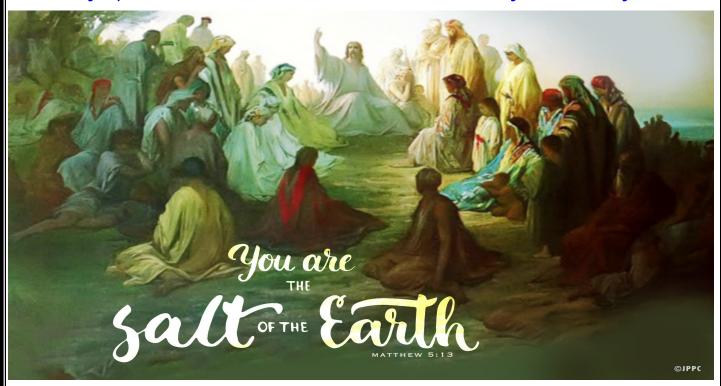
# Mother of Divine Providence Church

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

February 5, 2023

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Parish Office Phone: 610-265-4178

### **CLERGY**

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

**Reverend Jeffrey Rott** - Parochial Vicar

Reverend Fidelis Olokunboro, PhD. - In Residence

Deacon Mark H. Dillon - Permanent Deacon

mdillon@mdpparish.com

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### **PASTORAL STAFF**

Ms. Claire Pinto - Director of Parish Services cpinto@mdpparish.com

Mrs. Cecilia Beatty -Director of Music Ministries cheatty@mdpparish.com

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 AM - 8:30 PM Friday: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Saturday: Closed Sunday: Closed

### **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

Mrs. Marianne Houston - Business Manager mhouston@mdpparish.com

Ms. Debora Scaramucci - Secretary to the Pastor dscaramucci@mdpparish.com

Mrs. Carol Murray - Parish Secretary cmurray@mdpparish.com

### **MOTHER TERESA REGIONAL SCHOOL**

Ms. Christine Pagan - Principal

Christine.pagan@mtcschool.org

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### **OFFICE FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Ms. Alexandra LaMastra - Director alamastra@mdpparish.com

Phone: 610-337-2173

### **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

Due to a slow decline over the past year St. John's needed to take us off of their pick-up route temporarily! This program is being put on hold. Will keep you updated.

### 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

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**Claire Pinto** 

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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

The Family is the salt of the earth and the light of the world, it is the leaven of society.

### **PARISH ORGANIZATIONS**

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

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION** 

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RCIA—RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

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YOUTH GROUP

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Sunday, February 5, 2023

8:00 AM Mass - Anna Mae Cipollini 10:30 AM Mass - Joseph Delli Pizzi

Monday, February 6, 2023

8:00 AM Mass - Gerarda Acchione

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

**8:00 AM Mass** - Deceased Members of the Msgr. Joseph Murray Family

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

8:00 AM Mass - Margaret Wahls

Thursday, February 9, 2023

8:00 AM Mass - Frances Tuite

Friday, February 10, 2023

8:00 AM Mass - Michael McCullough

Saturday, February 11, 2023

8:00 AM Mass - Armand Barbone

4:00 PM Mass - Bunny & Hank Backe

Sunday, February 12, 2023

8:00 AM Mass - Joseph Narehood

10:30 AM Mass - Intentions of the Nolan Family



### January 29, 2023

Sunday collection basket\$ 5,949.00Sunday donations received via mail\$ 2,659.00Parish Giving (on-line)\$ 2,933.00Total\$11,541.00

The second collection for Father Chuck's Challenge totaled \$1,331.00.

The second collection this weekend is for Winter Expenses.

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

### **FATHER CHUCK'S CHALLENGE**

Thank you for any contribution you made for *Father Chuck's Challenge* in our special collection last weekend. We appreciate also your special prayers.

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



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Dear Friends,

Isaiah has some advice to help us disperse the darkness in our lives and live in the light of faith. Light is meant to be shared. Saint Paul was determined to bring the light of faith to the Corinthians by displaying the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus tells His disciples to let their light shine for all to see, not just those in our small safe places.

Each of us is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Each week, whether at home or at work, or even in the marketplace, you stand before us as a beacon of hope; the people can rise above their earthly desires and impulses and embrace the New Way offered by Jesus. This New Way helps us see with new eyes and transforms our other-centered action into graced moments for all who seek God with a sincere heart.

As you go forth from this place, remember those poorer than yourselves and help them rise above their needs into the arms of an all-loving God. Make the world brighter by your consistent effort to be more Christian, more human.

My prayers are for you as you 'go out,' and find those who are lost,

Father Cioppi



### MDP SHORE UP THE FUTURE

As of January 30, 2023, we have received \$198,055.50 in donations from 229 families for our 2020 Year 3 Challenge – renovations to the Parish Offices and creation of our Family and Youth Center. To date, we have spent \$172,745.40 on renovations including an enlarged office for the Director of Religious Education, several enlarged rooms for youth gatherings, new HVAC throughout both sides of the first floor of the building, upgraded electrical throughout the building, improvements to the front meeting room, and new carpeting and painting throughout much of the areas. More renovations to the Family and Youth Center side are planned in the future. Thank you to all those who continue to contribute to this Appeal.

