



Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Catholic Church

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January 29, 2012—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mission Statement

Under the patronage of Mary, Mother of the Redeemer, we are a growing faith community centered in the Eucharist and dedicated to worshiping God, our Father.

In response to our baptismal call, we commit ourselves to promote the gospel of His Son, Jesus Christ, through Christian hospitality, spiritual nurturing, evangelical outreach, and shared social experience.

We call upon each parishioner to share his or her talents in addressing the needs of our parish and society at large. We implore the Holy Spirit to consecrate each of us in this mission.

Mary, Mother of the Redeemer, help us share in the work of redemption.

Parish Clergy

Rev. Msgr. John T. Conway, Pastor
Rev. Msgr. Philip C. Ricci, Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Keith J. Chylinski, Parochial Vicar
Rev. William J. Teverczuk, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Msgr. James J. Shields, In Residence
Deacon George Klinger, Permanent Deacon
Deacon Joseph Lonergan, Permanent Deacon

Parish Administration

Maria Stumpf, Director of Parish Services
Rebecca Jervey, Youth Minister
Mary Anne Dunbar, Music Coordinator
Lou Tonelli, Parish Business Manager
Pat Klinger, Parish Office Manager
Chris Moral, Parish Office Staff

MMR Parish School

Denise Judge, School Principal
Susan Tarrant, School Vice Principal

Office of Religious Education

Nancy Franks, Director of Religious Education
Jeannie McLean, Secretary, Religious Education

Parish Pastoral Council

Mary Anne Dunbar, Kimberlee DeFinis, Jeannie McLean, Ellen Reynolds, Robert Satterly, Jo-Anne Ward

MASS SCHEDULE & DEVOTIONS

Morning Prayer: 7:00 am Weekdays
Daily Mass: 7:30 am (and 9 am during Advent and Lent)
Tuesday evenings: 7:00 pm during Lent
Saturday: 7:35 am Rosary, 8:00 am Mass followed by the Miraculous Medal Novena
Saturday Night: 5:15 pm Vigil
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:45 am and 12:30 pm
Holy Days: 7:00 pm Vigil, 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 12:10 pm and 7:00 pm
September (after Labor Day) through May (weekend before Memorial Day)
Friday: All day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 8:00 am through 7:00 pm Benediction

SACRAMENTS

The Sacrament of Baptism is administered most Sundays after the 12:30 pm Mass. Arrangements must be made in advance by calling the Parish Office. First time parents are required to attend a Pre-Jordan class before the baptism. They are held the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm in the Parish Office Conference Room. No pre-registration is necessary.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered every Saturday, 4:00 to 4:45 pm and anytime by appointment.

The Sacrament of Marriage requires that the couple contact the Church at least 6 months before a planned wedding date. No other arrangements should be made until the couple meets with a parish priest and the date and time are confirmed. One of the couple must be a member of the parish. Attendance at a Pre-Cana marriage preparation program is required in accordance with Archdiocesan policy.

Anointing of the Sick is available to the dying and those who are elderly, sick or preparing for surgery. Please contact the Parish Office.

Communion Calls are made monthly by clergy and weekly by Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. To place a homebound individual on the Communion Call list, please call the Parish Office.

NEW REGISTRATIONS

Welcome new parishioners! You may call the Parish Office at 215-362-7400 to make an appointment to register. In order to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage, or Letters of Eligibility for sponsorship at Baptism or Confirmation, you must be a registered parishioner. Also, children who turn 21 years of age, or complete higher education and continue to reside within our area, should become individually registered parishioners.

FUNERAL NOTICES

Scheduled funeral services held here at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer, can now be found on our website: www.mmredeemer.org

Parish Office Business Hours:
Monday thru Thursday, 8:30 am to 9:00 pm
Friday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Mass Intentions For The Week

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Monday, January 30

7:30 am *Joseph Cioppi*
by Sal & Mary Antonuccio

Tuesday, January 31

7:30 am *Joe Figlio*
by Vinnie & Joe Palermo

Wednesday, February 1

7:30 am *Emma McQuilkin*
by Mary Gaul

Thursday, February 2

7:30 am *Thomas McGonigle*
by Jim & Mary Wasylenko

Friday, February 3

7:30 am *Lillian & Edward Cerato*
by Connie & Bob Johnson

Saturday, February 4

8:00 am *Sara Connie Johnson*
5:15 pm *Lucy & John McGee*
by Rita & John McGee

Sunday, February 5

7:30 am *Rosemary Lostracco*
by Armando and Chris Moral
9:00 am *Our deceased parishioners*
10:45 am *Mark Bergan*
by Jane Cero
12:30 pm *Samantha Grosse*
by Kathleen Hoy & Jack Widman

FEAST OF SAINT BLAISE BLESSING OF THROATS

This coming **Friday, February 3rd**, is the Feast of Blaise. The Blessing of Throats will take place immediately following the 7:30 am Mass in the chapel, as well as after the 9:00 am Mass for the parish school children in the main church.

