



# Mary, Mother of the Redeemer

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Founded in 1987

1325 Upper State Road, North Wales, PA 19454-1007

February 19, 2023

Seventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

## Parish Office

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## Mission Statement

We, the members of  
Mary, Mother of the Redeemer parish,  
are committed to giving glory and praise  
to God while inspiring one another  
to deepen a personal relationship with Jesus  
and recognize Him in all people.

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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. Mark A. Tobin, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Mr. Shane Flanagan, Transitional Deacon  
Deacon Paul A. Logan, Permanent Deacon  
Deacon John M. Travaline, Permanent Deacon

## Parish Administration

Deacon Mario Mirabelli, Director of  
Parish Services  
Maria Malone, Director of Adult Faith Formation  
Lou Tonelli, Business Manager  
Mary Anne Cortez, Administrative Staff  
Mary Anne Dunbar, Music Coordinator  
Chris Moral, Office Staff  
Annette Smith, Bulletin Editor

## MMR Parish School

Denise Judge, School Principal

## Office of Religious Education

Lisa Bull, Director of Youth Faith Formation  
Valerie Haynos, Secretary, Religious Education

## Parish Pastoral Council

Lisa Bull, Joe DiPlacido, Laura England, Chris Fandozzi, Melanie Griffin, Deacon Paul Logan, Armando Moral, Jeff O'Donnell, Karen Snow, Father Mark Tobin, Joe Tranchida, Deacon John Travaline, Chuck Vesay and Renee Pacini-Walters

## Parish Finance Council

Tom Alesi, Mike Coakley, Tim Gillespie, Gary Kennedy, Barbara O'Donnell and Damian Ward

## Mass Schedules and Devotions

**Morning Prayer:** 7:00 am Weekdays

**Weekday Mass:** 7:30 am

**Saturday:** 7:35 am Rosary, 8:00 am Mass and  
Miraculous Medal Novena

**Saturday Night:** 5:15 pm Vigil

**Sunday:** 7:30 am, 9:30 am, and 11:30 am

**Holy Days:** (except New Year's and Christmas)  
6:30 am, 12:10 pm and 7:00 pm

**Friday (All day):** *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*  
begins at 8:00 am through 5:00 pm  
*September (after Labor Day) through*  
*May (Friday before Memorial Day)*

## Sacraments

**The Sacrament of Baptism** is administered most Sundays after the 11:30 am 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 7:00 pm. No pre-registration is necessary.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** is offered every Saturday, 4:00 to 4:45 pm; Sundays immediately following the 9:30 am Mass; and anytime by appointment.

**The Sacrament of Marriage** may be scheduled by contacting the Parish Office. The couple must 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 party must be a member of the parish. Attendance at a 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, 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 to obtain Letters of Eligibility for sponsorship at Baptism or Confirmation, you must be a registered parishioner. Also, children who turn 26 years of age, or complete higher education and continue to reside within our area, should register individually as parishioners.

## Funeral Notices

Scheduled funeral services being held at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church can be found on our website at: <http://mmredeemer.org/funerals>.

### Parish Office Business Hours

**Mondays thru Thursdays: 8:30 am to 7:00 pm**

**Fridays: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm**

**Deadline for the February 26<sup>th</sup> Bulletin  
is Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am**

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, February 20

7:30 am John Jabbour by  
his family

### Tuesday, February 21

7:30 am Richard Roller by  
Mary & John McNulty

### Wednesday, February 22

6:30 am Nancy Munshower by  
Tim Sears  
12:10 pm Holy Souls in Purgatory  
7:00 pm Paul Franklin Powers  
by Lisa Powers

### Thursday, February 23

7:30 am Cecelia Tierney by  
Joe & Rita Platt

### Friday, February 24

7:30 am Mrs. Kada by  
Tim & Lisa Sears

### Saturday, February 25

8:00 am Richard Neigre by  
Suzanne & Jeff  
5:15 pm Robert Johnson by  
the Green Family

### Sunday, February 26

7:30 am Anne & Richard Roller  
by Mercedes Desiderio  
9:30 am Joseph Yurkonis by  
his daughter  
11:30 am Mike Tolino by  
the Urban Family

## Welcome New Parishioners

Larry Temperato

## We Remember Our Deceased

Anne "Nancy" Harkins



## This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday

Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 am, 12:10 pm, and 7:00 pm. Ashes (symbol of repentance) will be blessed and distributed within all the Masses.

