Maternity B.V.M. Church

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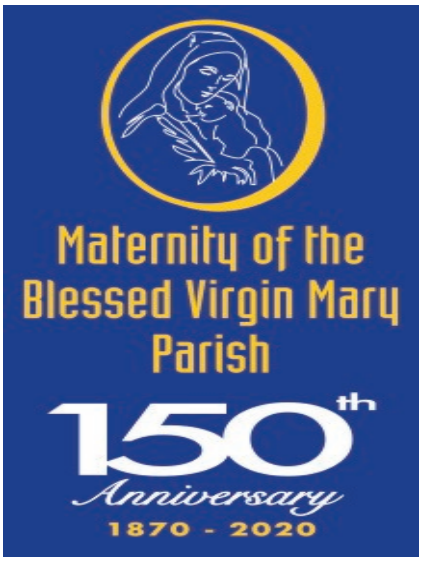
January 4/5, 2020
Epiphany of Our Lord

Anniversary Information and Celebrations Updates ***Pages 4 & 5***

Multicultural Mass and Pot-Luck Lunch
Please make your reservations now!
Details on page 4.



Worship/Liturgical Schedule

MASS/SACRAMENT SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass, *Upper Church:* 4:30 PM
Sunday Masses, *Upper Church:* 8, 9:30, 11 AM; 12:30, 7 PM
Old Church: 10:30 AM (First Sunday of month from April thru June and October thru December)

Holy Days: *Upper Church*
Holyday Masses: 6:30, 8, 10 AM; 7 PM

Weekday Masses: *Lower Chapel*
Monday-Friday: 6:30, 8 AM; *Saturday:* 8 AM

Baptisms: First and Third Sundays of the month

Reconciliation (Sacrament of Penance): Every Saturday from 3 to 4 PM in the Lower Chapel, and any time by calling the Rectory

Anointing of the Sick: The Sacrament is given to seriously ill Catholics by calling the Rectory and arranging for this by appointment or whenever there is an emergency.

Parish Registration: Welcome all new members to our Parish. Please register at the Rectory after Masses on Sunday or call for an appointment.

PRAYER DEVOTIONS

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Every Monday after 8 AM Mass, with Closing Benediction after 6:30 PM Rosary, Lower Chapel

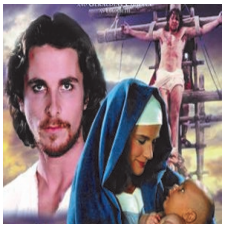
Miraculous Medal Novena:
Every Monday after 8 AM Mass, Lower Chapel

Recitation of the Rosary:
Before the daily 8 AM Weekday Mass, every Monday at 6:30 PM and every Tuesday at Noon, Lower Chapel

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Pre-Cana Class:
All engaged couples are required to attend a Pre-Cana Program of Marriage Preparation. Our Parish offers this Program in the Fall & Spring. Call the Rectory Office for details and to register.

Pre-Jordan Class:
After meeting with a priest and prior to their child's Baptism, parents are required (God-parents are encouraged) to attend this Program, held in the Rectory on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 PM.



Epiphany of Our Lord

Jesus is the Savior born for all.

Today, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus' coming to all as our Savior. That news is not received gratefully and joyfully by all, as we see by King Herod's reaction and the actions of many today who do not believe. As Christians who have the grace of redemption through the Paschal Mystery of Christ, may our lives be a joyful and generous witness to others, that they, too, may come to share in it. May they, too, have an epiphany.

Sanctuary Candles
Bread and Wine Memorials
Week of January 5, 2020

Sanctuary Candle in the Upper Church: ***In Loving Memory of Joseph Staudenmayer***

Sanctuary Candle in the Lower Chapel: ***In Loving Memory of Beatrice and Paul Quinter***

Sanctuary Candle in the Rectory Chapel: ***In Loving Memory of Our Deceased Parishioners***

Bread and Wine Memorial: ***In Loving Memory of Our Deceased Parishioners***

To participate in our Candles and Gifts Programs, call the Rectory at 215-673-8127.