RCIA

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is the Church's process for welcoming new members into the Catholic Church. The group also welcomes those interested in learning more about their faith and adult baptized Catholics who have not received their other sacraments. For more information, please contact Linda Gray, 215-766-2705 or Bob Repko, 215-718-5769.

From Our Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

By now, you know that the Secretary of Health and Human Services announced last week that the proposed mandate requiring all insurance plans to pay for contraception, sterilization and some abortion drugs is official. Worse, religious groups (no matter their moral principles and beliefs) are not exempt. The only concession to be made is that some religious groups are being allowed an extra year to comply. Timothy M. Dolan, Archbishop of New York, immediately responded to this devastating and frightening news this way: "In effect, the president is saying we have a year to figure out how to violate our consciences." (You can view his full response at the website: www.usccb.org) Yes, beginning August 1st of this year, the insurance premiums we pay, including the insurance premiums paid by Catholics for employees of churches and schools, will be used to cover drugs and procedures that are in direct conflict with the teachings of the Church.

We must understand how significant this news is. **Clearly, this decision is a direct attack on religious liberty!** Realize where this is all going. This is frightening! It's a decision with such monumental ramifications that it cannot be ignored nor tolerated. If you agree, please waste no time! Let your elected leaders know that you want religious liberty and rights of conscience restored, and that you want the administration's contraceptive mandate rescinded. Speak out in protest.

Our Senators are: Robert P. Casey, Jr. (casey.senate.gov/contact/) and Pat Toomey (toomey.senate.gov/contact/). Area Representatives include: Allyson Schwartz (District 13), Jim Gerlach (District 6), and Michael Fitzpatrick (District 8). Go to www.house.state.pa.us/. Then click on Representatives' E-mail Addresses.

Also, for your convenience now and in the future, our parish website has a page titled "Contacting Your Representatives" which lists our current federal and state legislators and their contact information. Just click on "Parish" and look down the list.

Monsignor John Conway

MMR HAPPENINGS

NEW DOORS TO BE INSTALLED

Several months ago, the outside sacristy door (the one nearest to the rectory) had to be replaced. The hardware could not be repaired and the bottom of the metal door was rusting out. Now, we must replace a set of doors in the Narthex. The set to be replaced also has worn out hardware and, like the other doors in the Narthex, has a gap between the two doors --- allowing lots of cold air in. Additionally, these old doors have no panic/crash bars. The new set of doors will be much more efficient in keeping cold or hot air out of the building. The new doors also will allow people to get out of the building (in that direction) even when the hardware is in a locked position. We look forward to the noticeable improvement.

YOUNG WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT WEEKEND

For all young women between the ages of 16 and 30: if you are discerning where God is calling you in life, we cordially invite you to a special weekend retreat with the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth. They are a new, young, and vibrant religious order, based in the Diocese of Scranton. The retreat will take place on the weekend of **February 17th-19th**. If you are interested, please contact Sister Veronica at 570-836-2737. Please visit www.capuchinsisters.com for more info.

OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Alexia Claire Marques,
daughter of Helder & Sonia

BLOOD DRIVE

The Home and School Association, in conjunction with the BETA Club, will be sponsoring a blood Drive on **Friday, February 10th** from 3:00-9:00 pm in the school's multi-purpose center. There are three ways to sign up: after Mass the weekend of February 4th and 5th, online at www.membersforlife.org, or by contacting Heather Kelly at 215-491-5883 or hkellycali@msn.com. The BETA Club will provide babysitting from 3:00-8:00 pm.

RENDER UNTO CAESAR

In light of the recent attacks against our religious liberty by the Federal Government, we invite you to read the acclaimed book, Render Unto Caesar: Serving the Nation by Living our Catholic Beliefs in Political Life. It was written by our Archbishop, Most Rev. Charles J. Chaput. Our book store will be ordering copies of it. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in obtaining a copy.

EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

On this coming **Friday, February 3rd**, Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration **will begin at 11:00 am** (rather than immediately after the morning Mass). It will conclude with our First Friday Holy Hour in the main church at 7:00 pm. Our presider will be Father Michael Speziale.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS WHO GO



In conjunction with our Breakfast for Volunteers on **Sunday, February 5th**, the 25th Anniversary Committee is asking for your help. We are looking for volunteers who go *Above and Beyond* any duties they may have in any of the parish ministries in which they are involved. Is that person an usher? A greeter? A CYO Coach or official? The person at the Scrip table every Sunday without fail? Someone involved in our R.C.I.A program or in one of our music ministries? Tell us about them and what makes them extra special. Every nominated volunteer will be recognized in a wall display in the CEC on the day of the Breakfast. Place your suggestions in the *Above and Beyond* box in the Narthex, or email Mary Mauriello at mariyellow@comcast.net with your nominations. While we appreciate everything all of our volunteers do for the parish, it is always nice to recognize those who go *Above and Beyond*.

MMR HAPPENINGS

YOU'RE INVITED TO FIRST FRIDAYS AT MMR



February 3rd from 7:00 pm -8:00 pm
Guest Presider: Father Michael Speziale

Every First Friday of the month, we will be having a special Praise and Worship Holy Hour here at MMR. Please join Fr. Chylinski and a few of our other parish musicians as we adore the Lord with Contemporary music, pray to his Sacred Heart, and conclude with benediction. All ages are welcome.

SAVE THE DATE: WOMEN'S RETREAT

On **Tuesday, March 20th** from 10:00 am—3:00 pm, Father Chylinski will lead a Women's Day of Retreat and Reflection. Mark your calendar and join us for a day of prayer, reflection, and friendship.

MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

MOYC will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, February 8th** at 9:30 am in the Parish Office Conference Room. Babysitting is provided in A5 but lap babies are permitted in the meeting. We would love to have you join us. For additional information, please call Lola at 267-980-0698 or Tara at 215-646-3163.



CYO REGISTRATION

Registration for 2012 CYO Spring Sports is open. Registration will close on **Sunday, February 26th** at midnight. Please register your child(ren) now as late registrants are not guaranteed a roster spot. Go to the CYO website and click on the "register" link to get started. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Bates at cyo@mmredeemer.org.

CULINARY TALENT MUCH APPRECIATED!

Casseroles for St. John's Hospice may be placed in the casserole Freezer in the narthex kitchen at any time during **this month**.

Volunteers will be taking them downtown on a regular basis. If you have any questions or would like to participate, please call Mary Ann at 215-679-2919.



SERVING THE HOMELESS IN WINTER

Code Blue is an emergency plan to get homeless people off the streets during times of extreme cold. The Code Blue Shelter located at the Trinity Lutheran church in Lansdale needs volunteers to staff the shelter and provide food and drink to those we serve. Won't you consider joining this life-changing ministry? For information, or to share your time, talents, or treasure, please contact Angelo Grasso at anggrasso@verizon.net.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

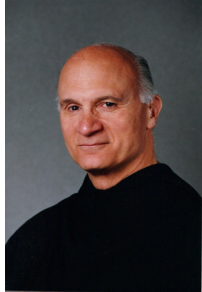
Our Parish Nurse Ministry will provide blood pressure screening next weekend, **February 4th and 5th** in the Annex hall.



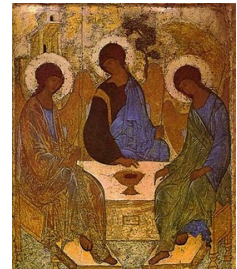
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Parish Mission

Made in the Image of God:
“The Spirituality of God’s Presence within Us”



Save the Dates!
March 5th, 6th and 7th
7:00pm - 9:00pm
Fr. Frank Sirolli, O.S.A.



IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

WHY CATHOLIC?

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS
LENTEN
FAITH JOURNEY.

REGISTRATION FORMS
CAN BE DROPPED IN THE
COLLECTION BASKET OR AT
THE PARISH OFFICE.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will have a donation truck at MMR on **Tuesday, February 7th** from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm to accept usable clothing; household goods and small appliances in good working order.

NO baby equipment, ONLY baby clothing will be accepted. Tax receipts will be available. For furniture/large appliance pick-ups or car donations, please call 215-288-8160. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

LAST CALL FOR VOLUNTEER BREAKFAST!!!

Join us for our “Thank You” Breakfast for Parish Volunteers.

Please call or drop us a line to register so we can have an accurate count!

maria stumpf@mmredeemer.org

We must have our FINAL count by Monday, January 31st.

We hope to see you there.

