PARISH OFFICE
215-362-7400
fax: 215-362-4127
MMR Parish Website: www.mmrredeemer.org

SCHOOL
215-412-7101
MMR School Website: www.mmrschool.org

PRE-SCHOOL
215-692-1051

P.R.E.P.
215-412-2251

YOUTH MINISTRY
215-362-4895

Mission Statement
Under the patronage of Mary, Mother of the Redeemer, we are a growing faith community centered in the Eucharist and dedicated to worshiping God, our Father.

In response to our baptismal call, we commit ourselves to promote the gospel of His Son, Jesus Christ, through Christian hospitality, spiritual nurturing, evangelical outreach, and shared social experience.

We call upon each parishioner to share his or her talents in addressing the needs of our parish and society at large. We implore the Holy Spirit to consecrate each of us in this mission.

“May I?”, “Thank you”, and “Pardon me”. These three key expressions for family life are really simple words.
May the Lord help us to put them back where they belong: in our hearts, in our homes, and in our civic life.
- Pope Francis

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. William J. Teverezczuk, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Daniel J. Arechabala, Parochial Vicar
Deacon George Klinger, Permanent Deacon
Deacon Paul A. Logan, Permanent Deacon
Deacon John Travaline, Permanent Deacon

Parish Administration
Maria Stumpf, Director of Parish Services
Margi Slomiany, Director of Youth Ministry
Mary Anne Dunbar, Music Coordinator
Lou Tonelli, Parish Business Manager
Pat Klinger, Parish Office Manager
Chris Moral, Parish Office Staff

MMR Parish School
Denise Judge, School Principal
Margi Slomiany, Director of Advancement

Office of Religious Education
Nancy Franks, Director of Religious Education
Jeannie McLean, Secretary, Religious Education

Parish Pastoral Council
Kimberlee DeFinis, Marissa Lamparski, Bobbi Toner,
Beth Ann Rufo, Jo-Anne Ward, Len Angelone

Mass Schedules and Devotions
Morning Prayer: 7:00 am Weekdays
Weekday Mass: 7:30 am (and 9:00 am during Advent and Lent)
Saturday: 7:35 am Rosary, 8:00 am Mass and Miraculous Medal Novena
Saturday Night: 5:15 pm Vigil
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:45 am, and 12:30 pm
Holy Days: 6:30 am, 9:00 am, 12:10 pm and 7:00 pm (except New Year's and Christmas)

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

Sacraments
The Sacrament of Baptism is administered most Sundays after the 12:30 pm 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 7:30 pm. No pre-registration is necessary.

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

The Sacrament of Marriage requires that the couple 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 of the couple must be a member of the parish. Attendance at a Pre-Cana 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 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 become individually registered parishioners.

Funeral Notices
Scheduled funeral services held here at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer, can now be found on our website: http://mmredeemer.org/funeral-notices/.

Parish Office Business Hours
Mondays thru Thursdays: 8:30 am to 8:00 pm
Fridays: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Dear Parishioners,

I sincerely thank the countless number of parishioners, and friends of MMR, who so generously contributed to making the Advent and Christmas seasons a “most wonderful time of the year”! I very much appreciate those people who decorated the interior and exterior of our buildings for both seasons. I thank those who did the “grunt work” of cleaning, setting up chairs and trees, and those who worked on the arrangement of our Nativity set. I’m most grateful to our talented musicians and singers for providing inspiring music for our many liturgies, as well as sacristans, greeters, ushers, altar servers, lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. I thank our committed parish staff and faculty members for the extra hours and extra care they put into preparations for the added activities of these holydays and holidays. On behalf of the needy, I thank all of you who donated to our “Giving Tree” and “Santa Sacks” projects, poor boxes, and other efforts to assist the less fortunate. I am deeply touched by your goodness! Finally, I am thankful to those of you who so thoughtfully sent greetings and goodies to clergy and lay staff. I pray that you and your loved ones continue to enjoy the Christmas season. God bless you all!