## Holy Silence at the End of Mass

According to *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship*, a document from the United States Bishops which provides basic guidelines for understanding the role and ministry of music in the liturgy, observing a silent recessional, in place of singing a hymn, may be **an appropriate option especially during Lent due to its penitential nature**. This year, as a parish, we will be observing silence after the dismissal of Mass. Please maintain silence as the priest and other liturgical ministers process out of the church, and as you leave the church. As always, you may remain in church for personal prayer as well.

## Confessions on Sunday Mornings

We remind you that a priest confessor is available each Sunday immediately following the 9:30 am Mass for confession. The confessionals are located in the chapel. **Please note that the priest will make himself available immediately following Mass, and will remain in the confessional only until the last person in line for confession is heard.**

## Seeking Prayer Warriors

Mary, Mother of the Redeemer has an active Prayer Ministry, where parishioners pray for world, local & personal needs.

To join, send an email to: [deaconmariomirabelli@mmredeemer.org](mailto:deaconmariomirabelli@mmredeemer.org), to receive an email with the weekly prayer intentions.



## Upcoming Events - This Week at MMR

<u>Sunday, Feb 19</u>	Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast	8:00 - 11:30 am
	YM Fun Day at SKY Zone	5:30 pm
<u>Monday, Feb 20</u>	Knights of Columbus Council Meeting	7:00 pm
<u>Tuesday, Feb 21</u>	Bible Study - "Exodus: Called to Freedom"	10:00 am
	Youth Book Club - "Signs & Wonders of Jesus"	7:00 pm
	Catholic Heart Work Camp Information Meeting	7:00 pm
<u>Wednesday, Feb 22</u>	<b>Ash Wednesday Masses</b> <b>6:30 am, 12:10 pm &amp; 7:00 pm</b>	
<u>Friday, Feb 24</u>	Adoration	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<u>Saturday, Feb 25</u>	Ignite Your Ministry - Lenten Retreat	8:30 am
<u>Sunday, Feb 26</u>	Coffee Chat	after the 9:30 Mass
	Teen Holy Hour	7:00 pm

**The Parish Office will be CLOSED on February 20<sup>th</sup>  
for President's Day.**



# LENTEN ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES



## ***Don't do Lent Alone.***

Have you tried to pray more or read Scripture for Lent, only to fall short of your goal? Join others for support and encouragement this Lent so you can:

- Discuss life and faith
- Reflect on God's Word together
- Seek God together
- Pray for and with one another

Wednesdays 8:00 to 9:30 am (after morning Mass) in the John Paul II Room. Led by Joan Gallagher using the book "With Jesus to the Cross". Registration is required for this group.

### **Interested in registering or learning more?**

Please visit the MMR parish website at: [mmredeemer.org/small-groups-seek-jesus-together](http://mmredeemer.org/small-groups-seek-jesus-together), or scan the QR code to the right to visit the web page.

Questions? Email Maria Malone at: [mariamalone@mmredeemer.org](mailto:mariamalone@mmredeemer.org)



*"Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works." ~ Hebrews 10:24*

## **Ignite Your Ministry!**

**Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 am Mass (in Church)**

**8:30 - 11:45 am Reflection & Workshop  
(in Redeemer Hall)**

### ***Calling all ministry leaders and those in ministry!***

Join us for a morning of reflection and workshop designed to help us renew our commitment to loving and serving others through our ministries at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer.

Coffee, refreshments and snacks will be provided all morning.

Facilitated by Maria Malone,  
Director of Adult Faith Formation.

### **WHY SHOULD I GO?**

- Be refreshed by the One we serve
- Explore how your ministry can support the Parish priorities
- Prepare for the Eucharistic Revival

Please RSVP by Feb 20<sup>th</sup> by scanning the QR Code to the right, or drop completed form in the collection basket or at the Parish Office.



### **Adult Faith Formation Registration Ignite Your Ministry!**

Please RSVP by Feb 20<sup>th</sup>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



## **Sunday Morning**



### **After 9:30 am Mass**

10:30 - 11:45 am, Redeemer Hall

**February 26<sup>th</sup>: "Why must I suffer?"**

**March 26<sup>th</sup>: "Why confess my sins to a priest?"**

Join us for coffee and light refreshments.

