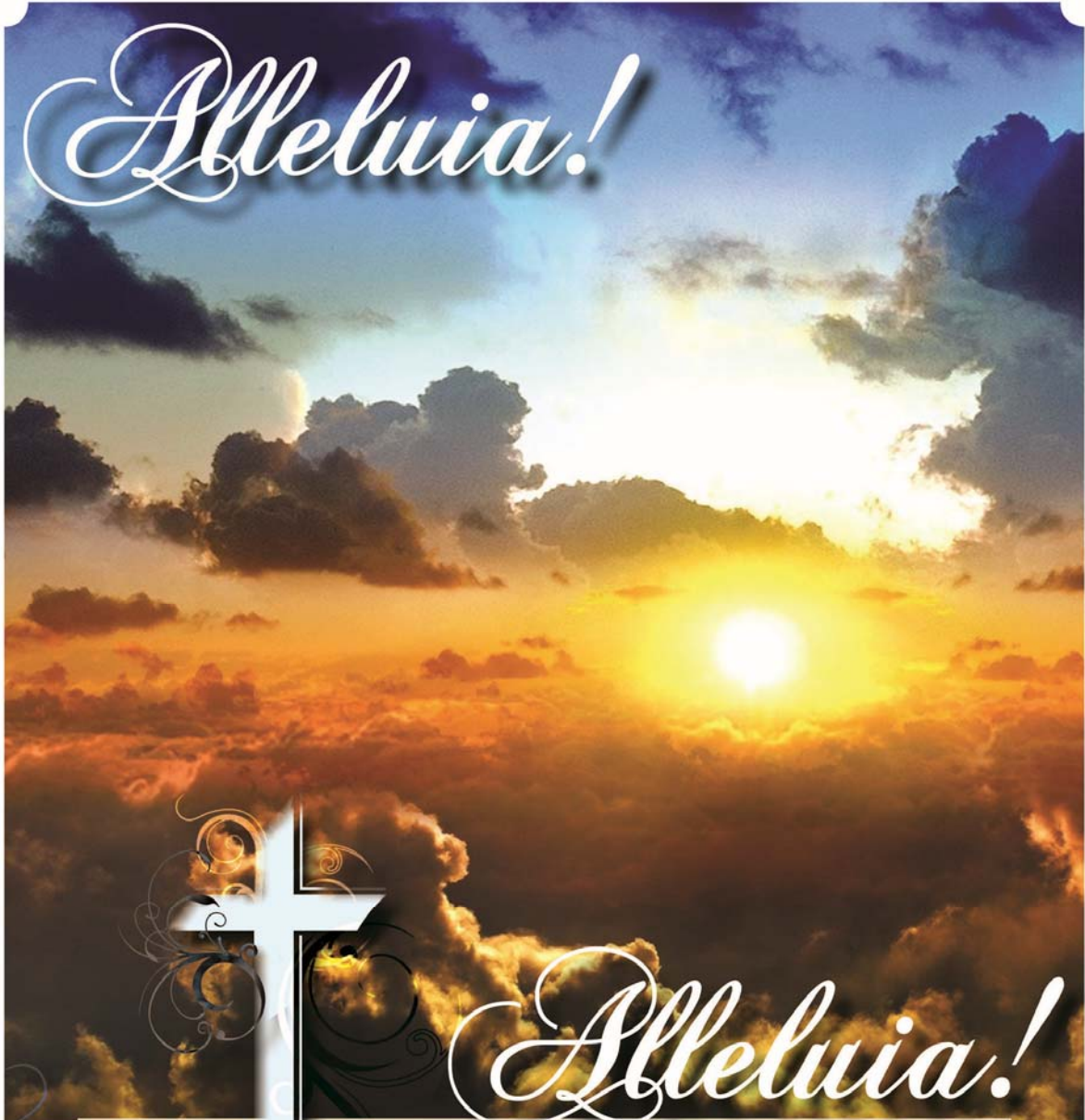


Saint Maria Goretti Parish  
Wishes You a Blessed Easter!