TAX INFO FOR ONLINE GIVING

For those of you who use Parish Online Giving for contributions to MMR and the Archdiocese collections, you can generate a 2011 year end tax report by going to the website www.parishgiving.org and

- Enter your username and password in the upper right-hand corner of the website.
- Click on the contribution history tab.
- Enter Start Date of 01/01/11 and End Date of 12/31/11.
- Click on the PDF icon.

If you need a 2011 contribution report from the parish, please contact the Parish Office and you will receive one in the mail.

MMR HAPPENINGS

In Anticipation of Valentine's Day

*We invite all Married Sweethearts to a specially scheduled Mass.
Come celebrate your love and renew your marriage vows.*

Friday, February 10th at 7:00pm
A brief social with light refreshments will follow.

**Make your reservations by calling Maria Stumpf
at the Parish Office, 215-362-7400 ext.104
or by e-mail: mariastumpf@mmredeemer.org
no later than Friday, February 3rd**

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



MARRIAGE HELP

Retrouvaille is a Catholic-based program to help stressed or troubled marriages. Retrouvaille has helped married couples in all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriages and can help your marriage, too. The next program will be on **February 10th-12th** at St. Joseph in the Hills Malvern Retreat Center. Please call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.helpourmarriage.com.

The National Alliance for Mental Illness Montgomery County will offer two Family to Family Educational Courses. This is a free 12-week course for families and caregivers of those with mental illness. In Lansdale, classes will start on February 6th from 6:30 pm-9:00 pm on Monday evenings. In Norristown, classes will start on February 21st from 6:30 pm-9:00 pm. For more specific information and to register, please call 215-361-7784.

Maranatha Prayer Group of St. Catherine of Siena Church in Horsham is celebrating its 40th anniversary. Join them as they celebrate on February 9th at St. Joseph's Church in Warrington, PA. Prelude at 7:40 pm, Mass at 8:00 pm, followed by fellowship in the hall. Celebrant is Father Steven McDermott.

A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be held March 23rd-25th at the Spirituality Center in Frazer, PA. Rachel's Vineyard Retreats are for anyone hurting from the spiritual and emotional pain of an abortion and who seek God's mercy and compassion; to grieve your loss; and to forgive yourself and others. Please call 215-906-6337 or visit www.rachelsvineyard.org. All contacts are confidential.

St. Helena in Blue Bell invites you to the St. Helena School Library on Thursday, February 23rd at 7:00 pm for a presentation and discussion of an upcoming tour of Poland planned for September 14th—September 26th. For information, brochures, and reservations, please call Theresa Smith at 215-646-7636.

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SCHOOL NEWS



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Today marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week across the nation. This year we celebrate the theme: "Catholic Schools: Faith, Academics, Service". There are many exciting activities planned throughout the week as we celebrate: "Catholic Schools: Faith, Academics, Service".

Sunday – Kick-off to Catholic Schools Week

- 8th graders present their thoughts on Catholic Schools at each of the Masses
- Book Fair begins in the school library

Monday – Celebration of Nation

- Presenting of the Colors by the VFW 9:00 am (5 – 8) and 10:00 am (Pre K – 4)
- Soup for the Souper Bowl Competition with St. Andrew School in Newtown begins

Tuesday-No School/Teacher Professional Day

Wednesday – Celebration of Community

- Open House 9:00 am-11:00 am
- Care packages for police, fire, and ambulance and bus drivers
- 8th grade to teach Religion classes for Grades K-7
- Soup for the Souper Bowl continues

Thursday – Celebration of Students

- Play 60 Activities including 5th grade nuke 'em and 6, 7 and 8 grade volleyball
- Soup for the Souper Bowl continues

MMR SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, February 1st

9:00 am to 11:00 am

Please come **observe** our teachers and students as they integrate "**Faith, Academics, Service**", this year's theme for Catholic Schools Week.

TEEN NEWS

JUNIOR YOUTH MINISTRY CATECHETICAL FORUM

Come explore what it means to be a Catholic Teen in today's world. Our weekly topics include: *Who am I? Who is Jesus?* The Gospels: GOOD News, Parables and Miracles, Beatitudes (instructions for life), and strength to live as a Catholic. **Each week focuses on YOU. Your experiences, your thoughts, your life.**

Youth: this is a great way to discover a little more about how to actually be Catholic.

Parents: this is the continued Catholic Education your youth need now that they are confirmed.

It is required for CYO athletes who do not go to Catholic School but ALL 7-9 grade youth are encouraged to join us.

Forum Dates

Mondays, 3/5 to 4/2/12

Registration Deadline

Monday, 2/27/12

TEEN FASHION SHOW HELPERS

We are seeking helpers for the Teen Fashion Show on **Saturday, March 24th**! Would you be willing to spend an afternoon helping our teens for the fashion show?