**No registration required.**

Kids are welcome to join Mrs. Bull  
(see the parish website for more information).

# ***Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church*** **OUR 2023 PARISH LENTEN PROGRAM**

*(Please keep this sheet as a handy reference throughout the Season of Lent.)*

"Ash Wednesday begins the Catholic season of Lent, a time of examining our consciences, confessing and repenting our sins, and working to change the direction of our lives back toward God through prayer, self-sacrifice, and charitable acts to others.

This is why Lent is so important. It's the season in Church life that calls us to discipline our appetites, put aside our excuses, and take an honest look at the state of our souls."

(Archbishop Emeritus Charles Chaput)

## **FAST AND ABSTINENCE AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE**

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

## **LITURGICAL SERVICES**

### **ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>:**

Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 am; 12:10 pm and 7:00 pm.

Ashes (symbol of our repentance) will be blessed and distributed within all Masses.

### **WEEKDAY MASSES:**

Monday through Friday at 7:30 am; Saturday at 8:00 am.

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION:**

As it does throughout the year, Eucharistic Adoration will take place each Friday immediately following the 7:30 am Mass. Adoration will conclude at 5:00 pm.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:**

Place yourself (in spirit) beside our Savior as He journeys to Calvary. Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday in Lent at 7:00 pm (except March 10<sup>th</sup> due to scheduled practice sessions for Confirmation).

### **OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS:**

On **Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm all are welcome** to pray the Stations outdoors. We will be gathering at the marble statue of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. The statue is located next to the old pump house. (This devotion will be coordinated by the Boy Scouts of local Troop #547 and members of our St. Francis Ecology Council.)

(See the reverse side.)

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard on the **Wednesdays** of Lent (except Ash Wednesday) from 7:00 to 8:00 pm, on **Saturdays** from 4:00 to 4:45 pm, and on **Sundays** immediately following the 9:30 am Mass. As always, our parish priests are available for confession by appointment.

## LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION

The day is scheduled for **Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm in Redeemer Hall and the main church. The topic will be ***“The Redemptive Power of Suffering”*** presented by Deacon Mario Mirabelli, MMR’s Director of Parish Services. The cost is \$20. A boxed lunch is included. All are welcome.

## GO FORTH! GROW IN MISSION THIS LENT

Subscribe to receive a weekly text from Archbishop Pérez with one action step you can take that week to deepen your friendship with Jesus or grow in your mission to bring Jesus to others. Texts begin Ash Wednesday and will continue throughout Lent.

To subscribe: Text *goforth* to the number 84576 or visit [phillydisciples.org/goforth](http://phillydisciples.org/goforth)

## FRIDAY FISH FRY

On the Fridays of Lent, as you know, we are required to abstain from eating meat. On **Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**, from 5:30 to 8:00 pm, a DINE-IN or TAKE-OUT dinner will be held. This is a much-needed fundraiser to support the charitable works of the Knights of Columbus/Council #13126. Please keep an eye on the parish bulletin and other forms of parish communication for details regarding the menu, prices, and the purchasing of tickets.

## OPERATION RICE BOWL

Operation Rice Bowl focuses on the major Lenten themes: prayer, almsgiving, fasting and a renewed solidarity with the poor of the world. The format is simple. On one evening of each week of Lent, families eat a light, low-cost meal. Before and after the supper, they give thanks for their blessings and pray for the hungry of the world. Money saved by eating a simple meal instead of a regular dinner is placed in a “rice bowl” on the dinner table. **Cardboard “rice bowls” are available on tables in the narthex. A large basket will be in place at the Holy Family shrine throughout the Lenten season to receive your donations.** A percentage of your contributions will feed the hungry here in the Archdiocese; the rest will be distributed to the poor around the world.

## THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK

“The Little Black Book” for 2023 is a collection of daily six-minute meditations on the Passion according to Matthew. Copies of this extremely popular and inexpensive booklet are **available in the Parish Office**. The cost is \$2.00.

## CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

This program is offered by a team of parishioners to people thinking about returning to the practice of their Catholic faith. Sessions are offered at a parishioner’s home. Please contact Mike at 215-872-7009 or [MikeCRH@gmail.com](mailto:MikeCRH@gmail.com).

