



# Saint Maria Goretti Parish

1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield

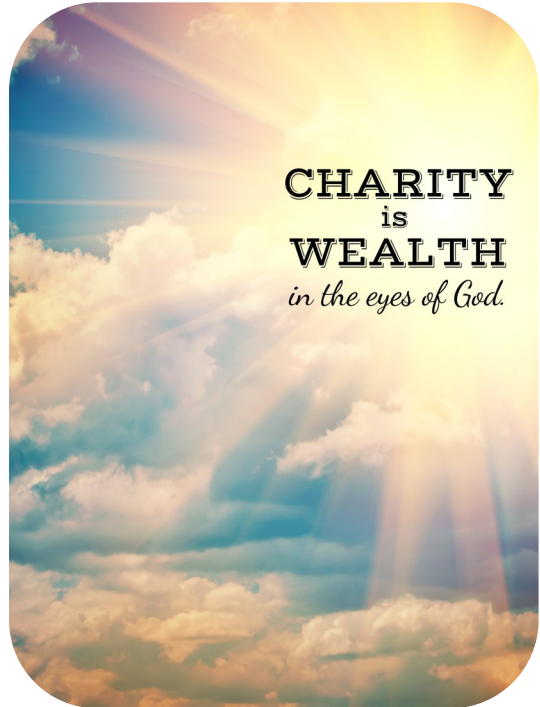
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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 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  
Saturday & Sunday by appointment only during the pandemic.



**CHARITY**  
is  
**WEALTH**  
*in the eyes of God.*

## PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. John C. Nguyen  
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Leonard N. Peterson  
Vietnamese Apostolate: Rev. John C. Nguyen  
Permanent Deacons:  
Deacon Phuong Nguyen  
Deacon Stephen Vondercrone  
Mater Dei Regional Catholic School President:  
Ms. Diane McCaughan  
Mater Dei Principal: Ms. Beth Waltrich  
Director of Family Faith Formation, Religious Education & Parish Services: Maria Richardson  
Sacristan & Assist. to Director of Family Faith Formation:  
Tyler Grant  
Admin. Assist. of Religious Education: JoAnn Prahler  
Director of Music: Eileen Ericsson  
Pastoral Assistant: Patricia Conroy  
Office Manager: Cheryl Ryan  
Parish Secretary: Mary Faymore  
R.C.I.A. Coordinator: Al Pandolfo  
Elder Care Assistance Program: Amy Juarez  
Business Manager: Douglas Smith

## DEVOTIONS:

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

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.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Arrangements can be made by calling the Parish Office.

### RECONCILIATION

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

# Please join us for a busy week at SMG



FORTY HOURS AT ST. MARIA GORETTI PARISH

**SEPTEMBER 25, 26 & 27  
EACH EVENING AT 7:00PM**

Father Jim DeGrassa will be the guest homilist and will reflect on:

**3 QUESTIONS  
THAT ARE GUARANTEED  
TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE  
FOR THE BETTER**

## FORTY HOURS ~ FATHER JIM DEGRASSA

Father Jim DeGrassa has been a Philly priest for over 12 years and is a native of Delaware County. He is currently the pastor of Resurrection of Our Lord Parish in Northeast Philadelphia. He is a family man at heart and loves people, good conversation, traveling and food. He often combines personal life experiences, church teaching and humor to engage and inspire others. He is looking forward to joining us for our annual 40 Hours Devotion - **September 25, 26 & 27th at 7pm**. Each evening Father Jim will explore: "The 3 Questions That Are Guaranteed To Change Your Life For The Better" ~ These 3 Questions Will Bring Direction, Freedom & Fullness.



## ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS

The Celebration of the annual **Forty Hours Devotion** is scheduled for September 25, 26 & 27 at 7pm. Four Altar Servers are needed on the evenings of the 19th & 20th. **Tuesday Sept. 27th we will close 40 Hours with outdoor Eucharistic Procession and Benediction, all servers are strongly encouraged to attend.** Please sign-up in the Altar Servers room. Thank you!!