Please pray for all our deceased Parishioners and Benefactors, especially Laura Walsh and Serafino Tucci, that they may know God's eternal love of Heaven.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat., January 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
8:00 AM +Mary Solecki
4:30 PM +Daisy McNulty

January 5: Epiphany of Our Lord
8:00 AM +Henry Maier
9:30 AM +Filomena Lemauro
11:00 AM +Bernard F. Gerasimas, Sr.
12:30 PM +Patrick M. Longenecker, 8th Anniversary
7:00 PM Living and Deceased Parish Members and Benefactors

Monday, January 6: St. André Bessette
6:30 AM +Dennis Toland
8:00 AM +Bernard F. Gerasimas, Sr.

Tues., Jan. 7: St. Raymond of Penafort
6:30 AM +Leonard and Edith Galante
8:00 AM +Stephan and Kathryon Carroll

Wednesday, January 8
6:30 AM +Paul S. Quinter, Sr.
8:00 AM +Sidney Marie Lanzilotta

Thursday, January 9
6:30 AM +George G. Hiemenz
8:00 AM +Paul Kennedy

Friday, January 10
6:30 AM Father Peter
8:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Sandusky & Betteridge Families

Saturday, January 11
8:00 AM +Mary Ellen Stengel
4:30 PM +Francis H. Hanlon, 4th Anniv.

January 12: Baptism of the Lord
8:00 AM +Cosmo Ciaccia
9:30 AM +Marco Lemauro
11:00 AM +William Sr., William Jr., John and Jean Rozich
12:30 PM Intentions of the Ukogu Family
7:00 PM Living and Deceased Parish Members and Benefactors

Weekly Events Calendar

Monday, January 6
8:30 AM: Adoration, Lower Chapel, with Benediction after 6:30 PM Rosary
5 PM: Jr. CYO Basketball, Parish Hall
7 PM: Pastoral Council, Rectory Mtg. Room 2
8 PM: H.S. CYO Basketball, Parish Hall

Tuesday, January 7
Noon: Rosary, Lower Chapel
5 PM: Jr. CYO Basketball, Parish Hall
6:45 PM: PREP, School
7 PM: Finance Council, Rectory Mtg. Rm. 2
7 PM: Respect Life, Lower Chapel Mtg. Rm.
8 PM: H.S. CYO Basketball, Parish Hall

Wednesday, January 8
11 AM: Seniors Meeting, Parish Hall
5 PM: Jr. CYO Basketball, Parish Hall
8 PM: H.S. CYO Basketball, Parish Hall

Thursday, January 9
1:30 PM: Legion of Mary, Rect. Mtg. Rm. 2
5 PM: Jr. CYO Basketball, Parish Hall
7 PM: RCIA, Convent
7 PM: Boy Scouts, Cafeteria
8 PM: H.S. CYO Basketball, Parish Hall

Friday, January 10
5 PM: Jr. CYO Basketball, Parish Hall

Saturday, January 11
8:30 AM: Group Discernment, Rectory Mtg. Room 2
10 AM: Jr. CYO Basketball, Parish Hall
3-4 PM: Confessions, Lower Chapel

Sunday, January 12
HASA's Sticky Buns Sale after morning Masses
11 AM: Holy Name Mass, Upper Church
12:30 PM: Baptisms at Mass, Upper Church

Baptisms: Sunday, January 12

Baptisms will take place within the 12:30 PM Mass in the Upper Church. Please plan now if you wish to have your child baptized on this special Feast. The Baptism of the Lord. Notify the Rectory as soon as possible at 215-673-8127.

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Congratulations, Newly Baptized!

Scarlett Faith Oruska
Wyatt Joseph Albert
Julian Richter
Riley Mundy
Trinity Joy Gish

Welcome, New Parishioners!

Anne Coughlin
Patrick Boyle
Annette Torres
Mr. and Mrs. Domenick Tursi

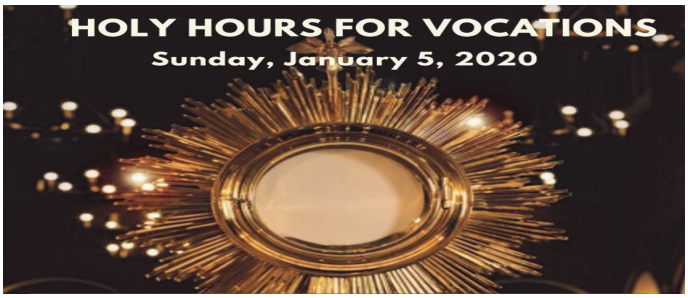
PROJECT H.O.P.E.

