

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

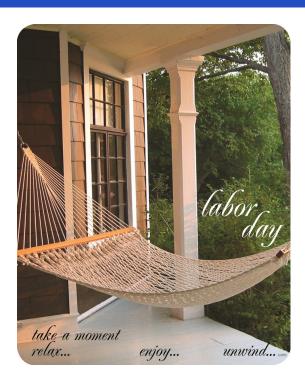
Vietnamese Mass: 2:30 pm

Weekdays & Saturday Mass: 8:30 am Holy Days: Vigil 7:00pm, 7:00am, 8:30am & noon, Vietnamese Mass at 7pm

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. Leónard 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

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:

Mondays after the 8:30 am Mass -Adoration: Concludes at 5pm with Benediction

Marian: Saturday after the 8:30 am Mass. During the 8:30 am Mass.

Saint Maria Goretti:

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

BAPTISM

Baptism
Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday at 12:45 pm (except the first Sunday). 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. the annulment process.

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



SAVE THE DATES September 22, 23 & 24, 2019 **FORTY HOURS:**

A Time to Find Peace in Your Heart

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! We welcome Father Matthew Brody as the guest preacher for this year's devotion at Saint Maria Goretti Parish. For more information, please contact Cheryl at 215-721-0199. Non-parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend. Evening Service with Benediction begins at 7:00pm.





Can you help us offer hospitality to all those who will be attending our Forty Hours Devotions on Sunday, September All Hands! **22nd** by providing a special appetizer, nutritious snack, or dessert? Drop it

off in the narthex on Saturday, September 21st or Sunday, September 22nd BEFORE OR AFTER ANY OF THE MASS-

Finger foods, single-serve snacks, or easy-to-serve desserts* would be appreciated. Place items on disposable plates or in disposable containers. Let us know you are bringing something (so we can plan ahead!) by contacting Cheryl at 215-721-0199 or Cheryl.ryan@stmariagoretti.net. Thank you!

PLEASE NOTE: The Saturday 8:30am Mass will resume on September 7th in the chapel. Please join us!

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ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS



The Celebration of the annual Forty Hours Devo-nings of the 22nd & 23rd. Tuesday Sept. 25th we will close 40 Hours with outdoor Eucharistic Procession and Benediction, all servers are

strongly encouraged to attend. This is a wonderful opportunity to show your love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and dedicate this school year to Him.

2020 MASS BOOK

The St. Maria Goretti 2020 Mass Book will open on Monday. September 9th 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.



GORETTIFEST

Food Trucks & Beer Garden Friday, September 27th—5pm to 10pm

Children's games · Live music · Cornhole tournament

Plan to join fellow parishioners and our entire community for an evening of something for everyone. A variety of Food Trucks, beer, wine, live music by the well known band Rollin' & Tumblin", Cornhole Tournament, raffles, children's games and so much more. Keep following us to see the food trucks highlighted here prior to Gorettifest.





JESSE'S BBQ & LOCAL MARKET

Jesse's Barbecue & Local Market is a family owned & operated business established in 2012. Our delicious, slow-smoked meats are made fresh daily in our three outdoor, wood-fired smokers. In addition to our barbecue, our menu offers a variety of sides, salads, sandwiches, & desserts all made-from-scratch right in our kitchen! #eatlocal #shoplocal #supportlocal www.jessesbarbecue.com/

LAST CHANCE TO BECOME AN EVENT SPONSOR. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AT 215-721-0199. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN MAKING OUR 2ND ANNUAL GORETTIFEST A SUCCESS!!



