



Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Catholic Church

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Founded in 1987

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YOUTH MINISTRY
215-362-4895

January 8, 2012—The Epiphany of the Lord



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, Bill Dwyer, Armando Moral, Jeannie McLean, Ashley Parker, Ellen Reynolds, Robert Satterly

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 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 9

7:30 am Christopher Accardi
by Mom & Dad

Tuesday, January 10

7:30 am Dolores Ferruzzi
by her family

Wednesday, January 11

7:30 am Raymond Logan
by Paul Logan family

Thursday, January 12

7:30 am Thomas F. Driscoll
by the Goldbacher family

Friday, January 13

7:30 am Marichu Alkazar Lopo
by Conception Minon

Saturday, January 14

8:00 am Vince Logan
by the Logan family
5:15 pm Rose C. Rose
by Bruce & Elizabeth Braunewell

Sunday, January 15

7:30 am Peg McMenamin
by Peg Marvel
9:00 am Teresa Criniti
by Matthew Petusky
10:45 am Our Deceased Parishioners
12:30 pm Marie Mariano
by Mary Ellen & Anthony Accardi

JANUARY:

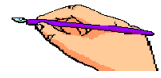
VOUCHER REDEMPTION MONTH

If you have 50 or more MMR vouchers, January is a month when you can redeem them at the Scrip Table in the narthex on the weekend, or in the Parish Office during the week. You will receive a receipt for your vouchers and will receive a check in the mail shortly thereafter. It's our way of saying "Thank you!" for shopping MMR Scrip.

Next week's second collection
will be for
Catholic Relief Services.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

From Our Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

MMR Parish, as you well know, has been blessed over the years with many generous volunteers. Among these are the kind people who have cared for the altar linens. This includes the smaller pieces (purificators, hand towels, and corporals) as well as the much larger pieces --- altar cloths, frontals, and sanctuary banners. Others have given generously of their time and talent each week to clean the church and chapel. They vacuum, dust and clean the glass on the doors.

Right now, we are in great need of some "new blood" to assist in carrying out these much needed chores. So many people who visit our church compliment us on the order, cleanliness and beauty of our church building. This is because of the good people who show up faithfully to maintain this wonderful place. But the number of these volunteers is dwindling due to age, sickness or relocation. I know that you have the same pride in your church as you do in your own home. So, please help!

If you would like to talk to me (or anyone else) about the expectations of such volunteering (church cleaning and/or linen care), do not hesitate to call the Parish Office. Your assistance will be very much appreciated.

Monsignor John Conway

NEW POOR BOXES IN PLACE

PLEASE REMEMBER THE NEEDY

Please take notice of our new poor boxes. Two of these boxes are located in the back of the church at the main aisle; one has been placed at the handicap entrance. With the holidays and cold months of winter upon us, we are anticipating the need to assist individuals and families with financial burdens—especially those within our own community. Your donations placed in the poor boxes will help us in helping others. On behalf of the less fortunate, thank you for your generosity!

MMR HAPPENINGS

THIRD SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION

Please remember to support Mother Teresa's Food Cupboard with non-perishable food items next week.

WINTER SOCIAL

The MMR Home and School Association would like to invite all MMR K-8 families to the Winter Social on Saturday night, January 21st, 2012. We are busy planning the evening and need a head count. Please check your calendars and sign up to join our fun-filled night. Details will be revealed soon. Your Home and School Association fee must be paid to attend this special event.

MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

MOYC will hold their next meeting on January 11th 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.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

*Nicholas & Carmelina D'Alonza
Edward Schorpp & Holly Niemeyer
Kevin & Lauren Deutz and daughter, Fiona*

SCHOOL NEWS

The coming of the New Year leads us to look back and look forward. We look ahead to the New Year with joy and hope and we pray for God's blessing in this New Year for our supportive families and parishioners.

Our 10 newest iPads (bringing the total to 45) that arrived before Christmas break will be put into service this week. Thanks again to our generous donors to our "Auction for Technology" who made this acquisition possible.

PRO-LIFE MARCH IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

The MMR Respect Life team invites anyone interested in attending the March for Life in DC on Monday, January 23rd, 2012 to please contact Bob Reynolds at 267-475-6837 or 215-822-7793.



MMR PARISH TO OBSERVE DAY OF PRAYER FOR UNBORN

On **Monday, January 23rd**, all dioceses of the United States will observe a "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children". Details of our local observance will be in future parish bulletins. At this time, please note that we will conclude this observance with Mass at 7:30 pm.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Dear Respect Life Committee,

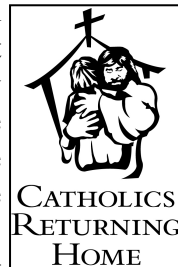
On behalf of the Community Women's Center of America operating in Bucks and Philadelphia, thank you for the generous gift of \$169.00. Your donation will further the work we do to empower women with the strength to make the free choice of life and to learn what is the right and good way to live.

