



# 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  
Weekdays & Saturday 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  
Closed Saturday & Sunday: through the summer during the pandemic.



## **PARISH STAFF**

Pastor: Rev. John C. Nguyen  
In Residence: Rev. Joseph Lap Le  
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 **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.




**SAINT MARIA GORETTI PARISH HAS NEW HYMNALS ON THE HORIZON!**

This is an exciting time at SMG! After weeks of careful research, our Liturgy Committee has selected a new hymnal for our parish. Offering new songs as well as old favorites, the Oregon Catholic Press Glory & Praise hymnal will be a very good fit for our parish. It takes significant financial commitment to provide these resources. You can help to defray the cost of the new hymnals by sponsoring one or more with a donation of \$25 per hymnal. Each sponsored hymnal will contain a label that reads, "Given as a gift by \_\_\_\_\_ in the name of \_\_\_\_\_." or "In memory of \_\_\_\_\_ given by \_\_\_\_\_." Please consider taking this opportunity to honor loved ones or to commemorate a special event such as an anniversary, birthday...! Please feel free to drop your donation along with who you would like to commemorate in the collection basket, at the parish center or by mail. Our current paperback hymnals are replaced annually. New hardbound hymnals will last for many years to come and ultimately save the parish money! A display of the new hymnals can be found in the narthex. Pick up a reservation form today! Thank you for your consideration and support of this project for our parish!

**SAINT JOHN'S HOSPICE**

We have been feeding the homeless at St John's Hospice for the last couple of years, but due to the Pandemic we are unable to go down and help out. With winter approaching, we would like to provide Mens/Womens; Socks, Gloves, Knit Hats, and Coats if possible. If you are able to help out, please bring them to the Narthex of the Church and drop them in the boxes provided. We will be collecting these items thru November 1st and plan to drop the boxes off that week. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Dennis Sokolek 215 368 - 9050 for more information. Thank You, and May God Bless.



**ARE YOU MISSING OUT...**

on the many graces waiting for you in our chapel? Jesus is waiting. All you need to do is just come and sit with Him. There are no special prayers or readings just your time and a commitment. By becoming a Guardian, you tell Jesus that spending time with Him is a priority in your life. You are willing to even arrange your schedule for Him! Imagine how happy this makes our Lord and Savior. The following times are in need of a second Guardian partner:

**12:30pm to 1pm**  
**1:30pm to 2pm**

Come and receive the peace that only He can give. Please contact Nancy Boak by phone 215-393-3763 or email [nancyboak@aol.com](mailto:nancyboak@aol.com) to sign-up or inquire.

**CELEBRATING THE 130th ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT MARIA GORETTI'S BIRTH**



This October 16th, the Church celebrates the birthday of our beloved parish patroness Saint Maria Goretti. Frequently upheld as a model of youthful purity, many members of the Church are surprised to discover that this young virgin and martyr is also greatly venerated for her forgiveness.

*"Saint Maria Goretti is a fitting example of purity for all. But there is something much deeper within Maria from which her glory flows, a glory out of which her purity is a fruit: her identification with the Mercy of Christ. To miss sight of this is to miss out on the particular charism with which God blessed her. Thus while Saint Maria Goretti is universally known as the Patroness of Purity, her greatest virtue was her unyielding forgiveness of her attacker even in the midst of horrendous physical suffering, a forgiveness that would completely convert him and set him on a path to personal holiness."*

From the forward of Saint Maria Goretti: In Garments All Red by Father Godfrey Poage, C.P.



**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL NEWS**



**The TRUCK is coming!!**  
The Green Drop Truck will be coming to St. Maria Goretti Parish on **Saturday, Oct 24, 9 am to 2 pm**. Proceeds from the sale of your donated items are used to support

the work of the Conferences of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. If you want to clear out all the gently used, salable clothing and household items you discovered while staying at home but don't want to wait for Truck Day, go to the Green Drop Website (<https://www.gogreendrop.com>) to find out about Drop Off Sites & Home Pickups. Just be sure you mention the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul so we get the credit.



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

- SUN., Oct. 18** 7:30 A.M. Joseph Gallen  
Req. by The Kozeniewski Family  
9:30 A.M. Anna & John Finkleston  
Req. by Robert Finkleston  
11:30 A.M. Teddolo Flores  
Req. by Leticia Flores
- MON., Oct. 19** 8:30 A.M. Mildred Milgrew  
Req. by Pam & Charlie Mohl
- TUES., Oct. 20** 8:30 A.M. Michael Shor  
Req. by Theresa Vail
- WED., Oct. 21** 8:30 A.M. Peter Malinchak  
Req. by The Salanik Family
- THURS., Oct. 22** 8:30 A.M. Karen Tumulty  
Req. by The Hammond Family
- FRI., Oct. 23** 8:30 A.M. Chester & Thelma Stanek  
Req. by The Stanek Children
- SAT., Oct. 24** 8:30 A.M. Anthony Ferraro  
Req. by Jane & Harry Beard  
5:00 P.M. Connie McGinley  
Req. by Denny & Donna Wheeler
- SUN., Oct. 25** 7:30 A.M. Mr. & Mrs. John Genovese  
Req. by The Family  
9:30 A.M. Catherine Heim  
Req. by Denise & Ted DeMarino  
11:30 A.M. Isabel M. Davis  
Req. by Maude Lee

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of **Gemma Stumpo Rosmini** requested by the Cavacini Family.