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUN., Sept. 1 7:30 A.M. Donna Zampirri Bowen

Reg. by Linda & Joseph Benischeck

9:30 A.M. Mary Parsons Req. by The Parsons Family 11:30 Å.M. Mary Wynne

Req. by Kate & Aaron Noorigian

8:30 A.M. Bernie Phillipeck MON., Sept. 2

Req. by The Patterson Family

TUES., Sept. 3 8:30 A.M. Joan Poole Req. by The Hipp Family

WED., Sept. 4 8:30 A.M. Gregory Walsh Reg. by Patrick & Susan Walsh

THURS., Sept. 5 8:30 A.M. John Moll, Jr. Req. by Catherine Wolfgang

8:30 A.M. John Evans FRI., Sept. 6 Req. by Connie Evans

8:30 A.M. Kate Dunn SAT., Sept. 7

> Req. by LouAnne Bello 5:00 P.M. Namiotka Children &

Granchildren

Reg. by Mary Namiotka

SUN., Sept. 8 7:30 A.M. Gloria Kozloski

Req. by Carol & Jay Foster 9:30 A.M. Brue Steklenski Req. by The Steklenski Family 11:30 A.M. Elaine D. Agostine Req. by The Cariola Family

SANCTUARY LIGHT



The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of Frank Menta requested by Joseph & Linda Benischeck.

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PLEASE NOTE: There will not be Adoration on Labor Day, and the parish office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd. Happy Labor Day! *******

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. The next Holy Hour will be Thursday, September 5th.

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.



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, Linda Burbank, Mary Callaghan, Mary Campagna, Caridad Carlos, Aldo Carnara, Danny Catts, Joanna Cavacini, Michael Costello, Jerry Cronin, Helen Curren, 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, Frank Holloway, Lori Hanson, Gloria Harris, Ron Hoffman, Jeanette Hoy, Kevin lavecchia, Lindsay Jaso, Richard Jedlicka, Gerald Kenny, Emily Keiser, Charles Kline, Bernadette Kubej, Sue Kunze, Peg Krempl, Jama Lecore, Angelique Lee, Keenan Lee, Curt Lecrone, Dina Lukasko, Patti Maguire, Joe Martin, Barbara Masser, 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, Scott Randall, Jim Richardson, Sheila Rothenberger, Linda Santana, Barbara Scally, Helen Shekalis, Melissa Shelly, Lawrence Stempel, Joseph & Michael Thomas, Peg Trexler, Mae Veneziale, Sofia Wagner, Jim Ward, Glenn Watt, Charles Wetzel, Paula Jayne White, John Willstaudt, Arlene Wyatt, Salem Yabut, Jack Zampirri, Joe Zdun & Joan Ziegler.



All children returning to the SMG PREP Program should be registered on-line through Parish Giving. Look for your e-mail from

info@parishgiving.org.

New parishioners and 1st Grade parents, please contact us to register as soon as possible.

All sessions are available on a first come first served basis. Some Monday 4:30pm classes are now full!

If you are able to serve as a Catechist, Assistant, or Hall Monitor you will receive a discount! Please let us know!

> Maria Richardson, Director of Family Faith Formation, Religious Education and Parish Services—215-721-6559

maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net Find details and registration at https://stmariagoretti.net/prep/

SUNDAY EVENING SCRIPTURE STUDY

Discover Luke: The Gospel of Mercy



Join us for the final 9 sessions of our 18 week study on the Gospel of Saint Luke. Each session includes a powerful worldclass video presentation shot on location in Rome and Assisi, a life application video, and discussion. Immerse yourself in the parables of mercy found in Luke,

uncover God's mercy in His own words, and see how His mercy is still active in the world today. Discover Luke: The Gospel of Mercy. Participation in this study is free; however, if you would like to purchase the workbook the cost is \$40.00.

Sundays September 29, October 6, 13, 20, 27, November 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2019 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Saint Maria Goretti Parish Center: Lower Level

Download the registration form at www.stmariagoretti.net or pick up a registration form on the AFF table in the narthex.

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Join us for the Friday Morning Bible Study! Part 2 of The Bible Timeline continues on Friday mornings starting

September 13 and continuing through December 20.