*Alleluia!*



*Alleluia!*

HE IS

RISEN

Dear SMG Family and Friends,

Thank you for celebrating the joy of this Easter season with us at Saint Maria Goretti Parish. Easter gives us yet another reason to be thankful for our faith, family and friends. Wishing the joy of the resurrection of Christ to fill your heart and bring peace into your life. Have a Blessed Easter. May God bless you today and always!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,  
Father Chung

**BAPTISMS**



Welcome to the newest members of our parish:

**Andrew Nathaniel** son of Michael & Courtney Gardyasz, **Brody Garnet** son of Thomas & Sara Kingsbury, **Gavin** son of Brian & Lauren DiBiagio, **Michael Joseph** son of Gregory & Brianna Dusing, **Elizabeth Cecelia** daughter of Kyle Wilus & Melissa Maisano, **Colin Joseph** son of Joseph & Jenna Drum, **Sebastian Aaron** son of Jacob & Brienne Melnick, **Maryn Frances** daughter of Joseph & Katherine Dean, **Jakob Michael** son of Michael & Nicole Lee, Charlotte Keller daughter of Taggart & Carolyn Foulke, Austin Tuan son of Tuan & Nan Nguyen, Ryan Barry son of Thomas & Victoria Miller, Reese son of Timothy & Diana Irwin, Andrew Willard son of Andrew & Laura Schmid, Jackson Michael son of Kevin Reinhard & Carly Barker, Mason Vinh son of Peter & Megan Phung, Fiona Grace daughter of Kevin & Lisa O'Driscoll, Brielle daughter of William & Tiffany Wilcox.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**CONGRATULATIONS RCIA 2016/17 MEMBERS**



Please join in welcoming:

**Samantha Fischer**  
**Bob Garges**  
**Vincent Dahms**

As they enter into complete communion with the Catholic Church this Easter season and becoming members of the Saint Maria Goretti parish family. Let us display our welcoming parish attitude to these individuals and their families whenever the situation presents itself. Congratulations and blessings to our newest members !

**There will NOT be Adoration on Easter Monday, April 2nd.**  
**The Parish Offices will also be closed.**  
**Happy Easter!**

**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the faithful of St. Maria Goretti Roman Catholic Parish, exist to give thanks and praise to God, acknowledging the saving action of Jesus Christ and the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit, strive to proclaim the message of Christ by embracing the Stewardship Way of Life.

We therefore commit ourselves to:

- Seeking to see the face of Christ in one another by **welcoming** all into our church as members of our parish **community**.
- Striving to become a **sacramental** parish by creating a community centered on prayer and worship, especially of the Holy Eucharist.
- **Appreciating** our God given gifts and **sharing** them with others, we provide resources, programs and ministries to assist the community in its life long journey of faith.
- Attending to the spiritual and physical needs of our parishioners, the surrounding and global community, we spread God's message through **service**.



# Mass Schedule

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>SUN., April 1</b>	7:30 A.M. Rita Severini Req. by The Cujina Family 9:30 A.M. Our Parents Req. by The Steklenski Family 11:30 A.M. Jenna Burleigh Req. by The Steklenski Family
<b>MON., April 2</b>	8:30 A.M. Margaret Khouri Req. by Eve Romano
<b>TUES., April 3</b>	8:30 A.M. Anne Kramer Req. by Sally & Edd Murphy
<b>WED., April 4</b>	8:30 A.M. Russell & Margaret Fetter Req. by Tom & Betty Fetter
<b>THURS., April 5</b>	8:30 A.M. Joseph Braunstein Req. by Jerry & Gil Behl
<b>FRI., April 6</b>	8:30 A.M. Bernie Blanche Req. by The James Madden family
<b>SAT., April 7</b>	8:30 A.M. Carmella "Cookie" Cooper Req. by Theresa Vail 5:00 P.M. Marta Carreras Req. by The Rosenberger Family
<b>SUN., April 8</b>	7:30 A.M. Robert Spellman Req. by Robert & Doris Lanouette 9:30 A.M. Frances Boak Req. by Ron & Nancy Boak 11:30 A.M. Evelyn Grabowski Req. by The Grabowski Family