**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.



**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, Ron Cariola, 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, 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, Lori Hanson, Gloria Harris, Ron Hoffman, Jeanette Hoy, Kevin Iavecchia, Richard Jedlicka, 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, Debbie Murray, John Mye, Terry Shields Neumann, Joan Nickerson, Regina Nimmo, Ernest & Mele Lee-Nippins, Bill O'Brien, Matt Page, Anthony & Michael Paone, Kathy Paone, Catherine Pagano, Al Palatucci, Robert Pauloski, Flocerfida & Salvador Penganon, Connie Perrong, Michael Prahler, Marian Quinn, Marlin Raber, Dolores Radicioni, Michael Rafter, Joan Ramsher, Scott Randall, Frank Reiner Jim Richardson, Vanessa Rivera, Sheila Rothenberger, Linda Santana, Barbara Scally, Helen Shekalis, Melissa Shelly, Mary Smith, Anthony Smith, Rukiatu Smith, Valerie Somma, Lawrence Stempel, Judy Stangl, Joseph & Michael Thomas, John & Kathleen Thinnes, Peg Trexler, Mae Veneziale, Sofia Wagner, Jim Ward, Glenn Watt, Charles Wetzel, John Willstaudt, Salem Yabut, Jack Zampirri, Joe Zdun & Joan Ziegler.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT OR BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL LIGHTS AVAILABLE**



A seven day vigil light honoring Mary or the sanctuary light by the tabernacle are available in memory of a loved one or for your intentions. These vigil lights are available by stopping by the parish center Monday through Friday from 9am to 4pm. The cost for a 7 day vigil light for the Blessed Mother or the Sanctuary Light is \$15.

**ADVENT CALENDAR & CANDLE SALE**

This fundraiser benefits the Adult Faith Formation Ministry. Checks or cash accepted and exact change appreciated. Donations welcome!

- Advent Calendars: \$3.00
- Advent Candles (Set of Four): \$7.00
- Advent Candle Ring: \$8.00

Saturday, November 21 and Sunday, November 22, 2020  
Following All Masses in the narthex.



**ARE YOU READY TO VOTE IN NOVEMBER?**

Voter registration applications and mail-in ballot applications will be available after Masses on Saturday & Sunday September 12/13. Application will be on a self serve table in the narthex for your convenience, sponsored by the **SMG Pro-Life Committee**.

Deadline for voter registration for the November 3rd election is October 19, 2020. Deadline for mail-in ballot applications must be received by the county election office by 5pm on October 27, 2020.



**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE**



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

**Hatfield Community Churches** need lunchbox fillers for children ages two through five: granola bars, fruit packs, raisin boxes; juice boxes, pudding packs, squeeze applesauce; cracker sandwich packs, snack-size Goldfish crackers, and Teddy Grahams. They also need canned mandarin oranges, pineapple, tuna; canned peas, corn, mixed vegetables; canned beets, diced tomatoes, whole tomatoes; cereal, spaghetti sauce, pasta; laundry detergent, dish detergent, hand soap; bar soap, shampoo, and deodorant; paper towels, toilet paper, and diapers; and feminine hygiene products.

**The Lamb Foundation** needs canned or instant soup, canned fruit, and canned vegetables (no beans or baked beans); shampoo, Dial soap, and laundry detergent; white sox, Depends (men's or women's), and feminine pads.

**The Keystone Opportunity Center** needs pancake mix, oatmeal, jelly; canned fruit, pasta, and pasta sauce; canned potatoes, salmon, and chicken; canned spaghetti-o's, Beefaroni, and ravioli; canned corn and green beans; laundry detergent, dish detergent, and body wash; shampoos and conditioners, toothpaste, and deodorant.

May God bless you for your generosity!

**OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH**

Our Respect Life Committee will be handing out baby bottles on the weekend of October 3rd and 4th. Please take the bottles and consider a donation to support our Pro-Life activities. **Please return all bottles by October 25th.** Thank you for your prayers and financial support to put an end to this sinful act of abortion.