### IN OUR PARISH

## FROM THE DESK OF FATHER ROTT "You are the salt of the earth"

As much as we talk about having food with lesser amounts of sodium, we know that we cannot eliminate salt all together. Salt gives flavor to most things that we eat and often goes unseen.

One of the wondrous gifts of our faith is seeing the flourishing of various saints. The Month of February is black history month. One of the great lesser known saints in the life of the Church is St. Josephine Bakita. Her feast day is February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Born in southern Sudan in 1869, Josephine was kidnapped at the age of 7, sold into slavery and given the name Bakhita, which means *fortunate*. She was sold several times until she ended up with Italian government employees in 1883.

Two years later, she was given to a man named Augusto Michieli. Bakhita became babysitter to Mimmina Michieli, whom she accompanied to catechism classes led by the Canossian Sisters. While Mimmina was being instructed, Josephine felt drawn to the Catholic Church. She was received into the church in 1890 and took the name of Josephine.

When the family returned from Africa and wanted to bring Josephine, she refused to go. During the ensuing court case, the Canossian Sisters and the bishop of Venice intervened on her behalf. The judge concluded that since slavery was illegal in Italy, she was legally free for five years.

Josephine entered the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa in 1893 and made her profession three years later. She assisted her religious community through cooking, sewing, embroidery, and welcoming visitors at the door. She soon became well loved by the children attending the sisters' school and the local citizens. She once said, "Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know Him. What a great grace it is to know God!"

St. Josephine had every right in this world to complain but was drawn to the truth, goodness, and beauty of Christ. Be encouraging and hopeful in your faith journey to others, and like Josephine, we are called to be "Salt of the Earth".



The Mass Book for January - June 2024 will open on Tuesday, February 14th at 8:30 AM. Please call or stop by the office. Please do not call before this date. Due to an influx of Mass requests, we will be limiting Masses to three per

**person** so that everyone has the opportunity to request Masses. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



We are happy to welcome our newest parishioners to the parish. It is our hope that you find our parish community to be warm. We are happy that you have found a home here with us!

Chris, Erin, & Fiona McVoy

Anthony, Dorothy, Carly, Molly, Emily & Tony Houseal

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

## Grief Support Group

Wednesday, February 8th at 1:30 PM

in the Parish Offices

All are welcome.

RSVP appreciated but not required: cpinto@mdpparish.com

### **LEGION OF MARY**



The Legion of Mary invites you to join in the Preparation for *Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary*. This begins on **February 11th** in preparation for the Consecration (Acies) on **March 18, 2023,** at Mother of Divine Providence Church at 1:00 pm. A series of talks on DVD by *Father Hugh Gillespie* will be given on **February 6<sup>th</sup>**,

**February 20<sup>th</sup>** and **March 6<sup>th</sup>** at 2:00 pm in the parish office. Each talk is about 45 minutes.

We will be using Fr. Gillespie's **Preparation for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary** and have copies of this book for purchase, **but** you may also use the book: Preparation for Total Consecration according to Saint Louis Marie de Monfort (free).

For more information, contact Bernadette Wesler 484-433-1035 or Barbara Boyle <a href="tttbbkop@aol.com">tttbbkop@aol.com</a> or join us on February 6<sup>th</sup>!





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 <a href="https://stpaulcenter.com/holystudy/">https://stpaulcenter.com/holystudy/</a> to view the free streaming videos and to purchase either Option 1: The Study Guide, or Option 2: The Study Guide and the book, Holy is His Name. Please contact Deacon Greg for more information at gmaskarinec@mdpparish.com.





### MEN OF MDP PARISH – COME AS YOU ARE

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 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> for a weekend of prayer, reflections, recommitment, and camaraderie. Check out the retreat site at <a href="https://www.malvernretreat.com">www.malvernretreat.com</a>. Feel free to contact Chris Welde <a href="mailto:cwelde@lowermerion.org">cwelde@lowermerion.org</a> / 610 645-6141 for additional information or to register for the weekend.



MOTHER OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE CHURCH

Forty Hours

Sunday, February 26th Adoration 11:30 AM - 7:00 PM Vespers at 7:00 PM

Monday, Feb. 27th & Tuesday, Feb. 28th Adoration 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM Confessions at 12 PM in the Parish Office Vespers at 7:00 PM

Vespers followed with a homily by Father Andrew Lane, Parochial Vicar at St. Timothy Parish.

Visit our parish website for the sign up genius, or find the sign up sheets located by the entrances of the church.