God works miracles at the CWCA every day, and it is an honor to serve Him in this way. We are most grateful to people like you who continually support the work our Lord is doing as it can only keep going thanks to you.

Marie Joseph, Executive Director
www.legacyoflifefoundation.org

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

Have you been away from the Church for a while? Have you ever thought about returning? Do you know someone who has been away from the Church? If so, we want you back! We have a special ministry for people who have been away from the church. Please join us for a gathering at Mike's home. We want to address your questions and make you feel at home once more in the Catholic Church. For more information, mikeCRH@gmail.com or call Mike at 215-872-7009.



*Why do we pray? • Why do we celebrate the sacraments?
How can I live a fuller Christian Life?
How can I make the right decision?
How can I share my faith with others?*

Looking for Answers?

Why Catholic? helps you answer life's important questions by offering a faith-filled point of view!

As part of our 25th anniversary celebration, Mary, Mother of the Redeemer parishioners are invited to deepen their faith through the *Why Catholic?* Adult Faith Formation program. The six-week program begins this Lent. The first season focuses on *Prayer: Deepening My Experience of God*. We will examine how we nurture our relationship with God in prayer and how God communicates with us. The materials are rooted in Sacred Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Small faith sharing groups of 8-12 people will meet once a week for 1 ½ hours using the *Why Catholic?* materials. Sessions begin the week of February 19th. Over the next three years we will continue the *Why Catholic?* program exploring what we believe, how we celebrate and how we live our faith! Please contact Maria Stumpf at 215-362-7400 ext 104 or maria stumpf@mmredeemer.org with question or for additional information.

Please Join Us! Sign ups take place next weekend, January 14th and 15th. Join your fellow parishioners on this journey!

WHY CATHOLIC?

JOURNEY THROUGH THE CATECHISM

Please clip and place in collection

WHY CATHOLIC? FAITH SHARING GROUP

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Either choose a group by your Day and Time Preference

Day: Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat Sun

Time: Morning Afternoon Evening

Or choose a group by your Special Interest

Neighborhood Young Adults Married Couples Men Women

Senior Moms

I would like to host a small community in my home

MMR HAPPENINGS

SERVING THE HOMELESS IN WINTER



The Code Blue Shelter located at the Trinity Lutheran church in Lansdale is beginning the third season of serving God's people. Code Blue is an emergency plan to get homeless people off the streets during times of extreme cold. In Montgomery County, Code Blue is declared any time the nighttime temperature or wind chill factor falls below 20 degrees. Volunteers are needed to staff the shelter and provide food and drink to those we serve. We invite you to join us in this life-changing ministry. Volunteers from across the area have joined in the mission to serve the homeless of our area. Won't you consider joining us? For information, or to share your time, talents, or treasure, please contact Angelo Grasso at anggrasso@verizon.net. Code Blue is a community initiative of Trinity Lutheran Church.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS WHO GO

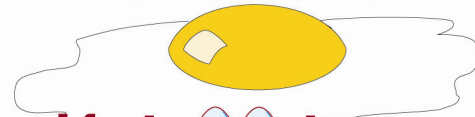
ABOVE & BEYOND



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*.

Start the New Year off Right!

Sunday, January 15, 2012



"Breakfast eOstravaganza"

"Made to Order" Eggs and Omelets

featuring **Fresh Belgium Waffles**

(your choice of Bacon, Sausage, & Home Fries, Toast, Juice, Coffee, Tea & Sweets)

- Now offering Egg Whites and Croissant Sandwiches*

(*servings are limited! Sausage, bacon or ham, egg and cheese.)

- BlueBerry Pancakes
- Fresh melon available

Feed your family
still only \$20.00

presented by: The Knights of Columbus

Adults: \$7.00

Children: \$3.00

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.

YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED TO CONTINUE OUR HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

The Hospitality Ministry has been a blessing to the parish for many years. We thank all those who have worked so hard in the past to provide donuts and coffee so that we all can join in fellowship. If this ministry is to continue, we are in need of volunteers to help us with purchase, set-up, and clean up. Please contact Maria Stumpf for more information at mariastumpf@mmredeemer.org or 215-362-7400, ext. 104.

You are cordially invited to attend our
"Thank You" Breakfast
for Parish Volunteers



On Sunday , February 5th
from 8:30am to 12:30 pm in the CEC.