Monsignor John Conway

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 28
7:30 am Ted Piotrowicz
by his children

Tuesday, December 29
7:30 am Alexandria D. Cook
by the Duffy family

Wednesday, December 30
7:30 am Joseph Fitzgerald, Jr.
by Mom, Dad and family

Thursday, December 31
7:30 am Marie Sette
by Joseph Sette and family
5:15 pm Carol Eddy
by the Paul Logan family

Friday, January 1
7:30 am Ernst Renk
by the MMR Parish Staff
9:00 am Alberta McCool
by the Kobulsky family
10:45 am Judith Diliberto
by the Higgins family
12:30 am Mary Biaesch
by the DiBiagio family

Saturday, January 2
8:00 am Horst Neubert
by his wife, Patricia
5:15 pm Deceased members of the Cinque family
by the George Klinger family

Sunday, January 3
7:30 am Carol Eddy
by the Campana ladies
9:00 am Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parishioners
10:45 am Marjorie Cronin
by Bob & Rosanne Zajko
12:30 pm Gino Francescangeli, Jr.
by the DiPlacido family

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 28th and Friday, January 1st.

Second Collection
Next weekend’s second collection will benefit our Debt Reduction. Thank you for your continued prayerful generosity.

New Year’s Mass Schedule
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Thursday, December 31st
5:15 pm

Friday, January 1st
7:30 am
9:00 am
10:45 am
12:30 pm

The Star of Mercy (Mt 2:1-12)
The brightest star is a knowing star, present and light years away.
It travels the blue-black sky moving herds of stray;
It moves wise souls to follow with precious gifts in tow,
makes loners leave their havens, the rich, their comfort zones.
It precedes the heads of state and stuns their minds with fear.
It fills the poor with hope and makes their waiting clear.
This brightest star is mercy for it takes us to the place we’ve wanted for all ages but couldn’t entertain:
The tiny cave that holds the Life we never would’ve found
without the sign that shocked the night and bent us to the ground.

- Rita A. Simmonds
“... the mercy of God is not an abstract idea, but a concrete reality with which he reveals his love as of that of a father or a mother, moved to the very depths out of love for their child. It is hardly an exaggeration to say that this is a “visceral” love. It gushes forth from the depths naturally, full of tenderness and compassion, indulgence and mercy. “

Misericordiae Vultus
Pope Francis

**Question:** What New Year’s Resolution leads you to heaven while bringing peace to the world?

**Answer:** Praying the Rosary with your family.

It leads you to God’s peace, joy and wisdom while growing your family together in faith. To help you on your journey to learn this beautiful prayer tradition, MMR is starting a monthly Children’s Rosary Group.

**When:** First Thursday of each month, 6 to 6:30 p.m. (our First Meeting is January 7th)

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday, April 23, 2016

**Our MMR Volunteers live Mercy in Action**

Join us to celebrate all the acts of love, kindness and mercy you have offered as volunteers in our Parish and surrounding communities.

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast!
Sunday, February 7, 2016
8:30am - 12:00pm
Sign up on line at http://mmredeemer.org/volunteer-appreciation-breakfast

**Magnificat - Year of Mercy Companion is available in the Parish Office**

A comprehensive page-a-day booklet to help you encounter and share the Father’s mercy.

Each day of the week, a different way to experience and live the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy: Poetry, Meditations, Profiles in Mercy, Church Teaching Explained, and Stories of those who have chosen the path of Mercy.

A practical way for individuals, families, and parishes to walk with the Church in this year-long celebration.

**Grow in Mercy, Love and Understanding**

Why Catholic - Our final Session
Live Session 2
Will be held January 31st - March 6th.

