Mother of Divine Providence Church

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

December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent



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CLERGY

Reverend Martin T. Cioppi, Ed. D. - Pastor

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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 ADDRATION

(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.

GIFT OF SIGHT

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

SACRAMENT OF 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 before 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 Cliff Lucas **Elliot Crowley** Jeannette Medina **Bet Ferguson** Lauren Nigro **Frances Krouse Hap Trainor** Chip Lloyd **Tom Traister**

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Sue Saraceni

Consultant to Finance Council:

Marianne Houston

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

Let's approach Christmas with an expectant hush, rather than a last-minute rush.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

PLEASE VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE FOR COMPLETE CONTACT INFORMATION AT WWW.MDPPARISH.COM

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BIBLE STUDIES

RCIA-RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 18, 2022

8:00 AM Mass - Tracy Barrett-Porter 10:30 AM Mass - Maria Marinaccio

Monday, December 19, 2022

8:00 AM Mass - Mary Backe

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

8:00 AM Mass - Agnes O'Hara

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

8:00 AM Mass - Marie Poplawski

Thursday, December 22, 2022

8:00 AM Mass - Deceased Members of the Farkas Family

Friday, December 23, 2022

8:00 AM Mass - Dolly Gerace

Saturday, December 24, 2022

8:00 AM Mass - Danny Remar





December 11, 2022

Sunday collection basket\$ 7,834.00Sunday donations received via mail\$ 3,054.00Parish Giving (on-line)\$ 3,978.00Total\$14,866.00

The second collection this weekend is for the Parish Fund.

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



Dear Friends,

This Advent, we have heard Isaiah speak of the day when our misery would turn to joy, when the blind would see and the lame would walk, when the wolf and the lamb would play together, and when nations would beat their swords into plowshares.

Today we hear Him announce a sign: a virgin will bear a son, who will be named Emmanuel, meaning 'God is with us.'

As we conclude the Advent Season and await the coming of the Lord at Christmas, we pray that your faith in God's plan will be as strong as Saint Joseph's. Let us treasure this in our hearts as we contemplate the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies in Jesus.

I want to welcome Father Jeffrey Rott who will be transitioning to a new assignment in the spring and will, in the meantime, serve as our parochial vicar. Please give him a hearty MDP welcome!

As the Christmas season approaches, may your heart be filled with peace, patience, and joy!

Father Cioppi



MDP SHORE UP THE FUTURE

As of December 11, 2022, we have received \$196,470.50 in donations from 229 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!



IN OUR PARISH

MOTHER OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE CHURCH

Advent Vespers Every Sunday in Advent at 4:00pm

11/27, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18

With blessing of the Infant Jesus on the 18th.





Join us Wednesday the 21st, Thursday the 22nd, and Friday the 23rd after 8:00 AM mass for a...

Viiduum in honor of the Infant of Prague

We will say the triduum together following the 8:00 AM Mass! Booklets will be provided in the church.





Come to MDP for confession on Monday Dec. 19th, Tuesday Dec. 20th, Wednesday Dec. 21st, and Thursday Dec. 22nd from 7:00-8:00 PM.

GUIDE TO CONFESSION

Prayer before Going to Confession Come Holy Spirit into my soul. Enlighten my mind that I may know the sins I ought to confess, and grant me your grace to confess them fully, humbly, and with a contrite heart. Help me to firmly resolve not to commit them again. O Blessed Virgin, Mother of my Redeemer, intercede from me through the Passion of Your Son, that I may obtain the grace to make a good confession. All you blessed angels and saints of God, prayer me, a sinner, that I may repent from my sins, and that my heart may be forever united with yours in eternal love. Amen.

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Welcome

Priest: (Welcomes the penitent.) Priest and Penitent: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy

Spirit. Amen.

Confession of Sins

Penitent: Bless me Father, for I have sinned.

This is my first confession.

OR

It has been __ weeks/months/years since my last confession.

These are my sins. (Tell the priest your sins with honesty in number and kind.) I am sorry for these and all my sins.

Priest: (Gives a penance to make up for your sins and to change your heart.)

Act of Contrition

Penitent:

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they offend You, my God who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life.

Absolution

Priest: I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Penitent: Amen.

Proclamation of Praise and Dismissal

Priest: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is

good.

Penitent: His mercy endures forever. **Priest**: (Tells the penitent to go in peace.) Penitent: Amen. (Make the sign of the

cross.)

Penitent should pray or do your penance as soon as possible, preferably immediately.



Flip this page over for a guide to examining your conscience before making your confession!

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE FOR A GOOD CONFESSION

Before receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, it is recommended that you take time to examine your conscience and bring to mind that which you are going to confess. Remember that all mortal sins must be confessed. Withholding a mortal sin is in and of itself a mortal sin.

1. I am the Lord your God: You shall have no other gods before me.

Did I fail to love God, to make God first in my life, to thank Him, or trust Him as He deserves? Did I fail to pray? Have I denied my faith? Was I careless in saying or not saying my prayers? Have I been involved in practices or rituals which are foreign to a Christian mentality?