Helping Other Parishioners in Emergencies

For help during the week of January 6, call Lillian Volpe, 215-676-5064, Cheryl Vozzelli, 215-725-1360, or Betty Welsh, 215-673-5206.

For All Engaged Couples

Attending a Pre-Cana Class is mandatory for all preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony. *Our Parish Spring Pre-Cana Day will be conducted on Saturday, February 29.* Advance registration is necessary. To register, call the Rectory at 215-673-8127 during Office Hours.



3 PM: Resurrection of Our Lord Church

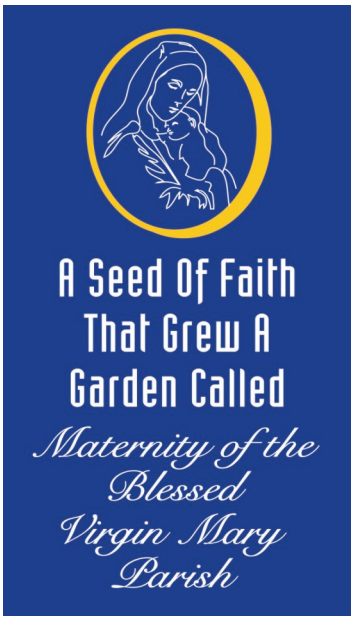
Castor Avenue & Vista Street
All are invited to gather and pray for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood.

PLEASE NOTE: Faith Sharing Meetings are cancelled until further notice.

150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

150th Anniversary Prayer

**Lord God, Creator of all things,
You planted a Seed of Faith
150 years ago, that grew a
garden called Maternity
of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish.
With grateful hearts, we turn to You
and pray that You continue to bless,
nurture and cultivate that which
You have begun. We ask this through
Christ our Lord. Amen.**



Maternity B.V.M. School: 150th Video History Project

As part of the celebration of our Parish's 150th Anniversary, the School is producing a series of videos. *The 150th Anniversary Video History Project* started last year. Each class was assigned a decade to investigate and gather information, from 1870 to present day. This research included topics from the world, our country, state of Pennsylvania, city of Philadelphia, sports (local & national), pop culture, fashion, and the Parish's rich history and its effects on the Bustleton area of Philadelphia.

The research was completed last year and a script was developed over the summer months. Each episode, filmed in broadcast news style, will feature the class that did the research.

These videos are on the School's Web Site and Facebook page. On Saturday, February 1, at the HASA-sponsored Family Dinner, the videos will then come alive in a Living History Show to end our Catholic Schools Week Celebration. Visit us on our School's Web Site: *www.maternitybvm.net* or Facebook: *Maternity BVM School.*

Multicultural Mass and Pot-Luck Lunch

Sunday, January 26

Let's Celebrate Unity in Diversity!

A Multicultural Mass will be celebrated at the 12:30 Liturgy, followed by a Pot-Luck Lunch in the Parish Hall.

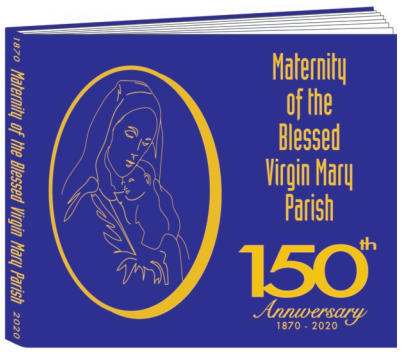
Just as the Seed of Faith grew a garden called Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, that garden reflects the many colors and textures of God's family. This is manifested in the diversity of peoples that make up our Parish.

Come dressed in your cultural attire and listen to the many languages as we pray the Prayer of the Faithful.

Prepare a savory dish or sweet treat from your homeland. Aluminum pans will be provided. Drop it off in the Parish Hall before Mass. For more details and reservations, please call Mary Conrad at 215-680-8480 by Monday, January 13.