**Parish Mission**
with Fr. Pio Mandato, FMHJ
March 13–16, 2016

**Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible**
April 3 through June 11, 2016

**Archdiocesan and Parish Observance of 24 Hours for the Lord**
Friday, March 4 through Saturday, March 5, 2016

**Added Opportunity for Confession**

In response to the recent survey among parishioners regarding scheduled times for confession, your parish priests will make themselves available each Sunday, immediately following the 9:00 am Mass, for confession. One priest will be in one of the confessional (in the chapel) until 10:15 am. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.
**Men of Malvern Retreat**  
**January 22-24, 2016**

Whether you have never attended a Retreat at Malvern, or if it has just been some time since your last Retreat, please consider this opportunity to join with men from MMR and St. Stanislaus to reflect, refresh and rejoice with the Lord. Our Lord promised us rest when we are weary and burdened and He continuously invites us to simply be with Him.

Fr. Michael Mullan presided at the MMR evening of Worship and Praise in November and he will be our Retreat Director. The Retreat begins Friday evening with registration at 5:00 pm and concludes after the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday. For more information about the Malvern Retreat, contact Armando Moral at 215-361-9566.

**Marriage Encounter Weekend**

Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for your spouse? Time away to reconnect on a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Rediscover the romance in your marriage as you improve communication and get to know each other at a deeper level. What you learn on the Weekend offers positive and lasting benefits for your family. The next Weekend in this area is **February 12th-14th at Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown.** Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: www.wwme-philly.org.

**Serenity Retreat for Women**

Malvern Retreat House will host a weekend retreat for women affected by the disease of addiction from January 8-10. Sr. Linda Fischer will direct the retreat, which will be held in the retreat house’s Family Life Center. To register, please visit malvernretreat.com/register or call 610-644-0400 for more information.

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**Please Remember**

**Seminary Appeal**

Your spiritual and financial support of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary is greatly needed and appreciated. Pray for our seminarians, as well as our candidates for the permanent diaconate and the laypeople who are studying theology there. If you have not yet contributed to the Appeal, please be kind enough to do so. Make your donation via www.stcharlesseminaryappeal.org or mail it to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, CL#5315, P.O. Box 95000-5315, Philadelphia, PA 19195-5315. God bless you for your generosity.

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**St. Rose of Lima Parish presents:**

**Made For Love:**

An Introduction to the Catholic Church’s teachings on the human person, the body, and sexuality.

Among Saint John Paul II’s greatest gifts to the Church is his series of teachings commonly called the “theology of the body.” This presentation will introduce the main themes of this life-changing vision of human life and love:

- What is the meaning of life?
- Why were we created male and female?
- How should men and women relate to one another?
- What does human love have to do with God?

Join us for a presentation and discussion that could change the way you look at life, love and our Catholic faith!

**ST. ROSE OF LIMA CHURCH**  
424 S. Main Street, North Wales, PA 19454  
Parish Center – Fr. Murphy Room  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2016  
7:00 PM

RSVP to Jane Selner at 215.699.4617 or jselnersrose@comcast.net

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**SPEAKER**

Dr. Meghan Colley is Director of the Office for the New Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. She has Ph.D. Candidacy in Theology from the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and the Family, an institution founded by St. John Paul II for the study and development of the truth about human love, the body and reality as a whole.
Adopt-a-Student Program
During the Christmas season we are often blessed with a generous spirit that prompts us to give to others. You may want to consider helping children who are in our parish school. Sometimes there is loss of employment or illness in the family that can cause a temporary financial setback. Consider participating in our Adopt-a-Student program. Your donation can assist with immediate needs of a child. Any donation can make a big difference for a child.

If you are interested in making a donation, please contact Margi Slomiany, Advancement Director at mslomiany@mmrschool.org or at 215-412-7101 or Lou Tonelli, Business Manager at loutonelli@mmredeemer.org or at 215-362-7400.

Private Tours Available at MMR School
Are you interested in learning more about MMR School? Would you like to arrange a private tour? Please contact Margi Slomiany, Director of Advancement, at 215-412-7101 or email her at mslomiany@mmrschool.org.