2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

Did I curse or swear? Did I use God's Name in vain, carelessly, by blasphemy? Have I used foul language or jokes?

3. Remember to keep holy the Sabbath.

Have I deliberately missed Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation? Did I arrive at Mass late or leave early without good reason? Have I been to Communion at least once a year? Did I receive Holy Communion in a state of mortal sin? Have I been to confession recently? In any of my previous confessions, did I lie to or deliberately conceal something from a priest? Did I do unnecessary work on Sunday?

4. Honor your Father and Mother.

Do I honor and obey my parents' just requests? Do I respect my brothers and sisters? Do I respect others in lawful authority, especially teachers? Have I talked back? Did I fail to help at home or to spend time with my family?

5. You shall not kill.

Did I give into feelings of anger or jealousy? Did I keep hatred in my heart? Did I fight, give a bad example, or cause scandal? Have I abused drugs or alcohol? Have I had or in any way permitted or encouraged homicide, abortion, or euthanasia? Have I attempted to harm myself or attempted suicide?

6. You shall not commit adultery.

Did I consent to someone looking at me, touching me, or talking to me impurely or inappropriately? Was I immodest in dress or behavior? Did I objectify a significant other or spouse in any way? Did I look at pornography? Did I masturbate? Did I have premarital sex? Did I commit adultery? Did I use artificial contraception? Did I live

chastely according to my state in life (married, single, or ordained)?

7. You shall not steal.

Have I stolen what is not mine or vandalized property? Have I cheated on tests or homework? Did I waste time at work?

8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Have I lied or gossiped? Have I talked unkindly about others? Do I always tell the truth? Did I reveal secrets that should have been kept confidential? Am I critical, negative, or uncharitable in my talk?

9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.

Have I consented to impure thoughts and desires? Have I encouraged impure actions or conversations? Have I lusted after someone? Did I neglect to control my imagination or thoughts?

10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

Is my heart set on and preoccupied with earthly desires and possessions? Am I greedy, envious, or jealous of what others have?

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







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@mdpparish.com or call the parish office at 610-265-4178. Thank you and God Bless!





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 Kathy Walsh Margaret Algeo Golden Roy Cony Joseph Maro Bridget Róisín Nolan Lisa Hahn Colleen Aine Nolan Nick & Tony Leona Ruddy Marinaccio **Kathryn Stone** Adrianne Montgomery Julia Whalon Joseph Gow **Kyle Sheahan** Karen Manneke **Rita Carney** Rosario Fajardo Louise Cirelli Regina Campbell **Bob Fenlon** Marie Rovner Mary De Maria Gale Mahonev Joan Venezia Karen Pedano **James Walton** Jim McCarthy **Betty Ray Judy Dowd** Fr. Tom McGann **Brooke Penny** Kathleen Geier Loretta Belz Sandra Scott Michaela Noble Paul Carney, Sr. Marie Finnin Kait Hagan **Bill Stead** Frank Casev Luis Sanches Helen Rosetti **Bonnie Watkinson** Ted Quillen **Betty Short** Joe Faith Philip Rothenburge Jesaniel Marrero Richard Brzezicki Anna Dobra Joan Brzezicki Mary Faude Roseann DeSpirito Marie Jackson Rita Walsh Lisa Shendge Sandra Scott Marie Cinalli Bill McOuaid Bill Gribbin **Bill Sherwin** Richard Kline Theresa Sherwin Danielle McClam Rita McNally Brayden

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

John Leonard

Rose DiDonna

Matthew Aprile

Barbara McCann

Carl Grunwald, Sr.



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:

Donald Hamerla

All who have died from the Coronavirus



Come Spend Time with Jesus



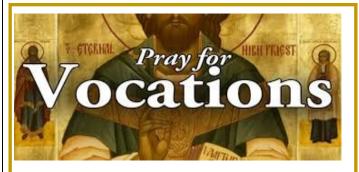
The Church is open for quiet prayer during Eucharistic Adoration

Every Tuesday -- 8:30 am - 7 pm

December 20 – That volunteer not-for-profit organizations may find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation. (Papal Intention for December)



First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm: Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6
Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6
Gospel: John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14



A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, who wills that all men be saved and come to the knowledge of Your Truth: We beg You to send Laborers into Your harvest, and grant them grace to speak Your Word with all boldness; so that Your Word may spread and be glorified, and all nations may know You, the only God, and Him whom You have sent, Jesus Christ Your Son, Our Lord. Amen.



Transportation Ministry

We are in need of more transportation ministry volunteers!

As a Parish, we offer transportation to medical appointments for our homebound parishioners. Getting signed up is quick and easy, but we need help!

If you are interested email Claire at cpinto@mdpparish.com or call the office at 610-265-4178 and ask for Claire.



