Mother of Divine Providence Church

333 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406 www.mdpparish.com

December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent



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CLERGY

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday:	8:30 AM - 8:30 PM
Friday:	8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Saturday:	Closed
Sunday :	Closed

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PARISH DEVOTIONS

MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Monday through Saturday: 8:00 AM Holydays and Holidays: as announced

Rosary

After morning Mass. (Monday through Saturday)

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA PRAYERS After Saturday morning Mass.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

(SERVANTS OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT) After 8:00 AM Mass until 7:00 PM each Tuesday.

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.

OUTREACH

CARE MINISTERS

Our Care Ministers are parishioners dedicated to assisting fellow parishioners in times of sickness or bereavement and visiting the homebound. Contact the Parish Offices for details.

ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE CASSEROLE PROGRAM

Casseroles are due on the second Wednesday of every month no later than 9:00 AM. Pans and recipes are available in the vestibule of the Church. For delivery address and more information, please contact the Parish Offices.

ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE TOILETRIES

Toiletries, such as tooth brushes, deodorant, tooth paste, etc., can be left in the labeled basket in the vestibule of the church.

<u>GIFT OF SIGHT</u>

Prescription eye glasses can be left in the marked box in the vestibule of the church. They will be donated to be refurnished and given to those in need of glasses.

NORRISTOWN FOOD CUPBOARD

Non-perishable items can be left in the blue bins in the vestibule of church at any time. The items are collected on Mondays after Mass and donated to Catholic Social Service's Food Pantry. The pantry is most in need of feminine hygiene products.

SACRAMENTS

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BAPTISM

Celebrated every other Sunday of the month at 12:00 PM. Call the Parish Offices to schedule.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS

Pre-Jordan is held monthly in the Parish Office. Please call Parish Office to register.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 PM to 3:45 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 EUCHARIST

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 <u>before</u> the surgery.

PREPARING ADULTS TO RECEIVE SACRAMENTS

All adults interested in becoming Catholic or completing their sacraments should please call the Parish Office. All are welcome.

EDUCATING OUR CHILDREN IN THE FAITH Children not attending the Parish School are educated in the faith through our Religious Education Program. Various class options are available during the school year. Contact the Parish Office for details.

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PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jennifer Cottini Elliot Crowley Bet Ferguson Frances Krouse Chip Lloyd

ini Cliff Lucas y Jeannette Medina Lauren Nigro Ise Hap Trainor Tom Traister Kathleen Yates

Ex Officio: Deacon Mark Dillon Alexandra LaMastra Claire Pinto

FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ed Campbell Phil Fogli Steve Gibbons Michael McDevitt Rich Nigro Sue Saraceni

Consultant to Finance Council: Marianne Houston

Worship God first above all things, and then "go out and make disciples"! Parish Mission Statement

Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

PLEASE VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE FOR COMPLETE CONTACT

INFORMATION AT WWW.MDPPARISH.COM

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

- BIBLE STUDIES
- RCIA–RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION
- MEN'S EARLY MORNING GROUP

ALTAR SOCIETY

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

CARE MINISTERS

CARNIVAL

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

CHOIR AND CANTORS

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & CRAFT FAIR

CYO ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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- EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY
 COMMUNION
- LECTORS
- ALTAR SERVERS

LEGION OF MARY

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MTC REGIONAL SCHOOL

PARISH HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

PREP/CCD/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RESPECT LIFE GROUP

SCRIP PROGRAM

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

YOUTH GROUP

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Sunday, December 4, 2022</u> 8:00 AM Mass - Mary Ann Port 10:30 AM Mass - Janice & Walt Wildemann

Monday, December 5, 2022 8:00 AM Mass - Deceased Members of the Walsh Family

Tuesday, December 6, 2022 8:00 AM Mass - Dominic Toscani

Wednesday, December 7, 2022 8:00 AM Mass - Daniel Kellett

Thursday, December 8, 2022 8:00 AM Mass - Nilo Gamalinda 12:05 PM Mass - Bud McGarvey & Family 7:30 PM Mass - Tracy Barrett-Porter

Friday, December 9, 2022 8:00 AM Mass - Mark Wisniewski

Saturday, December 10, 2022 8:00 AM Mass - Joseph & Theresa DeFelice 4:00 PM Mass - Mark Wisniewski

Sunday, December 11, 2022 8:00 AM Mass - Rivaltino Rivalta 10:30 AM Mass - Mary McLaughlin



November 20, 2022

Sunday collection basket	\$ 5,351.00
Sunday donations received via mail	\$ 3,483.00
Parish Giving (on-line)	<u>\$3,383.00</u>
Total	\$12,217.00
<u>November 27, 2022</u>	
Sunday collection basket	\$ 8,392.00
Parish Giving (on-line)	\$ 2,563.00
Total	\$10,955.00

The second collection this weekend is for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Thank you for your faithful giving to Mother of Divine Providence!

