



# Saint Maria Goretti Parish

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## **MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, & 11:30 am  
Vietnamese Mass: 2:30 pm  
Weekday Mass: 8:30 am  
Holy Days: Vigil 7:00pm, 7:00am, 8:30am  
& noon, Vietnamese Mass at 7pm  
**\*Mass Live Streamed on SMG Facebook page or a link on the parish website Sundays at 9:30am and daily at 8:30am.**

## **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday through Friday: 9am to 4:00pm  
Saturday & Sunday by appointment only  
during the pandemic.

BREAD  
OF LIFE



## **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 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  
Sacristan & Asst. to Director of Family Faith Formation:  
Tyler Grant  
Admin. Assist. of Religious Education: JoAnn Prahler  
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 **ONE CHILD** 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 of Philadelphia 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.

### **ANOIDING 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.

# NOTHING COMPARES *to Being There*



**"I have greatly desired to eat this Supper with you."**  
**Luke 22:15**

All of us know instinctively that nothing compares to "being there" in person. Whether it's being at a friend's wedding, sitting down to have a heart-to-heart conversation, comforting a family member while she is grieving or watching as your baby takes his first steps, we all know that being physically present makes all the difference. The same logic applies to our life as Catholics. Especially when it comes to the Mass, truly, nothing compares to being there.

Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez

## WELCOME BACK—WE MISSED YOU

**Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez, and all Catholic Bishops in Pennsylvania will reinstate the obligation to attend Mass in person on Sundays and Holy Days beginning on Sunday, August 15, 2021, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

This obligation, as is always the case, does not apply to those who are seriously ill, have a serious health risk, as well as those who have serious anxiety about being a part of large groups at this time. Likewise, the obligation does not apply to those who care for those who cannot attend Mass in person (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2181). Those who are legitimately excused from Mass on Sundays and Holy Days are encouraged to spend time in prayer, meditating on the Death and Resurrection of the Lord, reading the Sacred Scriptures, and uniting themselves to Christ in his worship of the Father of us all. Those who are legitimately excused are also encouraged to view a broadcast of the Mass which is intended for those who cannot participate in person.



## SMG PREP PROGRAM

### Catechists are Needed



**The SMG Parish Religious Education Process NEEDS YOU to help lead our children to Jesus!** Please consider being a volunteer Catechist on Monday Evenings or Sunday Mornings. Contact: Maria Richardson, Director of Family Faith Formation, Religious Education and Parish Services, 215-721-0199.

## Acts

### WORSHIP | NIGHT PRAYER | FELLOWSHIP

**We look forward to worshiping and fellowship on August 19th.**

Join us in worship and communal praying of Liturgy of the Hours before the Blessed Sacrament, followed by outdoor fellowship (weather permitting). This is a prayer & fellowship event for parishioners of all ages, children are welcome!

Liturgy of the Hours will take place in the main church to allow for spacing and to observe all current COVID precautions.

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION



Would you like to follow in the footsteps of Jesus? What better way to experience the love of Jesus than to bring Him to our homebound parishioners? The happiness you bring them will reflect back into your heart. Consider this ministry which in return will bring you closer to Jesus. If this is a ministry that you feel called to, please contact the parish office at 215-721-0199 and leave a message for Deacon Steve or Father Chung. They will get back to you with more information. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

**A meeting for current and new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will take place on Tuesday, August 24th at 7pm. More detail to follow in the bulletin or via e-mail.**

## CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD 2021-2022 Registration



The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) program is a Montessori based parish religious formation/education program for children age 3 to 6 (Kindergarten) in LEVEL 1 and age 6 to 9 (grades 1 & 2) in LEVEL 2 with a primary goal to nurture a relationship with God. This is accomplished by the use of manipulative/child-interactive materials, prayer, song, listening to the Bible and preparation for full participation in the liturgy. This unique experience provides the foundation for a life-long relationship with God to be lived out in the Church community.

Levels 1 will again be offered at St Maria Goretti beginning September 12/13 through May/June

Level 1 (age 3-6) sessions are held Sunday mornings 9:15am to 10:45am and 11:15am to 12:45pm as well on Mondays 4:30pm to 5:45pm.