Commemorative History Book

150 Years in the Making



An Anniversary Book is being prepared for publication. It will contain the story of our Parish: how it began and grew, and the community and people who made the Parish what it is today. Pictures will tell our story.

Parishioners, former parishioners, alumni, friends and businesses are invited to become a patron and include your name or those of loved ones in this hardbound, keepsake book**.** Forms can be found on the tables at all Church Entrances or in the Rectory. ***All participants will receive a copy of this one-time only special edition Commemorative History Book. Please return your completed forms as soon as possible.***

Closing Gala Dinner

Don't Get Left Behind;
Tickets Are Now Available!

Sunday, October 4, 2020, 3-8 PM
Philadelphia Ballroom
2014 Hornig Road

$60 per person
Includes Cocktail Hour, Full-Course Sit-Down Dinner and Open Bar.
Black Tie Optional

Please join us for this very special celebration to close our Anniversary Year. Tickets are now on sale in the Rectory during Office Hours. Tables of 8 and 10 may be reserved. Please purchase tickets for your whole party at the same time. Also, give meal selection (chicken, filet or salmon). For more information, please call Maria at the Rectory, 215-673-8127, during Office Hours.

150th Anniversary Rosaries Are Now Available!

Stop in the Rectory during Office Hours. Donation is $20.

March For Life Bus Trip

As part of our 150th Anniversary, Maternity B.V.M. will send a bus full of our faithful to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. The March is Friday, January 24. Cost is $30 per person. Please make payment by check, payable to Maternity B.V.M. Respect Life by January 11. If interested in participating, reserve your seat by contacting Emily Welfield, Respect-Life Committee Leader, at *emilyhoelsworth@gmail.com* or 267-982-9238.

Kid's Reading Nook For January

Please enjoy these children's books, now available for borrowing with a Free Library of Philadelphia Library Card from the Northeast Regional Library, 2228 Cottman Avenue. Perfect for parents and children to read together.

Carol of the Brown King by Langston Hughes, illustrated by Ashley Bryan
The Story of the Three Wise Kings by Tomie de Paola
The Legend of Old Befana by Tomie de Paola
Baboushka and the Three Kings by Ruth Robbins

Contact Marianne Bucci (Parishioner), Head of the Children's Department, Northeast Regional Library, at 215-685-0509 for more information.

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CARNIVAL RAFFLE

Tickets are available for only $5.

Grand Prize is $10,000!!!

THERE ARE FOUR MORE EARLY-BIRD SPECIALS!

NEXT DRAWING IS THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, AFTER 9:30 MASS DURING HOSPITALITY IN THE LOWER CHAPEL MEETING AREA.

Many more Sellers are needed. Please sign up at the Main Entrance of Church or call the Rectory during Office Hours at 215-673-8127.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

SCRIP is sold in Rectory Meeting Room 1.

Sunday: 8:45 AM to 12:30 PM
Drop-off forms are available for quicker pick-up;
Monday-Thursday: 9-11 AM;
Friday: 8-11 AM; Saturday: 9:30-11:30 AM;
Thursday evenings: 6:30-8:30 PM.

When you purchase certificates, you'll receive a voucher worth money for any Catholic School tuition (Grades Pre-K through College and PREP Programs). The credit voucher is based on the amount of certificates you buy and the discount for that particular store. You don't need to have children in school in order to participate in this fund-raising activity. Just select to help a particular school family or designate your vouchers to our Parish Tuition Assistance Program (TAP).

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Annual Appeal

For Today. For Tomorrow. For All of Us!

PLEASE GENEROUSLY SUPPORT THE ANNUAL SEMINARY APPEAL!
You can send your donation to:
Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary
CL #5315, P.O. Box 95000-5315
Philadelphia, PA 19195-5315.

ATTENTION, ALL PARISHIONERS

All financial contribution statements for the year 2019 will be forwarded to you only on request. If you would like a copy of your contributions for the year 2019, you may call the Rectory during Office Hours at 215-673-8127 and request it by leaving your name and address.

PLEASE HELP US WITH YOUR END-OF-YEAR CHARITABLE GIVING

As we near the end of the year, it's time to begin to think about tax planning. Don't forget that most people can take advantage of charitable gifts, such as gifts to Maternity B.V.M. Church, by deducting part of them from your yearly tax liability.

