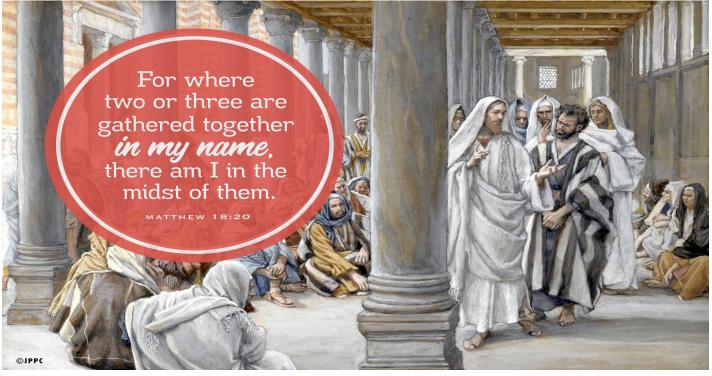
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September 10, 2023

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Saturday:	Closed
Sunday :	Closed

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Jennifer Cottini Elliot Crowley Bet Ferguson Frances Krouse Chip Lloyd

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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

Unfurl the sails, and let God steer us where He will.

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

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 <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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, September 11, 2023 8:00 AM Mass - Doreen Thornbury O'Donnell

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 8:00 AM Mass - Paula, Jason & Johnny Hrifko

Wednesday, September 13, 2023 8:00 AM Mass - Rita Scioli

Thursday, September 14, 2023 8:00 AM Mass - John & Mary Pupeck

Friday, September 15, 2023 8:00 AM Mass - Madeleine Cavallo Weiss

Saturday, September 16, 2023 8:00 AM Mass - Deborah Hall 4:00 PM Mass - Harry Short

Sunday, September 17, 2023 8:00 AM Mass - Mary Leonard 10:30 AM Mass - Stella & Joseph Panaccio



<u>September 3, 2023</u>		
Sunday collection basket	\$ 5,038.00	
Sunday donations received via mail	\$ 2,508.00	
ACH donations for the month of September	\$ 7,334.99	
Parish Giving (on-line)	<u>\$ 2,808.00</u>	
Total	\$17,688.99	

The second collection for the Black and Indian Missions totaled \$1,041.00.

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

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.







AM REALTY ADVISORS











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!





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.



Come Spend Time with Jesus



The Church is open for quiet prayer during Eucharistic Adoration

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

September 12 – For people living on the margins of society in inhumane life conditions. May they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance. (Papal intention for September)



First Reading: Sirach 27:30-28:7 Psalm: Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9 Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35 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

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.

SCHEDULES FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Saturday, September 16, 2023

4:00 PM Mass - R. Dillon, S. Angelucci, M. Houston, S. Mai

Sunday, September 17, 2023 8:00 AM Mass – M. Mangan, M. White, R. White, J. Falcone 10:30 AM Mass - C. Hammond, A. Derry, M. Acosta, R. Hammond

Lectors

Saturday, September 16, 2023 4:00 PM Mass - LA Reilly, T. Brophy Sunday, September 17, 2023 8:00 AM Mass - K. Kiczula, J. Czarkowski 10:30 AM Mass - C. Errin, C. DeMaria

<u>Servers</u>

Monday, September 11, 2023 8:00 AM Mass - S. Dsouza, M. Bonkoski Tuesday, September 12, 2023 8:00 AM Mass - S. Dsouza, J. DeSimone Wednesday, September 13, 2023 8:00 AM Mass - S. Cottini, C. Cottini Thursday, September 14, 2023 8:00 AM Mass - P. Crowley, A. Chiarella Friday, September 15, 2023 8:00 AM - S. Dsouza, J. DeSimone Saturday, September 16, 2023 8:00 AM Mass - MJ Ryan 4:00 PM Mass - D. Prusacki, A. Prusacki Sunday, September 17, 2023 8:00 AM Mass - M. Bonkoski, T. Nolan, T. Anstock, C. Lloyd 10:30 AM Mass - P. Crowley, L. Derry, C. Errin, A. Errin

<u>Children's Liturgy of the Word</u> <u>Sunday, September 17, 2023</u> J. Cottini, T. Boyle

<u>Altar Society Linen Preparation</u> <u>Sunday, September 17, 2023</u> E. Buchwald





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.

Mother Teresa Regional is hiring for our after school program. Hours are 3pm-6pm. If interested, please contact Christine Pagan at <u>christine.pagan@mtcschool.org</u> or 610-265-2323. No experience or degree is necessary.



<u>GWYNEDD MERCY ACADEMY HIGH</u> <u>SCHOOL: OPEN HOUSE</u>

All middle school girls and their families are invited to register to attend Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School's Open House on Sunday, October 1, 2023. Register at: gmahs.org/admissions.

O'HARA CLASS OF 73 - 50TH REUNION

Cardinal O'Hara High School Class of 1973 will celebrate their 50th reunion on Friday, October 27th at the Springfield Country Club. For more information and tickets go to <u>www.cohs.com</u> then Alumni, then Reunions.

SOCIETY OF THE PATRICIANS

What happens to one who receives the Sacrament of Holy Orders? Where do we find the Priesthood in the Bible? What does it mean when we say that the priest is "in Persona Christi?" To learn more, please join us for discussion "The our Next Patricians on Priesthood." The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 20th from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 502 Ford St., Bridgeport, **PA.** (We meet in the coffee hour room -- enter from the Ford St parking lot.) The Society of the Patricians is an informal group of Catholic adults who meet monthly under the direction of Fr. Sam Keyes to learn more about the Catholic Faith so that we can better share it with others. Please come, and bring a friend! Refreshments will be served and free literature will be available. The program is sponsored by the Legion of Mary. More info: <u>r.edel.lukens@gmail.com</u> or 610-256-7125.

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Some couples feel lonely, frustrated, or angry in their marriage, often feeling shut off from one another. Other couples experience severe conflict and never-ending arguments. Retrouvaille offers hope for all these marriages by teaching couples to communicate in a deeper, more meaningful way, healing hurts and rebuilding trust and intimacy. No relationship is beyond help. The next program will be held October 6 - 8, 2023 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



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