Location: Parish Library Time: 9:30AM to 11:30AM

Contact Kim Staudt at 215-272-9016 or kimstaudt@me.com to register.

The suggested contribution for the study is \$40. Make checks payable to St. Maria Goretti Parish.

BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

Embark on a spiritual journey with other parishes from across the Archdiocese of Philadelphia as we make our way as pilgrims to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. Our pilgrimage includes the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Mass. Time will be allotted for personal prayer and visits to the upper and lower churches, the book store, and gift shop. A cafeteria is also available on site. Following our time at the basilica, we will visit the Saint John Paul II National Shrine where his first-class relic can be venerated and the self-guided tour of the nine gallery exhibit on his life and legacy can be viewed. Bus cost is \$50.00 per adult and \$10.00 per child (pack your own snacks and lunch; cost of dinner on your own).

Saturday, October 19, 2019 Bus Departs Saint Maria Goretti Parking Lot: 7:00 AM Approximate Arrival Home: 7:30 PM

Download the registration form at www.stmariagoretti.net or pick up a registration form on the AFF table in the narthex. For more information, please contact Angela McClellan at 215-721-0199, ext.202



PARISH RETREAT

The staff of Saint Maria Goretti Parish in Hatfield invites you to join them on their annual retreat: "Look what God can do if we only let Him." This year, we will travel to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Conference Center on the grounds of the gor-

geous Wooten Mansion in Bryn Mawr, PA. Our retreat includes a continental breakfast, a spiritual conference, opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass, hot lunch, and quiet time to pray. Come away and rest awhile in His loving embrace. Cost is \$60.00 per person and includes bus transportation and meals.

Thursday, October 24, 2019

Bus Departure: 7:30 AM from the parking lot of Saint Maria Goretti Church, Approximate Return Home: 4:00 PM Retreat Director: Father Robert Ianelli, Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

Please register using the form that can be found on the Adult Faith Events page of our parish website at www.stmariagoretti.net

For more information contact: angela.mcclellan@stmariagoretti.net or 215-721-0199 (ext. 202).







Youth Ministry Update



Teen Service Opportunity—SMG Gorettifest Kid Games Friday, September 27, 2019



Coming This Fall For all Jr. High Teens **High School Leaders Needed** September 17-November 12, 2019 Tuesdays 7:30pm to 8:30pm

Mass and Blessing of New Drivers Sunday, September 29 at 11:30 AM





Support our teens!!! **Adult Trivia Night** Friday, October 11, 2019

Maria Richardson, Director of Family Faith Formation, Religious Education and Parish Services—215-721-6559

maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net Find details and registration at http://stmariagoretti.net/ maria-2/

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th

E.M. of Holy Communion

5:00pm – Sacristan, M. Reynolds, C. Talaga, D. Blanche 7:30am – Sacristan, K. Hay, A. Russo, D. Zobel 9:30am – Sacristan, C. Opdyke, T. McGann, M.J. Vondercrone

11:30am - Sacristan, M. Niche, T. & E. McBride

E.M. Home Visits

A1–B. Hudak, A2-J. Gressang, A3-S. Sabia, A4-M. Rosenberger, A5–M. D'Elia, B1-Sub Needed, B2-D. Fuse, B3-P. O'Hara, B4-K. Staudt, B5-D. Johnson

Lectors

5:00pm – M. D'Elia, D. Smith 7:30am – A. & R. Whitley 9:30am – N. & R. Boak 11:30am – P. Villucci, B. Malley

Cantors

5:00pm - Donna 7:30am - Michele 9:30am - Katie 11:30am - Tara

Altar Servers

5:00pm – F. & I. Sirianni, E. Walsh
7:30am – J. & V. Kirk, T. Vito
9:30am – T. & G. McGann, A. Moore
11:30am – M. & J. Franek, L. Lowden

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: \$325.82

BENEFITS ST. LUCIA MISSION

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 through August 2019, all offerings from the poor box will be designated to St. Lucia Mission. The Redemptorist community, serving the poor and most spiritually abandoned, staff a large parish in the Caribbean island-nation of Saint Lucia. While faith is strong, financial resources are minimal. Their current project, on which they have been working for the past 3 years, is building an addition on their Catholic elementary school, where over 200 children attend and adequate space limited. Their focus is to house a classroom for special needs children. Most of the structure of the school has been done voluntarily by a college group, parish members, and others within the community. The projected budget for the completion of the school is \$10,000. Your consideration of the completion of this project and the needs of these economically challenged children is greatly appreciated. If donating by check, please make payable to Saint Maria Goretti. Thank vou!

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

Parishioners, here is a personal invitation to feel great about yourself in as little as one hour a week! The new season of SMG Music is starting in September, and your voice, your ability to read music, your love of God and music are needed to complete our ministry. Please consider joining the team and just see what serving God in His Church will do for you!

CHILDREN

- 1. <u>Children's Chime Choir</u> for boys and girls in grades 3-6. Rehearsals Tuesday 5:50 to 6:30 PM September 17 through November 26. We play at three Masses during that period. No previous ringing experience necessary. It's a short season with abundant blessings!
- 2. Children's Singing Choir for boys and girls in grades 1-7. Rehearsals Tuesday 5:50-6:30 PM December 3 through April 7. We sing at one Mass per month.

YOUTH

- 1. <u>Youth Bell Choir</u> for boys and girls in grades 6-12. Music reading skills preferred. Rehearsals Tuesday 6:30-7:30 PM October 1 through December 17. The YBC plays at four Masses including Christmas Eve 7:00 PM.
- 2. <u>Cantors</u> for students in grade 8-12. If you sing in your school choir, your parish would love having you as a cantor a few times a year!

ADULTS

- 1. <u>Adult Choir</u> high school age students and adults are invited to join! Rehearsal Tuesday 7:30-8:45 PM September 17 through April, although not the first Tuesday of the month.
- 2. <u>Guitar Ensemble</u> instrumentalists and singers needed. Rehearsal is first Tuesday of month at 7:30 then we play at one Mass the following weekend.
- 3. Men's Ensemble- low commitment, high reward group sings periodically through the year. Rehearsals are select Tuesdays at 8:45 PM
- 4. Adult Bell Choir music reading skills preferred. Rehearsals Tuesday 6:30-7:30 PM January 7 through April 7. The ABC plays at four Masses.
- 5. Octet this group sings several times throughout the year.
- 6. Acoustic Wind Ensemble very good instrumentalists are called upon occasionally to provide special music for Liturgy.

RINGERS NEEDED Children in grades 3-6 are still needed in the Children's Chime Choir. Youth in grades 6-12 are needed for the Youth Bell Choir. Please see additional information in the Music Ministry announcement. Thank you!

Please direct questions to Eileen Ericsson, parish music director, at eileen.ericsson@stmariagoretti.net. Thank you!!!

SUNDAY OFFERING



COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

Αι	ıg. 26, 2018	Aug. 25, 2019
Sunday Offering	\$16,835.67	\$15,978.82
Online Parish Giving	\$ 6,695.00	\$ 6,655.00
TOTALS:	\$23,530.67	\$22,633.82
Total # of contributors	S	689
Misc. Offerings		
Heat & Energy Offering:		\$559.00
Poor Box Offering:		\$325.82

Catholic University Collection:\$535.00

WAYS TO GIVE & SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

Each week check this column for ideas to support your parish (some that will cost you nothing)

<u>Donate Real Estate</u> – Just like stocks, a home or property that has risen in value over the years will be subject to capital gains tax. By donating real estate before selling it, the donor can avoid the tax and effectively give to the church what would otherwise be paid as taxes.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES **SPOTLIGHT**



Tabitha Ayen is one of the most remarkable people you've never heard of. Raised in refugee camps, she now manages a USAID food

program in South Sudan. She also oversees a staff of 300 and even negotiated a hostage release. Read her incredible story online at www.crs.org.

"This atmosphere of welcoming is increasingly necessary in confronting today's diverse forms of distancing ourselves from others. This is profoundly evidenced in the problem of millions of refugees and exiles, in the phenomenon of racial intolerance as well as intolerance toward the person whose only "fault" is a search for work and better living conditions outside his own country, and in the fear of all who are different and thus seen as a threat." ~ St. Pope John Paul II

JOB POSTING: CAREGIVER NEEDED IN TELFORD

A caregiver/home health aide needed for a young female woman in Telford. Client (parishioner) has Muscular Dystrophy, uses a power wheelchair for mobility, and needs maximum assistance with bathing, dressing, toileting, transferring, meal preparation and light housekeeping. Help needed during the following

- 7am to 2pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
- 6am to 10am Thursday
- 5 to 8pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
- Overnight—2 nights per week 12am to 6am

The client uses an agency for payroll, 365 Healthcare Services. Pay rate is \$13 per hour. Requirements for hire include: Reliable transportation, non-smoker preferred, must attend a 1 day orientation in Bala Cynwyd and complete a 2 step TB test.

No previous healthcare experience needed, on the job training provided. Inquiries please call Michele at 610-812-6810 or email a letter of interest to caregiver18969@gmail.com.

PILGRIM'S PRAYER
(Codex Calixtinus - 12th Century)
God, you called your servant Abraham from Us in Chaldes watching over him in all his wanderings, and guided the Hebrew people as they crossed the desert. Guard these your children who, for love of your Name, make a pilgrimage to Compostela. Be their companion on the way, their guide at the crossroads, their strength in weariness, their guide at the crossroads, their strength in weariness, their defense in dangers, their shelter on the path, their shade in the heat, their light in darkness, their comfort in discouragement, and the firmness of their intentions: that through your guidance, they may arrive safely at the end of their journey and, enriched with grace and virtue, may they return to their homes and to us filled with salutary and lasting joy. May the blessings of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit remain with them. Amen.

Please continue to pray for Matt and Cindy Shepherdson and Deacon Peter Niche as they walk the 500 miles of the Northern Camino. If the Spirit moves you, please consider a donation to Fr. Chucks Challenge or SMG in their honor.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS **College Scholarships**

If your son or daughter is entering their Senior year in High School, college preparation is probably uppermost in their minds. Now is the time to consider applying for a Pennsylvania Knights of Columbus Scholarship. Applications are available on the State Council website.www.pakofc.us/scholarship. Don't wait apply NOW!

Ten scholarships of \$3000.00, paid in 4 annual installments of \$750.00 each will be awarded across the state.

REGISTRATION SUNDAY

Registration Sunday will take place Sunday, September 8th. Please stop by the Parish Center between the hours of 10am and 1pm to be officially welcomed into the parish. No paperwork is necessary from your previous parish. The process will take no longer than 15 minutes.



Save the Date...Mater Dei's First Annual "Color Run"...SUNDAY, October 13th

Mater Dei Catholic School will host its first annual "Color Run" at St. Maria Goretti Parish during Tech

Week to support our celebrated Technology Program. Please save the date now and register for the Color Run on our website at www.materdeicatholic.com

Employment Opportunity

The Mater Dei Childcare is currently searching for a high-energy Lead Toddler Teacher to join our team. Our Lead Toddler Teacher will need to provide and maintain a positive and appropriate educational program that meets the social, emotional, and physical needs of the children within their care. Candidates should have experience as well an educational background in the field and be energetic, patient, friendly, nurturing and enjoy working with young children and their families. We're looking for the best of the best for our childcare program. If that's you, please contact the center director Katherine Stansbury at kstansbury@materdeicatholic.com or 215-799-2211 for immediate consideration