Any talent is welcome to join us: hair and make-up, finding items or donations for our chance baskets, decorating. Please contact Rebecca at 215-362-4895 to share your gifts!

FOR ALL EVENTS CONTACT OUR YOUTH MINISTER, REBECCA JERVEY, at rjervey@mmredeemer.org or at 215-362-4895.



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THIS WEEKEND!

SUPPORT THE BOOK FAIR

The 2012 Scholastic Book Fair is coming to MMR Library during Catholic Schools Week! Please join us for our early opening on **Sunday, January 29th from 8:30 am-12:30 pm.** All proceeds will be used to purchase new library books and Smart Boards.

MMR HAPPENINGS



PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

Almighty God, we ask for your divine mercy and protection. Embrace with your invincible armor our loved ones in all branches of the service. Give them courage and strength against all enemies both spiritual and

physical and hasten their safe journey back to their homes and families. Amen.

<i>Craig Gower, Jr.</i>	<i>Anthony Cancel</i>
<i>Jay Wardach</i>	<i>Captain Kristy Seitz</i>
<i>David Hoffer</i>	<i>Joshua Drollinger</i>
<i>Gary Hogan</i>	<i>Stephen Drollinger</i>
<i>Alexander McGlade</i>	<i>Adam McGinnis</i>
<i>Bryan Anderson</i>	<i>Steven A. Campbell</i>
<i>Sgt. Jonathan Lehman</i>	<i>Terence McGowan</i>
<i>Andrew Crossan</i>	<i>Joshua Schroeder</i>
<i>Chaplain Joseph L. Coffey</i>	<i>Lt. Nicholas Greco</i>
<i>Michael Wasylenko</i>	<i>Andrew Conaway</i>
<i>Major William Ashford</i>	<i>Lt. Cmdr. Nicole Frey</i>
<i>Lt. Cmdr. Scott Sentress</i>	

Please keep us informed of any changes in your loved one's status. Thank you.

HOPE COMMITTEE

H.O.P.E. members are active within our parish, helping those with an emergency. The H.O.P.E. Committee assists the homebound and others with their needs. Grocery shopping, driving to the doctor and hospital visits are just a few of the things H.O.P.E. can help with. If interested please contact one of the people below:

<u>Week of</u>	<u>team #</u>	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Jan. 30	#4 -	Lynda D'Angelo	215-855-6783
Feb. 6	#5 -	Toni Esposito	215-361-3992
Feb. 13	#1 -	Karen Pizzichillo	215-661-1799
Feb. 20	#2 -	Pat Bergbauer	267-218-1380
Feb. 27	#3 -	Nannette Pilla	215-855-6783

Reflection question:

What can I do to come closer to loving everyone in truth of heart?

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK

If you wish a particular family member or friend to be placed on the Bulletin Prayer List for a period of three weeks, please call Gerry Jerlinski at 215-996-1049.

Babies, Children, and Teens Anthony Imperato, Meghan Conboy, Deanna, Faith, Misha Krasus, Julia Marashon, Kevin Matthews, Kerri McIntyre, Jack O'Neil, Shane Pettine, Kristen Threlsall, Shane Williams, Jake Hedrick, Anthony, Quinn, Bobby Taggart

1/15/12 Dana Knab, Barbara Renk, Jim Stanton

1/22/12 Min Cristoff, Edward, Linda & Velia, Mary Ellen Brown, Robert Satterly, Harry Rutherford, Joan Orfe, Karen Calhoun, Joseph Robert, Maureen (Mullen) Gotwols, Nancy & Jerry Mullen, Samantha (Watson) Monaghan, David Collins, Jacqueline Collins, Dot Keebler, Phyllis Leonardis, Benedetto & Immaculata Antonucci

1/29/12 John Brown, Robert Conaway, Gus Casciato, Suzy Carney, Bernard Coyle, George Ciukurescu, Cindy DiRentiis, Rubin & Tim Dowdall, Bill Davis, Rosemary Dugan, Marie Daveyok, Dorothy & Irene Hradnansky, John Herkler, Stanley & Teresa Kotulka, Karen, Jason & Jayden Leidy, Bob Livingston, Kirk Moyer, Dan Meehan, Shirley Mosk, Anthony Owoc, Rosemarie Russo, Sister Diane Richner, Julia Remes, Anita Zurauskas, Jeannette Nicolletti, Danny O'Toole, Pat Waters, Helen Jerlinski, Dean Pinkston, Joan Roslonski

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen.