



Saint Maria Goretti Parish

1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield

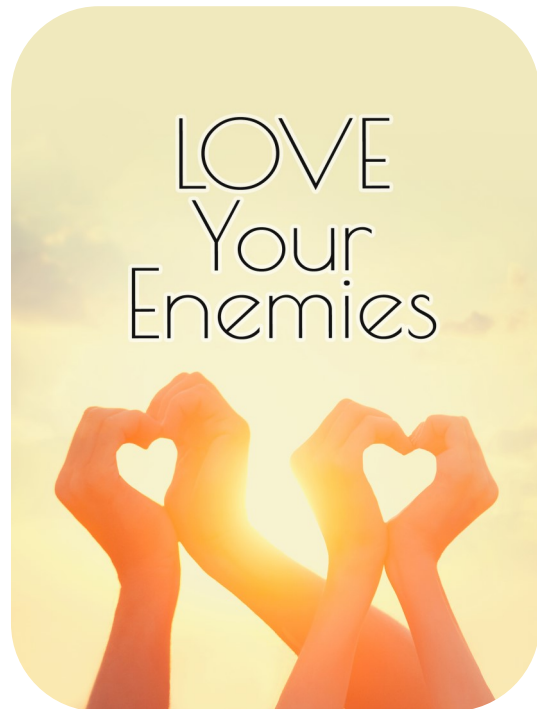
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Web Site: www.stmariagoretti.net

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, & 11:30 am
Vietnamese Mass: 2:30 pm
Weekdays & Saturday Mass: 8:30 am
Holy Days: Vigil 7:00pm, 7:00am, 8:30am
& noon, Vietnamese Mass at 7pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday: 9am to 8:00pm
Friday and Saturday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.



PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. John C. Nguyen
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Leonard N. Peterson
Vietnamese Apostolate: Rev. John C. Nguyen
Permanent Deacons:
Deacon Phuong Nguyen
Deacon Peter Niche
Deacon Stephen Vondercrone
Mater Dei Regional Catholic School President:
Ms. Diane McCaughan
Mater Dei Principal: Ms. Beth Waltrich
Director of Family Faith Formation, Religious Education & Parish Services: Maria Richardson
Admin. Assist. of Religious Education: JoAnn Prahler & Pat Kendig
Director of Adult Faith Formation: Angela McClellan
Director of Music: Eileen Ericsson
Pastoral Assistant: Patricia Conroy
Office Manager: Cheryl Ryan
Parish Secretary: Mary Faymore
R.C.I.A. Coordinator: Al Pandolfo
Elder Care Assistance Program: Amy Juarez
Business Manager: Douglas Smith
Asst. Business Mgr.: Geri Salanik

DEVOTIONS:

Adoration: Mondays after the 8:30 am Mass -
Concludes at 5pm with Benediction
Marian: Saturday after the 8:30 am Mass.
Saint Maria Goretti: Monday during the 8:30 am Mass.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday at 12:45 pm (except the first Sunday of each month). Please call the Parish Office to register for Baptism. Pre-Jordan classes required for parents and optional for godparents, are offered the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted in the bulletin. Baptisms are limited to four children per Sunday. **Letters of eligibility are due at the Parish Center before a date can be given for Baptism.**

MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made with a priest at least six months in advance. You must speak to a priest before making arrangements for a reception hall. Scheduling, rescheduling or cancellation MUST be done by a priest. Pre-Cana classes are required for all couples. Please visit the archdiocesan website at <http://phillycatholiclife.org/marriage-and-family/preparing-for-marriage/>

ANNULMENTS

Following the directive of Pope Francis, the Archdiocese is offering annulments without cost to the petitioners. There are additional changes which would make annulments easier to obtain. Contact the Parish Center to speak with Fr. Chung for more information on the annulment process.

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK

Arrangements can be made by calling the Parish Office.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm or any time upon request. Call the Parish Center.

