



# Mary, Mother of the Redeemer

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Founded in 1987

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

December 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

## Parish Office

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Main: 215-412-2251



## FORMED Website:

[mmredeemer.formed.org](http://mmredeemer.formed.org)

## 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.

*"Do not be afraid,  
Mary, for you  
have found  
favor with God."*

Luke 1:30



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. Bernard O. Ekeagwu**,  
Transitional Deacon  
**Deacon Paul A. Logan**, Permanent Deacon  
**Deacon Christopher T. Parker**, 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**, Communications & Scheduling  
**Joyce Kelly**, Director of Liturgical Music  
**Chris Moral**, Parish 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, 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. Pre-registration is required, visit the parish website to register online: <https://mmredeemer.org/baptism>.

**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 January 7<sup>th</sup> bulletin**  
**is Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am**  
(December 31<sup>st</sup> is already published)

## Mass Intentions

### Tuesday, December 26

7:30 am Ryan Carbone  
by his grandmother

### Wednesday, December 27

7:30 am Melvin Moehler  
by the Eiger Family

### Thursday, December 28

7:30 am Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Friday, December 29

7:30 am Jenny Marinetti by  
Colleen & Ralph Price

### Saturday, December 30

8:00 am Frances Folger  
by family

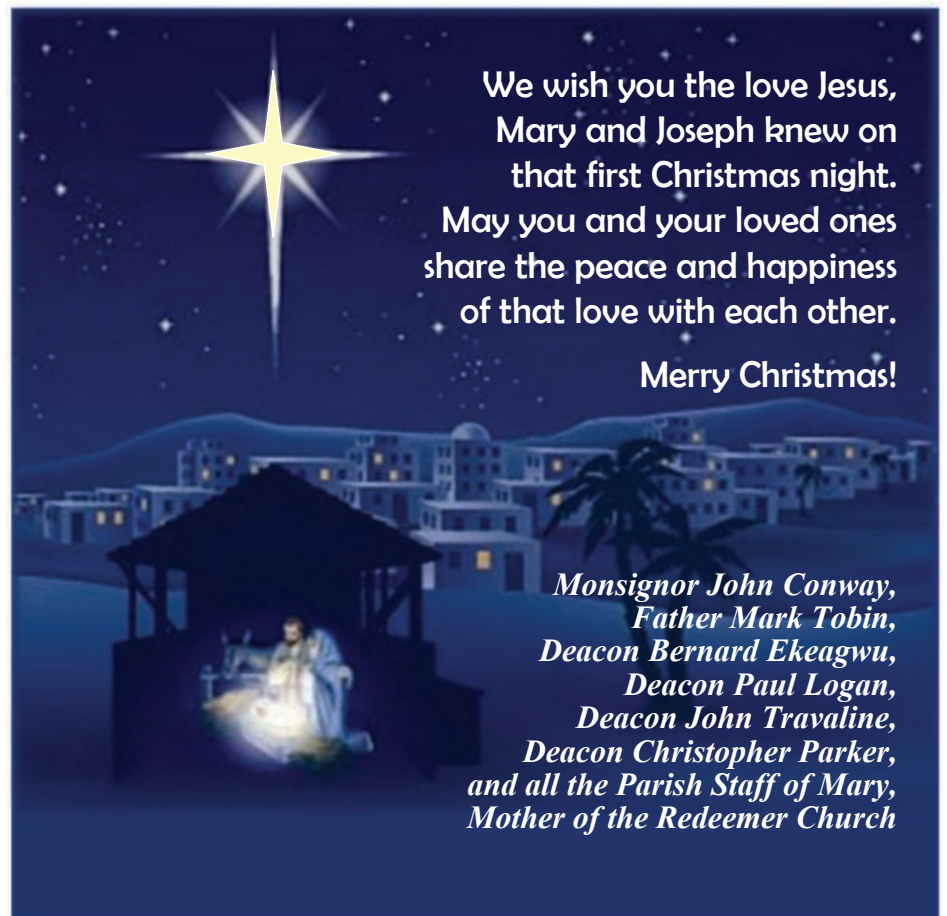
5:15 pm Edward Jachmowicz  
by his daughter,  
Dorothy Frascella

