Mother of Divine Providence Church

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January 22, 2023

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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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

<u>Rosary</u>

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

Invite the Holy Spirit to lead your decisions and emotions today!

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

EUCH. ADORATION / SERV. BL. SACRAMENT GREETERS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

LAY LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

- 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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 22, 2023 8:00 AM Mass - Kristine Nolan 10:30 AM Mass - Mary Frances Backe

Monday, January 23, 2023 8:00 AM Mass - Tracy Barrett-Porter

Tuesday, January 24, 2023 8:00 AM Mass - Bishop Martin Lohmuller

Wednesday, January 25, 2023 8:00 AM Mass - Kristine Nolan

Thursday, January 26, 2023 8:00 AM Mass - Doris Gwiszcz

Friday, January 27, 2023 8:00 AM Mass - Dot Miller

Saturday, January 28, 2023 8:00 AM Mass - Agnes O'Hara 4:00 PM Mass - Ben Capacio

Sunday, January 29, 2023 8:00 AM Mass - Joan Turner 10:30 AM Mass - Jane Ford



January 15, 2023	
Sunday collection basket	\$ 6,172.00
Sunday donations received via mail	\$ 5,414.00
Parish Giving (on-line)	<u>\$ 3,353.00</u>
Total	\$14,939.00

The second collection for Catholic Relief Services totaled \$1,171.00.

The second collection this weekend is for the Education Endowment Fund.

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

FATHER CHUCK'S CHALLENGE

This weekend Fr. Charles Kennedy will be speaking at all our Masses. He represents Father Chuck's Challenge, an initiative celebrating the memory and ministry of Father Charles Pfeffer, a deceased beloved priest of our Archdiocese. Over the last 15 years, donors to Father Chuck's Challenge have provided close to 1,500 safe, sturdy homes for the poorest of the poor in Nicaragua and Haiti.

Brochures are available at the doors with information on this outreach. Envelopes are included for your donation to be taken up in a special collection next week. Checks may be written out to the parish. Information on other ways of donating are included, including matching funds from your workplace. <u>Www.fatherchuckschallenge.com</u>.

"Whatever you do for the least of My brothers, you do for Me." (Mt. 25:40)



Dear Friends,

In this SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD, we hear a dramatic example of how words are written in one era come alive centuries later in a new context. Isaiah saw that Judah's king had turned his back on his own people, but also saw a day when God's ultimate triumph would be realized.

Eight hundred years later, Matthew noted that Jesus came from the same region Isaiah mentioned, giving new meaning to the "great light" who overcame darkness.

As we continue our celebration, recognize the centrality of God's Word in the life of the Church and in the life of your own family. Saint Jerome, who translated most of the Bible into Latin in the fourth century, wrote, "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ." Every time then, we come to Mass, listen to the words of Scripture, conscious that God's word is living and true.

May God in His Word continue to guide you with light and in peace, Father Cioppi



MDP SHORE UP THE FUTURE

As of January 15, 2023, we have received \$197,745.50 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

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER ROTT

This year, January 23 is the designated Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. The killing of the unborn is a silent war, a war against the family and against the child. While it is no longer a federal 'right,' the decision concerning abortion is now directed to the States. We know that the people in our state and our families will be facing very tough decisions and need help discerning the many different issues involved in respecting life.

The Church needs to be helpful to people that are looking for a place for answers and we need to be positive in our teaching because all life is a gift from God. St Theresa of Calcutta once said "Yes, you must live life beautifully and not allow the spirit of the world that makes gods out of power, riches, and pleasure make you to forget that you have been created for greater things. We must know that we have been created for greater things, not just to be a number in the world, not just to go for diplomas and degrees, this work and that work. We have been created in order to love and to be loved."

Each of us were created in the image and likeness of God. In order for the Church to be effective in the pro-life movement in the future, she must be a positive voice to a world that is bombarded with negativity. Here are many of the positive ways the church has supported the unborn and other aspects of the pro life movement:

•Teaching Married couples to accept children as "the supreme gift of marriage"

 \cdot Assisting families who care for a bandoned children, troubled minors, and the elderly

 \cdot Supporting institutions that support pregnant women in difficult circumstances

· Aiding in the advancement of medical science

• Catholic Organizations bringing medicine to countries affected by poverty and disease or responding to serious health emergencies around the world

 \cdot Efforts to respond to laws permitting abortion by raising social awareness "in defense of life"

· Growing opposition to unjust war

 \cdot Work toward the inadmissibility of the death penalty

 \cdot Growing attention to the quality of life and ecology

Thank you for your prayers and support for authentic legal protection of the unborn!



MEN'S Group

THE MDP MEN'S GROUP WILL MEET ON Monday's from 6:30-7:45 am in the Parish Offices from January 23rd-February 13th. If You have any questions, email Deacon greg at Gmaskarinec@Mdpparish.com

Committee Planning Meeting Thursday January 26th at 7:00 PM in the Parish offices.