# GORETTIFEST



**Food Trucks & Beer Garden  
Friday, September 30th—  
5pm to 9pm**

**LIVE MUSIC FROM THE WELL  
KNOWN AND FOLLOWED BAND  
"ROLLIN & TUMBLIN"  
YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT!**



Children's games - Live music -  
Cornhole tournament - Food Trucks  
Beer Garden - Raffle Baskets & More



## MONDAY ADORATION

We are living in very challenging times and often we feel helpless, but we are never helpless nor alone. Jesus is waiting for us to come to Him. There are many graces waiting for us Eucharistic Adoration. All you need to do is just come and sit with Jesus. 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:

**Noon to 12:30  
2 p.m. to 2:30**

Come and receive the peace that only Our Lord can give. Please contact Nancy Boak by phone 908-616-7611 or email [nancyboak@aol.com](mailto:nancyboak@aol.com) to sign-up or inquire.



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

- SUN., Sept. 25** 7:30 A.M. Joseph Lynam  
Req. by Tammy & Glenn Ibarquen  
9:30 A.M. Dec'd & Living Members of  
the St. Vincent DePaul Society  
Req. by Edie Hardnock  
11:30 A.M. Henry J. Davis  
Req. by Maude Lee
- MON., Sept. 26** 8:30 A.M. Manuel Malgapo, Jr.  
Req. by Corazon Malgapo
- TUES., Sept. 27** 8:30 A.M. Manuel Malgapo, Jr.  
Req. by Corazon Malgapo
- WED., Sept. 28** 8:30 A.M. Alfred Leotta  
Req. by Theresa Miller
- THURS., Sept. 29** 8:30 A.M. Judy Gow  
Req. by Jim Gow & Family
- FRI., Sept. 30** 8:30 A.M. Edward Kerrick  
Req. by Al & Mary Faymore
- SAT., Oct. 1** 8:30 A.M. Mary Smith  
Req. by Carollyn & John Smith  
4:30 P.M. Caroline Karas  
Req. by Ted & Dot Zamorski
- SUN., Oct. 2** 7:30 A.M. Marta Carrares  
Req. by Angel Carrares  
9:30 A.M. Shirley Finkelston  
Req. by The Finkelston Family  
11:30 A.M. Helen A. Schneider  
Req. by Marianne & Al Peters

**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: Carol Algrogge, Lori Aiello, Baby David, Chuck Biehn, Suki Borowski, James Caprioli, Bob, Rob Daum, Ted DeMarino, Frank DeVito, Joseph DeVito, Joe Direnzi, Carol Eells, Joanne Fell, Ted Fernes, Tom Fetter, Kelly Gargan, Rosario Gombola, Ilianessa Gonzalez, Tanner Gower, Pamela Guld, John Gunder, Sr., Ali Herron, Theresa Hoffman, Tim Huelsman, Mary Isban, Luba Jackson, Maria Kardash, Barb Ladley, Mary Jane McCann, John McLaughlin, Ted Malinchak, Ed Malley, Greg & Kathy McCloskey, Madeline McGinley, Tom Miller, Mary Moses, Tom Murphy III, Bill O'Brien, Patricia Naab, Marianne Peters, Bridget and Colleen, Michael Rafter, Alice Rau, Joanne Reube, Antonio & Veanessa Rivera, Linda Santana, Rose Santulli, Mike Scienaro, Debbie Zuech-Smyrl, Judy Stangl, Gary Stark, Lawrence Stempel, Mel Stubbs, Ron Szewczak, John Tulley, Frank Vallone, Paul Wheeler, Salem & Valerie Yabut.

**IN ORDER TO KEEP OUR LIST CURRENT WE ARE ASKING YOU TO CALL THE PARISH CENTER WITH ANYONE CURRENTLY IN NEED OF PRAYERS OR THAT SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM OUR LIST.**



**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit for **Paul & Eva Steinbach** requested by Joseph E. Steinbach.



**BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL**

The Blessed Mother vigil light for this week is lit for **Special Anniversary**

**BLESSING OF ANIMALS**

Saturday, October 1st at 10am



**Blessing of the ANIMALS**

Bring your pet to the parking lot by the St. Francis statue for a special blessing. All pets are welcome.