***Please note: Specific details regarding all of our Lenten activities can be found on a weekly basis in the parish bulletin and website throughout the Lenten season.***

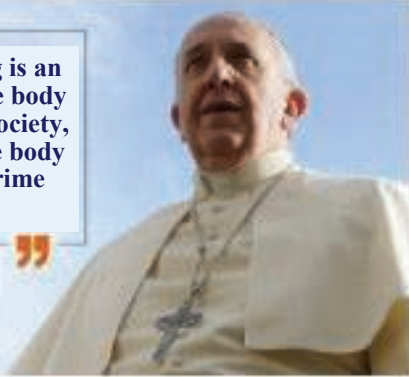
## Catholic Social Teaching Invitation

The Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the International Union of Superiors General recognized a day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking in February. It is never too late to join Catholics all over the world to pray and to create greater awareness about this phenomenon. The Catholic Social Teaching Committee invites you to visit [mmredeemer.org/catholic-social-teaching](http://mmredeemer.org/catholic-social-teaching) or scan the QR code to learn about and reflect on the experiences of those that have suffered through this affront to human dignity and to pray to comfort, strengthen, and help empower survivors.



“Human trafficking is an open wound on the body of contemporary society, a scourge upon the body of Christ. It is a crime against humanity.”

POPE FRANCIS



## Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita

St. Josephine Bakhita, you were sold into slavery as a child and endured untold hardship and suffering. Once liberated from your physical enslavement, you found true redemption in your encounter with Christ and his Church.



○ St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity.

Those whom man enslaves, let God set free. Provide comfort to survivors of slavery and let them look to you as an example of hope and faith.

Help all survivors find healing from their wounds.

We ask for your prayers and intercessions for those enslaved among us.

Amen.



*We are called to join our faith community and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl.*

## PICK UP YOUR FAMILY'S CRS RICE BOWL

Rice bowls are available on tables in the narthex, or in the Parish Office.

## Rice Bowl Reflections



### THE PILLARS OF LENT

This year, the CRS Rice Bowl Stories of Hope take us to Honduras, Kenya and the Philippines, where we'll learn how people are overcoming the causes of hunger and adapting to climate change.

As we journey through Lent, remember that through **prayer**, God invites us to slow down in the silence and look for him around us - in nature and in people who need us most. Our **fasting** is an act of solidarity with people who are hungry - and it helps us feel a small part of what they are living day by day. It is in this spirit that our **almsgiving** is an act of love for God and neighbor.

Through giving, there is no limit to what we can achieve together to serve people impacted by climate. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.



## CRS Spotlight

On February 6<sup>th</sup>, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake devastated large areas of central Turkey and northwest Syria. Later that day, the region experienced a second 7.7 magnitude quake. The death toll has surpassed 35,000 and continues to climb. The earthquake is the worst to strike Turkey this century. Across affected areas in both countries, apartment buildings and schools have been leveled. For Syrians, the damage took place in areas already devastated by years of war. In Turkey, the airports and the high roads of Anatolia are closed and most hospitals are unusable. Schools are closed across the country.

Catholic Relief Services will support emergency relief efforts led by local partners in both Syria and Turkey. Already in Turkey, Caritas Internationalis, in coordination with authorities, is bringing displaced people to safe, open spaces and distributing hot meals and clothing. Please consider donating today - your gift will help us to provide safe shelter and access to food, clean water and hygiene supplies. Please visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) today to see how you can help!



It's time to lace up your sneakers and activate your Fitbit®, Apple Watch® or pedometer!

## Join the MMR community as we walk to Jerusalem!

**Beginning on Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**, our parish community will begin its virtual Lenten journey to walk 6,340 miles from North Wales to Jerusalem. We encourage all parishioners to embark on this annual mission to become more physically active while fostering spiritual growth.

**How it works:** Weekly "walking reflections" will be provided that you may ponder as you walk. You will keep track of your miles and submit them weekly so we can record how far our parish community has traveled together. Bonus miles will be given for other aerobic activity performed and for joining others for a weekly community walk on the parish grounds. The dates for these weekly walks are:

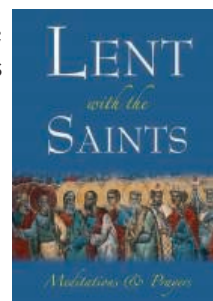
- Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> after morning Mass (around 8:45 am)
- Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 pm
- Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> after 11:30 am Mass
- Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> after morning Mass (around 8:45 am)
- Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> after 11:30 am Mass
- Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm

### To register or for further information:

visit the parish website at [mmredeemer.org](http://mmredeemer.org) or contact JoAnne at 215-997-2109 or [joannehigg115@gmail.com](mailto:joannehigg115@gmail.com)

## Looking for a Good Book or CD?

Get to know our Lord better by spending time with Him; and there's no easier way than the CDs/books/booklets in our Resource Display in the Narthex. There are titles that are great for the whole family, and they are easy to pass along to others who might enjoy learning about our faith! These resources are provided without cost; but for those able to donate, your donations are used 100% to provide these resources to more parishes. Thank you for your generosity.