## PRAYER LINE

Our Parish Prayer Line consists of five adult prayer groups. Requests for prayers for the prayer line may be given by calling **the Parish Center at 215-721-0199**. Your prayer request is mentioned in the prayers of those on the line for 2 weeks and then included in their prayers for the following weeks in an inclusive prayer. Anyone wishing to become a member of the parish prayer line ministry can join at any time by calling the Parish Center.

**PLEASE KEEP IN MIND** the following people who at this time need your prayers and support: Warren Allison, Immaculata Antonucci, Ruth Adams, Jennifer & Kimberly Agnew, Paul Baril, Ray Baril, Joey Berical, Jerilyn Bowler, Mary Callaghan, Mary Campagna, Caridad Carlos, Aldo Carnara, Danny Catts, Allen Chapman, Kristen Chipollini, Michael Costello, Jerry Cronin, Helen Curren, Regina DeFeo, Leo Dennis, Frank Dougherty, Ceferina Eusubio, Sally Esbensen, Peter Fallon, Steven Flynn, Patrick Gardenier, Rita Gildea, Lianessa Gonzalez, Andrew Green, Dionne Greim, Sharon, Fernando & Ian Griffin, Frank Holloway, Lori Hanson, Gloria Harris, Michelle Heacock, Ron Hoffman, Kevin Iavecchia, Carrissa Jakobe, Gerald Kenny, Emily Keiser, Charles Kline, Bernadette Kubej, Sue Kunze, Peg Krempl, Trish Lavelle, Curt Lecrone, Dina Lukasko, Mary Magnarella, Patti Maguire, William & Kristen Morrow, Rita Martin, John McLaughlin, Bridget Micshener, Helen Millar, Diane Moll, Frank Monroe, Munson Family, John Mye, Terry Shields Neumann, Joan Nickerson, Ernie Nippins, Bill O'Brien, James O'Neill, Catherine Pagano, Robert Pauloski, Flocerfida & Savador Penganon, Michael Prahler, Marian Quinn, Michael Rafter, Scott Randall, Jim Richardson, Sheila Rothenberger, Linda Santana, Susan Schmidt, Helen Shekalis, Joseph & Michael Thomas, Peg Trexler, Mae Veneziale, Jim Ward, Glenn Watt, Charles Wetzel, Paula Jayne White, Patty Wiley, John Willstaudt, Molly Worner, Arlene Wyatt, Salem Yabet, Rita & Joe Zdu.

## SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of **Katie Jump** requested by Patricia Pollock.



## MONTHLY HOLY HOUR

### A great opportunity for stewardship!

Holy Hour gives the parish an opportunity to pray for the needs of the church especially vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The Holy Hour will include public prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) and private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is welcome. Holy Hour is held the Thursday evening before First Friday at 7pm. **The next Holy Hour will be on Thursday, April 5th.**

## TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Is someone you love unable to join us at church during this holy time of Lent and Easter? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joy-filled hope in our Risen Savior. Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to tune in Catholic Mass on TV or watch online:

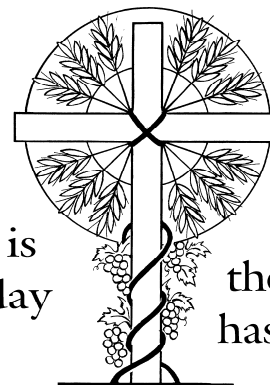
### PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER TV MASS

KJWP channel 2 at 7:00 a.m. and WMCN channel 44 at 8:30 a.m.