ASH WEDNESDAY—FEBRUARY 26th



The beginning of Lent is right around the corner, Ash Wednesday is February 26th. **Please join us for Mass and distribution of ashes at 7am, 8:30am, 12 noon and 7pm Vietnamese Mass.** Also for your convenience there will be two daily Masses held during Lent in the chapel at 7am and 8:30am.

WHEN A LOVED ONE LEAVES THE CHURCH

In this presentation, we'll explore the many cultural and social factors that have created this situation, which is so heartbreaking to parents and grandparents who mourn the loss of their family members' interest in religious practice. We'll also examine constructive ways that we may be able to intervene to reduce this decline, and to attract young people to reconsider returning to the Catholic faith they were raised in, or to perhaps join the Church for the first time. It's important that we reach out to re-evangelize effectively to these young people if we want to pass on the treasure of the faith to the next generation. To register for this presentation, please contact Angela.McClellan@stmariagoretti.net or 215-721-0199 x202.

Tuesday, March 3rd, 7to 8pm, Chapel

Guest Presenter: Deacon Anthony Bellitto

Permanent Deacon, Saint Stanislaus Parish, Lansdale

TOLTON with Father Stephen DeLacy

Join us for this presentation on the inspiring life and legacy of the first African American diocesan priest in the United States.

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Saint Maria Goretti Chapel

There is not cost to attend. Register at

Angela.McClellan@stmariagoretti.net or 215-721-0199 (Ext. 220). Visit us at: www.stmariagoretti.net

HATFIELD COMMUNITY LENTEN SERIES

On the Wednesdays during Lent you are invited to the Lenten Services. **Each week, worship begins at 7:30pm and ends with a time for fellowship.** The theme this year will be "By Faith." The dates are as follows:

March 4th – Father Robert Tufton at Emmanuel Evangelical Congregation;
The Faith of Noah

March 11th – Pastor Glenn Lambert at Heidelberg United Church of Christ;
The Faith of Abraham

March 18th – Deacon Peter Niche at Grace Lutheran Church;
The Faith of Moses

March 25th – Pastor Janet Peterman at Hatfield Church of the Brethren;
The Faith of Rahab

April 1st – Pastor Clay Moyer at Saint Maria Goretti Church;
Jesus, the Perfector of our Faith



WORSHIP | NIGHT PRAYER | FELLOWSHIP

Third Thursday of the Month 6PM-8PM

Join in worship and communal praying of the Liturgy of the Hours before the Blessed Sacrament, followed by fellowship in the Narthex.

BYOB or an appetizer to share.

-ALL ARE WELCOME-

•ST.MARIA GORETTI EUCHARISTIC CHAPEL•

Find us on [Facebook.com/ActsatSt.MariaGoretti](https://www.facebook.com/ActsatSt.MariaGoretti)

Mark your calendar and join us as often as you can in 2020.

March 19

April 16

May 28

June 18

July 16

August 20

September 17

October 15

November 19

December 17



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUN., Feb. 23	7:30 A.M. Frances Hudec Req. by Robin Hager 9:30 A.M. Carmine & Helen Vernachio Req. by The Vernachio Family 11:30 A.M. Fran Casinelli Req. by Maria & David Richardson
MON., Feb. 24	8:30 A.M. Gerri Rupp Req. by The Family
TUES., Feb. 25	8:30 A.M. Mark Caruso Req. by The Lelii Family
WED., Feb. 26	7:00 A.M. Mark Caruso Req. by The Ryan Family 8:30 A.M. John & Evelyn Grabowski Req. by The Grabowski Family 12 noon Rev. Jeremiah J. Leary Req. by Catherine Wolfgang 7:00 P.M. Vietnamese Mass
THURS., Feb. 27	7:00 A.M. Hugh Wrigley Req. by Richard & Sue Kratz 8:30 A.M. Hugh Wrigley Req. by Maryann Kurik
FRI., Feb. 28	7:00 A.M. Marie Beauchamp Req. by Donna Beauchamp 8:30 A.M. Bill Weist Req. by Edie & Bill Hardnock
SAT., Feb. 29	8:30 A.M. Donald Ibach Req. by Jackie Pierce 5:00 P.M. Pat Raber Req. by Connie & Dick Nolan
SUN., March 1	7:30 A.M. Peter Hudec Req. by Robin Hager 9:30 A.M. Rosa & Stanilaus Vernachio & Family Req. by The Vernachio Family 11:30 A.M. David J. Lee Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Harvey J. Lee

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit for the intentions of **The Parishioners of SMG Parish** requested by Fr. Chung.



MONTHLY HOLY HOUR

***Please note time change**

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. The next **Holy Hour will be held the Thursday, March 5th at 4pm.**

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.



PLEASE KEEP IN MIND the following people who at this time need your prayers and support: Josephine Albert, Warren Allison, Ruth Adams, Jennifer & Kimberly Agnew, Mark Altroggi, Matthew Arrow, Christina Augustine, Paul

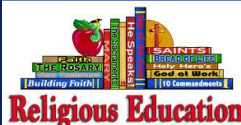
Baril, Ray Baril, Joey Berical, Jerilyn Bowler, Patricia Britton, Linda Burbank, Mary Callaghan, Caridad Carlos, Aldo Carnara, Danny Catts, Joanna Cavacini, James Chrissy, Michael Costello, Jerry Cronin, Helen Curren, Susan & Anthony Dalesio, Joanne Daum, Loretta Deller, Leo Dennis, Karen Diana, Peter Fallon, Marybeth Hentschel Fiorelli, Terry Foley, Carol Galinski, Joe Gallant, Erin Gilbert, Lianessa Gonzalez, Abby Graham, Andrew Green, Dionne Greim, Sharon, Fernando & Ian Griffin, Kathleen Hauck, Frank Holloway, Lori Hanson, Gloria Harris, Ron Hoffman, Jeanette Hoy, Kevin Iavecchia, Richard Jedlicka, Emily Keiser, Charles Kline, Sue Kunze, Peg Krempf, Jama Lecore, Curt Lecrone, Angelique, Gina & Keenan Lee, Dorothy Lougee, Dina Lukasko, Patti Maguire, Joe Martin, Sean McKelvey, William & Kristen Morrow, John McLaughlin, Bridget Micshener, Diane Moll, Frank Monroe, Munson Family, John Mye, Terry Shields Neumann, Joan Nickerson, Regina Nimmo, Ernest & Mele Lee-Nippins, Zachery Olberholzer, Bill O'Brien, Anthony & Michael Paone, Catherine Pagano, Al Palatucci, Robert Pauloski, Floccerida & Salvador Penganon, Connie Perrong, Michael Praher, Marian Quinn, Michael Rafter, Joan Ramsher, Scott Randall, Frank Reiner Jim Richardson, Vanessa Rivera, Sheila Rothenberger, Linda Santana, Barbara Scally, Helen Shekalis, Melissa Shelly, Anthony Smith, Mary Smith, Rukiatsu Smith, Valerie Somma, Lawrence Stempel, Joseph & Michael Thomas, Peg Trexler, Mae Veneziale, Sofia Wagner, Jim Ward, Glenn Watt, Charles Wetzel, John Willstaudt, Salem Yabut, Jack Zampirri, Joe Zdun & Joan Ziegler.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



In preparation for the joy of the Easter season, please join your parish each Friday night (with the exception of March 20th, Stations will be held on Wednesday, March 18th) during Lent for Stations of the Cross at 7pm.

The Hispanic Movement of Parochial Retreats John XXIII will be Praying the "Stations of the Cross" devotion every Tuesday at 7:00 pm during Lent. Starting Tuesday March 3 and finishing on Tuesday April 7th.



First Holy Communion Retreat

Saturday, February 29th
In Drexel Hall

CONTACT—Maria Richardson,

Director of Family Faith Formation, Religious Ed.
maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net 215-721-6559

THE ADULT FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

The Adult Faith Formation programs of our parish are made possible through various fundraising events throughout the year and through generous donations and free will offerings. The expenses associated with bringing dynamic speakers, inspirational presentations, and current faith formation events to our parish are offset by these proceeds. The nominal fees of our programs rarely cover the full costs of the event. So, thank you for your generosity and for advancing the Adult Faith Formation Ministry at Saint Maria Goretti Parish!

Here are some ways you can help the Adult Faith Formation Ministry:

- ◆ Allocate your SCRIP credits to AFF.
- ◆ Make a monetary contribution specifically reserved for Adult Faith Formation. Drop off at the Parish Center c/o Angela McClellan.
- ◆ Donate a GIANT or COSTCO Gift Card to help with the purchase of refreshments and paper products for events. Drop off at the Parish Center c/o Angela McClellan.
- ◆ New plastic table cloths are always needed (round or rectangular). A basket for table cloth donations can be found on the bottom shelf of the AFF table in the church narthex.
- ◆ Recycle your empty ink cartridges from your home printer. (The large cartridges from office printers are not accepted.) A basket for cartridges can be found on the bottom shelf of the AFF table in the church narthex. **Ink cartridges will only be accepted until March 31st.**
- ◆ Plan on attending at least one Adult Faith event this year. All events are listed on our website and in the Ministry Calendar of Events Booklet for 2020.
- ◆ Pick up a booklet from the bottom shelf of the Adult Faith table in the church narthex.
- ◆ Spread the word about our Adult Faith Ministry to friends and family outside the parish.

Thanks and God bless!

Angela McClellan, Director of Adult Faith Formation
Angela.McClellan@stmariagoretti.net, 215-721-0199 (Ext. 202)

THE ROLE OF THE LAITY IN A TIME OF CRISIS

During this period of profound crisis in the Church, our history tells us that lay people have a role to play in these times of turmoil. Join us for a morning of reflection on the mission of the laity and what we can do to cooperate with Christ's action to purify and heal His Church. Please register by contacting angela.mcclellan@stmariagoretti.net or 215-721-0199 (Ext. 202). There is no cost to attend.

Tuesday, March 10, 2020-9:15 AM Breakfast Refreshments
Parish Center: Immaculate Heart of Mary Room
Guest Presenter: Meghan Cokeley
Director, Office for the New Evangelization

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Every day in Ethiopia, girls are demonstrating they can play a vital role in building a better world. But they need access to quality education to do so. That's why CRS is committed to ensuring that safe spaces exist where girls can excel and continue to transcend barriers. Visit www.crs.org for more information!

"Concern for education is concern for future generations and for the future of humanity. It is a concern profoundly rooted in hope and it calls for generosity and courage." ~ Pope Francis



BIBLE STUDY

Follow me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John

Join us for this exciting Bible Study beginning the first week in March. There are 2 sessions of the same study being offered: One session will take place on Fridays beginning March 6th through May 1st from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. The other session will begin on Sundays, beginning March 8th through May 3rd from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. You may register for either of the sessions as your schedule permits. In addition, if you miss a particular lesson at one of the sessions, you are welcome to 'make up' the lesson by attending the alternate time. **Location:** Parish Center Immaculate Heart of Mary Room. **Cost:** Suggested contribution of \$25 payable at the 1st session. **Contacts:** Friday Class - Kim Staudt @ 215-272-9016 or kimstaudt@me.com. Sunday Class - Ron Boak @ 215-393-3763 or ron.boak@gmail.com.

"FAST" FOOD & A FLICK

Enjoy the company and fellowship of other members of our faith community as we share a simple meatless meal.

During our dinner, we will view a short film entitled, **Prayer: A Surge of the Heart**. This inspiring DVD presentation challenges us to make some time for God in our lives and highlights the importance of an ever deepening life of prayer. A perfect film for anyone longing to grow in their love of God and in their relationship with Jesus Christ!

Friday, March 6, 2020—5:15 PM to 6:45 PM
Saint Maria Goretti Parish Center: Immaculate Heart of Mary Room (Lower Level). Movie Running Time: 40 Minutes. Dinner Cost: \$12.00

LENT



"Fast" Food and a Flick

Please mail registration form below and check for \$12.00 per person payable to Saint Maria Goretti Church to:

Saint Maria Goretti Parish Center
c/o Angela McClellan

**Payment is transferrable to another person but not refundable.*

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Town/Zip _____

E-Mail _____

Parish _____

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 1st

E.M. of Holy Communion

5:00pm – Sacristan, P. Walsh
7:30am – Sacristan, B. McCormick
9:30am – Sacristan, K. Hay
11:30am – Sacristan, D. Johnson

E.M. Home Visits

A1–K. Staudt, A2–J. McNally, A3–S. Sabia, A4–C. Friel, A5–M. Wrubel, B1–M. Collis, B2–C. Opdyke, B3–J. Burke, B4–M. Rosenberger, B5–P. Niche

Lectors

5:00pm – J. Gressang, E. Murphy
7:30am – R. Jones, T. Hipp
9:30am – K. Luther, T. Mazzeo
11:30am – T. Prykowski, M. D'Elia

Cantors

5:00pm – Janna
7:30am – Michele
9:30am – George
11:30am – Ugochi

Altar Servers

5:00pm – E. Walsh, S. Scassero, K. Kudes
7:30am – A. Wertz, T. & G. McGann
9:30am – S. Butler, F. & I. Sirianni
11:30am – L. Lowden, A. Craig, A. Moore

Children's Liturgy

9:30am – P. Fiore, K. Shaughnessy

MUSIC NOTES



Rehearsals for Tuesday, February 25th

Children's Choir—5:50 to 6:30pm
Adult Bell Choir—6:30 to 7:30pm
Adult Choir—7:30 to 8:45pm
Men's Ensemble—8:45pm

Music Ministry for Next Weekend:

Saturday, February 29th

5pm – Adult Bell Choir

Sunday, March 1st

9:30am—Men's Ensemble

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS



Lent is quickly approaching. St. Maria Goretti Parish will be offering the Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7 PM during Lent except for Friday, March 20th. That week Stations will be offered on Wednesday, March 18th.

Every Service requires three Altar Servers. Please use the Sign Up Sheets in the Altar Server's room to volunteer your Time and Talent if available. The dates are **February 28th, March 6, 13, 18 & 27, April 3**. Thank you in advance for signing up!

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: **\$280.02**
BENEFITS "HATFIELD BRETHREN FOOD CUPBOARD"

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 **January** and **February 2020**, all offerings from the poor box will be designated to "Hatfield Brethren Food Cupboard" located at 1333 Cowpath Road, Hatfield. This charitable organization is open the 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 3rd Saturday, and 4th Monday of each month at designated times, supplying food and basic needs to low income families and individuals in the Hatfield and North Penn area. The society has been in existence since 1995 and is currently managed and maintained by volunteers from Hatfield Church of the Brethren, St. Maria Goretti, and local volunteers. Please consider helping those that are less fortunate ~ a little goes a long way! **If donating by check, please make payable to St. Maria Goretti. Thank you!**



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL GIVING TREE

Thanks to all our parishioners whose continuing generosity has made the Giving Tree a success. This was our 34th year!!! We helped 119 families. We also helped nursing homes, An adult day care center & Group home residents. We also let our own SMG home bound parishioners know that we were thinking of them with a small gift and a visit. All of these are in our area. Special thanks once again to members of the AOH Montco Division 4 & the Knights of Columbus Pius IX council who helped with deliveries. It was truly appreciated!

HAVE YOU HEARD?? ON-LINE SIGN-UPS ARE NOW LIVE!

