



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

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

Archbishop Charles Chaput, following the directive of Pope Francis, 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.



ALL SAINTS DAY
 Holy Day of Obligation
 Mass Schedule for Friday
 November 1st:
 7am, 8:30am & 12 noon
 Vietnamese Mass at 7pm.



DONUT SOCIAL
 Please join us next Sunday,
 November 3rd for a donut social in
 the narthex following all Masses.
 Spend time with your fellow parish-
 ioners to socialize after Mass.

ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE
 Wednesday, November 20th



On Wednesday, November 20th the SMG community will offer a "Mass of Remembrance" at 7pm. At that time, a particular acknowledgement will be made of those who have died during **this past year**. This would include those whose funerals were celebrated here during the past year, as well as other family members and friends of parishioners who died recently. If you wish to have your deceased loved one included in this commemoration, you must contact Cheryl at 215-721-0199 **no later than November 13th**. This will ensure that your loved one will be included by name in this annual Mass of Remembrance. Each of these beloved dead will be memorialized with a candle lit by family members during the Mass. Also, each deceased person's name will be mentioned and prayed for. Following Mass, refreshments will be served in the narthex.

REFRESHMENTS NEEDED

Once again we are asking for the help of our great bakers and snack providers for the All Souls Mass to be held on **Wednesday, November 20th** at 7pm. We are looking for any type of finger food that can be served easily in the narthex following Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity to build community with fellow parishioners and their families. If you are able to help out, please call Mary or Cheryl at the Parish Center 215-721-0199. Thank you for your continued support and your delicious baking!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
Advent Calendar and Candle Sale

Sales benefit the Adult Faith Formation Ministry.

Checks or cash accepted. Exact change appreciated.
 Calendars: \$3.00 Candles: \$7.00

Saturday, November 23, 2019
 Sunday, November 24, 2019
 Church Narthex after All Masses



RESPECT LIFE NEWS

Thank you for supporting the Respect Life Committee of SMG. If you took a baby bottle please be sure to return it to the narthex no later than October 30th. May God Bless You!



S.O.S. ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Save Our Season by creating an Advent Wreath for your home. Families, seniors, singles, and couples are all welcome. Keep Christ in Christmas by reflecting upon the true "reason for the season." Bring a pair of scissors and some small decorations to embellish your wreath. A pizza slice (per person), desserts, beverages and all other supplies are included with your \$20.00 registration fee. Pre-payment and pre-registration are required for this event. Limited supplies and space are available so register early so as not to be disappointed! Can't come to this Advent Wreath-Making session? Consider sponsoring a young adult from Montgomery County or dropping off a dessert on the designated table in the narthex prior to one of the Masses on November 16th or 17th.

Sunday, Nov. 17, 2019—Following the 11:30am Mass -St. Maria Goretti Education Center: Drexel Hall
 (Use Drexel Hall (gym) entrance to enter the building.) Please note: Each couple or family receives one wreath.

Please mail or drop your registration form with \$20 fee to the parish center, attention: Angela McClellan.



Advent Wreath-Making

Name(s) _____ Number Attending _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Parish _____

I am unable to attend but would like to sponsor a young adult from Montgomery County. My donation is enclosed. (Any amount is appreciated.)



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- SUN., Oct. 27** 7:30 A.M. Mary & Ralph Massaro
Req. by Linda & Joseph Benischeck
9:30 A.M. Mary Wynne
Req. by Jean & Jim McMenamin
11:30 A.M. Isabella M. Davis
Req. by Maude Lee
- MON., Oct. 28** 8:30 A.M. Kathleen O'Hara
Req. by John & Jane Rossi
- TUES., Oct. 29** 8:30 A.M. Sharon Haluska
Req. by Her Parents
- WED., Oct. 30** 8:30 A.M. Gregory Walsh
Req. by His Godparents
- THURS., Oct. 31** 8:30 A.M. Ron & Eleonore Duch's
63rd Wedding Anniversay
Req. by The Family
- FRI., Nov. 1** 7:00 A.M. Judy Gow
Req. by James Gow
8:30 A.M. Mass of Thanksgiving
Req. by Anita Russo & Children
12 noon Carl Pietrangelo
Req. by Jacqueline VanArsdale
7:00 P.M. Vietnamese Mass
- SAT., Nov. 2** 8:30 A.M. Delores Sacco
Req. by The Natale Family
5:00 P.M. Frank Dalicandro
Req. by Michele Gray
- SUN., Nov. 3** 7:30 A.M. Katherine & Frank Goetter
Req. by Rudy & Shirley Goetter
9:30 A.M. William Steklenski, Sr.
Req. by The Steklenski Family
11:30 A.M. John Grabowski
Req. by The Grabowski Family



SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of **Arthur Bimsom, Jr.**

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. **There will NOT be a Holy Hour on Thursday, October 31st due to Halloween.**

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, Immaculata Antonucci, Ruth Adams, Jennifer & Kimberly Agnew,

Mark Altroggi, Christina Augustine, Paul Baril, Ray Baril, Joey Berical, Jerilyn Bowler, Patricia Britton, Linda Burbank, Patricia Burkett, Mary Callaghan, Caridad Carlos, Aldo Camara, Danny Catts, Joanna Cavacini, Michael Costello, Jerry Cronin, Helen Curren, Susan & Anthony Dalesio, Joanne Daum, Loretta Deller, Leo Dennis, Ernest Doherty, Sally Esbensen, Peter Fallon, Marybeth Hentschel Fiorelli, Sebastian Fillion, Terry Foley, Carol Galinski, Patrick Gardenier, Erin Gilbert, Lianessa Gonzalez, Abby Graham, Andrew Green, Dionne Greim, Sharon, Fernando & Ian Griffin, Bonnie Handerhan, Frank Holloway, Lori Hanson, Gloria Harris, Ron Hoffman, Jeanette Hoy, Kevin Iavecchia, Lindsay Jaso, Richard Jedlicka, Gerald Kenny, Emily Keiser, Charles Kline, Bernadette Kubej, Sue Kunze, Peg Kreml, Jama Lecore, Angelique Lee, Keenan Lee, Curt Lechrone, Dina Lukasko, Patti Maguire, Joe Martin, Barbara Masser, Sean McKelvey, 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, Ernie Nippins, Zachery Olberholzer, Bill O'Brien, Anthony Paone, Catherine Pagano, Al Palatucci, Robert Pauloski, Flocerfida & Salvador Penganon, Michael Prahler, Marian Quinn, Michael Rafter, Joan Ramsher, Scott Randall, Jim Richardson, Sheila Rothenberger, Linda Santana, Barbara Scally, Helen Shekalis, Melissa Shelly, Rukiatu Smith, Lawrence Stempel, Joseph & Michael Thomas, Peg Trexler, Mae Veneziale, Sofia Wagner, Jim Ward, Glenn Watt, Charles Wetzel, Paula Jayne White, John Willstaudt, Salem Yabut, Jack Zampirri, Joe Zdun & Joan Ziegler.



MONDAY ADORATION

Guardian Partners are needed for the following times: 10:30 to 11am, 2:30 to 3pm, and 3:30 to 4pm

Each Monday in the chapel, after the 8:30 morning Mass until 5pm, we have the opportunity to adore Our Lord's body, blood, soul and divinity in the presence of the Holy Eucharist. 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 commitment with a partner so that if something unforeseen occurs in your schedule you can feel confident that Jesus will not be left alone.

..."adoration means saying: "Jesus, I am yours. I will follow you in my life, I never want to lose this friendship, this communion with you". I could also say that adoration is essentially an embrace with Jesus in which I say to him: "I am yours, and I ask you, please stay with me always". (Pope Benedict XVI, Catechetical Meeting with Children 10/15/2005)

Substitute Guardian positions are also available. Contact: Nancy Boak at nancyboak@aol.com or 215-393-3763.

FROM THE HEART OF “OLDER & WISER” A Parishioner Shares A Story of Eucharistic Adoration



Remember the question in the Baltimore Catechism “Where is God?” As children we enthusiastically responded, “God is everywhere.” I am ashamed to say that as an adult I have, until recently, not taken the fact literally. I didn’t get it. I felt that living my faith in my own mind was enough. Over all the years of prayers, masses, rosaries, chaplets, etc. and it just didn’t penetrate. Talk about dense! Then the call nudged me to Adoration.

Week after week on Mondays, visiting Him at Exposition, I struggled to find my way. The decision had to be made. What was the best way for me to spend my time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. In time the realization came to light that I was with Him and He was always with me. Now, during prayer time, the feeling that I can almost reach out and touch Him is overwhelming. Many times during the day or night the thought, “God is everywhere” comes to mind. What a gift! Just to realize and feel this blessing is so humbling and a true treasure. God has allowed me to use this blessing to try to help others, especially in difficult circumstances. Yes, it took me a long time to get the “message.” When I did, it was much more than one could ever ask of God. A gift to always share and always be grateful for. God is so good! We can all accept “this gift” and use it wisely.

Gratefully, Older and Wiser

What’s Your Story?

Do you visit our chapel on Mondays to spend time with our Eucharistic Lord? Share your experience with us. How has spending time in Eucharistic Adoration had an impact on your spiritual life? What has it meant to you? What’s your story? Send your comments to our Director of Adult Faith Formation at Angela.McClellan@stmariagoretti.net. If you would like, share a photo of yourself, as well. Your comment may be posted in our parish bulletin or on our parish Facebook page. Please type “What’s Your Story?” in the e-mail subject line. We’d love to hear from you!



*ST. MARIA GORETTI PARISH
HATFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA*



Youth Ministry Update

What are YOU Thankful For?



Thank God For Good Friends

Teen Game Night

November 26, 2019

7PM to 9PM IHM Room

Children's Faith Filled Fun

Let’s Prepare for Jesus!

Friday, December 15, 2020

Drexel Hall 6:30PM - 8:00PM



Teen Service Project

Luminaries, Luminaries, Luminaries

December 14th & 15th Sales after all Masses

December 24th Assemble and place 8:30AM

December 26th Clean up! 10AM



ALTARATION

Middle School and High School Teens!

Tuesdays 7:30PM to 8:30pm

Jan. 21st - Feb. 26th, 2020



Maria Richardson, Director of


Family Faith Formation, Religious Education and Parish Services

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

THAT MAN IS YOU


The Wednesday morning, **October 30th** session of TMIY will meet as usual from 6:00 am to 7:30 am in the parish center library. Week #8 session is entitled, **The Battle for Your Own Soul**. The outline for this session follows:

- Speaker: John Sablan
- A Story of Breaking Free
- Loved by Him
- Three Ways Satan Can Get Ahold of You
- There is No Fear In Love
- Even in Darkness, You Are Never Alone
- Surrendering To The Lord



All men are invited. Come join us this week. For more information contact: ron.boak@gmail.com, (908) 256-5322.

OBERAMMERGAU—JULY 13 to 21, 2020



Please join Deacon Peter & Maureen Niche on a once in a decade tour to Oberammergau for their world-renowned Passion Play. Since 1634, the most famous Passion Play in the world has taken place there. The tradition, maintained and experienced almost without interruption for over 380 years will be performed for the 42 time in 2020. As the most important Passion Play in the world, it draws around 500,000 visitors to the village at the edge of the Bavarian Alps. Over 2,000 Oberammergau villagers who have lived there for at least 20 years will be the actors in the world’s largest amateur dramatic performance. Optional extensions to Switzerland, Italy, or remaining in Oberammergau are available. A copy of the trip brochure can be found at: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1U9ysPTp0m7PUdUvVt_48HIEmm80MxM87/view?usp=sharing

Information meetings will take place in the I.H.M. room of the parish center on **Wednesdays, October 30 and November 6 from 7 to 8:30**. Space is limited to 25 persons, so sign up now to ensure your ticket to this event.

