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## **MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY:** 4:30 PM

**SUNDAY:** 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

**WEEKDAYS:** Monday through Saturday: 8:00 AM

**HOLY DAYS:** Evenings before: 7PM • Holy Day: 8AM & 7PM

## **PARISH REGISTRATION**

Our parish community welcomes all to join us for worship. We invite everyone to be an active and participating member in every aspect of parish life. To be recognized as a member of the parish, one must be registered on the parish census. We cannot issue certificates of eligibility for sponsorship, nor give recommendation for character references if a person is not properly registered. Please register at the Rectory. Notify the Rectory, if you are moving from the parish, or if you have changed your address or telephone number.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

The members of the parish staff are most willing to be of service to all. You are asked, if possible, to arrange an appointment in advance with the person you wish to see.

## **RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**

Monday through Friday: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Saturday and evenings by appointment

## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Parents must be registered members of our parish to have their children baptized. The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month immediately after the 10:30 AM mass.

Parents requesting Baptism for their child are required to make arrangements at the rectory.

## **GODPARENTS/SPONSORS**

The role of Baptismal sponsor is primarily a spiritual role to help the newly baptized lead a Christian life. Therefore, a sponsor must be a practicing Catholic, in good standing (married validly), at least 16 years of age, and have received the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist).

## **CONFESSIONS**

**Saturday:** 3:15 to 4:15 pm

## **SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

Couples wishing to be married here at MDG must contact the rectory at their earliest convenience but no less than six months before the wedding.

Archdiocesan policy requires all couples preparing for marriage to attend the Pre-Cana Program. Information on the Pre-Cana Program can be obtained at the rectory.

## **CARE OF THE SICK**

Before entering the hospital feel free to contact the rectory to arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick.

Communion is brought to all of our shut-ins monthly. Call the rectory to arrange the monthly visits.

Emergency calls are answered at anytime.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

For information, call the rectory.

## **DEVOTIONS**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Wednesdays

8:30 AM to 4:00 PM in the Rectory Chapel

Novena to the Sacred Heart at the First Friday Mass.

Miraculous Medal Novena - every Saturday 8 AM Mass.

Recitation of the Rosary - Monday through Saturday before 8 AM Mass.

## **PARISH ORGANIZATIONS**

Pastoral Council

Finance Council

Liturgy Committee

Eucharistic Ministers

Lectors

Cantors

Choir

Technology Fund

Senior Citizens

Friends of MDG

Alumni Association

Home & School

Parish Nurse Program

Festival Committee

Ushers

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For information on any of the above contact the rectory.

**Pastor's Corner**  
**September 5, 2010**  
[Labor Day]

Say it isn't so! Labor Day Weekend? Although, it is always a great weekend; it is understood that Labor Day Weekend is the last weekend of the summer. Labor Day Weekend marks the end of that freedom we enjoyed. Kids knew they could stay up later, because they could sleep in later. Our diet was different; our personal schedule was more relaxed. Even if our personal finances were limited; we knew there was always something special that we could do or a place we could go, even if it was something as simple as taking a drive out of the city. Now, it is time for us to be more disciplined in our daily regimen and choices. Let us be grateful for whatever good things were a part of our summer. Hopefully, in them we recognized the goodness of God and are more prepared to take on the "realities" of the autumn. Part of those realities will be a renewed life in *Mother of Divine Grace Parish*. I encourage you to participate in the various activities of the Parish & Parish School. They are designed to both enrich your spiritual life & the life of your family, and they will give you an opportunity to enrich your spiritual family of *Mother of Divine Grace*. Finally, let us not forget what we are celebrating this weekend: the *Gift of Labor....the ability to Labor.....the opportunity to advance ourselves by using talents that God blessed us with*. All of this comes from God. Do we realize this? Do we remember this? Do we thank God by using them unselfishly? This weekend, do not let barbecues, cold beer, water ice and fresh fruit be the only thing that characterizes your weekend, let it also be marked with your personal prayer of thanksgiving to God for the gifts to labor [past & present] that he has given you.

**SCRIPTURE STUDY!!**

There are two basic sources for the teachings of the Catholic Church: (1) Sacred Scripture and (2) Tradition. Ironically, many Catholics are not as familiar with the Scriptures as our Protestant brothers & sisters, and desire to learn more about them, but don't know where to start. A great place to start is through a parish *Scripture Study*. Starting October 5<sup>th</sup> [7-8:30PM], *Mother of Divine Grace Parish* will offer the opportunity to learn about the Sacred Scriptures through what is referred to in many parish communities as a *Scripture Study!* How will MDG's scripture study work?