**Please do NOT return any used items to the display.**



**CATHOLICS  
RETURNING  
HOME**

## Catholics Returning Home Ministry

Looking to return to the Catholic Church, or know someone who is interested in returning, but not sure where to start? Welcome to Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish. We miss you. We are not the same without you. If you feel a tug in your heart calling you back to the Catholic Church, we pray that you listen to it. It is God our Father who wants to hold you in His loving embrace. **Catholics Returning Home** is a ministry for people like you who want to re-engage with God and His Church. For more information visit [CatholicsReturningHomeMMR.org](http://CatholicsReturningHomeMMR.org), send an email to [mikeCRH@gmail.com](mailto:mikeCRH@gmail.com), or call Mike at 215-872-7009.





## MMR CYO Spring Sports



As the weather warms, it is time to start thinking ahead to outdoor sports again! Parish Youth from 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade can sign up for different MMR CYO teams (Track and Field, Softball, Baseball and HS Co-Ed Volleyball). Our program is dedicated to improving the youth sports experience for the children in our parish. The number one goal is for all the participants to have a positive learning experience. Our program is also committed to performing service projects throughout the season while having fun.

Boys and girls must be members of MMR Parish, either attend MMR school or the MMR PREP, attend the Spring CYO Sports Mass, and participate in a service project.

**Registration ends March 1<sup>st</sup>.**



## Coaches Needed!

Looking to spend more time with your child and give back to our community at the same time? Ready to pass on your love for the sport? MMR CYO needs coaches for all their teams this spring. Please contact Tony Gamza, MMR Athletic Director, at [agamza@mmrschool.org](mailto:agamza@mmrschool.org) if you are interested in coaching.

To be eligible, coaches need to have all their volunteer clearances and training on file with the parish. Please check the MMR CYO website for the requirements or contact Tony Gamza at the email mentioned above.



## Opportunity for Local Professionals & Business Owners

Local professionals and business owners are invited to attend the 8:00 am Mass on **Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>** followed by a regular Doylestown Catholic Business Alliance meeting from 8:30 - 10 am in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Life Center. The DCBA is a group of local professionals and business owners who meet quarterly to pray together, network, and support each other. Events are FREE and there are no membership fees. Attendees will have time to give a brief commercial about their business or service.

If you have any questions or would like to RSVP, please contact Ryan Visniski -[ryanvisniski@gmail.com](mailto:ryanvisniski@gmail.com) (OLG) or Stephanie Shortall - [steph.shortall@gmail.com](mailto:steph.shortall@gmail.com) (MMR).

## Your Poor Box Donations During Lent

Throughout the Lenten season, all donations made through our poor boxes will be added to what is given in the "CRS Rice Bowls". Please keep in mind that 25% of your contributions will feed the hungry here in the Archdiocese; the rest will be distributed to the poor around the world. Thank you for being so generous to the neediest among us!

## White Food Bins in the Parish Center

The Patrician Society and Martha's Choice thank MMR parishioners for your continuous support of these ministries through your generous donations to our food bins.



Some items that are specifically in demand include: peanut butter, pasta, soup, corn, and personal care items such as shampoo, soap and deodorant. Thank you!

*"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Mt 25:40*

## 2022 Tax Information

For those who use Parish Online Giving to contribute to MMR and Archdiocesan collections, you can generate a 2022 year end tax report by going to the website [www.paritygiving.org](http://www.paritygiving.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 01/01/22 and End Date of 12/31/22.
- Click on the PDF icon.

If you do not use Parish Online Giving and need a 2022 contribution report from the parish, please contact the Parish Office and you will receive one via e-mail.

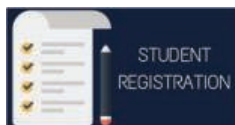
## Next Week's Second Collection

Next weekend's second collection will be for this year's **Easter Flowers** that will be used to decorate our church for Easter. Thank you for your prayerful generosity and may God bless you for your ongoing goodness to MMR Parish.



