



Saint Maria Goretti Parish

1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield

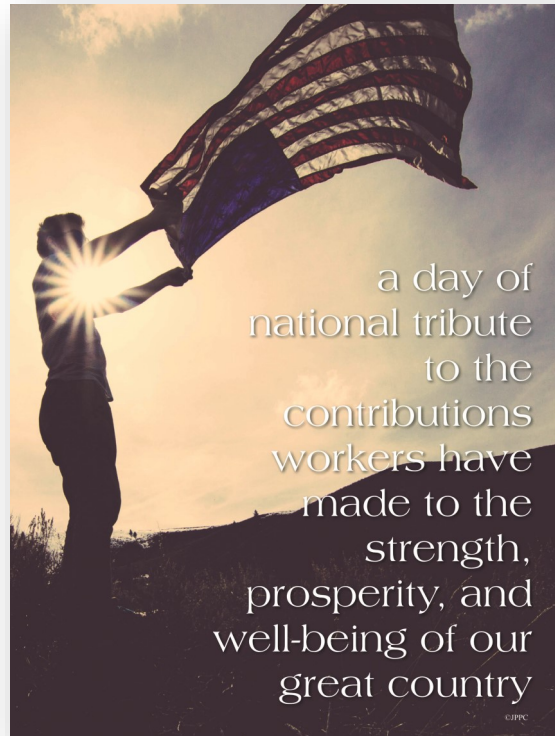
Phone: 215-721-0199
PREP Phone: 215-721-6559
Fax: 215-721-4320
Web Site: www.stmariagoretti.net

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
Saturday & Sunday by appointment only
during the pandemic.



PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. John C. Nguyen
In Residence: Rev. Joseph Lap Le
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Leonard N. Peterson
Vietnamese Apostolate: Rev. John C. Nguyen
Permanent Deacons:
Deacon Phuong Nguyen
Deacon 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
Asst. Business Mgr.: Geri Salanik

DEVOTIONS:

Adoration: Mondays after the 8:30 am Mass -
Concludes at 5pm with Benediction
Marian: Saturday after the 8:30 am Mass.
Saint Maria Goretti: Monday during the 8:30 am Mass.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday at 12:45 pm (except the first Sunday of each month). Please call the Parish Office to register for Baptism. Pre-Jordan classes required for parents and optional for godparents, are offered the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted in the bulletin. Baptisms are limited to **ONE CHILD** per Sunday. **Letters of eligibility are due at the Parish Center before a date can be given for Baptism.**

MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made with a priest at least six months in advance. You must speak to a priest before making arrangements for a reception hall. Scheduling, rescheduling or cancellation **MUST** be done by a priest. Pre-Cana classes are required for all couples. Please visit the archdiocesan website at <http://phillycatholiclife.org/marriage-and-family/preparing-for-marriage/>

ANNULMENTS

Following the directive of Pope Francis, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is offering annulments without cost to the petitioners. There are additional changes which would make annulments easier to obtain. Contact the Parish Center to speak with Fr. Chung for more information on the annulment process.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK

Arrangements can be made by calling the Parish Office.

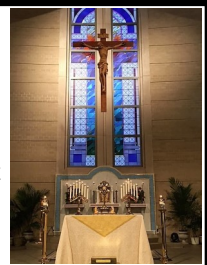
RECONCILIATION

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



SAVE THE DATES ~ FORTY HOURS ~ FR. DAVID O'BRIEN September 19, 20, & 21, 2021

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! For more information, please contact the parish center at 215-721-0199. Non-parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend. Evening Service with Benediction 7:00pm.



CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD 2021-2022 Registration



The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) program is a Montessori based parish religious formation/education program for children age 3 to 6 (Kindergarten) in LEVEL 1 and age 6 to 9 (grades 1 & 2) in LEVEL 2 with a primary goal to nurture a relationship with God. This is accomplished by the use of manipulative/child-interactive materials, prayer, song, listening to the Bible and preparation for full participation in the liturgy. This unique experience provides the foundation for a life-long relationship with God to be lived out in the Church community.