1. It picks one book of the Bible and sticks with it. The subject of our first scripture study will be the *Gospel of Luke!*
2. Most studies last 10 weeks [more if they are studying a larger book such as *The Book of the Prophet Isaiah* or the *Gospel of John*].
3. Each session lasts 90 minutes {60 minutes for small group discussion and 30 minute formal presentation}.
4. Each participant receives 2 booklets: One booklet contains a copy of the particular book that is being studied; it also includes a commentary on each chapter of that book. The second booklet contains a series of questions on each of the chapters in that Book. These questions become the starting point for each week's discussions which take place in small groups of 5-10 people. Usually, the participants are asked to read 2-3 chapters each week.
5. **Most Important:** The qualifications for a scripture study is NOT what you know, but what you don't know. The purpose of the scripture study is to inform, not to show off. Everyone starts off on the same level. Hopefully, each participant will emerge from these studies with a greater understanding of their Catholic faith & traditions. Also, we hope that their deeper understanding of the scripture will become a starting point for their prayer life.

Scripture Studies will be scheduled twice a year in MDG: [A] the period between late September and mid December; and [B] mid January and early April. There will be no scripture studies offered in the summer. I encourage you to consider joining me and your fellow parishioners in this upcoming studying of the *Gospel of Luke!* You will find it enjoyable and personally enriching.

## **BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION:**

- \* Back to School night for Grades Pre K @ 6:30 PM on Tuesday, September 7th in the classrooms. One parent from every family with a student in Pre Kindergarten must attend.
- \* Back to School night for Grades K-4 @ 7 PM on Tuesday, September 7th in the classrooms. One parent from every family with a student in Grades Kindergarten-4 must attend.
- \* Back to School night for Grades 5-8 @ 7 PM on Wednesday, September 8th in the classrooms. One parent from every family with students in Grades 5-8 must attend.

### **OPENING DAYS:**

- \* Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. All students in grades 5-8 will begin school at 8 AM and will be dismissed at 12 PM. Students will enter through the Thompson Street school yard where they will find their lines and will be escorted to their classrooms by their teachers. Students should bring a healthy snack and water from home. Students may not bring in any type of juice.
- \* Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. All students in grades K-4 will begin school at 8 AM and will be dismissed at 12 PM. Students will enter through the Thompson Street school yard where they will find their lines and will be escorted to their classrooms by their teachers. Students should bring a healthy snack and water from home. Students may not bring in any type of juice.
- \* Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. All students in grades K-8 will begin school at 8 AM and will be dismissed at 12 PM. Students will enter through the Thompson Street school yard where they will find their lines and will be escorted to their classrooms by their teachers. Students should bring a healthy snack and water from home. Students may not bring in any type of juice.
- \* Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. All students in Pre Kindergarten will begin school at 7:55 AM and will be dismissed at 2:30 PM. Students will enter through the Thompson Street school yard where they will find their lines and will be escorted to their classrooms by their teachers. Students should bring a healthy snack and water from home. Students may not bring in any type of juice.
- \* Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. All students in Grades Kindergarten-8 will begin school at 7:55 AM and will be dismissed at 2:40 PM. Students will enter through the Thompson Street school yard where they will find their lines and will be escorted to their classrooms by their teachers. Please do not send students to school before 7:45 AM since there are no staff members on yard duty until this time.

### **Daily Lunch 12 PM - 12:40 PM**

- \* The lunch program will begin on Monday, September 13th. All students must bring their lunch from home for the week.
- \* Hot lunch will provided for the students who pay for it in advance on Monday, September 20th.

### **C.A.R.E.S. Children Are Receiving Extended Services**

- \* The C.A.R.E.S. program will begin on Monday, September 13th.
  - \* You may register your child for the C.A.R.E.S. program on your child's back to school night.



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## SEPTEMBER 5, 2010

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, September 5

8:30am Jimmy Celebre  
by Mrs. Puchalski

10:30am Angeline Mahoney  
by Daughter Kathleen  
William & Mary Boyle  
by Marianne & Theresa

#### Monday, September 6: Labor Day

8:00am James McDonnell by Family

#### Tuesday, September 7

8:00am James Celebre  
by Mark Stendardo & Mina  
Carroll

#### Wednesday, September 8: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am Catherine Spiotta  
by Msgr. Gregory W. Gordon

#### Thursday, September 9: St. Peter Claver

8:00am Domenico & Maria Teresa  
Marcoguisseppa  
by Granddaughter Josephine  
Valentino

#### Friday, September 10

8:30am Artemio Manso  
by Wife & Family

#### Saturday, September 11

8:00am MDG Parishioners  
James Celebre  
by Wife Cass & Children

4:30pm Louis & Ken Kates  
by Ken McTague

#### Sunday, September 12

8:30am Vera Ravenna  
by Charles & Rosita Posey

10:30am Fred Mari by Wife & Children

### PARISH WEEKLY SUPPORT

August 29, 2010

Envelopes	\$2,886.00
Plate	353.66
Air Conditioning	20.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,259.66</b>

