Mother of Divine Providence Church

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

March 9, 2025

First Sunday of Lent



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CLERGY

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Saturday:	Closed
Sunday :	Closed

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FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Consultant to Finance Council: Marianne Houston

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

"Renounce yourself in order to follow Christ; discipline your body; do not pamper yourself; but love fasting." ~ St. Benedict

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

PLEASE VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE FOR COMPLETE CONTACT

INFORMATION AT WWW.MDPPARISH.COM

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

- BIBLE STUDIES
- OCIA–ORDER 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

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- 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

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 Office 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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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

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BAPTISM

Celebrated every other Sunday of the month at 12:00 PM. Call the Parish Office to schedule.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS

Pre-Jordan is held monthly in the Parish Office. Please call the 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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 9, 2025 8:00 AM Mass - Donald Buchwald 10:30 AM Mass - John Mahar

Monday, March 10, 2025 8:00 AM Mass - John Mahar

Tuesday, March 11, 2025 8:00 AM Mass - John G. Tansey

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 8:00 AM Mass - Matthew Eckman

Thursday, March 13, 2025 8:00 AM Mass - Intentions of Christina Clark

Friday, March 14, 2025 8:00 AM Mass - Joseph & Edith O'Neill

Saturday, March 15, 2025 8:00 AM Mass - John Russo 4:00 PM Mass - Mary Alouise Danberg

Sunday, March 16, 2025 8:00 AM Mass - Rose Barbone 10:30 AM Mass - Urlanda Valenza

Ceekly Collection

Due to the early transmittal of this bulletin, the totals for the collection will be in next weeks bulletin.

IN OUR PARISH



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:

Brian Conway

Mark Czubachowski

Sean, Maggie, Ford, Callahan & Macklin Wacker

Mother of Divine Providence Church

is proud to announce that it will be hosting the famous life size Scourged Christ Statue During Lent from Ash Wednesday until Holy Saturday 2025



Call for exact times and dates (610) 265-4178

Long before Mel Gibson's THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST ever hit the movie screens this life size Statue was bringing the reality of what Christ must have suffered into the conscious minds of the thousands of people who look upon it !

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THIS FAMOUS IMAGE WHILE IT'S IN THIS AREA.

For more Information, please visit our web site: WWW.pcissionofjesus.com



DIVINE PROVIDENCE CHURCH

Forty Hours

Sunday, March 9th Adoration 11:30 AM - 7:00 PM Vespers at 7:00 PM

Monday, Mar. 10th & Tuesday, Mar. 11th Adoration 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM Vespers at 7:00 PM

Vespers followed with a homily by Father John Stokely.

Sign up on our website!



Stations of the Cross

MOTHER

Wednesdays in Lent at 2:00 PM Mar. 12th, Mar. 19th, Mar. 26th, April 2nd, April 9th Fridays in Lent at 7:00 PM*

OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE CHURCH

Mar. 7th, Mar. 14th, Mar. 21, Mar. 28, April 4th, April 11th **April 11th: Led by PREP Students** *Friday Stations will be streamed to www.facebook.com/mdpparish





MOTHER OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE CHURCH

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Vespers

Sundays during Lent at 3:00PM

Mar. 16th, Mar. 23rd, Mar. 30th, April 6th, April 13th

Resurrected

A SUPPORT GROUP FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST SOMEONE TO SUICIDE

Grounded in our Catholic Faith, Life Resurrected is for those who are searching to make sense of the tragedy of suicide and geared toward dealing with the sorrows and anxieties surrounding this loss.

We will have our first meeting on Wednesday, March 12th from 7:00-8:30 PM in McGrory Hall.

If you have any questions please contact Father Marc Capizzi at 610-265-4178 or frcapizzi@mdpparish.com

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Prayer

n Introduction to

Bishop Robert Barron

Lenten Book Discussion

Tuesdays 3/18 – 4/08, 7:15 PM or Wednesday 3/19 – 4/09, 1:00 PM

Be prepared to discuss Parts I & II at the first meeting

Please RSVP Deacon Greg at gmaskarinec@mdpparish.com

If you don't have a copy of *An Introduction to Prayer* by Bishop Barron given out at Christmas, please contact Deacon Greg

MDP Spring 2025 Grief Support

Beginning Tuesday, March 18th we will meet weekly for 6 consecutive weeks ending on April 29th. Meetings will be from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM in McGrory. (meeting dates are listed below)

Grief Support is a program for those who have lost a loved one and are looking for support on their grief journey. This program provides tools for coping, a safe place to cry, a listening ear, time for reflection and support for your new reality. All conversations are confidential.