## SAVE THE DATE: 5TH ANNUAL MTC GOLF OUTING

The 5th annual MTC golf outing at St. David's Country Club will be held on Monday, April 24th, 2023.. Please save the date and get your foursome ready. If you are interested in sponsoring at the golf outing, please contact Drew Heinerichs at 610-724-6481 or <a href="https://heinera@lmsd.org">heinera@lmsd.org</a>.



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 **Bill Stead Luis Sanches Bonnie Watkinson** Joe Faith Philip Rothenburge Richard Brzezicki Joan Brzezicki Roseann DeSpirito Rita Walsh Sandra Scott **Bill McQuaid Bill Sherwin** Theresa Sherwin Rita McNally **Dave Auxer** Ursula Degonda **Chrissy Strovink** Michelle Ritrovato Steve Stasuk

Kathy Walsh

**Roy Cony** Bridget Róisín Nolan Colleen Aine 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 **Matthew Aprile Dolores DiSanto** Elizabeth Finnin

If you would like to add someone to the sick list please email Carol Murray at <a href="mailto:cmurray@mdpparish.com">cmurray@mdpparish.com</a> 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:

George Pinchock, Sr.

All who have died from the Coronavirus

Stations of

Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays in Lent at 2:00 PM Mar. 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th;

Fridays in Lent at 7:00 PM\*

Feb. 24th: Mary's Way of the Cross Mar. 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st Mar. 10th: Led by PREP Students

 ${\rm *Friday\,Stations\,will\,be\,streamed\,to\,www.facebook.com/mdpparish}$ 

MOTHER OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE CHURCH



Solemn Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament with Evening
Prayer & Benediction

Sundays during Lent at 4:00 PM

March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th & April 2nd



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Sacrament of Confession

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Saturdays:

3:00 - 3:45 PM (Church)

40 Hours

Mon. February 27th and Tues. February 28th 12 PM in the Parish Offices

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Holy Week:

Sun. April 2nd - Wednesday April 5th 7:00 - 8:00 PM (Church) Monday April 3rd - Wednesday April 5th 12:00 - 1:00 PM (Parish Offices)

### Weekend Masses

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

Daily Mass

Mondays - Saturdays at 8:00 AM

Ash Wednesday Masses

Wednesday, Feb. 22nd at 8:00 AM, 12:05 PM, & 7:00 PM

40 Hours

Sunday, February 26th

Adoration 11:30 AM - 7:00 PM Vespers at 7:00 PM

Monday, Feb. 27th & Tuesday, Feb. 28th

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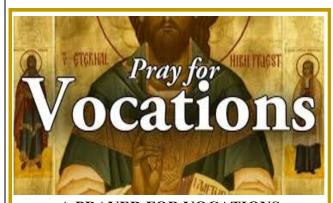
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### FAST & ABSTINENCE AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, and on all the Fridays of Lent & Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

All are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.



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.



First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

**Psalm:** Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 **Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a,

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## **Come Spend Time with Jesus**



The Church is open for quiet prayer during **Eucharistic Adoration** 

**Every Tuesday --**8:30 am - 7 pm

February 7 – That parishes, placing communion at the center, may become communities of faith, unity and welcome to those most in need. (Papal intention for February)

### **SCHEDULES FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

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

Saturday, February 11, 2023

4:00 PM Mass - A. Czarkowski, K. Norris,

M. Bevenour, J. Medina

Sunday, February 12, 2023

8:00 AM Mass – D. Cichowicz, T. Hoover, S. Gibbons,

H. Trainor

10:30 AM Mass - A. Derry, R. Hammond,

C. Hammond, J. Mintzer

### Lectors

Saturday, February 11, 2023

4:00 PM Mass - J. Czarkowski, B. Ferguson

Sunday, February 12, 2023

8:00 AM Mass – T. Brophy, V. Nguyen

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

Monday, February 6, 2023

8:00 AM Mass - J. DeSimone, M. Bonkoski

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

8:00 AM Mass – S. Dsouza, L. Plechner

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

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

Thursday, February 9, 2023

8:00 AM Mass - M. Kazanjian, AJ Kazanjian

Friday, February 10, 2023

8:00 AM - P. Crowley, J. DeSimone

Saturday, February 11, 2023

8:00 AM Mass - TBD

4:00 PM Mass - R. Meneses, L. Romero

Sunday, February 12, 2023

8:00 AM Mass – A. Becker, R. Herman, J. Herman,

J. Herman 3

10:30 AM Mass - I. Pepe, L. Derry, J. Volpe,

P. Thomas

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sunday, February 12, 2023

C. Molchany

**Altar Society Linen Preparation** Sunday, February 12, 2023

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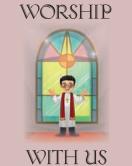


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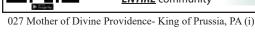


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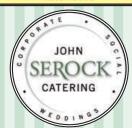
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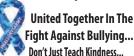
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