Mary, Mother of the Redeemer  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## Registration for the 2023-2024 School Year is Underway



Registration for MMR parishioners seeking to enroll children in grades PK - 8 has begun. Priority registration for parishioners will run through February 28<sup>th</sup>. General registration opens March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please visit the school website or contact us at [registration@mmrschool.org](mailto:registration@mmrschool.org) for more information.

## Amazon Smile News

We are disappointed to share the news that Amazon will be discontinuing their charitable Amazon Smile program after February 20<sup>th</sup>. Over the years MMR School earned approximately \$1000 annually from this program and used it to fund things like recess yard equipment, gym equipment, display panels for the Art Room and the ukuleles in the Music Room. Please know we are very grateful to all who used it over the years.



## Super Bowl Hoagie Sale Thank You

Thank you to everyone who supported our Youth Ministry Super Bowl Hoagie Sale. Our proceeds will help with transportation to Catholic Heart Work Camp, Works of Mercy meal preparation, Holy Hour musicians and Teen Leadership Council "spread the word" initiative. We appreciate the support of the entire parish.



Whoever keeps the word of Christ,  
the love of God is truly perfected in him.

*Gospel Acclamation ~ 1 Jn 2:5*



News from **Mrs. Lisa Bull**  
Director of Youth Faith Formation

## We're Back!!!!



Father Tobin and Mrs. Bull are pleased to announce that we will be returning to Catholic Heart Work Camp this summer with our parish youth! This is a wonderful opportunity for our parish youth entering grades 8 - 12 next fall. The youth of our parish will be attending Catholic Heart Work Camp in Boston. Our scheduled week is July 9<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars. Space is limited this year. There will be an information meeting on **February 21<sup>st</sup> in Redeemer Hall B at 7:00 pm**. If your child is interested in being placed on a no obligation list of interest, please visit our parish website under Youth News and Events to sign up.

If you are interested in chaperoning the children, please reach out to Mrs. Bull by email at [Lbull@mmredeemer.org](mailto:Lbull@mmredeemer.org). The more volunteer chaperones results in the increase of number of youth that can attend.

## Teen Holy Hour Next Week February 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Our Teen Holy Hour will be next Sunday evening. Youth in grades 7 - 12 are invited to visit the Blessed Sacrament in praise and meditation. Father Tobin will also be available for Confession. This evening there will be live music by Mr. Bill Monaghan. **All are welcome!**



A special thank you to our Girl Scout Cadet Senior Ambassadors for organizing Teen Holy Hour this month.

We are currently looking for youth musicians to play at our Holy Hour. If you are interested please reach out to Mrs. Romanoski at [aromanoski@mmrschool.org](mailto:aromanoski@mmrschool.org).



**MMR Parish  
Religious Education  
Program**

Congratulations to our PREP Second Graders as they received their First Penance last Week.

MMR HSA Presents



**SATURDAY, MARCH 25<sup>th</sup>**  
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## Young Adults

### **Young Adults & Young Families Invited**

Called to be Saints, a Catholic faith community of young adults and young families, invites you to our upcoming events!

#### **Disciples' Night at Saint Catherine of Siena** **Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

- Mass at 7pm in the chapel, followed by a talk on The Power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation by Father Stephen DeLacy in the farmhouse
- Saint Catherine of Siena Church, Horsham

Contact [scsyoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:scsyoungadults@gmail.com) or see our Facebook group "Called to be Saints" for more info.



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### **Come & See Weekend**

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**High School Men**  
February 25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>

**Post-High School Men**  
March 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>

## **Prayer for Vocations**

O God, we earnestly ask You to bless our Archdiocese with many priests, brothers, sisters and deacons who will love You with their whole mind and heart and gladly spend their entire lives serving Your Church and making You known and loved. Bless our families, bless our children and choose from our homes those needed for Your work. Mary, Mother of the Redeemer, pray for us; pray for our priests, religious and deacons. Obtain for us many more. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.