MDP SHORE UP THE FUTURE

As of November 28, 2022, we have received \$195,460.50 in donations from 228 families for our 2020 Year 3 Challenge – renovations to the Parish Offices and creation of our Family and Youth Center. We thank all those who continue to contribute to this Appeal. Thank you for your generosity to Mother of Divine Providence Parish!



Dear Friends,

"Prepare the way of the Lord," Isaiah, that great prophet, cries through John the Baptist's voice, and we continue to heed that call today. Before we hear John quote him, we hear Isaiah himself, longing for the day when the Lord's chosen one would arrive, and justice and harmony would blossom.

We cannot prepare alone. We need others, we need spiritual structure, and we need a determination to achieve heaven and the Face of God. Our parish offers many ways to prepare for the Coming of Jesus. Do not delay! Be encouraged by the words you hear. Let them become a companion on our journey to the Risen Life.

I want to thank our Knights of Columbus for erecting the Nativity Scene outside Church. It's looks great and is an external expression of the Word Made Flesh for our neighbors and the many visitors who pass through here in this holy season!

My prayers are for you. May you sincerely search for Him Whose Face is hidden in the Bread of Life!

Father Cioppi

2022 DAY OF SANCTIFICATION FOR PRIESTS

The priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia assemble each year for a day of prayer and reflection on the Sacred Priesthood. This year our priests will gather with the Archbishop at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary on Monday, December 5, for the 2022 Day of Sanctification for Priests. Please pray for all priests of the Archdiocese, especially this weekend and Monday, with the following prayer from the Roman Missal:

Lord our God, who in governing Your people make use of the ministry of Priests, grant to these men a persevering obedience to Your will, so that by their ministry and life they may gain glory for You in Christ. Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

2023 CHURCH CALENDARS

Calendars for the 2023 new year are available at the exits of the church. These calendars are available through the generosity of The Bacchi Funeral Home.

IN OUR PARISH

GIVING TREE PROJECT

The Giving Tree is trimmed with tags in the back of church. This is the final weekend to participate. We are asking for gift card donations to Target, Walmart or Amazon in \$25 denominations. Scrip is being sold in the back of church and is fully stocked. Please consider taking a tag, purchasing a gift card, and returning it with the tag attached to the drop box under the tree or to the parish offices. Please write the dollar amount on the gift card if it is not already indicated. The deadline for returning all gift cards is Tuesday, December 6th.



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Have you experienced the loss of a spouse, child, friend, or family member? Have you experienced miscarriage or infertility? Have you experienced a loss such as that of a job or your health? We invite you to be a part of our

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We will be discussing Grief During the Holidays Wednesday, December 14th at 1:30 PM

in the Parish Offices All are welcome. RSVP appreciated but not required: cpinto@mdpparish.com





MOTHER OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE CHURCH Invites you to enjoy a

Little Blye Book Advent Devotional

Hello Parish Family,

We are looking for volunteers to help to decorate the inside of the church on December 21, 2022, at 5:00 PM. We appreciate any time you can give in making our church beautiful for the coming of Our Savior, during this Christmas Season. If interested please contact Debbie at dscaramucci@mpparish.com or call the parish office at 610-265-4178. Thank you and God Bless!



We would like to thank the wonderful community of Mother of Divine Providence, the Knights of Columbus, the Legion of Mary, the Athletic Association, and PREP for the donations of time, talent, items, and food for this year's

Christmas Craft Fair and Bazaar. The sacrifices you made went a long way to make this year's event a success, and we are so grateful for your support!

We wish you health and happiness during this Christmas Season and into the New Year.

The Christmas Craft Fair and Bazaar Committee, Sue, Marianne, Angela, Carol, Claire, Mary, Terri, Ashley, Ann, Mariann, Pat, Bernadette, Beth, Sam, Colleen, and Rina

Advent & Christmas 2022-2023

Weekend Masses Saturdays at 4:00 PM Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Daily Mass Mondays - Saturdays at 8:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:00 - 3:45 PM No Reconciliation on Christmas Eve Mon. Dec. 19th, Tues. Dec. 20th, & Thurs. Dec. 22nd 7:00 - 8:00 PM Wed. Dec. 21st 7:00 - 8:00 PM (Service)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Tuesdays 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM

Vespers

Sundays at 4:00 PM (11/27, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18) with Blessing of the Infant Jesus on Dec. 18th Feast of the Immaculate Conception Masses Thurs. Dec. 8th at 8:00 AM, 12:05 PM, & 7:30 PM