### ONLINE VIDEO

[www.HeartoftheNation.org](http://www.HeartoftheNation.org)

**For those who can get to church, the TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.**



This is the day

the Lord has made

**BREAKFAST CLUB**



The Breakfast Club is held on designated First Thursdays of the month in the church narthex and provides a way for people to gather together in friendship following their time spent together in worship and prayer. Coffee, tea, juice, and nutritious breakfast refreshments are served along with lots of laughter and conversation. There is no cost to participate in the Breakfast Club and no registration is required. Non-parishioners are always welcome. **Mark your calendar for April 5, May 3, September 6, and October 4 following the 8:30 AM Mass!**



**THAT MAN IS YOU—TMIY**

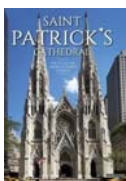
TMIY is a morning program for men organized around a central theme each year and presented through the lens of 7 steps that make it simple for men to follow. Each morning session has three components: a social gathering over breakfast refreshments, a 30 minute DVD presentation, and opportunity for discussion. The program honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers, although single men benefit, as well. For more information or to register contact: Bill Wynne at TMIYSMG@gmail.com or 215-721-0199 (ext. 254).

Wednesdays: Spring and Fall Semesters  
6:00 AM to 7:30 AM OR

Saturdays: Spring and Fall Semesters  
7:00 AM to 8:30 AM

Saint Maria Goretti Parish Center: Lower Level

**SAINT PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL & SAINT FRANCES CABRINI SHRINE**



There is no better way to travel than to travel as a pilgrim! Join fellow parishioners and friends from other parishes across the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for this one day pilgrimage to New York City. We will first tour Saint Patrick's and then celebrate the noon Mass at the Cathedral. Following Mass, we will depart for the Saint Frances Cabrini Shrine where we will enjoy lunch and a tour. Free time will be allotted for personal prayer and visits to the gift shops at each sacred place.

**Tuesday, April 3, 2018**

**Bus Departure: Saint Maria Goretti Church Parking Lot**

**Approximate Return Home: 7:00 PM**

**Cost: \$70.00 per person (includes lunch)**

Register using the form at [www.stmariagoretti.net](http://www.stmariagoretti.net).

**JOSEPH'S PEOPLE CHAPTER MEETING**

**ARE YOU UNEMPLOYED OR LOOKING FOR FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT?** Do you want a place to network and meet others who are sharing a similar experience as you?

At Joseph's People we offer both spiritual and emotional support to those who are unemployed or underemployed. We also provide tools and resources in order to pursue a successful job search. Stop in and see what we are about. We are a very friendly and welcoming group. Join us at our upcoming meetings on April 5th and April 19th at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center Library. No prior registration is needed!

All are welcomed! For more information contact Nancy Boak at [nancyboak@aol.com](mailto:nancyboak@aol.com)

**Parish Ministry Update!**

Hospitality Ministry

**Greeters needed for the Saturday Vigil Masses**

**Joe Pekala— [joe.pekala@insurancejpa.com](mailto:joe.pekala@insurancejpa.com)**

**CLUB + 50**

*Longwood Gardens Day Trip*

*May 22, 2018*

**GAMES DAY**

**The first Wednesday of the month**

**1PM – 4PM Parish Library**

[maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net](mailto:maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net)

**BOY SCOUT TROOP**

**NOW AT SMG!**

[deaconniche@stmariagoretti.net](mailto:deaconniche@stmariagoretti.net)



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

**NEWS UPDATE:**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED TEENS!**

You did a GREAT job!

**First Holy Communion Information**

First Holy Communion Retreat for one parent and child is March 24th at 9:00am in Drexel Hall

**First Holy Communion is April 28th 10:00 AM Mass**

**EVERYONE**

**May Procession, May 1st 5:00 PM in church**

**Forty Hours Procession—September 25th at 7:00 PM in church**

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Christ the Lord  
has Risen Today...  
Alleluia



**POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP**

The total collected last week is not available in time for publication.