### Sunday, December 31

7:30 am Mary, Mother of the  
Redeemer Parishioners

9:30 am Deceased members of  
the MMR Music Ministry

11:30 am Marie Sette  
by the Sette Family



## Parish Office Holiday Hours

**Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**CLOSED**

**Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> thru  
Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:30 am to 4:00 pm**

**Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**CLOSED**

## Holiday Bulletin Deadlines

MMR's bulletin publisher sent us  
their upcoming Holiday schedule.  
In order to meet their schedule, the  
following deadlines have been  
adjusted as indicated below.  
(Early deadlines in RED).

8:00 am Deadline	For Sunday Bulletin
Already at the publisher	December 31 <sup>st</sup>
Thursday, December 28	January 7 <sup>th</sup>

## 2023-2024 Christmas Season Schedule

### Christmas Masses:

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>: 4:00 pm in the church  
(preceded by carols sung by the Cherub Choir)  
4:00 pm in the CEC Gym  
7:00 pm\* in the church  
(preceded by carols sung by the Adult Choir)  
**(No Midnight Mass)**

Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>: 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am  
**(No confessions following the 9:30 am Mass)**

### New Year's Day Mass:

(The obligation to participate in Mass is suspended since,  
this year, the observance of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy  
Mother of God falls on a Monday.)

Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>: 9:00 am\*  
**(Note later time than usual weekday Mass time.)**

*\*This Mass will be live-streamed.*



# ADULT FAITH FORMATION

How is God inviting you to grow as His disciple?



## Song of Songs Bible Study for Women

**Part 1: Tuesdays, January 2<sup>nd</sup> – February 6<sup>th</sup>**  
(6 weeks before Lent)

**Part 2: Tuesdays, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – May 7<sup>th</sup>**  
(6 weeks after Lent)

10:00 am to 11:30 am in the Matthew Walsh Room

Interested but can't make Tuesday mornings?

Contact Maria for other options at  
[mariamalone@mmredeemer.org](mailto:mariamalone@mmredeemer.org).

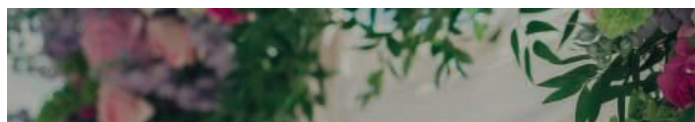
This scripture study is titled "Brides of Christ" and was created by Hope's Garden,  
<https://hopesgarden.com/song-of-songs-scripture-study/>.

Here's what you can expect from this study:

- Deepen your understanding of The Song of Songs as well as much of scripture.
- Connect salvation history with your own life's narrative.
- Learn from the great mystical Saints, such as St. Teresa of Avila and St. Bernard of Clairvaux.
- Experience the healing love of Christ the Bridegroom.
- Enter into a Divine Romance with your One True Love.
- Develop a rich interior prayer life.

"The Cantata of Love, a Verse by Verse Reading of The Song of Songs" by Father Blaise Arminjon is our guidebook through the Brides of Christ program. You can purchase the Cantata at Ignatius Press or on Amazon.com. A workbook is also available to accompany this study. Those can be purchased in the Parish Office. The cost of the workbook is \$20 cash or check made payable to MMR. Please register at <https://www.mmredeemer.org/faith-formation-registration>.

Contact Lucretia at [lucretiaoreilly@gmail.com](mailto:lucretiaoreilly@gmail.com) for more information.



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CHRISTMAS

## The 12 Days of Christmas

Dr. Elizabeth Klein

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### The 12 Days of Christmas

We are excited to announce our series of FORMED Now! Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.  
Visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.  
Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



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### Christmas | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby.

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MARY, MOTHER OF THE REDEEMER PARISH

## Potluck Dinner & Prayer Night

Friday, January 26, 2024

5:00 pm Potluck in Redeemer Hall

7:00 pm Program in the Church

The evening will be a time for both friends and family to gather together for a delightful potluck dinner and fellowship. We will feature activities for both kids and families, and are offering babysitting for parents who may wish to spend time in adoration.



