.obrien@mdpschool.com) or a hard copy can be sent to school to Mrs. O'Brien's attention. Thank you.

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*

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## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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### HEALING MASS

A Healing Mass will take place at St. Katharine of Siena Church in Wayne on **Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.** Father Michael Flanagan will be the celebrant. Jesus in the Eucharist does the healing, but after Mass Father and prayer teams will pray over individuals for their specific intentions. Come with an openness to receive God's blessings and mercy. Our Lord wants to heal His people. The music will be by Martha's House. Bring a friend. Life in the Spirit Seminars start February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Register now. If you have any questions, please call Paul Hayes at 610-687-8835.

### ST. EDMOND'S PARISH

As part of its continuing centennial celebrations, St. Edmond's Parish in South Philadelphia will sponsor a Communion Breakfast, **Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>,** after the 10 AM Mass, in the church hall at 21<sup>st</sup> Street and Snyder Avenue. Tickets for the event cost \$20 and will be sold at the rectory. For tickets and information, please call 215-334-3755.

### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE VISITATION DAY

Archbishop John Carroll High School will host an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Visitation Day for the Class of 2016 on **Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 AM to 2 PM.** Students attending a Catholic Elementary School should register to attend through their 8<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher. Private and Public School students should register to attend by calling 610-688-7610, ext. 114 by January 12<sup>th</sup>.

### 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.

### 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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. 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### **SCHEDULES FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

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

**Sunday, January 8, 2012**

**9:30 AM Mass – Frances Krouse**

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

**Saturday, January 7, 2012**

**5:15 PM Mass – R. DeSpirito, R. DeSpirito, S. DeFrancesco, L. McGroarty, D. O'Brien, E. Ritter, D. Schnupp, J. Walsh**

#### **Sunday, January 8, 2012**

**7:30 AM Mass - D. Dy, T. Fox, T. Funsten, T. McCuch, D. Pedlow, S. Strahle, M. White, R. White**

**9:30 AM Mass - T. Boyle, D. Cichowicz, R. Dillon, S. Gibbons, V. Lewandowski, J. Lloyd, L. Wolen, J. Wolen**

**11:30 AM Mass - E. Buchwald, C. DeMaria, J. DeMaria, S. Guminski, M. Guminski, P. Kroll, F LaPenna, R. Sheetz**

#### **Lectors**

**Saturday, January 7, 2012**

**5:15 PM Mass – M. Sullivan, R. Fenlon**

**Sunday, January 8, 2012**

**7:30 AM Mass - J. Fox, J. McCabe**

**9:30 AM Mass - M. Baker, G. Maskariniec**

**11:30 AM Mass - A. Kroll, C. Crowley**

#### **Altar Servers**

**Monday, January 2, 2012**

**8:00 AM Mass – A. Acchione, T. Gibbons**

**Tuesday, January 3, 2012**

**8:00 AM Mass - A. Acchione, T. Gibbons**

**Wednesday, January 4, 2012**

**8:00 AM Mass - A. Acchione, T. Gibbons**

**Thursday, January 5, 2012**

**8:00 AM Mass - A. Acchione, T. Gibbons**

**Friday, January 6, 2012**

**8:00 AM Mass - A. Acchione, T. Gibbons**

**Saturday, January 7, 2012**

**8:00 AM Mass – J. Galdi, C. Mulgrew**

**5:15 PM Mass – M. Bishop, M. DeFrancesco, K. Wisniewski**

**Sunday, January 8, 2012**

**7:30 AM Mass – K. Burns, H. Mazzilli, L. Pedlow**

**9:30 AM Mass – C. Krouse, C. Krouse, N. Lewandowski**

**11:30 AM Mass – G. Custer, L. Galban, M. Hopson, A. Monaco**

#### **Altar Society Cleaning Team**

**Wednesday, January 4, 2012**

**M. Dallas, A. Prusacki**

#### **Altar Society Linen Preparation**

**Sunday, January 8, 2012**

**N. Walter**

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## SCHEDULES FOR SCRIP SELLERS

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**Monday, January 2, 2012 – 3:00 – 3:30**

NO SALES

**Tuesday, January 3, 2012, 2011 – 8:30 – 9:00**

C. McNabb

**Wednesday, January 4, 2012 – 3:00-3:30**

M. Bevenour

**Thursday, January 5, 2012 - 8:30 - 9:00**

K. Bristowe

**Friday, January 6, 2012 – 11:30 – 12:00 Noon**

J. Lloyd

**Saturday, January 7, 2012 – New Year's Eve**

**5:15 PM Mass - M. Neeves, L. Wisniewski**

**Sunday, January 8, 2012**

**7:30 AM Mass – D. Funsten**

**9:30 AM Mass – B. Gerardi, D. Groth**

**11:30 AM Mass – M. Cantrell**

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## SCRIP NEWS

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### 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).

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