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd

E.M. of Holy Communion

5:00pm – Sacristan, S. Lynam, S. & K. Clapper
 7:30am – Sacristan, D. Johnson, M. & M. D’Elia
 9:30am – Sacristan, M.J. Vondercrone, M. Lee-Nippins, A. Russo
 11:30am – Sacristan, B. Santulli, V. & L. Lelii

E.M. Home Visits

A1–T. Nguyen, A2–J. Burke, A3–C. Opdyke, A4–P. Niche,
 A5–E. McBride, B1–J. Forbes, B2–B. Hudak, B3–J. McNally,
 B4–D. Grant, B5–D. Misczak

Lectors

5:00pm – C. Amuso, C. Heim
 7:30am – A. & R. Whitley
 9:30am – R. Miller, M. Faymore
 11:30am – P. Shelly, A. LeBrocc

Cantors

5:00pm – Joe B.
 7:30am – Joe V.
 9:30am – Janna
 11:30am – Teresa

Altar Servers

5:00pm – C., S. & G. Heim
 7:30am – S., N. & T. Burr
 9:30am – J. & A. Kuduk, A. Wertz
 11:30am – M. Brody, B. Lare, C. Murphy

Children’s Liturgy

9:30am – P. Fiore, K. Shaughnessy

MUSIC NOTES



Rehearsals for Tuesday, October 29th

Children’s Chime Choir—5:50 to 6:30pm
 Youth Bell Choir—6:30 to 7:30pm
 Adult Choir—7:30 to 8:45pm

Music Ministry for Next Weekend:

Sunday, Nov. 3rd

9:30am – Octet
 11:30am—Homeschool Bell Choir

HELP NEEDED

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STEWARDSHIP

Adult Altar Servers are needed to serve funeral Masses Monday through Friday and possibly an occasional Saturday. If this is a ministry you are interested in finding more about, please contact Pat Conroy at 215-260-5480. Training will take place and a small stipend is provided.

Temple Cleansers— This team of parishioners rotates through a six-week schedule to do light housekeeping of the church. These tasks include dusting, vacuuming, wiping of furnishings and renewing of the holy water font as well as the holy water reservoir. Each group sets its own time for gathering to clean. To find out more about this ministry please call Cheryl at 215-721-0199.

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: **\$184.78**

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 **September** and **October** 2019, 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. **If donating by check, please make payable to St. Maria Goretti. Thank you!**

Reuniones de los Retiristas del Movimiento



Juan XXIII Hatfield PA. Todos los Martes a las 7:00 PM Aquí en la Capilla de La Iglesia. Para más información Contactar a Carlos Zuluaga Presidente Parroquial Juan XXIII Hatfield . Al 954-309-177 Acércate al Grupo para que tengas un Encuentro Personal con Jesús

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

From September 25th through November 3rd, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life—40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You’re also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40 day vigil in the public right-of-way outside the Warminster Planned Parenthood, and also spread the word about this important community outreach. If you would like more information—and especially if you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Bob McCormick at bobmcc52@verizon.net or visit 40daysforlife.com/warminster.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send your bulletin announcements by 12 noon on the Monday prior to publication. The preferred method is by e-mail to cheryl.ryan@stmariagoretti.net with the word **"bulletin"** in the subject line. Thank you for your cooperation.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



It’s time. As millions around the world struggle to find food, clean water, security and dignity, we need to remember that people of faith can make a difference. At CRS, we believe a better, more just world is possible. And we can turn that belief into reality if we stand together and lift up our voices. This very minute, families around the world are depending on you. So act boldly. Join us to pave the path to peace for refugees and migrants. Visit www.crs.org for more information.

"Migration is not a passing emergency. The Church’s concern is focused especially on those fleeing from war, violence, political or religious persecution, from natural disasters...and from extreme poverty: many of them are young." ~ Synod of Bishops 2019

SUNDAY OFFERING



COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

	Oct. 21, 2018	Oct. 20, 2019
Sunday Offering	\$18,337.92	\$15,975.82
Online Parish Giving	\$ 2,212.00	\$ 8,351.00
TOTALS:	\$20,549.92	\$24,326.82
Total # of contributors	538	
Misc. Offerings		
Vigil Light Offering:	\$283.00	
Poor Box Offering:	\$184.78	
Mission Sunday Collection:	\$2,462.75	

WAYS TO GIVE & SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

Each week check this column for ideas to support your parish (some that will cost you nothing)
Corporate Gift Programs – Some large corporations have matching gift programs that encourage employees to donate to non-profit organizations. Check with your employer to see if there is a charitable giving program.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND WITH YOUR PASTOR



November 8 to 16, 2020
 Also an optional 3-night post tour extensions to Jordan. This will be a trip to remember. For more information please call Fr. Chung at 215-721-0199 or e-mail at fr.chung@stmariagoretti.net.