Christmas Masses Christmas Eve: 4:00 PM (Prelude Music at 3:45) 8:00 PM (Preludes by Adult Choir at 7:45) 12:00 AM - Midnight Mass Christmas Day: 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Masses Sat. Dec. 31st 4:00 PM Vigil Mass Sun. January 1st 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Epiphany: Sunday, Jan. 8th Holy Water & Blessed Chalk for Home Blessings at 4:00 PM Vigil, 8:00 AM, & 10:30 AM Masses



Bacchi Funeral Home

Cordially Invites you to Participate in our Memorial Tree Service Tuesday, December 6, 2022

> At Bacchi Funeral Home 805 DeKalb Street Bridgeport, PA 19405

Darryl R. Bacchi Supervisor Heather M. Hughes Funeral Director

Julia K. Meyers Funeral Director

Francis X. Givnish, Sr. Funeral Director 610-272-1941

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www.bacchifh.com

Registration: 6:30PM

Service: 7:00PM

Families who have lost a loved one in recent years will be given the opportunity to place an ornamental dove, which carries the name of your special person, on the tree. Refreshments will be served following the service.



As you pray this week please remember those in our community and families who are in need of our prayers for God's healing touch, especially:

Tracy Marx Margaret Algeo Golden Joseph Maro Lisa Hahn Nick & Tony Marinaccio **Adrianne Montgomery** Joseph Gow Karen Manneke **Rosario Fajardo Regina Campbell** Marie Rovner **Gale Mahonev** Karen Pedano Jim McCarthy Fr. Tom McGann **Kathleen Geier** Loretta Belz Michaela Noble Marie Finnin **Bill Stead** Luis Sanches **Bonnie Watkinson** Joe Faith **Philip Rothenburge Richard Brzezicki** Joan Brzezicki **Roseann DeSpirito Rita Walsh** Sandra Scott **Bill McOuaid Bill Sherwin** Theresa Sherwin **Rita McNally Dave Auxer** Maureen Aiken **Ursula Degonda Chrissy Strovink Michelle Ritrovato**

Steve Stasuk Kathy Walsh Roy Cony Bridget Róisín Nolan **Colleen Áine Nolan** Leona Ruddy **Kathrvn Stone** Julia Whalon **Kyle Sheahan Rita Carney** Louise Cirelli **Bob Fenlon** Mary De Maria Joan Venezia **James Walton Betty Ray** Judy Dowd **Brooke Penny** Sandra Scott Paul Carney, Sr. Kait Hagan Frank Casev Helen Rosetti Ted Quillen **Betty Short Jesaniel Marrero** Anna Dobra **Mary Faude** Marie Jackson Lisa Shendge Marie Cinalli **Bill Gribbin Richard Kline** Danielle McClam Bravden John Leonard **Barbara McCann Rose DiDonna**

If you would like to add someone to the sick list please email Carol Murray at <u>cmurray@mdpparish.com</u> or call the office at 610-265-4178. Thank you.



Please also remember those who have died in the hope of rising again, and for those who mourn their passing and are in need of God's healing and strength:

Rita Scioli

Nancy Gannon (Mother of Tommy Gannon)

All who have died from the Coronavirus



Come Spend Time with Jesus



The Church is open for quiet prayer during Eucharistic Adoration Every Tuesday --8:30 am - 7 pm

December 6 – For those who have lost sight of Christ's guiding light amid the lesser lights of the commercial Christmas season.



First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 **Psalm:** Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 **Second Reading:** James 5:7-10 **Gospel:** Matthew 11:2-11



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: SSG Richard J. Ditlow, III, SWO Matt Gibson, SSgt. Peter Zielinski, Pvt. Sean Powell, Comm. Brian Connett, Capt. Tom Figgatt, David W. Bogle, 2nd Lt. Gregory Greenaway, Lt. Col. Eric Grace, 1st Lieut. Adam Bouvier, 2nd Lieut. Troy (Bouvier) Gondela, Lieut. William Gondela, Lieut. Thomas Morgan, Anthony Muro, 2nd Lieut. Aaron Oswald, Chief Petty Officer Russell Thompson, Major Terry Wilkin, Captain Peter Hamill, Jr., Capt. Julia T. Valenti, 1st Lt. Jak Kramer, Capt. John E. Orendorff, LCpl. Bobby Landmesser, SN Clay Greenaway, Capt. Doug Cichowicz, Capt. Amanda Cichowicz, Capt. Denise Campbell, LTC. Jen Kennedy, Capt. Brendan J. McKenna, JAG USMC., Cadet Christopher Ferarrio, USAF, STSSA Jordan Lewiski, Major Carl Schreier, Capt. Bryan V. Egner, USAF, Lt. Brian Powers, USN, SSgt. Michael Petras, 2nd Lieut. James O'Brien, CMSgt. Patricia Ann Ottinger. 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, 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 Carol Murray at <u>cmurray@mdpparish.com.</u>