Levels 1 will again be offered at St Maria Goretti beginning September 12/13 through May/June. Level 1 (age 3-6) sessions are held Sunday mornings 9:15am to 10:45am and 11:15am to 12:45pm as well on Mondays 4:30pm to 5:45pm. If you have an interest in or questions concerning Level 2, please contact Linda Hudak.

Registration forms may be found at the Parish Center or at stmariagoretti.net/prep/forms

Contact: Linda Hudak 215-593-5903 or lshudak@yahoo.com

PENNSYLVANIA MARCH FOR LIFE

Monday, September 27, 2021
Pennsylvania State Capitol
11 am – Rally | 12 pm – March for Life

JOIN PARISHIONERS FROM SMG & LOCAL PARISHES IN HARRISBURG

Bus is filling quickly, reserve your spot TODAY!

Date: Monday September 27th

Bus leaving SMG parking lot: 8:30am

De[ar]ting Harrisburg at 2:30pm

Cost: \$10

Please drop off payment at parish center Attention Bob McCormick or drop in the collection basket with your name phone number and e-mail. For more info please contact Bob McCormick 215-362-1247 or bobmcc52@gmail.com.

This march does not replace Washington DC March in January but is another stand against the sin of abortion.



GORETTIFEST

**Food Trucks & Beer Garden Friday,
September 24th—5pm to 10pm**

- Children's games • Live music •
- Cornhole tournament •

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



HELP US SPREAD THE NEWS...WITH A YARD SIGN

The Gorettifest Committee is asking if you have a property that would get some exposure and are willing to place a yard sign promoting Gorettifest in your yard, please stop by the parish office Monday through Friday to sign out a yard sign. Help us to make this another successful event!

FOOD TRUCK HIGHLIGHT— DOWNTOWN SCOOP

**HEY! WE'RE THE DOWNTOWN
SCOOP,
NICE TO MEET YOU!**



WE'RE A LOCAL ICE CREAM SHOP LOCATED RIGHT HERE IN SOUDERTON, PA. HERE'S A FEW THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT US...OUR ICE

CREAM IS SMALL BATCH. WHICH MEANS IT'S FRESH. ALWAYS. IT'S MADE TO ORDER AND BROUGHT IN WEEKLY.

IT'S SUPER-PREMIUM. THIS HIGHER MILK FAT PERCENTAGE MEANS CREAMIER & YUMMIER ICE CREAM. OH, AND IT'S LOCALLY SOURCED! WE GET ALL OF OUR ICE CREAM FROM UNCLE DAVE'S HOME-MADE ICE CREAM, IN YARDLEY, PA - MADE WITH LOCAL DAIRY.

www.downtownscoop.com



MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

SUN., Sept. 5	7:30 A.M. Elizabeth Lisi Req. by Pete & Bette Jellen 9:30 A.M. Dec'd Members of the Daddario Family Req. by Carman Vernachio & Family 11:30 A.M. Lawrence & Dorothy O'Connor Req. by Gary & Barbara Smith & Family
MON., Sept. 6	8:30 A.M. The Namiotka Children & Grandchildren Req. by Mary Namiotka
TUES., Sept. 7	8:30 A.M. Luigi Antonino & Gemma Stumpo Rosmini Req. by The Cavacini Family
WED., Sept. 8	8:30 A.M. The Quinn Family Req. by Edd & Sally Murphy
THURS., Sept. 9	8:30 A.M. Giangiulio & DeLuca Family Req. by The Family
FRI., Sept. 10	8:30 A.M. Anna & Patrick McIlhenney Req. by Pat Conroy
SAT., Sept. 11	No Morning Mass 5:00 P.M. Joseph Callaghan Req. by Edna Callaghan
SUN., Sept. 12	7:30 A.M. Judy Gow Req. by Jim Gow & Family 9:30 A.M. Skip Nippins Req. by Tom & Rita Miller 11:30 A.M. Felix Xavier Maggay Req. by Maryann Maggay

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week
is lit for the intentions of **Tom & Dawn Murphy**
requested by Pat Pinkston.



BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL

The Blessed Mother vigil light for this week
is lit in honor of **Dawn, Jocelyn & Brook Murphy**
requested by Pat Pinkston.

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 pray for the sick of our parish.....
..... and those that care for them

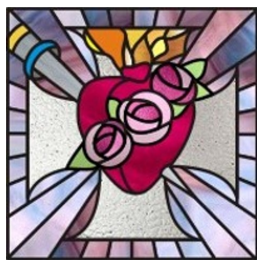


PLEASE KEEP IN MIND the following people who at this time need your prayers and support: Josephine Albert, Ruth Adams, Jennifer & Kimberly Agnew, Mark & Carol Altrogge, Matthew Arrow, Christina Augustine, Paul Baril, Ray Baril, Joey Berical, Chuck Biehn, Jerilyn Bowler, Patricia Britton, Linda Burbank, Ron Cariola, Aldo Carnara, Danny Catts, Joanna Cavacini, James Chrissy, Michael Costello, Jerry Cronin, 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, Janet Hampton, Lori Hanson, Gloria Harris, Bunny Heim, Ron Hoffman, Jeanette Hoy, Kevin Iavecchia, Luba Jackson, Richard Jedlicka, Joseph Kane, Charles Kline, Sue Kunze, Peg Kreml, Jen Kunkle, Jama Lecore, Curt Lecrone, Angelique, Gina & Keenan Lee, Dorothy Lougee, Dina Lukasko, Patti Maguire, Joe Martin, Jack McGill, William & Kristen Morrow, John McLaughlin, Bridget Micshener, Diane Moll, Frank Monroe, Frank Moran, Munson Family, John Mye, Terry Shields Neumann, Joan Nickerson, Regina Nimmo, Mele Lee-Nippins, Deborah Nungesser, Susan O'Connell, Bill O'Brien, Lisa O'Driscoll, Matt Page, Anthony & Michael Paone, Kathy Paone, Catherine Pagano, Al Palatucci, Robert Pauloski, Rebecca Pecore, Floerfida & Salvador Penganon, Connie Perrong, Michael Praher, Marian Quinn, Marlin Raber, Dolores Radicioni, Michael Rafter, Joan Ramsher, Scott Randall, Frank Reiner Joanne Reube, Jim Richardson, Vanessa Rivera, Marguerite Roth, Sheila Rothenberger, Baby Jacob Ryan, Linda Santana, Barbara Scally, Helen Shekalis, Melissa Shelly, Mary Smith, Rukiatu Smith, Debbie Zuech-Smyrl, Terry Solokek, Valerie Somma, Lawrence Stempel, Judy Stangl, Claude Taylor, Joseph & Michael Thomas, Jessica Trexler, Sofia Wagner, Jim Ward, Glenn Watt, Sheila Wehrenberg, Charles Wetzell, Betti Wilson, John Willstaudt, Salem Yabut, Jack Zampirri & Joan Ziegler.

2022 MASS BOOK

The St. Maria Goretti 2022 Mass Book will open on **Monday, September 13th** 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.

**THERE WILL NOT BE ADORATION
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH
AND THE PARISH OFFICE IS
CLOSED IN CELEBRATION OF THE
LABOR DAY HOLIDAY.**



ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
**CATHOLIC
WOMEN'S
CONFERENCE**

STRONG & Beautiful

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, October 23, 2021

**National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa
654 Ferry Road - Doylestown, PA**

We are pleased to announce our speakers and the opening of registration for the 2021 Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, October 23!

CWC2021 will be a highly modified version of our usual event due to continued pandemic limitations. This year, for the conference in English, you are invited to attend one, 2-hour, in-person mini-conference – morning or afternoon – and then enjoy four video talks at home at your leisure. All talks in English will be interpreted in American Sign Language. The Spanish Track will be in a different location, Holy Innocents Parish in Philadelphia, in order to keep crowd sizes smaller. Full details are on our website, catholicwomensconference.org.

ELDER CARE CORNER

ELDERLY PARISHIONER NEEDS A RIDE TO MASS FROM THE HARLEYSVILLE AREA.