Registration required. Email Maureen at <u>mbmask571@gmail.com</u> to register or for more information.



March 18th | March 25th | April 1st | April 8th | April 15th | April 22nd | April 29th



MOTHER OF DIVINE FROVIDENCE FARISH

Do you need intercessory prayers for a particular need?

The Legion of Mary invites you to attend a Frank Duff Prayer Meeting **on the fourth Saturday of each month** in **McGrory Hall** at Mother of Divine Providence Parish.

The purpose of this prayer meeting is to ask our Legion of Mary founder, Servant of God Frank Duff, to intercede with God for our expressed particular needs and special intentions, and for healing – both physical and spiritual.

The meeting is from **9:00 am to 10:00 am** and includes readings from scripture and Frank Duff's writings, friendly discussion, and prayers.

Please join us after the 8:00 am Mass for coffee and refreshments before the meeting in McGrory Hall.

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MARCH 29th

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PROVIDENCE

Lenten Opportunities for the

Sacrament of Confession

Saturdays: 3:00 - 3:45 PM (Church)

IGNITE Penance Service:

Sun. March 30th at 6:30 PM (Church)

Holy Week: Tuesday, April 15th and Wednesday, April 16th 12:00 PM (Parish Offices) 7:00 - 8:00 PM (Church)



As you pray this week please remember those in our community and their families who are in need of our prayers for God's healing touch, especially:

Tony Marinaccio Ursula Degonda Marie Cinalli **Rose DiDonna** Anna Marie Mich **Debbie Elsenbeck** Helen Cook Mary Botley Mary DeMaria **Barbara** Pupek Luis Bernardo **Richard Stiles James Walton** Lisa Hahn Aurora Concepcion Mary Faude **Christine Breese** Maryann Klady Louise Cirelli Julio Edenburg Diane Kelsh Mary Lee Tom McCuch

Jim Mahar Kathleen Llovd **David Kalb Rita Joann Ferguson** Lorraine Rudinski William Watson **George Tradosh** Mary Jane McKenna Sheila Cheri **Travis Larrison** Tom Boyle, Sr. **Cvnthia Hornvak** Dori Nolan John Hornyak **Eileen Silk Rich Ritter Patrick Henry** Joan Brzezicki **Richard Brzezicki Chrissy Strovink Henry Wahls** Irene Maskarinec

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.

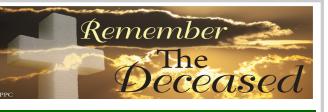
A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



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.





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

Legion of Mary prays rosary after 8am Mass

St. Monica's Prayer Group at 6:15pm

March 11th - For all young seminarians, all those contemplating a commitment to religion, all those who have chosen to follow in the steps of Christ, may they be guided and enlightened in their ideas and in their choices.

Come join the Saint Monica's Prayer Group Tuesday evenings in the Church at 6:15pm.

We pray a rosary & St. Monica prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament for our children who are struggling with faith or have left the church.

This is not a support group, but an encounter with God through prayer from the heart for our children.

Contact Mary Mangan at 610-220-4273.

SCHEDULES FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday, March 15, 2025 4:00 PM Mass - K. Norris, S. Mai, A. Mai, B. Ferguson, J. Medina Sunday, March 16, 2025

8:00 AM Mass – J. Mintzer, A. Derry, S. Gibbons, C. Traister, L. Palma
10:30 AM Mass - F. Krouse, P. Krouse, A. Molchany, J. DeMaria, K. Mindock

Lectors

Saturday, March 15, 2025 4:00 PM Mass - C. Medina, J. Czarkowski Sunday, March 16, 2025 8:00 AM Mass - K. Kiczula, T. Brophy 10:30 AM Mass - A. Volpe, C. DeMaria

<u>Servers</u>

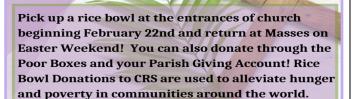
Monday, March 10, 2025 8:00 AM Mass - D. Stefanik, J. Bernardo 7:00 PM Forty Hours - L. Plechner, G. Familia, J. Familia, S. Cottini Tuesday, March 11, 2025 8:00 AM Mass - A. Chiarella, TBD 7:00 PM Forty Hours - G. Familia, J. Familia, J. Plechner, T. Anstock, A. Becker, J. Bernardo, M. Bonkoski, A. Mack Wednesday, March 12, 2025 8:00 AM Mass -C. Cottini, S. Cottini Thursday, March 13, 2025 8:00 AM Mass – T. Anstock, D. Stefanik Friday, March 14, 2025 8:00 AM Mass - G. Familia, J. Familia 7:00 PM Stations - L. Plechner, A. Chiarella, T. Anstock Saturday, March 15, 2025 8:00 AM Mass - MJ Ryan 4:00 PM Mass - R. Meneses, D. Prusacki, A. Prusacki Sunday, March 16, 2025 8:00 AM Mass – A. Mack, L. Derry 10:30 AM Mass - J. Volpe, C. Aculighti, A. Chiarella, C. Cottini