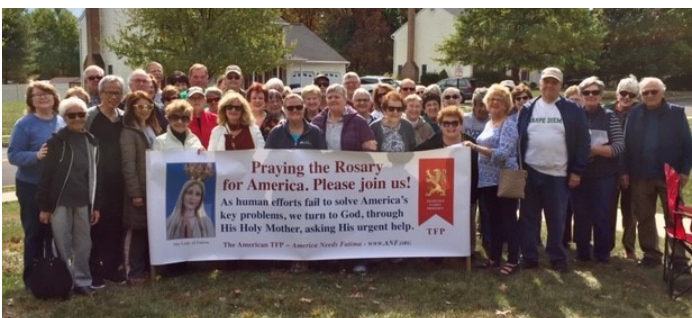
BOOK NOW AND SAVE \$200 PER PERSON!



MICHELLE'S MIXER

Michelle Heacock's family is sponsoring Michelle's Mixer to CurePSP on Saturday, **November 9th** from 7-11pm at St. Katharine of Siena's gym in Wayne, PA. This is going to be a fun night of music, food, drinks, raffles and plenty of laughs. For more info contact Shannon.heacock@gmail.com.

SMG PARISHIONERS PARTICIPATE IN THE ROSARY RALLY ON OCTOBER 12th



MATER DEI BASKETBALL REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN!!



(\$25 registration late fee goes into effect on Nov. 4 for grade school and on Nov. 25 for high school) www.materdeicyo.siplay.com

K thru 3 pee wee age group
4th grade boys and girls teams: Instructional
5th & 6th grades boys and girls teams: Junior Varsity level
7th & 8th grades boys and girls teams: Varsity level
9th-12th grades boys & girls teams: High School (recreational level)

All athletes in grades 4-8 must be registered in Catholic School or PREP/CCD at their home parish.

All athletes in grades 9-12 must be registered parishioners in one of the three Mater Dei CYO parishes.

VOLUNTEERS/COACHES NEEDED - PLEASE CONTACT: materdeicyopa@gmail.com

GROWING - PRAYING - SERVING - PLAYING - STRONGER TOGETHER!



MATER DEI CATHOLIC SCHOOL
 2018 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE



Trek for Tech and the Color Run raised \$31,000 + to date for Mater Dei's Technology Fund and surpassed their \$25,000 goal. Mater Dei students will benefit from the new technology equipment that will be purchased with these funds! **Thanks to all who contributed ... Your generosity is so appreciated!**

Save the Date! Sunday, November 10, Mater Dei Christmas Extravaganza at St. Rose of Lima

Held at Saint Rose of Lima in North Wales, the Mater Dei Christmas Extravaganza will have something for everyone on your Christmas list! Over 60 artisans, crafters and gift vendors; a HUGE Raffle Table; Secret Santa Shop for kids; Christmas Café and Sweet Shoppe serving a variety of treats! Benefits Mater Dei Catholic School. Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 10! www.materdeicatholic.com



MATER DEI CHILDCARE Employment Opportunity

The Mater Dei Childcare in Hatfield is currently searching for high-energy staff to join our team. Our staff provides and maintains a positive and appropriate educational program that meets the social, emotional, and physical needs of the children within their care. Candidates should be energetic, patient, friendly, and nurturing and should enjoy working with young children and their families. Looking for someone passionate about working with infants and toddlers! Please contact the center director Katherine Stansbury at 217-799-2211 or e-mail at kstansbury@materdeicatholic.com if you are interested.

Mater Dei Child Care Center is an equal opportunity employer.

Support your parish...Purchase SCRIP!