



Saint Maria Goretti Parish

1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield

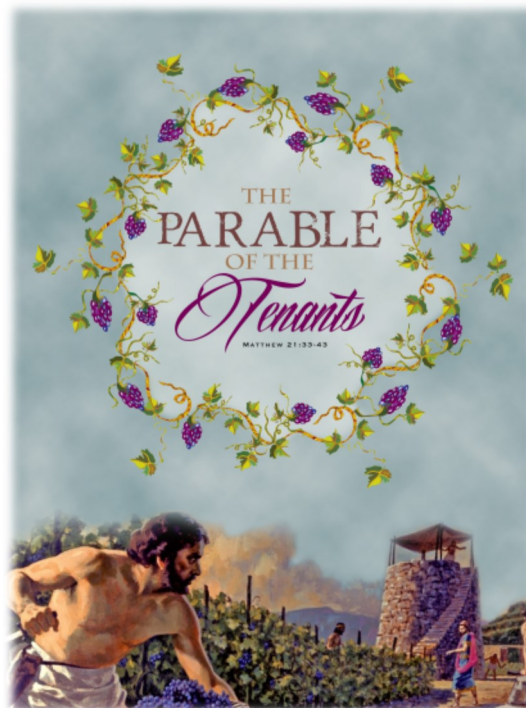
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MASS SCHEDULE

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 during the pandemic.



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 **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.

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.

ROSARY RALLY 2020

EVENT: Pray for America Rosary Rally 2020

PLACE: Corner of Bergey & Cowpath (in front of the SMG Education Center)

WHEN: October 10th at 12 Noon

DETAILS: Bring your rosary and a mask and we will gather together to pray for our country! Let us respond to Our Lady of Fatima's admonition to pray the rosary everyday.

CONTACT: Nancy Boak 215-393-3763 or nancyboak@aol.com



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.

WELCOME LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

In 1869 Archbishop Wood of Philadelphia invited the Little Sisters of the poor from France to come and assist in caring for the vast numbers of elderly poor in the city. The Charism of their Foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan, serving the poorest in simplicity, humility and trust in Divine Providence (begging), imbued them with the gift of fortitude for 150 years in Philadelphia through faithfully observing their vows of poverty, chastity, obedience and hospitality while personally assisting the dying with the firm belief: "It is Jesus Himself whom you are serving in the Poor." JJ Next weekend the Little Sister will be appealing for your financial assistance to support their work. **Your support is greatly appreciated and is God's tangible providential assistance to the poor.**

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. **Booklets and brochures on the life of Father McGivney are available on the Adult Faith Table in our church narthex.**

SMG IS OFFERING FLU SHOTS



As a courtesy, parishioner and pharmacist Nicholas DiLissio will be offering flu shots conveniently located and handicap accessible in Church on **Tuesday, October 13th** in the ushers room from 9am to 12noon. Plan ahead and be prepared especially this year for the winter months and flu season by getting your shots early. Please bring your insurance information along with you. Masks are required. For more info please call Nick DiLissio at 215-527-2802 or the Parish Center at 215-721-0199.

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUN., Oct. 4	7:30 A.M. Elizabeth DiMarco Req. by The Fantuzzo Family 9:30 A.M. Shirley Finkleston Req. by Robert Finkleston 11:30 A.M. Jeff Kuntz Req. by Pam & John Kuntz
MON., Oct. 5	8:30 A.M. Dec'd members of the Collins Family Req. by Dale & Joanne Kratz
TUES., Oct. 6	8:30 A.M. Conrado Malgapo Req. by Corazon Malgapo
WED., Oct. 7	8:30 A.M. Charles Gibbins Req. by The Family
THURS., Oct. 8	8:30 A.M. Alice Hughes Req. by Kathleen Gear
FRI., Oct. 9	8:30 A.M. Mary Wynne Req. by The Family
SAT., Oct. 10	8:30 A.M. Thomas Jones Req. by The Jones Family 5:00 P.M. Johnny Farabella Req. by The Murphy Family
SUN., Oct. 11	7:30 A.M. Joseph Gallen Req. by Anne Scheffler & Family 9:30 A.M. Frank McCorry Req. by Kevin & Mary McCorry 11:30 A.M. Dec'd members of the Fantuzzo Family