**40 DAY'S FOR LIFE** is a pro-life campaign whose goal is to end the sin of abortion. Prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil are the main components of this worldwide program to end abortion. All people are asked to pray for the success of Pro-Life goals. This can be done any time we call on Our Lord's Name and ask for His Blessings to end this inhuman sin.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** starts on Wednesday, September 23rd until November 1st. The virus has left some Pro-Life members of our community hesitant to participate in person in front of Warminster Planned Parenthood. This year our Respect Life Committee will sponsor **"Stations of the Cross for Life and Country" to be held at our Outdoor Stations starting Thursday, September 24 and every Thursday through October following the 8:30am Mass.** This is an election year, our prayers are always for Life and this year we need God to guide our country to vote for the candidate who will support life. We ask masks to be worn and as always practice social distancing.

**FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY TO BE BEATIFIED**

Pope Francis has approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. The approved miracle involved an unborn child in the United States who was healed in utero of a life-threatening condition in 2015 after prayers by his family to Father McGivney. The Pope's action means that **Father McGivney can be declared Blessed**, the step just prior to Sainthood. An additional miracle attributed to Father McGivney's intercession will be required for his canonization as a saint. Father McGivney was a Connecticut priest who served his flock during the pandemic of 1890, before himself becoming ill and dying of pneumonia, with the underlying condition of tuberculosis. He is best known as **Founder of the Knights of Columbus** in 1882. Nearly a century before the Second Vatican Council, his prescient vision empowered the laity to serve Church and neighbor in a new way. Today, the Knights of Columbus is one of the largest Catholic organizations in the world with 2 million members in North and Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia and Europe. A date will soon be set for the beatification Mass, which will take place in the Archdiocese of Hartford, Connecticut. The ceremony will include the reading of an apostolic letter from the Holy Father and the bestowing of the title Blessed on Father McGivney. More information on Father McGivney is available at [fathermcgivney.org](http://fathermcgivney.org). **Booklets and brochures on the life of Father McGivney are available on the Adult Faith Table in our church narthex.**

**JOB OPENING**

Pope John Paul II High School in Royersford is looking for an experienced facilities/maintenance person to join our team. Please send a cover letter and resume to Ron Williams at [rwilliams@pjphs.org](mailto:rwilliams@pjphs.org).



**PAINT THE FENCE!**

The mechanical area fence on the Derstine Road side of our Church needs painting. We would like several volunteers to do this so, if you have time, would you contact the office, 215 721-0199, and leave your name and contact information and we will get back to you. Thank you.

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**MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25th**

**Lectors**

- 5:00pm – A. & R. Whitley
- 7:30am – M. D'Elia, D. Smith
- 9:30am – B. Hardnock, C. Heim
- 11:30am – M. O'Pella, E. Gallagher

**Cantors**

- 5:00pm – Joe B.
- 7:30am – Michele
- 9:30am – Michele
- 11:30am – Raegan

**MUSIC MINISTRY FOR OCTOBER 24/25**

**Music Ministry on October 25th**

9:30am—Mini Choir 1

**Rehearsals for Tuesday, October 20th:**

6:45pm– Mini Bell Choir  
7:30pm– Mini Choir 1



**POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP**

The total collected last week was: **\$215.00**

**BENEFITS "THE LAMB FOUNDATION"**

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 **September** and **October 2020**, all offerings from the poor box will be designated to **"The Lamb Foundation"** located in North Wales, PA. The Lamb Foundation is a private nonprofit organization based in Montgomery County, PA. They provide affordable housing and support services to senior citizens and adult individuals with mental, physical, and developmental disabilities who would otherwise be homeless. In addition to fully furnished and decorated housing, they provide social and recreational activities, personal support services, and access and encouragement for worship. The Foundation also serves the community with nutritious food for those who qualify through their food pantry. 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!**