SEPT 14-16, 2023

ROVIDE

All interested in helping to plan this year's carnival and new volunteers are welcome!

Mother of Divine Providence Parish Service Project VALENTINES FOR VETERANS

Join us January 29th, at 6:30 PM for a service project supporting Montgomery County Veterans!

Sign up genius coming soon, please email Claire with any questions: cpinto@mdpparish.com

MOTHER OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE CHURCH 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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Wednesday, February 8th at 1:30 PM

in the Parish Offices

All are welcome. RSVP appreciated but not required: cpinto@mdpparish.com



LITTLE PANTHER BASKETBALL PROGRAM

The first ever Little Panther Basketball program is for any child who is currently a MDP parishioner and is in kindergarten thru third grade. The Little Panther Basketball program will be run by The Skills Academy. The Skills Academy basketball clinic will be geared to teaching children in kindergarten thru third grade the proper fundamentals of basketball so that they can feel confident and successful. During the 4-week clinic the boys and girls will be working on shooting, passing, dribbling, triple threat, pivoting, and proper footwork in a fun and instructional environment. The clinic is run by a USA licensed youth basketball coach and a local high school basketball coach.

The clinic will be held at MDP's gymnasium from 9:30-10:30 am on the following dates: Saturday January 21st, February 4th, February 18th, and March 4th. Cost of clinic is \$80, minimum enrollment is 15 athletes and a maximum enrollment of 30 athletes. Use the link below to register: <u>https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/353678</u>



You shall be holy, for I am holy... These words in 1 Peter 1:16 remind us of our call to holiness. But what is holiness? Join us in this new Bible study entitled, "Holy is His Name", as Scott Hahn traces the meaning of holiness from its origins in Scripture to its appearance in our own lives today. This parish-wide study begins on Tuesday, February 21 from 7:15 to 8:45 PM in the parish offices. Sign up at https:// stpaulcenter.com/holystudy/ to view the free streaming videos and to purchase either Option 1: The Study Guide, or Option 2: The Study Guide and the book. Holv is His Name. Please Deacon Greg for more information contact at gmaskarinec@mdpparish.com.



First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 **Psalm:** Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 **Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 **Gospel:** Matthew 5:1-12a



MEN OF MDP PARISH – COME AS YOU <u>ARE</u>

Are you looking for some time away from the stresses and activities of everyday life? Could you use some time to refocus and strengthen your relationship with God? Then come join approximately 30 other men from MDP at the Malvern Retreat House on February 24th to 26th for a weekend of prayer, reflections, recommitment, and camaraderie. Check out the retreat site at <u>www.malvernretreat.com</u>. Feel free to contact Chris Welde <u>cwelde@lowermerion.org</u> / 610 645-6141 for additional information or to register for the weekend.



Come Spend Time with Jesus



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

January 24 – For the protection of all life, from conception to natural death.



<u>A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS</u>

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.



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 Ursula Degonda **Chrissy Strovink Michelle Ritrovato** Steve Stasuk Kathy Walsh

Roy Cony Bridget Róisín Nolan **Colleen Áine Nolan** Leona Ruddy **Kathryn 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 Casey Helen Rosetti Ted Ouillen **Betty Short** Jesaniel Marrero Anna Dobra **Mary Faude Marie Jackson** Lisa Shendge Marie Cinalli **Bill Gribbin Richard Kline Danielle McClam** Brayden John Leonard **Barbara McCann Rose DiDonna** Carl Grunwald, Sr. **Matthew Aprile Dolores DiSanto**

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:

All who have died from the Coronavirus

SCHEDULES FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Saturday, January 28, 2023 4:00 PM Mass - M. Bevenour, K. Sion, J. Medina,

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Sunday, January 29, 2023
8:00 AM Mass – J. Mintzer, C. Traister, M. D'Agostino, H. Trainor
10:30 AM Mass - D. Bonifanti, F. Krouse, P. Krouse, M. Maskarinec