If you have an interest in or questions concerning Level 2, please contact Linda Hudak.

Registration forms may be found at the Parish Center or at [stmariagoretti.net/prep/forms](http://stmariagoretti.net/prep/forms)

Contact: Linda Hudak 215-593-5903 or [Ishudak@yahoo.com](mailto:Ishudak@yahoo.com)



## MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>SUN., August 8</b>	7:30 A.M. Frank Phillipeck Req. by The Patterson Family 9:30 A.M. Helen & Carmine Vernachio Req. by Carman Vernachio & Family 11:30 A.M. Jeffery Keffer Req. by Sally & Charlie Keffer
<b>MON., August 9</b>	8:30 A.M. John Conroy Req. by Pat Conroy
<b>TUES., August 10</b>	8:30 A.M. Bill Glass Req. by Kathleen Grear
<b>WED., August 11</b>	8:30 A.M. Leonard Petro, Jr. & Sr. Req. by Jim & Pat Petro
<b>THURS., August 12</b>	8:30 A.M. Adam Zurek Req. by The Ravenna Family
<b>FRI., August 13</b>	8:30 A.M. Louis Giuliano Req. by The Ravenna Family
<b>SAT., August 14</b>	<b>No Morning Mass</b> 5:00 P.M. The Gianfrancesco & Licheniak Families Req. by The Gianfrancesco Family
<b>SUN., August 15</b>	7:30 A.M. Aden & Anula Req. by Vipin & Merin 9:30 A.M. Intentions for the IHM Sisters Req. by The Braun Family 11:30 A.M. Intentions of Maria Richardson Req. by Maria Richardson

## SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week  
is lit in memory of **Ed McBride**  
requested by Sabatini & Ellen Monatesti.



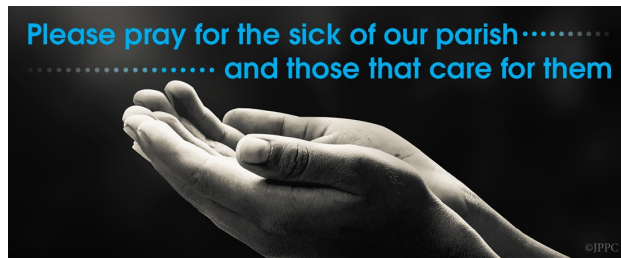
## BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL

The Blessed Mother vigil light for this week  
is lit for the intentions of  
**The Parishioners of SMG.**

## 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 pray for the sick of our parish.....  
..... and those that care for them



**PLEASE KEEP IN MIND** the following people who at this time need your prayers and support: Josephine Albert, Ruth Adams, Jennifer & Kimberly Agnew, Mark & Carol Altrogge, Zoe Andrade, Matthew Arrow, Christina Augustine, Paul Baril, Ray Baril, Joey Berical, Chuck Biehn, Jerilyn Bowler, Patricia Britton, Linda Burbank, Ron Cariola, Aldo Camara, Danny Catts, Joanna Cavacini, Marguarita Caval, James Chrissy, Michael Costello, Jerry Cronin, Susan & Anthony Dalesio, Joanne Daum, Loretta Deller, Leo Dennis, Karen Diana, Peter Fallon, Christine Fandozzi, Marybeth Hentschel Fiorelli, Carol Galinski, Joe Gallant, Erin Gilbert, Lianessa Gonzalez, Abby Graham, Andrew Green, Dionne Greim, Sharon, Fernando, Ian Griffin, Frank Holloway, Janet Hampton, Lori Hanson, Gloria Harris, Bunny Heim, Ron Hoffman, Jeanette Hoy, Kevin Iavecchia, Richard Jedlicka, Joseph Kane, Charles Kline, Sue Kunze, Peg Kreml, Jen Kunkle, Jama Lecore, Curt Lecrone, Angelique, Gina & Keenan Lee, Dorothy Lougee, Dina Lukasko, Patti Maguire, Joe Martin, Jack McGill, William & Kristen Morrow, John McLaughlin, Bridget Micshener, Diane Moll, Frank Monroe, Munson Family, John Mye, Terry Shields Neumann, Joan Nickerson, Regina Nimmo, Mele Lee-Nippins, Deborah Nungesser, Bill O'Brien, Lisa O'Driscoll, Matt Page, Anthony & Michael Paone, Kathy Paone, Catherine Pagano, Al Palatucci, Robert Pauloski, Floccerida & Salvador Penganon, Connie Perrong, Michael Prahl, Marian Quinn, Marlin Raber, Dolores Radicioni, Michael Raft, Joan Ramsher, Scott Randall, Frank Reiner Joanne Reube, Jim Richardson, Vanessa Rivera, Marguerite Roth, Sheila Rothenberger, Baby Jacob Ryan, Linda Santana, Barbara Scally, Helen Shekalis, Melissa Shelly, Mary Smith, Rukiatu Smith, Terry Solokek, Valerie Somma, Lawrence Stempel, Judy Stangl, Claude Taylor, Joseph & Michael Thomas, Jessica Trexler, Sofia Wagner, Jim Ward, Glenn Watt, Sheila Wehrenberg, Charles Wetzel, Betti Wilson, John Willstaudt, Salem Yabut, Jack Zampirri & Joan Ziegler.

## 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 4pm.

## 2022 MASS BOOK

The St. Maria Goretti 2022 Mass Book will open on **Monday, September 13th** from 9AM to 4PM. In order to give all our parishioners a chance to obtain Masses, there will be a limit of **5 Masses** per person. Hopefully this will allow for Masses during the year for our recently deceased parishioners and family members. Thank you.





## SAVE THE DATES September 19, 20, & 21, 2021 FORTY HOURS ~ FR. DAVID O'BRIEN

The celebration of the annual Forty Hours Devotion provides a wonderful opportunity for the spiritual growth of each person and for the parish as a whole by nurturing love for our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. If you are longing to find peace in your heart, you will find it in the heart of Jesus! For more information, please contact the parish center at 215-721-0199. Non-parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend. Evening Service with Benediction 7:00pm.



### JOIN NOW!!

St. Maria Goretti Parish  
Virtual Charismatic Prayer Meeting on  
ZOOM every Thursday Night at 7:30 pm.  
Take the time to thank the Lord for all He has  
done, offer your special intentions and petitions and so much  
more! **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Register at

<https://stmariagoretti.net/virtual-charismatic-prayer-meeting/>

### KOC ~ BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Back to School Time is almost here! The Knights of Columbus, Pius IX Council are sponsoring a Back to School Drive for Mater Dei. There will be bins for donations of school supplies located in the entrances to the church from now until September 6, 21. Some of the most needed items include: Pencils/Pens; Colored Pencils; Markers; Crayons; Notebooks and Folders/Binders. In addition, anyone wishing to make a monetary donation may do so directly at: [www.materdeicatholic.com/](http://www.materdeicatholic.com/) giving. Thank you for your generosity!



The first annual Pennsylvania March for Life will be held on Monday, September 27th in Harrisburg. At 11:00 AM, marchers will rally at the steps of the state capitol to call on legislators to protect unborn children, followed by the March at noon.

### JOIN PARISHIONERS FROM SMG & LOCAL PARISHES IN HARRISBURG

Date: Monday September 27th

Bus leaving SMG parking lot: 8:30am

Rally begins at 11am in front of capitol

March begins at noon around capitol building

Cost: \$10

Please drop off payment at parish center in file cabinet inside door. Place in pro life folder. Or drop in basket with your name phone number and e-mail. For more info please contact Bob McCormick 215-362-1247 or [bobmcc52@gmail.com](mailto:bobmcc52@gmail.com)

***This march does not replace Washington DC March in January but is another stand against the sin of abortion.***



# GORETTIFEST

**Food Trucks & Beer Garden Friday, September 24th—5pm to 10pm**

*Children's games • Live music • Cornhole tournament*

The Gorettifest Committee is asking for donations of baskets or raffle items to be raffled off at Gorettifest. We are asking each ministry or individual parishioners to possibly donate some type of raffle basket or to donate items to make baskets. Listed below are just a few ideas of what we are looking for, however anything will be greatly accepted and much appreciated.

- Gardening (seeds, tools, etc.)
- Relaxation (candles, lotions, etc.)
- Toys (any kind)
- Sports (tickets, equipment, etc.)
- Entertainment (movie passes, restaurant gift cards, etc.)
- Italian (pasta, oils, wine, etc.)
- Holiday (Christmas, July 4th, etc.)
- Cooking (spices, utensils, etc.)
- Basket (or wheelbarrow) of Cheer (wine and liquor)
- Wall of beer (cases of beer)
- Lottery Tickets

When putting your basket together or purchasing your raffle item, don't forget that you can **DOUBLE** your donation by purchasing gift cards through Scrip! Baskets and raffle items will be on display and everyone will have a chance to get a head start on taking a chance on winning their favorite prize before Gorettifest after all Masses the weekends of September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> as well as September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. **We are asking for all baskets or raffle items to be turned in by September 3rd** at the Parish Center or contact Tom Coughlin at 215-450-9662 or [smggorettifest@gmail.com](mailto:smggorettifest@gmail.com). Many thanks in advance for your help in making Gorettifest a fun and profitable event for our Parish.

## MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 15th

### E.M. of Holy Communion

5:00pm – Sacristan, C. Friel, S. Lynam

7:30am – Sacristan, K. Staudt, B. Smith

9:30am – Sacristan, **Volunteer Needed**, C. Zuluaga

11:30am – Sacristan, **Volunteer Needed**, T. McBride

### E.M. Home Visits

A1–D. Fuse

A2–D. Johnson

A3–D. Grant

**A4–Volunteer Needed**

A5–T. McGann

### Lectors

5:00pm – R. & A. Whitley

7:30am – B. Hudak, D. Smith

9:30am – R. & N. Boak

11:30am – E. Gallagher, D. Grant

### Cantors

5:00pm – Joe

7:30am – Raegan

9:30am – Janna

11:30am – Donna

## POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: **\$809.44**

### BENEFITS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF MONTDELCO

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 **July** and **August 2021**, all offerings from the poor box will be designated to **Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery and Delaware Counties, Norristown, PA**. The mission of Habitat is to bring people together to build homes, communities and hope. They envision a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Habitat has helped thousands of families repair their homes, become financially stable, live in improved neighborhoods, and get furnishings and building materials at huge savings. Will you help other families in our community? A gift today goes toward their next project, safe and affordable homes for four families in Hatfield (2714 Cowpath Road). Construction will begin in October 2021 and go through October 2022. **If donating by check, please make payable to St. Maria Goretti. Thank you!**

## CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



How can you lead the way and make a difference in the lives of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers? By urging your members of Congress to respond to the needs of our human family and prevent further devastation

around the world by providing international assistance to poverty-reducing programs. Now that the House has voted and the Senate begins to develop their bills for the budget, we must take new action to make sure that everyone has the means to stay safe and healthy and thrive. Now is the time where your voice can make a difference.

Refugees and families on the move are living in crowded settlements with little access to clean water and soap, space to social distance and other basic needs. Families who once had the means to farm and earn a living are now going without food. Your voice can change lives! Visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) to see how you can help.

## SERVERS NEEDED



If you are interested in assisting Fr. Chung and other Priests at Mass or liturgical gatherings this would be the ministry for you. Practice for new servers will start soon. On average you would be scheduled to serve Mass every 4 to 6 weeks. Servers are also needed for funerals and weddings in which a stipend is paid. If you are in grades 5 through 12 and interested in signing up or would like more information, please pick up a registration form in the narthex. For more information please call Deacon Steve or Cheryl Ryan at 215-721-0199. Thank you!

## SVDP MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE



The Society of St. Vincent De Paul at St. Maria Goretti Parish will collect groceries for local charities next weekend, **August 14-15**. Please take a bag from the Church vestibule and return it next weekend with groceries for one of the charities indicated below.

**Martha's Choice Marketplace**, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, is the largest, most visited food pantry in Montgomery County, serving more than one thousand families and thirty-five hundred individuals each month. It needs feminine hygiene products, diapers sizes 4-6, cooking oil; adult nutritional items such as Ensure, healthy breakfast items for kids, lunchbox fillers; personal care items, laundry detergent, paper products; and general groceries.