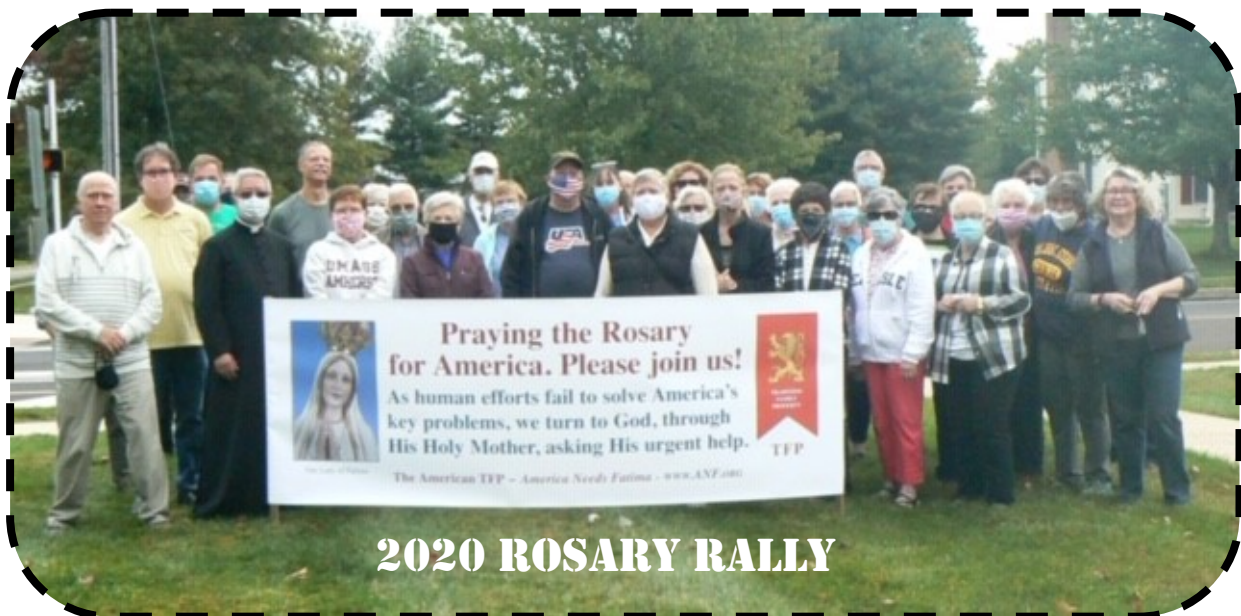
**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**



Drocella Musabyimana is a small business owner in Rwanda who lost the ability to earn an income due to COVID-19. She was one of 9,000 people to receive cash support from CRS, to help promote business resilience after the lockdown brought her operations to a standstill. Visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) to find out more about how you can help!

*"Each day we have to decide whether to be Good Samaritans or indifferent bystanders... There are only two kinds of people: those who care for someone who is hurting and those who pass by; those who bend down to help and those who look the other way and hurry off. Here, all our distinctions, labels and masks fall away: it is the moment of truth. Will we bend down to touch and heal the wounds of others? Will we bend down and help another to get up? This is today's challenge, and we should not be afraid to face it." ~ Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti*

Mary, Mother of God hear our prayers  
**PRAYER IS POWERFUL**



**2020 ROSARY RALLY**

# Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

## 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.

2020 Weekly Total		2019 Weekly Totals		Difference
July 5th:	\$18,515.42	July 8th:	\$23,302.92	(\$4,787.50)
July 12th:	\$27,409.00	July 15th:	\$19,157.01	\$ 8,251.99
July 19th:	\$16,469.00	July 22nd:	\$17,458.16	(\$ 989.16)
July 26th:	\$21,674.00	July 29th:	\$20,892.59	\$ 781.41
August 2nd:	\$18,835.68	August 5th:	\$19,157.01	(\$ 321.33)
August 9th:	\$20,273.04	August 12:	\$20,533.00	(\$ 259.96)
August 16th:	\$22,506.00	August 19th:	\$15,608.75	\$ 6,897.25
August 23rd:	\$21,492.00	August 26th:	\$22,035.82	(\$ 543.82)
August 30th:	\$22,550.31	Sept. 3rd:	\$25,913.17	(\$ 3,362.86)
Sept. 6th:	\$20,592.72	Sept. 10th:	\$18,990.50	\$1,602.22
Sept. 13th:	\$18,148.00	Sept. 16th:	\$21,382.42	(\$3,234.42)
Sept. 20th:	\$17,741.00	Sept. 23rd:	\$21,300.91	(\$3,559.91)
Sept. 27th:	\$19,574.00	Sept. 30th:	\$22,049.03	(\$2,474.28)
Oct. 4th:	\$22,870.91	Oct. 7th:	\$24,828.22	(\$ 1,957.31)
Oct. 11th:	\$26,660.74	Oct. 14th:	\$27,471.43	(\$ 810.69)
		<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>(\$73,382.36)</b>



## VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

### Virtual Open House at Mater Dei Catholic School

Mater Dei Catholic School will host a virtual Open House for the 2021-22 school year on Monday, October 19, at 7 PM. If you have a child who will be eligible for Preschool 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). Registration for the virtual Open House is necessary so that a Zoom invitation can be sent to you in advance. Please call to RSVP. All are welcome!



**MATER DEI**  
CHILD CARE CENTER

**A reasonably priced childcare program and a nurturing, safe environment for your child while you work...**

The Mater Dei Childcare Center, located at St. Maria Goretti Parish, watches over the youngest members of our community. Your child, ages 6 weeks to 36 months, is welcome to participate in an amazing program where he or she will learn and develop socially, emotionally, academically, and spiritually in a nurturing environment. Mater Dei Child Care Center is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM to accommodate the working parent. If you would like information about future availability for this wonderful program, 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.**