As you review your end-of-year finances, please remember your Parish in your charitable priorities. Many thanks!

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Good Stewardship Counts!

Your goodness all year is deeply appreciated. You can also contribute on line at www.maternitybvmchurch.net.
Most important: Worship God at Holy Mass each Sunday & prayerfully live the faith every day!

Weekend of December 21/22, 2019

Regular Collection	$12,746.00
Second Collection	$ 2,308.84
E-Giving Collection	$ 532.74
Total Parish Collection	$15,587.58
Religious Retirement Collection	$2,056
Immaculate Conception	$2,694

Annual Tree Lighting Service:
Monday, December 16

A big "Thank You" to all our young students in Grs. 1-4 for the re-enactment of Jesus' Birth, as well as to your teachers and helpers who guided you. Father Mark blessed the decorated tree and began the magic count down. The lights from the trees and decorations lit up the Church in awe!

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Celebrating Catholic Schools Week at Maternity B.V.M.
January 26 - February 1

Sunday, January 26

Open House and Fine Arts Show from 10 to 11:30 AM in the School, followed by the Opening Mass at 12:30 PM, Upper Church.

Saturday, February 1

Closing Mass at 4:30 PM, Upper Church, followed by HASA-sponsored dinner and Living History Show in the Parish Hall. *More information is forthcoming.*

Designer Bag Bingo
Saturday, January 18

7-10 PM, Parish Hall
Doors open at 6 PM.

Tickets are $35 and include:

12 games of bingo &
"Lucky 13" Game;

Door Prizes, Raffles, 50/50s too.

Tickets are now available;
please contact
Chrissy Killich, 215-913-7324.

THE GEATOR, JERRY BLAVAT, IS COMING BACK TO B.V.M.!

Saturday, April 18
7 to 11 PM, Parish Hall

Tickets will go on sale beginning Mid-January!

Fritz's Sticky Buns Sale

Sponsored by HASA

Sunday, January 12,
after morning Masses,
Church's Main Entrance

Buns are 1/2 dozen for $10. Sale ends after the 12:30 PM Mass or sooner when the buns are gone!

3rd Annual Golf Outing

Celebrating our 150th Anniversary
With All Proceeds for Our School

Saturday, May 2
Bensalem Country Club

Cost of $125 includes:
— Golf, drinks and light snacks at the holes;
— Catered luncheon to follow, Parish Hall;
Beer, wine, soda, coffee & tea,
Raffles, Silent Auction and 50/50s.

Not a Golfer? Come & Enjoy Lunch at 2 PM in the Parish Hall for only $25!

For more, please contact Rose Weinman at 215-464-1222 or E-mail *WeinmanR@comcast.net*.

Congratulations to our 5th-Grade Ballroom Dance Team for achieving the Gold Level at the Dancing Classrooms Philly "Colors of the Rainbow " Team Match Semi-Finals. Our students then placed Bronze in the City Semester Finals. Great Job All!

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Please pray for all sick parishioners and benefactors, especially:

Alessa Abruzzo
Delia Advincula
Katelyn Allen
Ben Apolinario
Shirley Callahan
Anna Sellecchia Carpino
Brian Coen
Mary Frances Coen
William Colanzi
Gerald Crane
Carly Rose Di Zio
Gina Feldman
Baby Mila Forster
James R. Frey
Sr. Miriam George, IHM
Dr. Tony Georgio
Susan Georgio
Jean Gianfortune
Patricia Gibson
Millie Glacken
Anthony Granato
Mildred Granato
Geri Gregoire
Peggy Guckin
Sherry Hanlon
Raymond Harrison
Baby Ryan Hayes, Jr.
Albert Iannacone
Maryann Iannacone
Joan & Pete Kelly
Thomas Kelly
John Kenney
Doris Kerker
Connie Lanzano
Patricia Locher
Robert Londer
Lynda Marshall
James McCarthy
Joan McCarthy
Georgann McCulley
Jean McDonald
Connie McGinn
Kim McKee
Joan Morris
Robert Nedl
Sarah-Jane Nedl
Anne Neville
Cynthia Pinto
Claire Reinsel
Evelyn Salerno
Regina Sands
Anna Serano
Jackie Scott
Margaret Sheedy
Charles Siberstein
Pat Skinis
Sarah R. Smith
Debra Sokorai
Mary Sucich
Catherine Teklinsky
George Tomeszko
Martin Tucker
Cynthia Veal
Kelly White
Stanley Wisniewski
Donna Young

Please call the Rectory when your loved ones have recovered so we can remove their names from our Prayer List. Thank you!