SCHEDULES FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Saturday, December 24, 2022

4:00 PM Mass - R. Sheetz, S. Angelucci, A. Czarkowski, TBD, TBD, TBD

8:00 PM Mass - A. Mai, T. McCuch, M. Houston, TBD, TBD, TBD

Sunday, December 25, 2022

12:00 AM Mass - TBD, TBD, TBD, TBD

8:00 AM Mass – M. White, D. Cichowicz, M. Mangan, H. Trainor

10:30 AM Mass - M. Maskarinec, C. Hammond, R. Hammond, A, Derry, TBD, TBD

Lectors

Saturday, December 24, 2022

4:00 PM Mass - J. Czarkowski, M. Estock

8:00 PM Mass - K. Kiczula, C. Errin

Sunday, December 25, 2022

12:00 AM Mass - V. Nguyen, TBD **8:00 AM Mass** - T. Brophy, B. Ferguson

10:30 AM Mass - A. Volpe, C. Welde

Servers

Monday, December 19, 2022

8:00 AM Mass - A. Chiarella, L. Plechner

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

8:00 AM Mass - M. Kazanjian, D. Wanner

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

8:00 AM Mass - S. Cottini, C. Cottini

Thursday, December 22, 2022

8:00 AM Mass – M. Bonkoski, TBD

Friday, December 23, 2022

8:00 AM - S. Gibbons

Saturday, December 24, 2022

8:00 AM Mass - O. Lobo

4:00 PM Mass - R. Meneses, L. Plechner, V. Varano, N. Varano

8:00 PM Mass - A. Errin, C. Errin, M. Bonkoski, TBD

Sunday, December 25, 2022 12:00 AM Mass - A. Prusacki, D. Prusacki

8:00 AM Mass – J. Herman, J. Herman

10:30 AM Mass - S. Cottini, C. Cottini, TBD, TBD

Altar Society Linen Preparation

Sunday, December 25, 2022

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AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

PART-TIME ATHLETIC GROUNDS MANAGER

Merion Mercy Academy, an independent Catholic girls' school for Grades 9-12, located in Merion Station, PA is looking for an individual to assist with maintenance of the athletic grounds on campus for the spring season. The position would be responsible for regular upkeep of the athletic fields, in particular the softball field, and would involve lining, grooming, and dragging the infield area. If interested, please send a resume and cover letter to Shannon Fisher, Director of Athletics, at ad@merion-mercy.com.

MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER CLUB (Ages 52-67)

Catholic men & women are cordially invited to join "The Main Line Singles Dinner Club" to share common interests & dine together usually twice a month. Our next scheduled event is (Sat) Jan 7, 2023 with a back up bad weather date of (Sat) Jan 14, 2023 @ 5:30 P.M. a "Post Christmas/New Year's House Party" @ a member's home in Havertown, PA. More info call Barb (610) 896-6542. Catholic men are encouraged to participate.

LILY'S GIFT

If a Prenatal Diagnosis is poor, you are not alone. Lily's Gift, is a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding poor prenatal diagnosis. A collaboration of the Office for Persons with Disabilities, Catholic Social Services and the Office of Life and Family, this service can provide a peer support team to assist couples during this critical time. For support call 215-587-3530 or email LilysGiftLuke12.27@gmail.com. For more information about a Catholic response to PPD visit www.Lilysgift.org or <a href="www.Lily

SPIRITUAL SUPPORT FOR ADDICTION: HOPE IN CHRIST

You are not alone! The Church desires to be close to her children who are struggling with addiction and to bring them the healing power of Jesus Christ's love. The Hope in Christ: Spiritual Support for Addiction webpage provides a central location for Catholic resources, ongoing support, testimonies and events that are happening throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to spiritually support you in your journey towards recovery. Visit archphila.org/hope for details and new postings.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE

The Gianna Center of Philadelphia is located in East Norriton (very close to Plymouth Meeting Mall) and is accepting new patients. The Center provides an authentically Catholic approach to women's reproductive healthcare and follows Catholic medical ethics. The providers treat women in various age groups - from teens to seniors, and offer general gynecologic care, yearly women's check-ups and natural family planning instruction in the Creighton Model FertilityCare System. Services are available in English and Spanish. For more information see phgiannacenter.org or call the center at 844-204-0005.

INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES AND AUTISM HELP-LINE

Do you need help accessing services and supports for someone with an intellectual disability or Autism? A collaboration of Catholic Social Services-Developmental Programs, The Office for Persons with Disabilities and the Schools of Special Education of the Archdiocese is offering this convenient help-line to assist families connect to disabilities services provided by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. **To reach the Help-Line call:**484-472-5041 or email: IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org.

PHILLY ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

Held each Thursday between 9 am and 5 pm in Sacred Heart Chapel at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Catholics are invited to spend time before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament praying for vocations and ask Him to bless His Church with many holy vocations. We encourage everyone to pray that those whom the Lord is calling will have the courage to respond to His invitation. To sign up for a day/time to pray, visit Heedthecall.org/Philly. Specific details will be emailed to all adorers on the Wednesday before the scheduled prayer time. Location: Sacred Heart Chapel, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary (100 E. Wynnewood Road, Wynnewood) More info: heedthecall.org/events.

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