On-line sign up for the Lifetouch photo session (to be included in our Parish Photo Directory) is already up and running! Just go to our website: www.stmariagoretti.net and click on the link that says: "book now-lifetouch..." They will walk you through the sign up process. **And**—starting the weekend of March 7/8 we will have in-person sign ups after all Masses. Photo dates are **April 14-18** and again from **April 28-May 2** right here in the IHM Room in the Parish Center. Many hours to accommodate everyone's schedule. So, sign up early to lock in your preferred time. Remember, **only those parishioners who participate in the photo sessions will be given a FREE directory.** They will not be mailed to everyone, as in past years. **PLUS** you will receive a FREE 8x10 color photo of your choice. Watch the bulletin for more information in the coming weeks. If you are interested in helping with our once in a decade photo directory, please contact Susan Schmitt at 908-268-0474. Thank you, and **SMILE!**



**WE NEED
YOU**
to make our new
family directory
complete

SUNDAY OFFERING

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COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

	Feb. 17, 2019	Feb. 16, 2020
Sunday Offering	\$14,676.79	\$17,057.00
Online Parish Giving	\$ 2,947.00	\$ 2,692.00
TOTALS:	\$17,623.79	\$19,749.00
Total # of contributors	538	
Misc. Offerings		
Heat & Energy Offering:		\$331.50
Poor Box Offering:		\$280.02
Care of Aging Priest Collection:		\$2,766.15

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND WITH FR. CHUNG

November 8 to 16, 2020

You can also choose to extend your trip with an optional 3-night post tour extension to Jordan. This will be a trip to remember. For more information please visit <http://gateway.gocollette.com/link/973486>. Please RSVP to the Wine & Cheese Info Night to Fr. Chung at 215-721-0199 or e-mail at fr.chung@stmariagoretti.net. Join us in learning more about this exciting trip!

**RICE BOWL**

This weekend we blessed and handed out Catholic Relief Service's Rice Bowls. Extras are available in the Church vestibule. Through Rice Bowl faith communities in every diocese throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lenten alms donated through the Rice Bowl this year will be sent to over 100 countries where CRS works. Additionally, 25% of all donations stay within the United States to offer help locally.

Take one home today, use the materials and return the Rice Bowls at Easter. Have a wonderful Lenten experience.



ST. MARIA GORETTI PARISH
HATFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA



Youth Ministry Update

FUNDRAISERS PIZZA FOR LENT

After all Masses February 22nd & 23rd

TOTALLY CATHOLIC SALE
March 28th and 29



Bowling Fun Night
Tuesday, March 31, 2020
7:00 PM—Register now!

**Maria Richardson, Director of
Family Faith Formation**

maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net 215-721-6559



Mater Dei's 2020 Polar Bear Plunge



Through the generosity and support of so many, Mater Dei has raised \$39,859.00 to date from the Polar Bear Plunge. These funds help families who need tuition assistance. This is why we plunge and why we are so grateful to be a part of this wonderful community of Mater Dei!

MATER DEI CATHOLIC SCHOOL
presents the 4th Annual



Join us on **Friday, March 6**, at the 4th Annual Designer Bag Bingo Event at Mater Dei Catholic School. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and Bingo begins at 7:00! The night includes 13 rounds of

Bingo and various designers like Coach and Kate Spade, as well as Louis Vuitton and other special raffles! Feel free to bring snacks and beverages for your table; advance bookings for tables of 8 will receive a free gift! Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$30 in person (\$35 at the door) or online: <https://bngn.smarttuition.com/?id=rhr0qjulfld>. Please make checks payable to Mater Dei Home & School Association. We hope you will join us for this popular and fabulous event!

RSVP for Mater Dei's Open House and Information Nights for 2020-21

Monday, March 2, 6:00 to 7:30 PM Mater Dei Catholic School, Lansdale campus

Tuesday, March 10, 6:00 to 7:30 PM Mater Dei Childcare Center, Hatfield campus

Need a caring, loving environment while you work for your infant to 36 month old? Interested in finding out more about the Preschool through Grade 8 Programs at both our campuses? Then please attend one of our Open Houses in March at either our Lansdale or Hatfield campus. Please RSVP to Grace Sammanns at gsammanns@materdeicatholic.com or 215-368-9787. All are welcome!