Maternity B.V.M. Students Excel

Our Parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students on their First Quarter Report. We are most proud of the following student-parishioners who have demonstrated academic excellence.

Archbishop Wood High School

First Honors: Freshman — Axel Valdez-Ruiz.

St. Basil Academy

High Honors: Junior — Jamie Barbara; *Freshman* — Hannah Dydak.

Father Judge High School

Mandatory 8th-Grade Entry Exam
Sunday, January 12

All students applying for the Class of 2024, (who did not take the 8th-Grade Entry Exam), must take this test. Pre-registration is required on *homepage@fatherjudge.com*.

Winter Open House: January 30

Pre-register on *homepage@fatherjudge.com* and click on Admissions Tab/8th Grade Admissions Process.

PARISH CLERGY

Fr. Paul S. Quinter, *Pastor*
Fr. Mark S. Kunigonis
Fr. Joseph Sundaram
Deacon Charles R. Lindsay
Deacon Joseph W. Bernauer, Jr.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Adoration Society: Lety Apolinario	215-939-7888
Altar Servers: Holly Kelly	215-983-4473
Altar Society: Jane Wizmerski	215-677-2062
Alumni Association: Cathy Boyle	267-446-0482
Bereavement Group: Eileen Keenan	215-677-6582
Carol Catalano	215-673-3172
Jane Passaglia	215-676-1423
Kathleen Ruggiero	215-969-5674
Connie Terzyk	215-206-1412
Caring for Friends: Tom Vitale	215-919-1284
C.Y.O. H.S. (Gr. 9-12): Suzanne Flood	215-698-2875
C.Y.O. Jr. (Gr. 5-8): Amanda Hassel	267-688-2708
Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors:	
Eileen Costantino	215-676-5441
Faith Sharing Group: Lety Apolinario	215-939-7888
Holy Name Society: Bill Derham	215-671-9121
Home & School: Christine Killich	215-913-7324
Legion of Mary: James Mason	215-676-4369
Liturgy Committee: Eileen Costantino	215-676-5441
Music Director: Ronald Coles	267-973-0323
Parish Business Manager: Catherine Lindsay	215-673-8127
Parish Plant Supervisor: Art Williams	215-673-8127
Parish Organizations Coordinator:	
Colleen Du Beck	215-673-8127
Parish Religious Education Director:	
Sister Mary Beth Geraghty, R.S.M.	215-673-4010
Pre-Cana: Deacon Joseph & Marianne Bernauer	215-677-1309
Pre-Jordan: Father Mark Kunigonis	215-673-8127
PREP: Sister Mary Beth Geraghty, R.S.M.	215-673-4010
Project H.O.P.E.: Cheryl & Joe Vozzelli	215-725-1360
Respect-Life Committee: Emily Welfield	267-982-9238
St. Vincent de Paul Society: Linda Freeman	215-676-6051
School Advancement Dir: Michael McDonough	215-908-3329
School Principal: Mary Zawisza	215-673-0235
Scouts (Boys, Troop 174): Anthony Marianni	267-679-1034
Scouts (Cub Pack 174): Kathy Calderbank	215-292-5542
Scouts (Girls): Nancy Smith	215-673-4688
SCRIP: Nancy Smith and Leanne Goodwin	215-673-8127
Senior Citizen's Group: Theresa Canuso	215-698-2614
Rose Egan	215-676-0647
Sunday Mass Rides: Cheryl Vozzelli	215-725-1360
Swim Team: Matt Kimbrell	215-593-6214
Travel Club: Lorraine Mulligan	215-677-1322
Ushers: Jim Gallagher	215-806-5323
Welcoming Committee: Nancy Toland	215-206-5548

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