#### Please pray for the sick

Especially Edward Klenicki, Edna Long, Clare Duffy, Brody Gallagher, Jennifer Baldwin, Sandy Cole, James Krebs, Ed Mammarello, James Kernan III, James & Linda Bracey, Leo Breslin, Henry George, Emma Groves, Angelese Massey, Joseph Surba, James Dougherty, Angeline Angelone, Mary Marchegiano, Joyce Horan, Patricia Gindhart Cavanaugh, Carolyn Ringheiser, Michael Lorusso, Joseph Pandaleno, Richard Shields, Sr., Kim Torpey, Maureen Segeske, Dolores Craven, Joseph Longo, Angeline Pandaleno, Mary Micucci, Reilly Czap, Marie Phillips, Anthony Bonanno, Ruth Torpey, Nicholas Mammarello, Deborah Abruscato, Josephine Kulinski, James Elliott

**Our Lady of Lourdes, Bring Healing to the Sick**

#### MARY'S CROWN

For some time now our Blessed Mother in the side alcove has been missing her crown.

Through the efforts of two parishioners and Msgr. Logrip, Mary now has a beautiful new crown.

Please take a few moments to stop by the alcove and pay homage to Mary.

#### MDG MEMORIAL FUND

A donation has been made to the MDG Memorial Fund:

**In memory of Margaret Della Penna**

Mrs. Antoinette Lucidi

A donation has been made to the School Tech Fund:

**In memory of Jimmy Celebre**

Maureen & Michael Clark

#### *Worldwide Marriage Encounter*

***Our next couples experience will be November 12-14, 2010. For more info, call 1-800-456-8330.***

**Catholic Social Services** is looking for single or married adults to become foster parents to children of all ages, denominations and races. Some children have emotional or medical needs. Some children are siblings who need to live together in the same home. For more information about foster care, please contact us at 215-587-3960.

**St. Hubert Catholic High School for Girls** will reopen for students on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Freshmen report to the Cafeteria on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors report directly to their homeroom on Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. All students report on Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. All school days begin at 7:52 am.

**Little Flower High School for Girls** will reopen for students on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, Freshmen and Transfer Students report 8:00 am – 1:30 pm. Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, Freshmen report 8:00 am – 1:00 pm; Freshmen Parent Meeting – 7:00 pm. Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors report 8:00 am – 1:00 pm. Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, All classes report 8:00 am – 2:39 pm. Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, Back-To-School Night – 7:00 pm for parents/guardians of Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors. If you have any questions, please contact us at 215-455-6900. Thank you!

**La Salle College High School** will hold Homecoming for alumni and friends on Friday, September 24, 2010 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Admission is \$20 per person and includes a ticket to the football game being played across the street at Springfield High School between La Salle and Monsignor Bonner. Admission is free for children 12 and under. You must register in advance to receive complimentary admission to the game. For reservations or additional information, please call Mary Frances Kelly at 215-402-4814 or visit the school's website at [www.lschs.org](http://www.lschs.org) and register online.

### **John W. Hallahan Catholic High Girls' High School – “50 Years and Beyond”**

If you have graduated from Hallahan 50 years or more ago, you are cordially invited to become a member of the “50 Years and Beyond” club. The first luncheon will be held on Wednesday, September 22, 2010 from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM at Constatter Restaurant, 9130 Academy Rd, Philadelphia, PA 19114. Cost is \$20.00 with a cash bar. Contact Marge West Kiefski '66 at 215-563-8930 ext. 250 as soon as possible. ALL ARE WELCOME.

**Nazareth Academy High School** is hosting an Open House on Sunday, September 26, 2010 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. All sixth, seventh and eighth grade girls and their families are invited to attend. Students presently in eighth grade may spend a day visiting Nazareth Academy. Please call the Admissions Office to schedule a visit. The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Entrance/Scholarship Examination will be held on Saturday, October 30, 2010 at 7:45 am. For additional information, registration forms, or questions please call: Mrs. Jacqui Makowski, Advancement Director; (215) 268-1026.

### **Support the Philadelphia Police and Fire Department in our annual Hero Thrill Show!**

This event will take place on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> during the hours of 12pm to 5pm (rain date: September 19<sup>th</sup>) at the Wachovia Complex (Broad and Pattison). The cost for tickets are \$10, all proceeds go to the Hero Scholarship fund for the families of fallen officers. Please support our organization and we look forward to seeing you there! For further information and to purchase tickets, please contact Officer Tina Willis at 215-685-9963.



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