Lectors

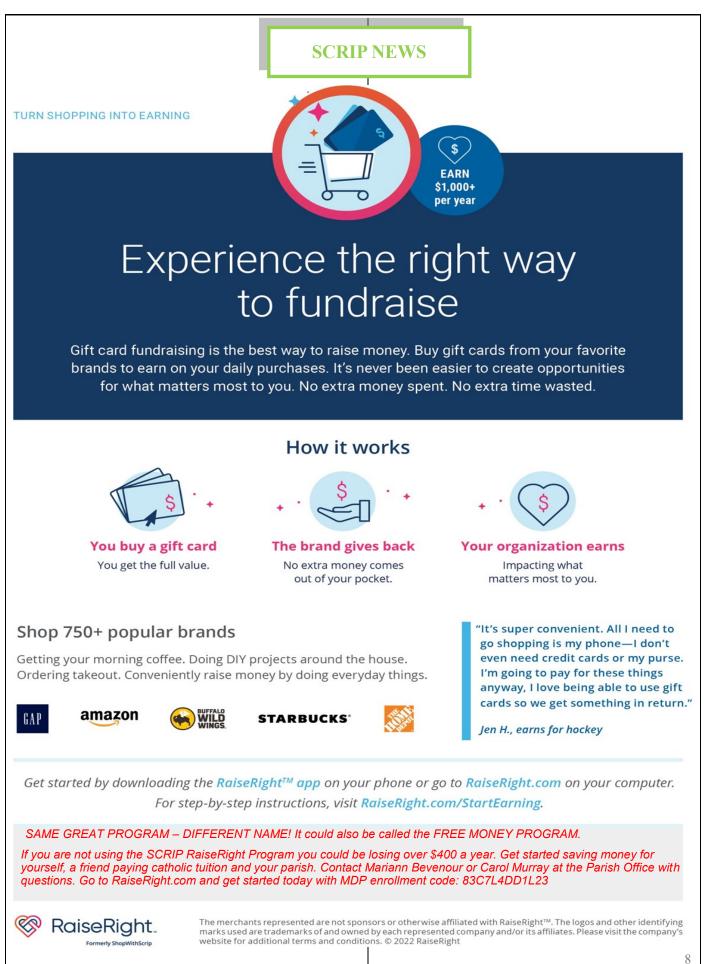
Saturday, January 28, 2023 4:00 PM Mass - C. Medina, T. Nguyen Sunday, January 29, 2023 8:00 AM Mass - B. Ferguson, K. Kiczula 10:30 AM Mass - J. DeMaria, C. DeMaria

Servers

Monday, January 23, 2023 8:00 AM Mass - M. Bonkoski, A. Chiarella Tuesday, January 24, 2023 8:00 AM Mass - AJ Kazanjian, M. Kazanjian Wednesday, January 25, 2023 8:00 AM Mass - C. Cottini, S. Cottini Thursday, January 26, 2023 8:00 AM Mass – P. Crowley, A. May Friday, January 27, 2023 8:00 AM - S. Dsouza, L. Chapman Saturday, January 28, 2023 8:00 AM Mass - S. Kletsoun, E. Johnston 4:00 PM Mass - G. Fichera, R. Meneses Sunday, January 29, 2023 8:00 AM Mass - M. Bonkoski, R. Herman, J. Herman, J. Herman 10:30 AM Mass - N. Varano, L. Bonifanti, V. Varano, M. Varano

<u>Children's Liturgy of the Word</u> <u>Sunday, January 29, 2023</u> C. Molchany

<u>Altar Society Linen Preparation</u> <u>Sunday, January 29, 2023</u> MJ Ryan



SCHOOL NEWS



Understand Your Catholic Faith with The Catechism in a Year Podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz!

By listening to this podcast, Catholics will:

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A BABY'S BREATH

A Baby's Breath <u>www.ababysbreath.org</u> is looking for a few more volunteers. If you would like to devote your sacrifices to "...helping a mother to see her child take his/her first breath," we would love to have your time and talent. To sign-up, go to our website and click on Volunteering <u>https://</u> <u>ababysbreath.org/volunteering/</u>, pick your center and evaluate your skills to offer. We also advertise the specific jobs needed. God Bless and thank you.

UNITING FOR UKRAINE

There is a way you can help! You can change people's lives by becoming a sponsor and join others by forming a Welcome Circle. Welcome Circles are groups of 5 or more adults who agree to support Ukrainians to rebuild their lives right here in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and feel at home in their new communities.

If interested in hearing more, contact us at 267-351-6035 or email <u>bwood@chs-adphila.org</u>

Or simply logon to our next information session on January 25, 2023 at 6:00pm. Here is the link for the meeting - <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81454499976</u>

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

MARRIED COUPLES – Resolve to "Live your best life in love" in 2023: Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? In-person experiences in the new year are: February 10-12 and April 21-23 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more info visit: <u>https://</u> www.wwme-philly.org/.



RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of February 10 - 12, 2023 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, register. or to visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Rachel's Vineyard: A place to heal from abortion. Dates: March 3-5, 2023. Location: IHM Spirituality Center, 210 IHM Drive, Malvern, PA 19335.

If you or someone you love has been suffering from the emotional and spiritual pains of an abortion - no matter how much time has passed - please know that a Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend will help your soul transform that pain into hope for the future. **Rachel's Vineyard retreats bring healing and God's forgiveness** to the trauma and darkness of abortion for those who think they have committed the unforgivable sin. **God's mercy is greater than sin and is waiting for us to reach out for it.** Join us for a safe, loving, and confidential weekend to **experience the healing power of God's infinite mercy**. Contact our team to register or if you have any questions: Susan - 610-716-4795 or Georgeann: 484-955-4278.



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