SCHEDULES FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Thursday, December 8, 2022 -Immaculate Conception
8:00 AM Mass - S. Angelucci, TBD
12:05 PM Mass - T. McCuch, TBD
7:30 PM Mass - S. Mai, A. Mai
Saturday, December 10, 2022
4:00 PM Mass - P. Campbell, M. Bevenour, J. Medina, R. Sheetz
Sunday, December 11, 2022
8:00 AM Mass - J. Falcone, C. Traister, S. Gibbons, M. D'Agostino
10:30 AM Mass - C. Hammond, R. Hammond, A. Czarkowski, R. Dillon

Lectors

Thursday, December 8, 2022 -Immaculate Conception 8:00 AM Mass – S. Gibbons 12:05 PM Mass - TBD, TBD 7:30 PM Mass - T. Brophy, TBD

Saturday, December 10, 2022

4:00 PM Mass - K. Norris, LA Reilly Sunday, December 11, 2022
8:00 AM Mass - V. Nguyen, K. Kiczula
10:30 AM Mass - J. DeMaria, C. DeMaria

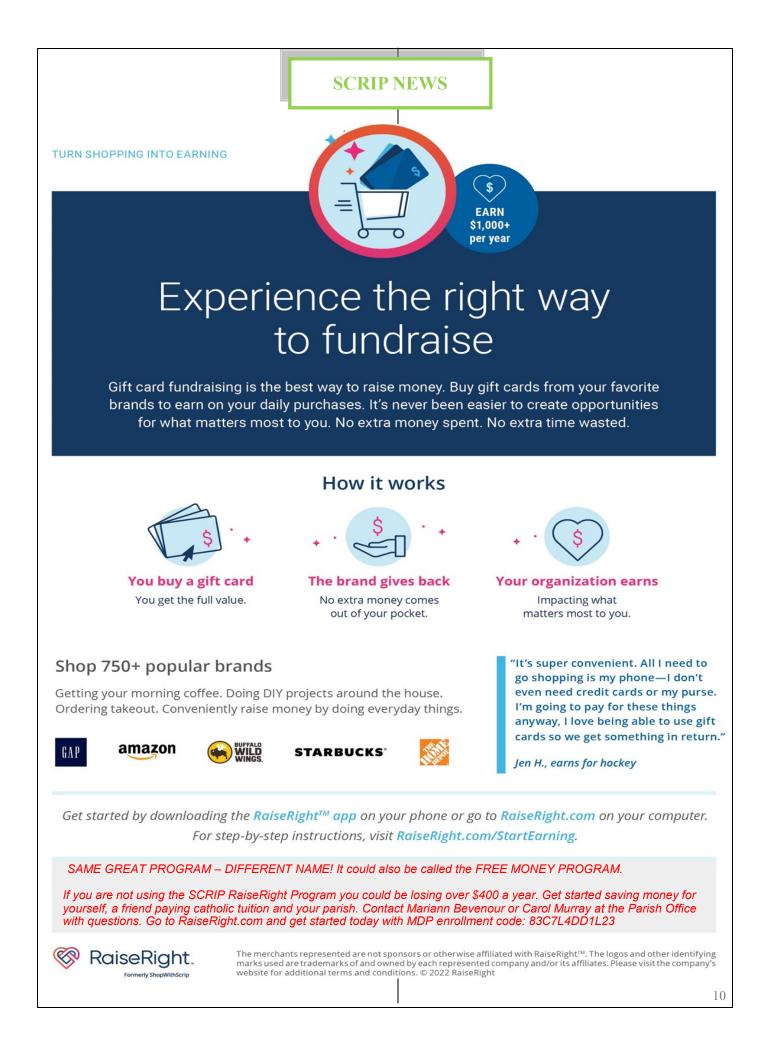
<u>Servers</u>

Monday, December 5, 2022 8:00 AM Mass - M. Kazanjian, T. Anstock Tuesday, December 6, 2022 8:00 AM Mass - A. May, M. Bonkoski Wednesday, December 7, 2022 8:00 AM Mass - S. Cottini, C. Cottini Thursday, December 8, 2022 - Immaculate Conception 8:00 AM Mass – M. Kazanjian, A. Chiarella 12:05 PM Mass - TBD, TBD 7:30 PM Mass - TBD, TBD Friday, December 9, 2022 8:00 AM - A. May, L. Chapman Saturday, December 10, 2022 8:00 AM Mass - O. Lobo 4:00 PM Mass - L. Romero, R. Meneses Sunday, December 11, 2022 8:00 AM Mass – R. Herman, J. Herman 10:30 AM Mass - P. Thomas, A. May, A. May, I. Pepe

<u>Children's Liturgy of the Word</u> Sunday, December 11, 2022

T. Boyle

<u>Altar Society Linen Preparation</u> <u>Sunday, December 11, 2022</u> S. McCuch







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