Mother of Divine Providence Church

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

September 3, 2023

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

GET behind me, satan! you are an obstacle to me.



CLERGY

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

Reverend Fidelis Olokunboro, PhD. - In Residence

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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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PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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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

Flee idleness...for no one is more exposed to such temptations than he who has nothing to do.

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

55 & OVER CLUB

MTC REGIONAL SCHOOL

PARISH HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

PREP/CCD/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RESPECT LIFE GROUP

SCRIP PROGRAM

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

YOUTH GROUP

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

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.

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<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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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 3, 2023 8:00 AM Mass - Denyse Groth 10:30 AM Mass - Martin McNeel

Monday, September 4, 2023 - Labor Day 9:00 AM Mass - Kristen White

<u>Tuesday, September 5, 2023</u> 8:00 AM Mass - Wasyl & Anastasia Maruszczak

Wednesday, September 6, 2023 8:00 AM Mass - Intentions of the Wisniewski Family

Thursday, September 7, 2023 8:00 AM Mass - Frank & Ann Ellow

Friday, September 8, 2023 8:00 AM Mass - Gabriella Bruno

Saturday, September 9, 2023 8:00 AM Mass - Dolores Fenlon 4:00 PM Mass - Zigmund M. Wisniewski, Jr.

Sunday, September 10, 2023 8:00 AM Mass - Gloria Colunga 10:30 AM Mass - Susan Villanova



August 27, 2023	
Sunday collection basket	\$ 5,845.00
Sunday donations received via mail	\$ 4,266.00
Parish Giving (on-line)	<u>\$ 3,008.00</u>
Total	\$13,119.00

The second collection this weekend is for the Black and Indian Missions.

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

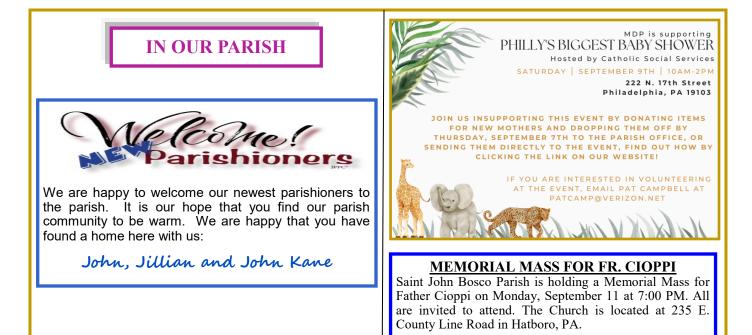


Father John Stokely will be leaving MDP this weekend to return to Rome to complete his academic work. We have been blessed to have Father with us over the past two

difficult months. His kind, gentle spirit has helped to soften our grieving hearts and we are so grateful for his priestly service to us. Please pray for him as we ask him to pray for us. Thank you Father and God bless you!

Thank You

The family of Fr. Martin T. Cioppi would like to thank you for your prayers and kind expressions of sympathy shown following his passing. Your support at this difficult time was very much appreciated and a great comfort to all.



Fun for the whole family, including: -Raffle (\$5,000 prize) -Live music

Thursday: Class Action and the Marshall Dennehy Horns Friday: Old School Saturday: The Lucky Stiffs

-Rides

- -Games & Bingo
- -**Themed food nights:** Thursday: Italian Night Friday: Mexican Night
- Saturday: Roasted Pig Night -Wristband Thursday

-Beer garden



THURS. SEPT. 14TH 6:00 - 10:00 PM FRI. SEPT. 15TH 6:00 - 10:00 PM SAT. SEPT. 16TH 5:00 - 10:00 PM



WE NEED YOUR HELP

-We are in need of <u>VOLUNTEERS</u> to help set up/clean up, make food, and work our booths and events. -We are asking for <u>DONATIONS</u> of food items for the kitchen, gift cards for Bingo prizes, and baked goods.

Visit MDPparish.com/carnival to sign up, donate, and learn more about the carnival!

Dear Parishioners,

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the parish community as your DRE over the past three years. After much prayer, I have decided to accept a full-time position at another parish and will not be staying on as MDP's Director of Religious Education. This change will not be effective immediately as so much is still up in the air here at MDP and I want to help maintain as much stability as possible during this trying time for our parish. I will stay on to make sure the school year and Confirmation carry on with as much normalcy as possible.

