

MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE CHURCH

East Thompson and Cambria Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19134

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 4:00 PM at MDG; 5:30 PM at St. George

SUNDAY: 9:30 AM at St. George; 11:15 AM at MDG

WEEKDAYS: Monday through Friday – 8:00 AM

HOLY DAYS: 4 PM Vigil and 8 AM at MDG; 11 AM and 7 PM at St. George

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, Wednesday & Thursday: 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents must be registered members of our parish to have their children baptized. Parents also must participate in a Pre-Jordan Class. The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month immediately after the 11:15 AM mass.

Parents requesting Baptism for their child are required to make arrangements by appointment with the Pastor.

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: 3:00 to 3:30 pm, and always upon request

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples wishing to be married here at MDG must contact the Pastor 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 www.phillycatholicmarriageprep.com.

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.

Medical Emergencies requiring the Sacrament of the Sick, call (215) 739-0353.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

For information, call the rectory.

DEVOTIONS

Novena to the Sacred Heart at the First Friday Mass.
Recitation of the Rosary - Monday through Thursday before 8 AM Mass.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Pastoral Council	Home & School
Finance Council	Parish Youth Group
Eucharistic Ministers	Alumni Association
Lectors	Home & School
Cantors	Festival Committee
Ushers	Parish Scripture Study
Technology Fund	RCIA
Family Prayer Group	Men's Prayer Group

For information on any of the above contact the rectory.

November 26, 2017

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 26

11:15am Mary & Jimmy Brewer
by Argia Manso & Family

MASS FOR DECEASED

Monday, November 27

8:00am Domenic & Maria Theresa
Paone
by Family

Tuesday, November 28

8:00am Helen Borner & Margie
Schmid
by Cathy Grover

Wednesday, November 29

8:00am Frank Bachmurski
by Sister Anne

Thursday, November 30: St. Andrew

8:00am Philomena Stendardo
by Linda Ianelli

Saturday, December 2

4:00pm John Giancreco
by Sandy Hall

Sunday, December 3

11:15am Isolena Palumbo
by Anthony Manso

**DUE TO PUBLISHERS DEADLINE,
NOVEMBER 19TH, AND NOVEMBER 26TH
COLLECTIONS WILL BE POSTED IN THE
DECEMBER 3RD BULLETIN**

Please pray for the sick

Especially Jonathan Joseph Devlin, Phyllis Kelly, Louise DiPietro, Jaime White, Gus Wildonger, Pat Grosso, Aidan Blakla, Denise Flores, Mary Thoma, Joan McCrea, Nancy Petaccio, Karen Schwab, Tom Marshall, Rita Savage, Joseph Falsetta, Patty Hart, Larry Farrell, Sister Mary Ripp, Patrick Tacconelli, Colleen Powaserys, John 'Buddy' Savage, Tim Albert, William Vairo, Mary Cataldi, Catherine Madden, William McCabe, Suzanne Baker, Lucy McDonnell, Teddy Hojnacki, Karen Zebrowski, William Boyle

This week in Mother of Divine Grace Parish!

- *Rosary on Sunday night at 7 pm at MDG*
- *All 8:00 am Masses this week will be in the Chapel, except Friday, December 1st. That mass will be in Church at 8:30 am.*
- *There will be an AA meeting in the School Hall on Thursday, November 30th.*
- *Thursday, December 8th, is a Holy Day of Obligation. The mass schedule is as follows: 4:00 pm vigil on December 7th and 8:30 am mass on December 8th in Church.*

Do you enjoy praying the Rosary with others while adoring the Blessed Sacrament? If so, please join us for the Flame of Love Rosary Devotion group at Mother of Mercy House located at 709 E Allegheny Avenue every Tuesday at 7 PM.



The Parents Association of St. Hubert High School for Girls is hosting our annual Holiday Vendor Fair being held on December 7, 2017 from 6:30 to 9:00. If you are interested in becoming a crafter/vendor, please contact Beth Stocklin, bethstocklin@gmail.com; or Trisha Kinney at tkinney1@gmail.com.

A NOTE ABOUT FINANCES:

As you know, the financial position of Mother of Divine Grace parish is fragile. In order to pay our bills and keep things running we must average \$3,300 per week in the collection for 52 weeks per year. This does not include special collections and assumes that all of the other fundraisers continue to bring in the support that they have in the past. Not long ago, the weekly collections at MDG were well above that level and had been for many years. We ask you to please support our parish in a way that allows us to meet our expenses and serve the people of our community.

Dear Friends of Mother of Divine Grace Church:

We are planning a trip to **Savannah, GA & Charleston, SC** on **October 14 to 19, 2018 (Sun. to Fri.)**. The price is **\$700PP/DO; \$918 Single Occup.** A nonrefundable deposit of \$75.00 is needed by January 31, 2018. If anyone is interested, please contact the rectory for trip information at 215-739-0353 or rectory@motherdivinegrace.com.