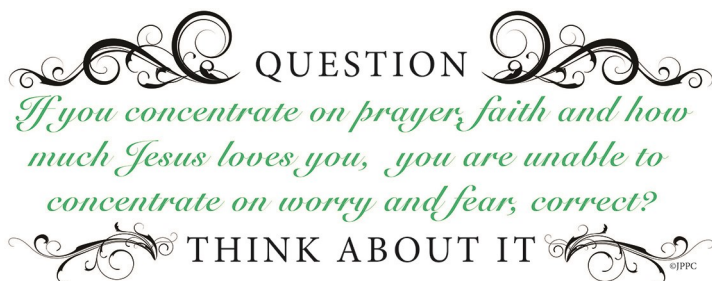


SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of **Marie Pierce** requested by Jacquine Pierce.

MONTHLY HOLY HOUR

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, Flocefida & Salvador Penganon, Connie Perrong, Michael Praher, 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, Rukiatsu Smith, Valerie Somma, Lawrence Stempel, Judy Stangl, Joseph & Michael Thomas, John & Kathleen Thinnies, 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.



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS TO THE SMG PARISH FAMILY

Mr. Joseph Bangor
 Mr. Carl Bubeck
 Mr. William Fritz
 Mr. Gustavo Rodriguez
 Ms. Courtney Guglielmi
 Mr. and Mrs. Allen Turner and Family
 Ms. Margaret Mannino
 Mr. and Mrs. Hai Nguyen and Family
 Mr. and Mrs. Greg Homont and Family
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sarnese and Family
 Miss Kristen Vargo
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Van Heyst and Family
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rogan and Family
 Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Viers
 Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Wiedor and Family
 Mr. and Mrs. Rafael Mercedes and Family
 Mr. and Mrs. Brandon McCracken and Family
 Mr. and Mrs. Victor Bennicelli

BAPTISMS

Welcome to the newest members of our parish:



Annabella Jane daughter of Christopher & Laura Aquilante, **Matthew Joseph** son of Matthew & Patricia Nye, **Mallory** daughter of Tim & Adriane Carickhoff, **Skylar Rose** daughter of Thomas & Erica Byrne, **Emily Grace** daughter of Michael & Courtney Gardyas, **Violet Theresa** daughter of Joseph & Colleen Irwin, **Nora Josephine** daughter of John & Amanda Winters, **Bella Rose** and Carter Francis children of Joseph & Theresa Lee, **Gabriel James** son of Francis & Elizabeth O'Brien, **Julian Anthony** son of Mark & Anita Tedesco, **Cole Joseph** son of Christopher & Maura Durante, **Ava Quinn** daughter of Allen & Lindsay Turner.

CONGRATULATIONS!

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 DAYS 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 world wide 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.



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 to sign-up or inquire.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



The Annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass has been scheduled for **Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 5:15 pm at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul** at 18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia. Archbishop Nelson Pérez will be the principal celebrant and homilist. This Mass will be celebrating, in particular, those couples marking their 1 year, 5 year, 10 year, 25 year and 50 year wedding anniversary milestones. Friends and Family are welcome and encouraged to attend. To RSVP go to www.phillycatholiclife.org or call the Office for Life and Family at 215-587-0500.

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

While the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is currently in the "green phase" and many people are not comfortable returning to in person Mass we will not be putting out a schedule for these ministries. If you are in attendance at any of the Masses, please check in with Father Chung, any of the Deacons or the sacristans to see if you are needed to serve at that Mass. Thanks for all you do. Please stay safe as we work together through these times of uncertainty.