This is a very sad parting for me – working at MDP has been a beautiful and rewarding experience. This is a special parish!

I would like to thank Father Cioppi whose legacy will remain, especially through the religious education programs, in a very special way. He was an extraordinary mentor to me over the years and I am forever grateful to him. I know he is interceding for MDP in a very special way and the parish will continue to grow and thrive.

To all of the students and families – I am praying for you! Jesus loves you so much in all of the highs and lows and will always provide for His beloved children (even if in ways we do not expect). Getting to know and work with all of you has been the best part of working at MDP and I will miss you!

Please keep me in your prayers as I will certainly keep you in mine. I know that we will cross paths again, if only at the wonderful Carnival over the years!

Many Blessings, Alexandra LaMastra, DRE

> MOTHER OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE CHURCH Are you retired or have some free time on your hands? Are you looking to get out of the house or make new friends? We invite you to be a part of our

55 & Over Group

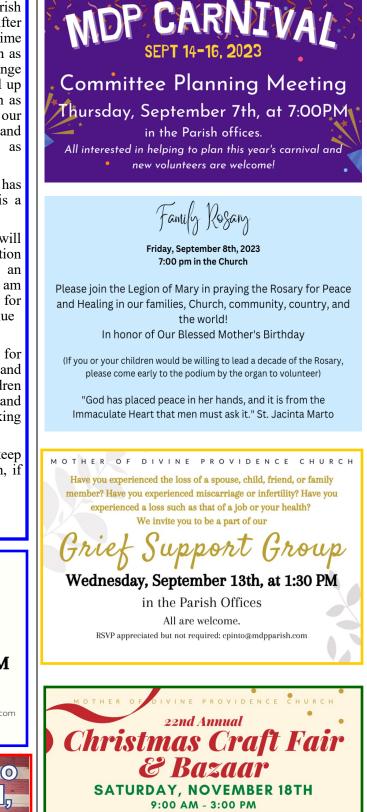
Our next meeting will be

Tuesday, September 5th at 12:30 PM

At Peppers by Amedeo's Restaurant and Bar

175 Town Center Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406 Please RSVP by Tuesday, August 29th by emailing Claire: cpinto@mdpparish.com

Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.



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VENDORS, SANTA (10-2), CHILDREN'S CRAFTS, FRESH WREATHS, HOMEMADE FOOD & BAKED GOODS, AND RAFFLE!



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 **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 **Bill McOuaid Bill Sherwin** Theresa Sherwin Rita McNally **Dave Auxer** Ursula Degonda **Chrissy Strovink** Michelle Ritrovato Kathy Walsh **Rov** Conv Bridget Řóisín 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 Brooke Penny** Paul Carney, Sr. Kait Hagan **Frank Casey Helen Rosetti Ted Ouillen Betty Short Jesaniel Marrero** Anna Dobra **Mary Faude** Lisa Shendge Marie Cinalli **Bill Gribbin Richard Kline Danielle McClam** Bravden John Leonard **Rose DiDonna Matthew Aprile Dolores DiSanto Elizabeth Finnin Ornella Rhyne Steven Garnek Dorothy Schnupp** John Quigg Jenna McAndrew **Rich Ritter** Joseph Galdi, Jr. Melinda Hines **Barbara** Pupek Virginia Berwick **Greg Kealey**

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:

Ann Lelii

Anne Voigtsberger (sister of Bernadette Gerardi)



Come Spend Time with Jesus



The Church is open for quiet prayer during Eucharistic Adoration

On Tuesday, September 5th, Eucharistic Adoration will begin at 10:00 AM following a School Mass in honor of St. Teresa of Calcutta's feast day.

September 5 – For all who bear the burden of human labor; grant that their work may bring progress in this life and advance the spread of God's kingdom.