**Shepherd's Shelf** provides groceries and other household items to approximately one hundred ten needy households per month. It needs strawberry jam, tomato paste, kitty litter; dry cat food, applesauce, pancake mix; syrup, Chef Boyardee canned meals, gluten free items; napkins, first aid items, feminine hygiene products; deodorant, body wash, unscented laundry detergent; dish detergent, and individual snack bags (ie. pretzels, chips, crackers, but NOT granola bars).

**Hatfield Church of the Brethren** operates a food pantry for residents of Hatfield Township and Borough. It needs canned fruit, canned salmon, cereal; canned tomatoes (whole or diced), baby food, cake mixes and icing; shampoo, deodorant, and feminine hygiene products.

The Society cannot distribute opened packages, expired items, perishables, or religious articles. Cans and plastic containers are preferable to glass.

**May God bless you for your generosity!**

## GROCERY SORTERS NEEDED

Can you spare a couple of hours once per month to help sort the groceries that we collect for local charities? We usually start after 9:30 Sunday Mass and finish around noon. To volunteer, please call Donald Baldino, Society of St. Vincent De Paul, (267) 625-8642.



## COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS THROUGH THE PANDEMIC

Thank you to the parishioners of SMG that are able to continue to support the parish through this pandemic. We understand that this unprecedented health emergency has also had a negative affect financially on so many and because of your generosity we are able to stay current on our parish financial obligations as well as help those who need.

<u>Sunday, August 1st</u>		
2020	2021	Difference
\$22,287.01	\$22,356.76	\$ 69.75

**May God bless you for your generosity to our parish!**

## Used Uniform Give Away

Lansdale Catholic gently used uniforms are available to incoming and current students. A table is set up down the left hallway in the Narthex. The church is open daily from 8am to 4pm.



Items include and are stacked by size:

- Girls - kilts and knee-high green socks
- Boys - pants
- Unisex - sweaters, polos, and white button-down shirts

Browse through and help yourself. Any free - will donations are greatly accepted, but not necessary and should be dropped off at the parish center. All monies donated will go to a Saint Maria Goretti Program TBD at a later date.

**\*\*Anyone else wishing to donate items to the table are**

## MATER DEI CYO FALL SPORTS

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The 2021 Mater Dei fall CYO sports season will be here before we know it! Are you interested in coaching or helping out? Soccer, volleyball, cross country and cheerleading coaches will be needed and clearances are re-

quired. If interested, please contact Jeff Benner [subzerodj@verizon.net](mailto:subzerodj@verizon.net) or Joe Campbell [ststansym@gmail.com](mailto:ststansym@gmail.com). Player registrations open on July 1, 2021.



**MATER DEI**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2018 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON  
SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

### Exciting News!!!

Mater Dei has a large waiting list for Pre-K 4 and is hoping to add an additional classroom at our Hatfield campus. If you have a Four Year Old and would like your child to begin pre-school in September, please contact the Advancement Office today to reserve your space in the classroom at 215-368-9787 or [gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com](mailto:gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com)



### Registration 2021-22 at Mater Dei

Still some spots left in K through 8 but several classrooms are beginning to close! New families can still register their child for the 2021- 22 school year at Mater Dei Catholic School's Lansdale campus. **175 new registrations** have already been accepted! So if you have a child who will be eligible for Kindergarten through Grade 8 in September of 2021 and would like more information about registration or our programs, please contact Grace Samanns in the Advancement Office at 215-368-9787 or [gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com](mailto:gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com)

### Designate Your PA Taxes

BLOCS, Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools, helps Mater Dei do just that with their Tax Credit Program. Through the EITC and OSTC Programs, donors (individuals or businesses) can receive up to a 90% tax credit against their personal PA state tax liability by making their scholarship designation to Mater Dei through BLOCS. There is minimal cost to you to participate in this program but the impact you make by participating helps Mater Dei families in a big way. Would you like to know more? Please email Grace Samanns at [gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com](mailto:gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com).

### Childcare Space is Available... Mater Dei Childcare Center has room for your infant to 36 month old... CALL TODAY!

Mater Dei Child Care Center is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM to accommodate the working parent. Please contact Katherine Stansbury, Center Director, at [childcare@materdeicatholic.com](mailto:childcare@materdeicatholic.com) or 215-799-2211.



**Mater Dei Child Care Center is an equal opportunity employer.**