Sons of Italy Bus Trip to See Michaelangelo Exhibit. We have a handful of spaces available. On Monday, December 11, 2017, we will leave from the Sons of Italy, NE Lodge, 2537 East Monmouth Street, at 8AM. We will go to the Met Museum to see the exhibit. Once we are done with the tour, you can stay in the museum or you can sightsee the city, decorated for the holidays, and go SHOPPING. Tickets are \$60 and include round trip transportation, ticket to the museum and snack on the bus. This is the first time ever, that Michaelangelo's works will be available to view in America, so don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity. If interested, please contact, Alessandra Grosso at agrosso6580@gmail.com.

***Do you need help accessing services and supports for someone with an intellectual disability and autism?
The CSS Developmental Programs Help-Line is available to answer your questions.***

484-472-5041

IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org

Should have any questions please contact Margie Pliszka (cell) [267-872-2643](tel:267-872-2643)

CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY

The Cleaning Ministry consists of volunteers who clean the church and sanctuary every week. Keeping our place of worship clean is an important contribution to the parish. Help is always needed to keep our church sanctuary looking clean and welcoming. If you would like to become a "heavenly duster" or an "altar angel", please contact the parish office. With enough volunteers, we hope to have a rotation so each volunteer only has to give a few hours one day a month to keep our most beautiful church an inviting place for us to gather and worship. Men and women are welcome. No experience necessary. All you need to bring is a bucket. We will supply cleaning products and rags. If you would like to part of this ministry, please call the rectory at 215-739-0353 and leave your name and phone number and will contact you. No experience necessary. Men and women, young and old are welcome.

Remember "Many hands make light work".

GIVING TREE

This year our Giving Tree will be up

November 26th to December 17th.

We are having a Gift Card Tree again.

The Gift Cards can be any amount. We are helping 6 school/parish families.

Please have all gifts under the tree by December 17th.

Any questions contact: Clare Briscella

215-426-7325 or cbriscella@motherdivinegrace.com

Thank you for your generosity!

AMAZONSMILE

Do you do your shopping at **Amazon.com**? Did you know that you could make a donation to your parish when you shop? All you have to do is sign in to AmazonSmile and shop Amazon as you normally would. **Amazon will donate .05% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Mother of Divine Grace Catholic Church whenever you shop at AmazonSmile.** Support your charitable organization by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.com. It may seem like pennies at first, but pennies turn to dollars, and the more people who use it, the more money adds up.

ONLINE GIVING

Would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account as you probably do with other obligations? Mother of Divine Grace offers electronic giving for those of you who wish to have contributions transferred electronically to the church's account. Online Giving allows you to make contributions to our church without writing checks or worrying about cash donations. This site lets you set up automatic contributions and change the timing or the amount of your give at any time. You may make pledges and manage your contributions to the pledge amount, and you may make one-time donations to special causes. Please click on "Sign Up for Your New Account" and complete your initial account registration. Visit the parish website at www.motherdivinegrace.com and click on **Online Giving**. Online Giving allows you to support your parish consistently, even if you are away from home, which is vital to parish financial stability. If you need more info, please call the rectory. Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE LIVING

In addition to our Mass cards for the deceased, the parish also has Mass cards for the living. We can, and should, have masses offered for ALL people, for their health, happiness, and salvation. The Mass is the most powerful prayer you can offer for a living person or deceased person. Consider a Mass intention for the celebration of a sacrament or your next special occasion, wedding, confirmation, birthday.

SANCTUARY LAMP

The origin of the sanctuary lamp is linked to references in the Old Testament. God gave directions for the building of the tabernacle that included a lamp stand (Exodus 25:31-40) and told the Israelites to have oil burning lamps in the meeting tent "from evening to morning" as a perpetual ordinance (Exodus 27:20-21). Modern sanctuary lamps used in Christian worship spaces are linked more directly to the Roman Catholic practice of burning a light in front of the consecrated bread and wine left after a communion service, to signify and honor the presence of Christ in the elements of bread and wine. In Roman Catholic usage the light near the reserved sacrament is enclosed in glass and is placed near the tabernacle.

The sanctuary candle burns continually around the clock. Intentions for the Sanctuary candle last a full week. We have Sanctuary candles near the Blessed Sacrament in our church and in our chapel. The customary donation for the Sanctuary candle intention is \$10.00. Intentions can be made at the rectory.



***Mother of Divine Grace Parish
Community congratulates the
following newly confirmed students***

Michael Ackerman

Ryan Albert

Josue Alegre

Ethan Bucher

Matthew Baldwin

Anthony Bronzini

Daniel Carroll Neilis

Michael Clayton

Daniel Denton

Mark Eddis

Sean Jordan

Thomas McGuigan

Aiden Nevedomsky

Angelo Palka

Victor Perez

Cole Rieser

Ryan Shelton

Kevin Stearn

Matthew Stever

Saige Adair

Rachel Crutchley

Brooke Donahue

Emma Fox

Taylor Gotts

Alexandria Hagland

Ava Hall

Brielle Kane

Francesca Leonardi

Olivia Musser

Mya Palka

Alexis Radomski

Jennalyn Slavin

Victoria Zimmerman