7:00 PM Featured Program in Church

### **EUCHARIST: BEYOND OBLIGATION**

The Adventure of Participating  
in God's Own Life

**Presented by André Lesperance**

Author & Musician with  
The Evangelical Catholic

*André's discussion is appropriate for all age groups, and includes an inspiring message and practical tips for entering more deeply into Mass and prayer.*

***Eucharistic Adoration with  
prayerful contemporary music.***

To register for this event, please visit: <https://mmredeemer.org/eucharistic-revival-1> or scan this QR code to visit the MMR website.



## Tips for Supporting Someone Grieving During the Holidays



1. **Be supportive of the way the person chooses to handle the holidays.** Some may wish to follow traditions; others may choose to avoid customs of the past and do something new. It's okay to do things differently.
2. **Invite the person to join you or your family during the holidays.** You might invite them to join you for a religious service or at a holiday meal where they are a guest.
3. **Donate a gift or money in memory of the person's loved one.** Remind the person that his or her loved one is not forgotten.
4. **Never tell someone that he or she should be "over it."** Instead, give the person hope that, eventually, he or she will enjoy the holidays again.
5. **Be willing to listen.** Active listening from friends and family is an important step to help some cope with grief and heal.
6. **Remind the person that you are thinking of him or her and the loved one who died.** Cards, phone calls and visits are great ways to stay in touch.
7. **Follow up after the holidays to check in.** Given the activity of the season, some people may make it through the holidays without any issues but they might find the post-holiday period to be more difficult. So checking in after the holidays to see how he or she may be doing is helpful.



## **Blessings to the Newly Baptized**

Ella Crystal Orzechowski

## **Friday Eucharistic Adoration at MMR Over the Christmas Holiday**

Please be aware that on December 29<sup>th</sup> there will not be Eucharistic Adoration at MMR.

Eucharistic Adoration will resume on January 5<sup>th</sup>.





## The Bereavement Ministry of MMR and St. Stanislaus

The death of someone important to you — whether it is a spouse, a parent, a sibling, a friend, or a child — is a difficult and highly emotional experience. Your grief journey can be overwhelming or even confusing at times. The Bereavement Ministry of Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, in conjunction with St. Stanislaus Parish, is here to help you, guide you, and prayerfully support you as you heal.



**On the second Thursday of each month, there is a general support group meeting offered at the two parishes.** There is a morning session offered at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer from 10:00 to 11:30 am, and an evening session offered at St. Stanislaus from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. These sessions are structured with a particular topic presented by trained facilitators, followed by group sharing and discussion. Bereaved adults are welcome to attend any or all meetings.

The next few topics and dates are listed below.

**January 11, 2024:** Moving Ahead in the New Year When You Don't Want to Move at All

**February 8, 2024:** Surviving Stress and Loneliness

**March 14, 2024:** Feelings of Denial, Bargaining, and Guilt

**April 11, 2024:** Feelings of Anger and Depression

**May 9, 2024:** Connecting with God through Grief

These groups are offered to all, parishioners and non-parishioners, Catholic and non-Catholic, with no fee and with no pre-registration necessary. If you are unable to attend the group, but are in need of support, our ministry can also offer one-to-one, compassionate listening. For more information or questions, call Mary Coakley at 215-646-4192, or scan the QR code to the right.



## CRS Spotlight

Climate change adaptation programming is cost-effective. In 5 Central American countries, more than 40,000 farmers have learned to protect their soil, to plant cover crops to build soil fertility, to apply the right fertilizer, and to capture rainwater to boost crop yields. Visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) for more information and to see how you can help!

"The destruction of the environment is an offence against God, a sin that is not only personal but also structural, one that greatly endangers all human beings, especially the most vulnerable in our midst and threatens to unleash a conflict between generations... Climate change is a global social issue and one intimately related to the dignity of human life... Are we working for a culture of life or a culture of death? To all of you I make this heartfelt appeal: Let us choose life! Let us choose the future! May we be attentive to the cry of the earth, may we hear the plea of the poor, may we be sensitive to the hopes of the young and the dreams of children! We have a grave responsibility: to ensure that they not be denied their future." ~ Pope Francis



## 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.



CATHOLICS  
RETURNING  
HOME

Drop down dew from above,  
you heavens, and let the clouds  
rain down the Just One;  
let the earth be opened  
and bring forth a Savior.