MUSIC MINISTRY FOR OCTOBER 10/11

CANTORS

5pm—Isabella 7:30am—Michael
9:30am—Chelsea 11:30am—Lynne

Music Ministry on October 11th

9:30am & 11:30am—Mini Choir & Guitar Ensemble

Rehearsals for Tuesday, October 6th:

6:45pm—Mini Bell Choir
7:30pm—Mini Choirs and Guitar Ensembles



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



Those without a safe shelter to call home are among the most vulnerable people for exposure to COVID-19. Today, more than 70 million people worldwide have been forcibly displaced from their homes. Some are living as refugees in other countries, others have sought asylum, and many are displaced within their own countries.

All people deserve safe housing, basic healthcare services and necessities like soap and clean water, even when circumstances in their home countries have forced them to migrate for the safety and well-being of their families. Visit www.crs.org today to find out how you can help migrants and refugees!

one word
can change
someone's
entire day

RETIREMENT BENEFITS WEBINAR

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is hosting a Retirement Benefits Webinar on **Oct 15, 2020 @ 6:30 PM**. The webinar **"Don't Worry, Retire Happy! Seven Steps to Retirement Security"** is a Zoom meeting and is free to all, but you must register in advance. The link to sign up can be reached through the front page of our website at www.koc4396.org. This is also a great place to start to find out more information on seminar and all the activities of our local Pius IX Council 4396 Knights of Columbus Chapter.

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: **\$312.52**

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!**

HOLY LAND TRIP WITH FR. CHUNG IS POSTPONED UNTIL NOVEMBER 2021

Have you ever dreamed
of going to the Holy Land?



Due to the worldwide pandemic the parish trip to the Holy Land with Fr. Chung and Fr. Brody has been postponed until November of 2021. If you have reserved a spot already you have until May of 2021 to change your mind. If you haven't signed up yet please look in

upcoming bulletins for more details. Consider traveling with us in 2021, it will be something to look forward to as we get through the uncertainty of 2020!!

HOPE

- we will all be together again -



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.

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
March 15th: \$11,745.00	March 15th: \$19,720.29	(\$ 7,975.29)
March 22nd: \$ 6,354.00	March 22nd: \$22,312.97	(\$15,958.97)
March 29th: \$14,319.47	March 29th: \$19,365.14	(\$ 5,045.67)
April 5th: \$12,847.67	April 5th: \$20,299.07	(\$ 7,451.40)
April 12th: \$14,605.00	April 12th: \$27,807.36	(\$13,202.36)
Easter: \$51,026.60	Easter: \$57,479.16	(\$ 6,452.56)
April 19th: \$ 9,497.00	April 19th: \$18,728.96	(\$ 9,231.96)
April 26th: \$18,922.00	April 26th: \$21,545.99	(\$ 2,623.99)
May 3rd: \$14,583.67	May 3rd: \$23,575.02	(\$ 8,991.35)
May 10th: \$21,400.00	May 10th: \$18,739.97	\$ 2,660.03
May 17th: \$15,981.24	May 17th: \$17,169.62	(\$ 1,188.38)
May 24th: \$12,184.00	May 24th: \$16,106.92	(\$ 3,922.92)
May 31st: \$14,857.00	May 31st: \$21,110.84	(\$ 6,253.84)
June 7th: \$27,902.62	June 7th: \$24,990.84	\$2,911.78
June 14th: \$25,258.75	June 14th: \$18,767.72	\$6,490.28
June 21st: \$18,677.44	June 21st: \$16,393.92	\$2,283.52
June 28th: \$25,159.00	June 28th: \$19,820.00	\$5,339.00
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)
	TOTAL:	(\$70,614.36)

May God Bless you for your generosity to our parish!



Mater Dei Catholic School welcomes its students for the 2020-21 school year!

Mary, May We Be A Reflection Of Your Hope And Peace

Virtual Open House

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. Registration for the virtual Open House is necessary so a Zoom invitation can be sent to you in advance. Please call to RSVP. All are welcome!

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 in Hatfield, 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 or 215-799-2211. *Mater Dei Child Care Center is an equal opportunity employer.*