Christmas Blessings
We all welcomed Baby Jesus into our hearts and homes this week, the MMR School community wishes all of you a Merry Christmas. We wish you peace and God’s blessings. We also wish you a healthy and happy New Year.

Congratulations to Our Excellent Archbishop Wood High School Students
Students who achieved first honors include
Michael J. Klisch ’16  Corinne E. Keenan ’18  James T. Mahan ’19
Among those earning second honors are the following students:
Dominick M. DiRienzo ’16  Benjamin J. McCloskey ’16  Casey L. Gillen ’17
Erin L. Nguyen ‘17  Erica A. Bowers ’18  Natalie R. Bowers ’18
Justin R. Caniz ‘18  Devin J. Foley ‘18  Gregory McFadden ’18
Emma R. Morelli ’18  Lauren E. Poli ’18  Katherine M. Waddington ’18
Megan E. Gigliotti ’19
Distinguished Honors:
Ryan Logan ’16  Danielle Kobulsky ’18  Haley McGowan ’18
Graceanne Check ’19  Connor Ford ’19  Haley Nguyen ’19
Kim-Leigh Tursi ’19

TMIY: That Man Is You!
That Man Is You! is an interactive men’s program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of a man fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, That Man Is You! seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society. The program consists of a 13 week Fall and Spring “semester.” Each session has three essential elements: a social gathering over breakfast/refreshments, a 30 minute DVD presentation, and opportunity for discussion. Become a man after God’s own heart and join us. That Man Is You! To register send name, address, phone number, and e-mail address to directoraff@stmariagoretti.net or call 215-721-0199 ext. 202. Cost—$20.00

Wednesdays, January 6, 13, 20, 27, 2016
February 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2016
March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2016
Saint Maria Goretti Parish Center: Lower Level
6:00 AM to 7:30 AM
Come out for a great night and support the Catholic Charities Appeal!

Sixers vs. Nets
Saturday, February 6th @ 7:30 pm

The Catholic Charities Appeal will be recognized as the featured Three Point Partner of the game!

A portion of each ticket benefits the Catholic Charities Appeal.

Tickets are available for purchase online at www.sixers.com/promo.
Code: CCA

Contact Caroline Kasper to reserve seats or with any questions at 215-558-2758 or carolinekasper@sixers.com.

Retreat Opportunity
Mother Boniface Spirituality Center, 3501 Solly Avenue in Northeast Philadelphia is offering a “Day of Reflection on God’s Merciful Love” on Saturday, January 9, 2016 from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

Open your heart to receive the blessings of Pope Francis’ Extraordinary Jubilee Year! It’s a time to ponder God’s mercy, know and receive it ourselves, and resolve to be “missionaries of mercy” to others. The program will include two Bible studies, theological reflection, and a refresher course on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Day concludes with Eucharistic Adoration and an opportunity for the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Fee: $40* (includes a $10 non-refundable deposit).
Please call 267-350-1830 to register or for more information.
*$30 for those whose registration w/deposit is received by January 4th

Received into Full Communion of the Catholic Church
On Sunday, December 13th, seven adults from our community were received into the full communion of the Catholic Church. Cassandra Claycomb, Alyce Fabian, Dean Karrash, Marcy Mickus, Peggy Shorten, Stacey Wallrath, and John Winter were raised in another Christian denomination, and made the decision to become Catholic. After many months of preparation, they professed their faith, and received the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. We are filled with joy as we welcome them, and we pledge our prayers for their spiritual well-being.

Mother of Triplets Needs Help
St. Catherine’s Mother of triplets and a 4 year old is still seeking help in her home with the babies. With the Christmas season upon us, schedules have gotten busy but the need for help with the children is as demanding as ever. Please consider a shift or two a week to help this family. 7-10 am, 4-7 pm, 7-10pm and all weekend shifts are most appreciated! Please contact Vanessa at: 267-446-7221.
North Arlington, New Jersey  
July 24-29, 2016

Registration time is here! If you have an interest in attending camp in 2016, now is the time to reserve your spot. To get more information and to begin the registration process email Margi at margislomiany@mmredeemer.org. Information is also available through the parish website under Youth Ministry. Act quickly as there are a limited number of slots available. Chaperones are needed as well. Are you going to be a part of this MMR tradition of service?