**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 11th** in the ushers room from 9am to 12noon. Please bring your insurance information along with you. For more info please call Nick DiLissio at 215-527-2802 or the Parish Center at 215-721-0199.

**MONTHLY HOLY HOUR**

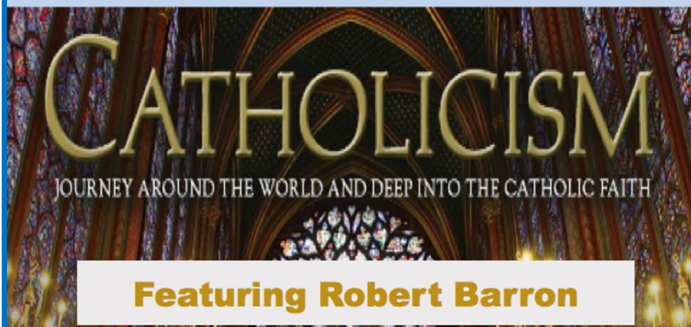
**A great opportunity for stewardship!**

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. **The next Holy Hour will be held on Thursday, October 6th at 4pm.**

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### BIG PEOPLE CHURCH SCHOOL

*For Adults who want to grow in their faith!*



**Featuring Robert Barron**

**Starting Sept. 22- Thur. Evenings 7-8:30  
Parish Center, IHM Room**

Contact Bill Wynne

[bigpeoplechurchschool@gmail.com](mailto:bigpeoplechurchschool@gmail.com)

Please Come Join The Discussion  
Come Every Thursday or Come When You Can



### CLUB 50+ LUNCHEON

The luncheon is held in the IHM Room at Noon ~ Followed by Game Day 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Followed by the Divine Mercy Chapel 3:00 PM to 3:15 PM. Come for part or all of the afternoon activity! Cost: \$ 9.00 Per Person for lunch. Please sign up one week in advance.

**October 26, November 30**

Questions: Contact Maria Richardson  
[Maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net](mailto:Maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net) or 215-721-6559

### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



CRS is providing emergency relief in response to floods that have displaced more than 2 million people and covered one third of Pakistan. More than 1,000 people are reported to have died in the natural disaster,

and the homes of hundreds of thousands of families across Sindh and Baluchistan provinces have been flooded or destroyed. With bridges, shops and city infrastructure damaged, communities face challenges in accessing help and having the means to rebuild and recover.

CRS and local partners will provide immediate cash assistance to 2,300 families. As the number of families in need of support continues to increase, CRS plans to expand support to include access to emergency shelter and clean water. Please visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) to see how you can help!



## YOUTH MINISTRY

### ALTARATION FOR TEENS!



Not to fill your heads with information but to pierce your hearts!  
Wednesday Nights 7PM to 8PM  
September 21st to October 19th, 2022  
Parish Office IHM Room  
For Middle School  
High School Teen Leaders Needed  
Don't miss the fun!  
Flyer and registration available at:  
<https://stmariagoretti.net/maria-2/>

Contact Maria Richardson,  
[Maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net](mailto:Maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net) or Tyler Grant,  
[tyler.grant@stmariagoretti.net](mailto:tyler.grant@stmariagoretti.net)  
215-721-6559

## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

### SMG VIRTUAL CHARTISMATIC PRAYER GROUP



**EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT ON ZOOM**

7:30 pm—Register one time only at  
<https://stmariagoretti.net/virtual-charismatic-prayer-meeting/>

Contact Maria Richardson,  
[Maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net](mailto:Maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net) or Tyler Grant,  
[tyler.grant@stmariagoretti.net](mailto:tyler.grant@stmariagoretti.net)  
215-721-6559

### 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



### PHILLY ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS:

**Thursdays, 9 am to 5 pm – St. Charles Borromeo Seminary**  
Held each Thursday between 9 am and 5 pm in Sacred Heart Chapel at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Catholics are invited to spend time before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament praying for vocations and asking Him to bless His Church with many holy vocations. We encourage everyone to pray that those whom the Lord is calling will have the courage to respond to His invitation.