~ Entrance Antiphon - Is 45:8 ~

## **Do you need to make an RMD for your IRA?**

**You may qualify for tax benefits when you give to charities directly from your IRA.**

If you wish to support Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church & School, you can make a gift from an IRA **free of federal income tax** on your withdrawal (**this year and in future years**) if you meet the following criteria:

1. Are age 70 1/2 or older on the day of the gift.
2. Transfer up to \$100,000 directly from your IRA to one or more qualified charities such as Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish.

**Note:** This opportunity applies only to IRAs and not to other types of retirement plans.

3. Do not receive any goods or services in return for the rollover gift.

**You can benefit when you:**

1. Wish to make a gift without using cash or other assets.
2. Do not need all or a portion of your IRA income.
3. Are paying too much in taxes and are looking to reduce your income.
4. Want to increase your normal level of giving. An IRA rollover gift does not count towards the 50% annual limitation on charitable gifts.

**Making a gift from your IRA is easy! Contact your tax preparer or financial advisor to discuss.**

Please contact Lou Tonelli in the Parish Office at 215-362-7400  
or by email at [loutonelli@mmredeemer.org](mailto:loutonelli@mmredeemer.org) if you have any questions.

## **Please Respond to the Parish Census & Stewardship Appeal**

We are encouraged by, and grateful for, the response thus far to our Appeal. Please know that it's not too late to submit your completed annual Parish Census form and Stewardship contribution.

A letter and form were mailed in August. The updated information we receive from you through this form is most helpful in our day-to-day managing, and long-range planning, of parish ministries and services. Your monetary contribution will help greatly in carrying out the mission of the Church in this part of Montgomery County and far beyond.

*Thank you very much for your cooperation and support!*

## **Important Reminders Regarding Redner's Register Tapes**

Thank you Redner's shoppers, for your continued support and taking the time to drop your register tapes in the box located in the Narthex. A couple of reminders: please do not "highlight" the totals or place other markings on the tape, and you must submit the entire original tape (partial tapes or tapes that are cut will not be accepted). **Secondly, remember to use your Redner's Save-A-Tape Card when you go shopping.** Only purchases using that card can be used by MMR.



## **Phishing Scam Affecting Archdiocesan Parishes**

A phishing scam has been affecting a number of parishes within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. This scam involves parishioners receiving a text message, email, or robotic call from a source alleging to be the pastor of the local parish, and asking parishioners to purchase gift cards for a special need and to send the gift card numbers and purchase receipt back to the scammer claiming to be the pastor.

Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish wants to remind our parishioners to report any suspicious requests for donations to law enforcement. MMR Parish fund-raising requests are most commonly mailed directly to potential donors, included in a weekly parish or school email, or as an entry in the weekly parish bulletin. If you receive a request that does not conform to one of MMR's standard forms of communication, please call the Parish Office at 215-362-7400 to confirm it is a legitimate request.



## Mary, Mother of the Redeemer CATHOLIC SCHOOL



### School Enrollment & Tours

Are you a parishioner who is interested in enrolling your child at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer School? **Enrollment for the 2024 - 2025 school year will open on February 1, 2024 for parishioners new to our school.** In preparation, we are hosting tours for those interested in enrolling their children in PK3 through 7<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2024 - 2025 school year. **Please contact enrollment at [lgervais@mmrschool.org](mailto:lgervais@mmrschool.org) to secure your spot at one of these events or to find out more about enrolling your child at MMR.**

**January 18, 19, 25, or 26, 2024 at 9:30 am**

**Please note:** Children must be of age by September 1, 2024 to enroll in PK3, PK4, or Kindergarten.

### Turn Your Taxes Into Scholarships

The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) is still active, and MMR needs you! This win-win program allows participants who pay \$5000 or more in PA Commonwealth taxes to redirect 90% of these taxes to Catholic Education through a tax credit process. In turn, **MMR receives 135% of your donation for our own scholarship efforts.**

For info, email [loutonelli@mmredeemer.org](mailto:loutonelli@mmredeemer.org) or contact [info@BLOCS.org](mailto:info@BLOCS.org) to schedule an appointment with the BLOCS Development Team.