Come and Adore Him!!  
Weekly Thursday Youth Holy Hour will resume after the new year. Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We Wish You a Merry Christmas  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from MMR Youth Group. Thank you for your support all through the year!

Text MMR to 84576 to receive text updates for news/events!

Code Blue in Need of Volunteers

The winter season is upon us with night time temperatures dropping. When the air temperature drops below 20°, CODE BLUE is activated by Montgomery County and the shelter located in Luther Hall on Trinity Lutheran’s campus is opened. This is a program which provides safe, warm lodging during the night time hours for those without homes. Dinner and breakfast are also served to the guests. Volunteers are needed to staff three shifts: an intake evening shift from 8 pm to midnight, an overnight shift from midnight to 6 am, and a breakfast and cleanup shift from 6 to 8 am. Those interested in helping can contact Angelo Grasso at ang-grasso1@gmail.com.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

The Jubilee Year of Mercy began on December 8th and the faithful are encouraged to pilgrimage to Holy Doors of churches throughout the world. St. Anthony Parish will be traveling to the Holy Land in April 2016 and will visit 2 of the designated basilicas: Basilica of Gethsemane in Jerusalem and the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth. The pilgrimage will also include all the major sites of Jesus life and ministry from the Galilee to Jerusalem. St. Anthony Parish has been traveling successfully to the Holy Land since 2009 and has shepherded pilgrims with the utmost care and safety. No one returns from the land where Jesus walked unchanged by this once in a lifetime spiritual experience. Please call St. Anthony Parish 215-646-4742 for more information. Deposits should be received by January 3, 2016.
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.

Jay Wardach
Adam McGinnis
David Hoffer
Daniel Pierson
Gary Hogan
Andrew Crossan
Steven A. Campbell
James Thomas Gross
Sgt. Jonathan Lehman
Terence McGowan
Chaplain Joseph L. Coffey
Michael Wasylenko
Andrew Conaway
Kevin Cox
1stLt Michael Archutowski
Brenda Snow
USMC Brig Gen Bill Mullen
Nathan Menapace

Please keep us informed of any changes in your loved one’s status. Thank you.

Pray for Our Sick
If you wish a particular family member or friend to be placed on the Bulletin Prayer List, please call Gerry Jerlinski at 215-996-1049.

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.


Babies, Children, and Teens:
Callen Pappal, Caden Burke, Jared Hobson, James Mitchell

H.O.P.E. Committee
H.O.P.E. members are active within our parish, helping those with an emergency. The H.O.P.E. Committee assists the homebound and others with their needs. Grocery shopping, driving to the doctor and hospital visits are just a few of the things H.O.P.E. can help with. If interested please contact one of the people below:

Week of Leader
Dec 28   Toni Esposito
         215-361-3992
Jan  4    Pat Bergbauer
         267-218-1380
Jan 11   Toni Esposito
         215-361-3992

A Christmas Message for the Grieving
I know how much you miss me;
I see the pain inside your heart.
But I’m not so far away,
We really aren’t apart.
Please let your heart be joyful,
And let your spirit sing.

For I’m spending Christmas in Heaven,
And I’m walking with the King!

Please love and keep each other
As my Father said to do,
For I can’t count the blessings
Or the love He has for you.
So have a Merry Christmas and
Wipe away that tear.
Remember I’m spending Christmas
With Jesus Christ this year!

Next Bereavement Support Group: January 14, 2016, 10am at MMR, 7pm at St. Stanislaus. Call Mary at 215-646-4192 for more information.
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