**BENEFITS "ALONG THE WAY"**

Before leaving our church building each weekend, please consider stopping by one of our poor boxes located in the narthex, with your contribution. For the months of **March** and **April** 2018, all offerings from the poor box will be designated to **"Along The Way"** located in Souderton, PA. Along The Way is a non-profit faith-based organization that provides affordable, reliable, high-quality childcare services to the children of single mothers working or attending school/training during non-traditional business hours. Mothers qualify for these services based on financial need. They also offer and/or partner with other organizations to provide: parenting skills training, after school care for children, counseling, mentoring and/or training to help women navigate life's challenges. **If donating by check, please make payable to St. Maria Goretti. Thank you!**

**MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 8th**

**E.M. of Holy Communion**

5:00pm – Sacristan, D. Blanche, B. Santulli, S. Lynam  
 7:30am – Sacristan, B. Braun, R. Pacheco, T. Hipp  
 9:30am – Sacristan, M.J. Vondercrone, S. & K. Clapper  
 11:30am – Sacristan, M. Rosenberger, V. & L. Lelii

**E.M. Home Visits**

A1-K. Hay , A2-J. Forbes, A3-M. D'Elia, A4-D. Grant, A5-E. McBride , B1-D. Johnson, B2-B. Hudak , B3-C. LeBrocq, B4-D. Trotter, B5-T. McGann

**Lectors**

5:00pm – S. Archambault, R. Jones  
 7:30am – R. & A. Whitley  
 9:30am – M. O'Pella, F. Stumpo  
 11:30am – M. Faymore, C. McNally

**Cantors**

5:00pm – Guitar Ensemble  
 7:30am – Michele  
 9:30am – Tara  
 11:30am – Lynne

**Altar Servers**

5:00pm – A., E. & J. Kuduk  
 7:30am – A., C. & N. Pawling  
 9:30am – T. & N. Burr  
 11:30am – S. & T. O'Leary, T. Paul

**Children's Liturgy**

9:30am – M. D'Elia, M. Romito



**Youth Ministry Update**

CHOSEN for Jr. High Teens ~ *It's not too late to start!!* High School Leaders needed  
 March 13th to April 24<sup>th</sup>



**Youth Ministry Fundraiser**  
 Catholic Items Sale after all Masses  
 April 21st & 22nd

**May 20, 2018 at 11:30am Mass**  
 Mass of Blessing for all Graduates of all ages!



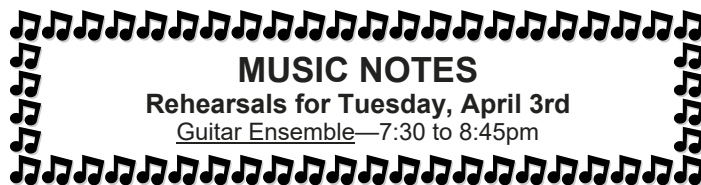
**LAST CHANCE:**  
Reserve Your Spot NOW:  
 Steubenville High School Conference  
 June 22-24, 2018



**Catholic Heart Workcamp**  
 July 21 – 28, 2018

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 and Parish Services  
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 215-721-6559

Details and to register at <http://stmariagoretti.net/maria-2/>



**MUSIC NOTES**

Rehearsals for Tuesday, April 3rd  
 Guitar Ensemble—7:30 to 8:45pm

**Music Ministry for Next Weekend:**  
Saturday, April 7th  
 5pm – Guitar Ensemble



**~ MONDAY ADORATION ~  
 GUARDIANS NEEDED**

Each Monday in the chapel, after the 8:30am morning Mass until 5p.m., we have the opportunity to adore Our Lord's body, blood, soul and divinity in the presence of the Eucharist. While adoring Our Lord, we must also ensure that the Holy Eucharist is never left unattended. A Guardian helps to ensure that the Holy Eucharist is never left alone by committing to spend thirty minutes or more each Monday with the Holy Eucharist. You share this holy commitment with a partner so that if something unforeseen occurs in your schedule you can feel confident that Jesus will not be left alone.

**We are in need of Guardians at the following times:**  
 10am to 10:30am  
 2:30pm to 3pm

Substitute Guardian positions are also available.  
 Contact: Nancy Boak [nancyboak@aol.com](mailto:nancyboak@aol.com) or 215-393-3763.