To sign up for a day/time to pray, visit [Heedthecall.org/Phillyadores](http://Heedthecall.org/Phillyadores). For more information, Email [Phillyadoration@gmail.com](mailto:Phillyadoration@gmail.com). Specific details will be emailed to all adorers on the Wednesday before the scheduled prayer time.

Location: Sacred Heart Chapel, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary (100 E. Wynnewood Road, Wynnewood)

More info: <https://heedthecall.org/phillyadores/>

**MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2nd**

**E.M. of Holy Communion**

4:30pm – Sacristan, S. Sabia, B. Pollock  
 7:30am – Sacristan, J. O'Brien, D. Johnson  
 9:30am – Sacristan, L. & V. Lelii  
 11:30am – Sacristan, C. Zuluaga, M.J. Vondersrone

**E.M. Home Visits**

B1-P. O'Hara, B2-E. Perez, B3-D. Johnson,  
 B4-D. Grant, B5-K. Clapper

**Lectors**

4:30pm – R. Thawley, R. Miller  
 7:30am – R. Jones, K. Luther  
 9:30am – B. Smith, C. McNally  
 11:30am – S. Nagele, M. D'Elia

**Altar Servers**

4:30pm – C. Breen, G. Sabia, A. Boyle  
 7:30am – N. Barrales, A. Kunjachen, B. Brennan  
 9:30am – T. McGann, R. Hernandez, J. Kuduk  
 11:30am – C. Murphy, D. Engle, O. Watters

**Cantors**

4:30pm – Joe V. 7:30am – Michele  
 9:30am – Janna 11:30am – Michael

**POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP**

The total collected last week was: \$782.73

**BENEFITS ST. MARY'S FRANCISCAN SHELTER**

Before leaving our church building each weekend, please consider stopping by one of our poor boxes located in the narthex, with your contributions. For the months of **September** and **October 2022**, all offerings from the poor box will be designated to **St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter**. This non-profit organization, located in Phoenixville, PA, is an emergency shelter assisting homeless families to get back on their feet. Since its formation in 1987, they have housed hundreds of families and provided countless nights of shelter and meals. St. Mary's recently opened transitional housing apartments to further support our homeless families. Families who have completed the emergency shelter program at St. Mary's have the opportunity to live in brand new apartments for up to 24 months. Case management and support continue so families can successfully navigate the path to future permanent housing. They also provide additional services to the residents, which consist of helping them develop marketable skills, a presentable resume, facilitate job interviews and help to arrange transportation once a job is found. The organization's ultimate goal is to move a motivated family from crisis to independence, eventually maintaining their own homes outside the residence. Please consider helping those that are less fortunate. ***If donating by check, please make payable to St. Maria Goretti. Thank you!***

**CHILDREN & YOUTH NEEDED**

Parish kids in grades 2-7, you are needed to play in our Children's Chime Choir! Please see the schedule in today's bulletin! Youth in grades 6-12, please consider joining the Youth Bell Choir! Serving the Lord in our church will be an excellent experience for you. Thanks!

**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](mailto:cheryl.ryan@stmariagoretti.net) with the word "**bulletin**" in the subject line. Thanks for your cooperation.

**SMG MUSIC MINISTRY**

Parishioners, here is a personal invitation to feel great about yourself in as little as 45 minutes per week! The new season of SMG Music is starting in September, and your voice, your ability to read music, your love for God are needed to enhance our ministry. Please consider joining the team and just see what serving God and His church will do for you!

**CHILDREN**

**Children's Chime Choir** - SESSION 1) rehearsals are Tuesday 6:00 to 6:45 PM (October 11 to December 13) **grades 2 to 7** / play at Mass December 4 and January 7. SESSION 2) February 14 to March 21 - play at Mass March 26. No previous ringing experience is required.  
**Children's Singing Choir** - grades 1 to 7 /January 3-31 /sing at Mass February 5

**YOUTH**

**Youth Bell Choir** - rehearsals are Tuesday 6:45 to 7:30 PM (October 4 to December 20)/ grades 6 to 12/ music reading skills preferred / play at Mass October 30, November 27, Christmas Eve and January 8.  
**Cantors** - students in grades 8-12. If you sing in your school choir, your parish would love having you cantor a few Masses this year!