This event will be hosted by the Parish, in
appreciation for everything you have done over
the past few years to make MMR Church and
School the wonderful faith filled community it is.

Return this portion to the Parish office via the collection basket or
by dropping it off at the Parish Office by January 23rd, 2012.
A head-count is necessary, so we can ensure we have all we need
for the celebration.

Family Name: _____

of Adults _____ # of Children under 10 _____

THANK YOU
From the Bottom of Our Hearts!

MMR YOUTH NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CONFIRMATION

We are happy to advise you that Archbishop Chaput will be our celebrant for Confirmation this year. Masses are:

Friday, March 16th, 4:00 pm and

Saturday, March 17th, 10:00 am.

If you did not receive your info packet at the November Parents' Meeting, please call the PREP office at 215-412-2251 or by e-mail Jeannie McLean at jmclean@mmredeemer.org.

TEEN NEWS

TEEN FASHION SHOW

We are seeking HELPERS for the Teen Fashion Show on Saturday, March 24th! Would you be willing to spend an afternoon with our teens helping them 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!

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

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

C.Y.O. News

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY OF SERVICE

The CYO Program and MMR Youth Ministry have teamed up to offer a Day of Service on Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 16th. All in grades 4-12 are welcome to join us in the CEC Gym from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm to serve the homeless, hungry, military troops, and those affected by cancer. We will provide snacks, drinks, and projects. You will put your time and energy into serving. Older youth may also be assigned to help younger groups as needed. Do not miss this chance to serve those in our communities! We will have a special mass offered for our group to kick-start our service day. Service hours will be available to those who need them. Contact Melissa Mussoline at melissamussoline@verizon.net, Rebecca Jervey at rjervey@mmredeemer.org, or John Nucero at johnnucero@comcast.net for more information and the registration form!

2011 MMR ANGELO GRASSO CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT



The Angelo Grasso Christmas Tournament saw great fan turnout and support for over 30 games of exciting action. Thanks to all of the teams for participating playing hard and demonstrating exceptional sportsmanship!! We are also grateful to our sponsors for their support of the tournament. We also raised \$135 in donations for the Lansdale Code Blue facility. Lastly, CYO would like to thank all the tournament sub-committee chairs and Mark Angelone for organizing and running the entire event. We look forward to hosting the tournament again in 2012! Winners of their respective brackets were:

Boys JV: Ancillae Assumpta

Girls JV: Gwynedd Mercy Academy

Boys Varsity: St. Alphonsus

Girls Varsity: St. Alphonsus

MMR HAPPENINGS



PRAYER 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.

Craig Gower, Jr.

Jay Wardach

David Hoffer

Gary Hogan

Alexander McGlade

Bryan Anderson

Sgt. Jonathan Lehman

Kevin Wett

Chaplain Joseph L. Coffey

Michael Wasylenko

Major William Ashford

Anthony Cancel

Captain Kristy Seitz

Joshua Drollinger

Stephen Drollinger

Adam McGinnis

Steven A. Campbell

Terence McGowan

Joshua Schroeder

Lt. Nicholas Greco

Andrew Conaway

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

12/25/11 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

1/1/12 Rose Greco, Gail Gaines, John Helm, Dana Knab, Stanley & Teresa Kotulka, John Lombardi, Maureen (Mullen) Gotwols, Jim MacFarland, Kerri O'Donnell, Tina Molloy, Barbara Renk, Denise Rush, Marge Synakowski, Marie Sostko, Jeannie Schafle, Shannon Clare, Jim Stanton

1/8/12 Min Cristoff, Edward, Linda & Velia, Danny O'Toole, Pat Waters, Mary Ellen Brown, Robert Satterly, Harry Rutherford, Joan Orfe, Karen Calhoun



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Parents are reminded that the invitation for participation in the weekly "Children's Liturgy of the Word" is extended to those in **Kindergarten through the 3rd Grade**. The priest celebrant will announce this immediately following the Opening Prayer at Sunday's 10:45 am Mass. It would be difficult for our catechists to be able to adequately address, and hold the attention of, a group of children of a wider age range. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this regard.

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. 9	#1 -	Karen Pizzichillo	215-661-1799
Jan. 16	#2 -	Pat Bergbauer	267-218-1380
Jan. 23	#3 -	Nannette Pilla	215-855-6783
Jan. 30	#4 -	Lynda D'Angelo	215-855-6783
Feb. 6	#5 -	Toni Esposito	215-361-3992

Reflection question:

What can I do this week to come to know God better?

-J.S. Paluch Company, Inc.