<u>Children's Liturgy of the Word</u> <u>Sunday, March 16, 2025</u> T. Boyle, C. Molchany

<u>Altar Society Linen Preparation</u> <u>Sunday, March 16, 2025</u> S. McCuch

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SCRIP NEWS

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SALE TIMES

Scrip is sold in the parish office Monday thru Thursday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm and Friday from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. In addition, you can call the parish offices to place an order. But you can also do from the comforts of your home or office by visiting www.raiseright.com and create an account with MDP enrollment code: **83C7L4DD1L23**

Feel free to contact Mariann Bevenour or Carol Murray at the parish office with any questions or need for assistance - 610-265-4178.

Invites you to enjoy a Little Black Book Lenten Devotional

MOTHER OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE CHURCH

BOOKS ARE \$1 EACH Please leave your money in the box. Thank you!





First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 Psalm: Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14 Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1 or 3:20 - 4:1 Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

SCHOOL NEWS



STUDENT CORNER



Our middle school students recently explored the fascinating world of enzymes in science class! Through hands-on experiments, they discovered how pH and temperature affect enzyme function. They learned that when an enzyme becomes denatured, its shape changes, making it unable to do its job. Using catalase—an enzyme found in our bodies—they observed how it quickly breaks down harmful hydrogen peroxide into harmless water and oxygen. Without enzymes, these reactions would happen far too slowly to keep us healthy!



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

PRAYING, FASTING & GIVING WITH VENERABLE MATT TALBOT

Thursday Evening March 13, 2025 - 7PM - 8PM Brought to you by AFIRE (A USCCB approved non-profit Catholic Charity). Matt Talbot was known for his deep spirituality and personal transformation from alcoholism to holiness. His spiritual practices are an inspiration for all seeking to pray, fast, and give this Lent. **Sign up at**: <u>apeopleafire.org/event</u>; No charge, but donations are gratefully accepted!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

MARRIED COUPLES – When's the last time you gave your marriage a tune-up? Keep your engines running by getting away together on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next in-person experiences are March 28-30 in the Daylesford Abbey, Paoli and June 20-22 at St. Mary of Providence Center, Elverson. For more info visit: <u>https://</u> www.wwme-philly.org.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY - "IGNITING THE <u>DIVINE SPARK"</u>

The Respect Life Ministry of St. Anastasia church is sponsoring a one-day retreat for young people, grades 8 through 12, entitled <u>Theology of the Body</u> -"Igniting the <u>Divine Spark"</u> at Cardinal O'Hara H.S. on Saturday, March 29th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The retreat will feature Samantha Kelley who is a dynamic, engaging speaker on the topic of St. John Paul's Theology of the Body. Other presenters include: Fr. Stephen DeLacy - Archdiocese Director of Youth Ministry; Fr August Taglionetti - O'Hara Chaplain; Pete DeMaio - Mission Love & Life; popular Singer/Songwriter Gus DiSimone; John Sechuk -Generation Life, and others. We are offering a discount rate of **\$10.00** (until 3/10/25) which will include the retreat, lunch and a free T-shirt. After 3/10/25, tickets are \$20.00 each. To register go to sarespectlifeministry.org.

MARIAN DAY CONFERENCE Saturday, April 5, 2025

A one day conference with speaker Rev. Stephen P. DeLacy sponsored by the Legion of Mary. Father DeLacy will speak on the Jubilee Year of Hope - 2025. All are welcome to spend a spirit filled day with friends! 8:00am Registration & Continental Breakfast, 9:30am Rosary, 10:00am 1st Talk: "Dive into the Jubilee Year 2025 - Hope Does Not Disappoint", 11:15am Celebration of the Eucharist, homilist will be Deacon Greg Maskarinec, 12:15pm Lunch, 1:15pm 2nd Talk: "Blessed Mary helps us to experience the Jubilee Year", 2:30pm Benediction and Concluding Prayers. Cost: \$35. Location: St. Helena Parish, The Empress Room, 1489 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422. Info: JoAnn 267-918-2536. Prior registration is required. - Registration/Flyer is posted at https:// philadelphiasenatus.org/upcoming-events/



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