**ADULTS**

**Adult Choir** - high school students and adults are invited to join! Rehearsals are Tuesday 7:30 to 8:45 (but not first Tuesday) beginning September 13. We sing at one or two Masses per month.  
**Guitar Ensemble** - singers are needed to join our instrumentalists on the first Tuesdays at 7:30. The GE plays one Mass per month.  
**Men's Ensemble** - low commitment, high reward group sings twice per year.  
**Adult Bell Choir** - rehearsals Tuesday 6:45 to 7:30 PM (January 3 to April 4) /music reading skills preferred/ group plays at four Masses.  
**Acoustic Wind Ensemble** - very good instrumentalists are called upon occasionally to provide special music for liturgy.

**YOUNG ADULT CHOIR** - ages 14 to 25/ called on once or twice per year

**MUSIC MINISTRY TO THE SICK** - small group of singers who go to the homes of our ill parishioners to share the light of Christ/ few times per year

Any questions, contact Eileen Ericsson, parish music director, at [eileen.ericsson@stmariagoretti.net](mailto:eileen.ericsson@stmariagoretti.net)! Don't be shy-give it a try!

**COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS**



*Helping Our Parish Grow*  
WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Thank you to the parishioners of SMG that are able to continue to support the parish. Your generosity makes it possible to continue the wonderful ministries and programs within our parish. We are also able to continue to help those in need through our very generous Saint Vincent DePaul ministry. May God continue to bless all of you for your continued support!

	<u>Sunday, September 18th</u>	
2021	2022	Difference
\$20,241.23	\$19,853.46	(\$ 387.77)

May God bless you for your generosity to our parish!

Visit our parish website to sign up for online giving with Parish Giving™.



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**ELDERCARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

You may qualify for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits with your income. If you have a gross monthly income (some retirement and pension plans are not counted as income!) of \$1396.00 or less in a one-person household, you may qualify. The minimum SNAP benefits are \$15 per month, but here is what \$15 can buy you! Contact Amy Juarez with the Eldercare Assistance Program to complete an application and find out if you may qualify for SNAP and other benefits. Amy can be reached at 215-853-7676 or [ajua-rez@chs-adphila.org](mailto:ajua-rez@chs-adphila.org). (Aldi's on 8-3-22)



**SAVE THE DATE—KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—GOLF OUTING**



On **Friday, October 7th**, the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Joseph C Tomko Assembly 934 will be holding a Golf Outing scramble at Skippack Golf Club starting at 9 am. Participants can play golf with a cart, get a registration gift, buffet dinner, awards and more all for the price of registration. For more information, contact Herb Kaemmer at 267-421-8005 or [tomkoassembly934@gmail.com](mailto:tomkoassembly934@gmail.com).



**Save the Date: Mater Dei's Fall Open Houses**

Mater Dei's Fall Open Houses for the 2023-24 school year will take place on the following dates:

**Mater Dei's Hatfield Campus** for children entering Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 Wednesday, November 2 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM

**Mater Dei's Lansdale Campus** for children entering Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4, Kindergarten, and Grades 1-8 Monday, November 7 from 5:30-7:00 PM

All are welcome! Please RSVP to Grace Samanns at 215-368-9787 or [gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com](mailto:gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com)



**Designate Your PA Taxes**

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

Please consider submitting your Mater Dei gift to your company for matching. You can make a "Double Difference" for Mater Dei students! <https://www.materdeicatholic.com/giving>

**Childcare Space is Available...** Mater Dei Childcare Center has room for your infant to 36 month old...CALL TODAY! Mater Dei Child Care Center is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM to accommodate the working parent. Please contact Mary Whittam at 215-799-2211.

**Employment Opportunities**

The Mater Dei Childcare in Hatfield is currently searching for Lead Teachers and Assistants to join our team. Candidates should be energetic, patient, friendly, nurturing and enjoy working with young children and their families. Looking for candidates passionate about working with infants and toddlers. Please contact Mary Whittam at [child-care@materdeicatholic.com](mailto:child-care@materdeicatholic.com) or 215-799-2211. *Mater Dei Child Care Center is an equal opportunity employer.*