For a quick overview, visit <https://blocs.org/tax-credit-program-overview/>.

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for Catholic Schools**



### Stockings for Soldiers Overseas

The Kindergarten at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer School participated in a service project this holiday season — stuffing stockings with goodies and self-care items for soldiers overseas. They were joined by Blue Star Mothers and military wives to spread holiday cheer across the globe. This project provided an important opportunity for our students to reflect on the ways they can serve others during this season of receiving gifts and treats. Please join us in praying for the safety of all those serving overseas this Christmas!



Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @MMRsSchool to see what happens next at MMR!  
#MMRPROUD #WEAREMMR





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



**Merry Christmas!**  
From all of the students in the Parish Religious Education Program

## Youth New Year's Resolutions



All Youth in Grades 6 - 10 are invited to join Mrs. Bull on Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 - 4:00 pm in the Matthew Walsh Room for a class that is geared

toward setting our priorities in the new year.

Referencing St. Paul's letters to the Thessalonians, Mrs. Bull will help our youth to make New Year's resolutions that center around the importance of faith and family. This class will not only be reflective but also interactive.

To register for this class please visit the youth news and events page of the parish website.

## Upcoming Youth Ministry Dates

- **December 30<sup>th</sup>** - Sacramental Applications Due to the Religious Education Office for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.
- **January 3<sup>rd</sup>** - 6:45 - 7:45 pm - PREP Family Holy Hour. ***All parish families are invited to join.***
- **January 6<sup>th</sup>** - 9:00 am - 12:30 pm - Confirmation Family Retreat for families that selected option 2. Registration is required. Please email Mrs. Haynos to register at [valeriehaynos@mmredeemer.org](mailto:valeriehaynos@mmredeemer.org)
- **January 7<sup>th</sup>** - 11:30 am Mass - Confirmation Presentation Mass for all parish youth who are eligible to receive Confirmation this March.

## Sacramental Reminder

Fully Completed First Holy Communion and Confirmation applications are **due by December 30, 2023.**

Any school or PREP student planning to receive a sacrament this spring is required to submit an application. Applications can be dropped off at the Parish or School Office to the attention of Valerie Haynos. *Thank you.*

# MMR

# Parish Life

## U P D A T E

### 2023 REVIEW

Through the help of the Catholic Leadership Institute, the MMR Envisioning Team developed three visionary goals in response to a parishioner survey conducted a few years ago.

#### 1 Strengthen Community & Parish Experience

#### 2 Engage Youth & Young Adults

#### 3 Grow as Disciples of Jesus

In 2023, the MMR Implementation Team and many volunteers worked hard to bring these goals to life, under the guidance of our mission to give glory and praise to God while inspiring one another to deepen a personal relationship with Jesus.



Our goal is to help each parishioner feel welcomed, accepted and connected with our Catholic community. That's why we implemented several activities over the past few years to give our parishioners the opportunity to build relationships that go beyond the typical friendly wave at Mass.

Living out the true meaning of Christian community means not only worshipping together, but also having fun together and helping each other. This past year, we relaunched our New Member Registration process, which will help us to more effectively connect new parish members into our vibrant community and make resources they may need available. With the many new families joining our parish, we felt that an improved on-boarding process would help us engage with our new members and serve them better.

Our new Catholic Women's Group was formed to create a warm environment for women to encourage one another in their journeys of faith. Our "Families With Young Children" ministry hosts events that bring young families together for fun and faith sharing.

An ongoing offering is our monthly Coffee Chat, a casual setting in Redeemer Hall right after 9:30 Mass, where coffee, snacks and conversation are abundant. At the same time, kids and youth meet in the Matthew Walsh Room for fun, fellowship and "Sunday Gospel Reflection for Kids".

Below are some of the other popular activities we offered in 2023, and plans are to continue them in 2024. We encourage you to get involved!