If you are coming to Mass from the Harleysville area on a Sunday morning and can help an elderly parish get to Mass please call Cheryl Ryan at the parish office at 215-721-0199 for more information. Thank you for your consideration.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



First Friday Devotion Short teaching on Saints & Breakfast! September, 2021 through May, 2022 8:30 AM in Church. Questions: Contact Maria Richardson

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



KOC ~ BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Back to School Time is almost here! The Knights of Columbus, Pius IX Council are sponsoring a Back to School Drive for Mater Dei. There will be bins for donations of school supplies located in the entrances to the church from now until September 6, 21. Some of the most needed items include: Pencils/Pens; Colored Pencils; Markers; Crayons; Notebooks and Folders/Binders. In addition, anyone wishing to make a monetary donation may do so directly at: www.materdeicatholic.com/giving. Thank you for your generosity!



"Truly, I doubt not that the angels, wondering and adoring, came thronging in countless multitudes to that poor workshop to admire the humility of him who guarded that dear and divine child, and labored at his carpenter's trade to support the son and the mother who were committed to his care."

~St. Francis de Sales

Year of Saint Joseph Events

December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021

Everyone is invited to enter fully into the Holy Year of St. Joseph! To find local events, prayers and faith formation resources for the Holy Year, visit our Archdiocesan website at archphila.org/joseph.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NIGHT AT CITIZEN BANK PARK

Friday, September 10, 2021 at 7:05pm



Support the Catholic Charities Appeal and watch the Philadelphia Phillies take on the Colorado Rockies at Citizens Bank Park. A portion of the proceeds from all tickets sold will directly benefit Catholic Charities Appeal programs which provide support to those experiencing homelessness, special needs students, food cupboards, afterschool programs and so much more. If 500 tickets are sold, Father Sean Bransfield, Vice Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, will throw out the first pitch of the game with Archbishop Pérez. In addition, CCA will get to play a short video before the game begins.

More info and tickets: <https://www.mlb.com/phillies/tickets/specials/catholic-charities>

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

SMG PREP PROGRAM

**Catechists
are Needed**



The SMG Parish Religious Education Process NEEDS YOU to help lead our children to Jesus! Please consider being a volunteer Catechist on Monday Evenings or Sunday Mornings. Contact: Maria Richardson, Director of Family Faith Formation, Religious Education and Parish Services, 215-721-0199.

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th

E.M. of Holy Communion

5:00pm – Sacristan, J. Yandoli, **Volunteer Needed**
7:30am – Sacristan, R. Pacheco, **Volunteer Needed**
9:30am – Sacristan, **Volunteer Needed**, S. Steklenski
11:30am – Sacristan, T. McBride, V. Lelii

E.M. Home Visits

A1–D. Grant, A2–M. Haluska, A3–B. Hudak, A4–D. Mischak,
A5–D. Johnson

Lectors

5:00pm – J. Gressang, J. O'Brien
7:30am – B. Healy, D. Smith
9:30am – B. Hudak, B. Malley
11:30am – J. MacFarland, P. Villucci

Cantors

5:00pm – Chelsea
7:30am – Connor
9:30am – Ugochi
11:30am – Michele

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected in July & August for Habitat for Humanity was: \$4,195.38

BENEFITS GUIDING STAR MINISTRIES

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** 2021, all offerings from the poor box will be designated to **Guiding Star Ministries**. This organization provides shelter and assistance to pregnant women and their children. The staff and residents of **Guiding Star Ministries** work together to provide a welcoming community. Residents receive practical and material assistance as well as spiritual and emotional support empowering them to make a better life for themselves and their children. **If donating by check, please make payable to St. Maria Goretti. Thank you!**

Pets

WORSHIP | NIGHT PRAYER | FELLOWSHIP

We look forward to worshipping and fellowship on September 16th.

Join us in worship and communal praying of Liturgy of the Hours before the Blessed Sacrament, followed by outdoor fellowship (weather permitting). This is a prayer & fellowship event for parishioners of all ages, children are welcome!

Liturgy of the Hours will take place in the main church to allow for spacing and to observe all current COVID precautions.