## Around the Archdiocese

### **Archbishop Pérez Wants to Text You!**

#### **Go Forth:**

#### **Deepen Your Discipleship, Grow in Mission**

Join Archbishop Pérez in his mission to create a culture of missionary disciples in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia! Through the Go Forth initiative, you can subscribe to receive a weekly text from the Archbishop with one action step you can take that week to deepen your friendship with Jesus or grow in your mission to bring Jesus to others. There are two ways to subscribe to receive the texts: (1) use your phone to text *goforth* to the number 84576 or (2) visit the website [phillydisciples.org/goforth](http://phillydisciples.org/goforth). Texts begin Ash Wednesday, Feb 22, 2023 and will continue weekly for one year.

### **Volunteer Opportunity**

#### **A Baby's Breath**

[www.ababysbreath.org](http://www.ababysbreath.org) is looking for a few more volunteers. If you would like to devote your sacrifices to "...helping a mother to see her child take his/her first breath," they would love to have your time and talent. To sign up, go to the website and click on Volunteering (<https://ababysbreath.org/volunteering/>) fill in the form to list your skills and interests. They also advertise the specific jobs needed. God Bless and thank you!

### **Man Up Philly 2023 Catholic Men's Spirituality Conference**

**Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 am - 3:30 pm**

Come and join your brothers from throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Man Up Philly Men's Conference. Besides our dynamic speakers we will have prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, confessions, and a closing Mass with Archbishop Nelson Pérez. Our theme this year is The Road to Emmaus-Finding Christ in the Breaking of the Bread. Begin Lent with this powerful day of reflection and brotherhood.

**Speakers:** **Cardinal Timothy Dolan**, Archbishop of New York, **James Wahlberg**, Producer of Mother Teresa: No Greater Love, **Deacon James Mahoney**, permanent deacon at the Miraculous Medal Shrine, and **Mark Forrest**, internationally famous tenor

**Location:** Cardinal O'Hara High School, 1701 S. Sproul Road, Springfield (Delco)

**Cost:** \$60 Registration;  
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For more information visit <https://manupphilly.com/registration/>.



### **Why Confession? A Panel Discussion on Zoom**

**Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**7:00 - 8:30 pm**

- ~ Why do I have to confess my sins to a priest?
- ~ What is the "seal of confession" and why is it so strict?
- ~ I have confessed my sins but still can't forgive myself... what do I do?
- ~ I keep confessing the same sins over and over... why can't I change?

**Priest panel:** **Fr. Eric Banecker**, Pastor, St. Francis de Sales; **Fr. Addisalem Mekonnen**, Pastor, St. Martin de Porres; **Fr. Mariano Dellagiovanna**, Parochial Administrator, St. Barnabas; **Fr. Stephen DeLacy**, Vicar, Faith Formation with Youth and Young Adults

**To register for the webinar or for more information visit** [phillyeucharisticrevival.org/reconciliation](http://phillyeucharisticrevival.org/reconciliation).

### **Rosary for Addictions**

**First Thursdays of each Month,  
7:00 pm**

Please join our AFIRE group as we pray for those who are struggling with addiction. We all know someone affected by the epidemic of addiction and prayer is a powerful way we can support those who are struggling.

**Location:** St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, 51 Lansdale Ave., Lansdale; meet in the Chapel in the Parish Center.

### **Useful Links to Ongoing Archdiocesan Initiatives**

**Hope in Christ: Spiritual Support for Addiction:** [www.archphila.org/hope](http://www.archphila.org/hope)

**Young Adult Groups & Events:** [www.phillyyam.org/events](http://www.phillyyam.org/events)

**Eucharistic Revival:** [phillyeucharisticrevival.org](http://phillyeucharisticrevival.org)

**Office for Divine Worship:** [www.odwphiladelphia.org](http://www.odwphiladelphia.org)



## Pray for Our Sick

Loving and compassionate Lord Jesus, You brought strength and healing to the afflicted. Through Your healing touch and words, You restored sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, strength to weakened limbs, and wholeness to those afflicted with disease. Look mercifully upon those named here in their time of need. Grant them the patience they need to carry their cross. If it be Your holy will, grant them Your healing. In all things, we pray that Your will be done. Amen.

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## Pray for Our Service Men and 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.

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## Are you, a loved one, or a friend in need of prayer?

Send prayer intentions by email to [prayer@mmredeemer.org](mailto:prayer@mmredeemer.org).

If you wish a family member or friend to be placed on either of the Bulletin Prayer Lists, please call the Parish Office at 215-362-7400.

**Please keep the Parish Office informed of any changes in your loved one's status. Thank you.**



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