First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9 Psalm: Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10 Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20



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, LTC. 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 Saturday, September 9, 2023 4:00 PM Mass - P. Krouse, F. Krouse, R. Sheetz, J. Mintzer Sunday, September 10, 2023

8:00 AM Mass – T. Hoover, MA Marchese, H. Trainor, S. Gibbons
10:30 AM Mass - A. Czarkowski, J. Czarkowski, M. Acosta, T. Boyle

Lectors

Saturday, September 9, 2023 4:00 PM Mass - T. Nguyen, T. McCuch Sunday, September 10, 2023 8:00 AM Mass - K. Mindock, K. Kiczula 10:30 AM Mass - S. Wildemann, J. DeMaria

<u>Servers</u>

Monday, September 4, 2023 9:00 AM Mass - MJ Ryan Tuesday, September 5, 2023 8:00 AM Mass - M. Bonkoski, J. DeSimone Wednesday, September 6, 2023 8:00 AM Mass - S. Cottini, C. Cottini Thursday, September 7, 2023 8:00 AM Mass - M. Bonkoski, A. May Friday, September 8, 2023 8:00 AM - P. Crowley. A. Chiarella Saturday, September 9, 2023 8:00 AM Mass - MJ Ryan 4:00 PM Mass - C. Lloyd, L. Romero Sunday, September 10, 2023 8:00 AM Mass – T. Nolan, A. Becker, J. Herman, J. Herman 10:30 AM Mass - M. Varano, N. Varano, V. Varano, J. Volpe

<u>Altar Society Linen Preparation</u> <u>Sunday, September 10, 2023</u> S. McCuch







Religious Education News

Religious Education (Grades 1-7) Registration for 2023-2024 is now open. Returning families will receive an email prompting them to log in to their parish giving account to register for PREP in the fall. New PREP families should contact the Office of Religious Education. Please contact Alexandra LaMastra, DRE at alamastra@mdpparish.com, 610-337-2173 for additional information.

Highschool Students (Grades 8-12) are invited to join MDP's Youth Group which will be starting up this fall! Meetings will be held once a month in the parish office – join us for games, fellowship, and faith discussions! Please contact Alexandra LaMastra for additional information and registration!

Children Attending Catholic Schools

If your child attends a Catholic school (Grade 2 or Grade 7) and you are parishioners at MDP, please reach out to Alexandra LaMastra (<u>alamastra@mdpparish.com</u>) for additional information and registration requirements.

Are you called to be a catechist?

MDP's Religious Education Team is seeking some additional volunteers to assist with the Religious Education programs this year! We welcome volunteers to assist with students ranging from 1st Grade through 7th Grade as both Catechists and Aides in the Classroom! We are also seeking enthusiastic and faith-filled adults to help volunteer with our Youth Group! Please contact Alexandra at <u>alamastra@mdpparish.com</u> for additional information or if you have questions!

SCHOOL NEWS



MTC is looking for preschool teacher assistants. Hours are 8 AM to 3 PM. Please email Christine Pagan at <u>Christine.pagan@mtcschool.org</u> or call 610-265-2323.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for the St. Maria Goretti class of 1963, 60 year reunion being held on October 28, 1-5 PM at Galdo's Catering in S. Philadelphia. For more information contact one of the following committee members:

Joanne Belfatto, jrmodonnell@verizon.net; Joann Fiorentino, joanntthomas@yahoo.com; Lydia Cabone, leelu740@verizon.net; Joanne Tampanello, jml2212000@yahoo.com.

SAINT MARY FEAST

Mark your calendars for our 2 day Saint Mary Feast, Saturday, September 9th and Sunday, September 10th in honor of Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament. On Saturday, September 9th enjoy soaring harmonies featuring The Sweethearts and their show, "History in Harmony" from 5:00pm 7:30pm. Admission to our Evening Social is \$25 or \$180 for a table of 8 and includes one complimentary drink, an array of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, and a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of several fabulous door prizes! Reserve your seats early! Sunday, will be filled with homemade Irish, Polish, Italian and American foods, fun and fellowship from 1:00PM - 6:00PM. Browse through our Attic Treasures both days! There will be a Trackless Train, carnival games, a Rock Wall, food and more! Join us in our Biergarten with craft beer and wine and watch the Philadelphia Phillies followed by the opening Eagles game on a big screen tv! Enjoy the festivities and bring family and friends! Visit www.churchofsaintmary.org or call 610.287.8156 for more info. Saint Mary Church is located at 40 Spring Mount Road, Schwenksville, PA

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Married couples - "Live your best life in love" in 2023. Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? The next inperson experiences are Sept. 15-17 and Nov. 10-12 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more info visit: https://www.wwme-philly.org/.



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