MUSIC NOTES

A new season of singing and ringing the Lord's praises will begin in September! The SMG Music Ministry is happy to welcome new members to the fall music groups: Children's Chime Choir (grades 3-6), Youth Bell Choir (middle school and high school), as well as Guitar Ensemble, Men's Ensemble, Adult Choir. After Christmas we begin Children's Singing Choir and Adult Bell Choir.

- ♦ 6:00 - 6:45 PM Children's Chime Choir (beginning October 5th)
- ♦ 6:45 - 7:30 Youth Bell Choir (beginning September 28th)
- ♦ 7:30 - 8:45 Adult Choir (beginning September 14th, all Tuesdays EXCEPT the first Tuesday of the month)
- ♦ 7:30 Guitar Ensemble (beginning October 5th, ONLY the first Tuesday of the month)

Please stay tuned for more information! Contact eileen.ericsson@stmariagoretti.net if you would like to join one of our groups!

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



Paulina's school meals always have Atol, a nutritious, traditional corn and soy drink from Guatemala that helps her stay attentive in class. Her school is supported by the McGovern Dole Program, which promotes nutrition and childhood education. Additionally, there are groups of parents from Totonicapán, Guatemala, that meet on a regular basis to choose the most nutritious recipes to feed their children at school. They received training from the McGovern Dole Program to manage resources for school meals. Visit www.crs.org for more information!

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS



The Celebration of the annual **Forty Hours Devotion** is scheduled for September 19, 20 & 21 at 7 P.M. Four Altar Servers are needed on the evenings of the 19th & 20th. **Tuesday Sept. 21st 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. Please sign-up in the Altar Servers room. Thank you!!

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Bereavement Group begins in-person sessions in September
The Bereavement group of MMR and St. Stanislaus will once again hold monthly support sessions for those grieving the loss of a loved one. Held the second Thursday of each month, there is a morning group at MMR from 10:00 to 11:30 and an evening session at St. Stanislaus from 7:00 to 8:30pm. Our first in-person meeting is on September 9th in the Parish Conference Room at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, located at 1325 Upper State Road, No. Wales, PA. Pre-registration is required so that we can prepare sufficient space for the group. There is no fee. Please call Mary at (215) 646-4192 or email her at mary_coakley@yahoo.com by September 8 to register. The next group will take place on October 14.



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.

	<u>Sunday, August 29th</u>	
2020	2021	Difference
\$20,381.72	\$24,318.58	\$ 3,936.86

May God bless you for your generosity to our parish!

WAYS TO GIVE & SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

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

AmazonSmile - Choose St. Maria Goretti Parish as the recipient, and Amazon will donate 0.5% eligible AmazonSmile purchases to St. Maria Goretti Parish whenever you shop on AmazonSmile. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-1433916>. Support your parish by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.com.

MATER DEI CYO FALL SPORTS



The 2021 Mater Dei fall CYO sports season will be here before we know it! Are you interested in coaching or helping out? Soccer, volleyball, cross country and cheerleading coaches will be needed and clearances are required. If interested, please contact Jeff Benner subzerodj@verizon.net or Joe Campbell ststansym@gmail.com. Player registrations open on July 1, 2021.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Corpus Christi Catholic School is in need of a **part-time School Nurse** for the 2021-2022 school year. The hours are 7:45 AM—3:30 PM, Monday and Thursday. For more information, please email: Maria Greenberg at ccsprin@corpuschr.org.



MATER DEI
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2018 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON
SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

Registration 2021-22 at Mater Dei

If you still need information regarding the 2021-22 school year, please contact Grace Samanns in the Advancement Office at 215-368-9787 or 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

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 Katherine Stansbury, Center Director, at childcare@materdeicatholic.com or 215-799-2211.



Employment Opportunity

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 the center director Katherine Stansbury at kstansbury@materdeicatholic.com or 217-799-2211 if you are interested.

Mater Dei Child Care Center is an equal opportunity employer.

HUMOR CORNER

Hospital regulations require a wheel chair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet, who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital. After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator. On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him. "I don't know" he said. "She's still upstairs changing out of her hospital gown."