**SUNDAY OFFERING**



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Stewardship Offering ..... March 25, 2018  
 Not available in time for publication

**It's Simple:**

- Log on to the parish website at [www.stmariagoretti.net](http://www.stmariagoretti.net) and click on the Parish Giving Logo and follow the easy registration instructions.

**It's Secure:**

- Parish Giving is PCI compliant and uses the strongest SSL encryption technology available.

**It's Convenient:**

- No more searching for the check book on Sunday morning stops at the ATM machine.
- You can pick the day of the month for the recurring contributions to be processed.

**Tax Benefits:**

- You will be able to print out a report detailing your contributions for the year.

**Parishioner Benefits:**

- Weekly or monthly contribution choices
- Ability to choose date and frequency of contributions

**Thank you to the 126 families that have already signed up for the Parish Giving Program.**

**LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN**



The *Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH)* is looking for a few good men. Our Motto is Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. If you'd like to live our Motto, learn more about your Catholic faith and your Irish heritage while helping those in need then why not consider joining today. Catholic men with Irish heritage that are interested in joining the AOH can contact Tom McGann at [tmcgann22@gmail.com](mailto:tmcgann22@gmail.com) 267-228-1931 or Tom Coughlin at [sahs01@comcast.net](mailto:sahs01@comcast.net) 215-450-9662. You can also find out more about us on our Website [www.aohdivision4.com](http://www.aohdivision4.com) or find us on Facebook @aohdivision4. We meet on the Third Monday of the month at the Hatfield American Legion - 2100 Koffel Road at 7:30pm.

**JUST 3 WEEKS UNTIL TRUCK DAY**



**On Saturday, April 14 from 9 am to 1 PM** the Green Drop Truck will be in the Cowpath Road Parking lot to accept your donations to benefit the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the people we serve.

Green Drop pays the Society for donations made in the name of the SVdP and the money is used to support conferences that have great need but few financial resources. (Landlords and utility companies won't take used clothing in lieu of money for rent and utility bills.) In addition, Green Drop arranges with 2nd Avenue stores to provide vouchers for our neighbors in need on clothing and household items that were supplied by your donations.

Lists of acceptable items are available in the Narthex, at the Parish Center and on the Green Drop Website (<https://www.gogreendrop.com>). Can't wait until April 14? Green Drop has drop off locations in the area OR if you have a large amount you can arrange a truck pick-up at your home. All this information is also on their website. (Just be sure you say Society of St. Vincent de Paul, so we get the credit.)

On behalf of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and those we serve, thank you in advance for your generosity. We look forward to seeing you on April 14.


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**MATER DEI**  
 CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Ice Cream with the Cast**

After the 2:00 performance on Saturday, April 7th, children ages 6 and under are welcome to meet the Mater Dei cast of *"Beauty and the Beast"*. Ice Cream sundaes will be served. Donation is \$1 per child and reservations are required. Please call the Advancement Office at 215-368-9787 to place your reservation. More details to follow!



**Save the Date...Spring Open House**

Mater Dei will host a spring Open House on Tuesday, April 10 from 6 to 8 PM. All new families are welcome! Your RSVP is helpful. Please call the Advancement Office at 215-368-9787 or email to [gsmanns@materdeicatholic.com](mailto:gsmanns@materdeicatholic.com) to let them know who will be attending

**Take a Tour and Register for 2018-19 at Mater Dei!**

Registrations are now being accepted for PK3 through Grade 8. New families with children in Preschool (Three and Four Year Olds) and Kindergarten to Grade 8 are welcome to tour Mater Dei Catholic School. Call now to schedule a tour while space is available. Two preschool and two kindergarten classrooms are already filled, but there is still space available! Appointments are flexible and can accommodate your work schedule. Please contact the Advancement Office at 215-368-9787 or [gsmanns@materdeicatholic.com](mailto:gsmanns@materdeicatholic.com) to schedule your visit today!