*Senior Adult Ministry • Men's Spirituality Group • Summer Festival  
Catholic Relief Services Helping Hands • Women's Advent Breakfast  
Catholic Women's Group • Manna Bag Collections • Bereavement Support*





It is vital that our youth, high school and young adult parishioners feel connected to other young Catholics. To achieve this, we set three goals in 2023: (1) to increase youth engagement in our parish, (2) build multi-generational bonds, and (3) promote faith formation as a family experience.

Through the cooperation of the Teen Leadership Council, comprised of about 20 teens, and the Youth Advisory Board, comprised of parents and ministry leaders, they designed and executed a wonderful, on-going plan that is helping us meet these goals.

Here are some new, as well as tried-and-true, activities that were offered in 2023 and will continue into 2024.

*Works of Mercy Club • Vacation Bible School • Teen & Family Holy Hour  
Family Catechesis • National Youth Conference • Senior Prom  
Arise! Evening of Adoration • Catholic Heart Work Camp • Family Retreats*

## *Grow as Disciples of Jesus*

Growing as a follower of Jesus is not a solo sport. We need others, and others need us. We need authentic friendships centered on Jesus. We need the Church for authentic guidance into the way of Jesus. Our relationships in our Catholic Community are one way God works in and through us to grow as disciples.

This year, we continued to provide opportunities for parishioners to have conversations centered on Jesus, as well as formation and training to help them grow in the ability to support one other on their journeys of faith.

*Sunday Morning Coffee Chat • Family & Relationship Series • Lenten Small Groups  
Missionary Discipleship Workshops • One-on-One Discipleship*

More workshops and retreats are coming in 2024 to help you understand what it means to be a missionary disciple and how to live this call. Stay tuned!

*"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." – St. Augustine*

## *New in 2024*

Coming soon! MMR Facebook & Instagram pages to keep you updated on parish life news.

**Eucharistic Revival Events**

**New Lenten Small Group Study:**  
"Transformed: The Gift & Challenge of the Eucharist"

**LEARN MORE AT <https://mmredeemer.org>**

## *SS Peter & Paul Retreat*



### **MEN'S MALVERN RETREAT**

**Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm to Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, after 11:00 Mass**

A traditional retreat for men. All men are welcome. Our traditional retreats include Mass, conferences (talks), private Adoration, Stations of the Cross and much more.

Register at: <https://www.malvernretreat.com/events/ss-peter-paul-2024/>

**The cost is \$75 to attend virtually, or \$275 in person.**

Questions, contact Rich Haselbarth at 215-872-5500.

## **Around the Archdiocese**

### ***New Year's Young Adult Retreat with CFRs***

**December 29<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> Friday 5:00 pm – Sunday 1:00 pm**

Young adults in their 20's & 30's are all welcome to Malvern Retreat House for a weekend retreat with the CFR Brothers and Sisters to close out 2023 with praise and thanksgiving and prepare for a new year with the aid of prayer, fellowship, reflection and the Eucharist. The weekend will include talks, testimonies and music from the CFR Franciscans, Holy Mass, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, group discussion, a bonfire, and time for silence and solitude amidst the peace and beauty of Malvern Retreat House. Come, be filled anew with the Holy Spirit and enjoy the company of friends during the final days of Christmas and 2023!

**Cost: \$175** (includes meals & lodging; scholarship is available)

**Location:** St. Joseph's Hall, Malvern Retreat House in Malvern, PA

**More Information:** Please contact Peter Land at [pland@malvernretreat.com](mailto:pland@malvernretreat.com) or 484-321-2538

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### ***Virtual World Mission Rosary***

**Monday Evenings, 8:00 pm**

Join hundreds of people throughout the Archdiocese who have regularly been praying the ROSARY LIVE! United in this most powerful prayer, we ask for the miraculous intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to hear our intentions and renew our Catholic faith as we pray in unity for our brothers and sisters in mission lands world-wide. On Mission Mondays, we pray the World Mission Rosary, created by Venerable Fulton Sheen, in which we offer each decade for one of five Mission areas, including the US.

Zoom link to join each Monday: <https://zoom.us/j/494480541>

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## 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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## 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.



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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).

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