

Maternity B.V.M. Church

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Have A Holy and Happy Christmas, 2023

Worship/Liturgical Schedule

MASS/SACRAMENT SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass, Upper Church: 4:30 PM

Sunday Masses, Upper Church: 8, 9:30, 11 AM; 12:30 and 7 PM

Old Church: 10:30 AM (First Sunday of month, in May and October)

Holy Days: Upper Church

Holiday Masses: 6:30, 8, 10 AM; 7 PM

Weekday Masses: Lower Chapel

Monday-Friday: 6:30, 8 AM; **Saturday:** 8 AM

Baptisms: First and Third Sundays of the month

Reconciliation (Sacrament of Penance): Every Saturday from 3 to 4 PM in the Lower Chapel, and any time by calling the Rectory

Anointing of the Sick: The Sacrament is given to seriously ill Catholics by calling the Rectory and arranging for this by appointment or whenever there is an emergency.

PARISH REGISTRATION: Welcome all new members to our Parish. Register at the Rectory; please call for an appointment during Office Hours (Mon.-Fri., 9 AM-5 PM).

PRAYER DEVOTIONS

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Monday after 8 AM Mass, with Closing Benediction after 6:30 PM Rosary, Lower Chapel

Miraculous Medal Novena:

Every Monday after 8 AM Mass, Lower Chapel

Recitation of the Rosary:

Before the daily 8 AM Weekday Mass, every Monday at 6:30 PM

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Pre-Cana Class:

All engaged couples are required to attend a Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Program. Our Parish offers this Program in the Fall and Spring. Call the Rectory Office for details and to register.

Pre-Jordan Class:

After meeting with a priest and prior to their child's Baptism, parents are required (God-parents are encouraged) to attend this Program, held in the Lower Rectory Meeting Room on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 PM.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 23: St. John of Kenty

8:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Reda, Ranges and Calderbank Fam.
4:30 PM +Charles and Mary Zollner

December 24: Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM +Antonio Roberto, 12th Anniver.
9:30 AM +James McCarthy
11:00 AM +Armando and Albertina Salvia
12:30 PM Living and Deceased Parishioners and Benefactors

All Mass Intentions for Christmas Eve Vigil

Masses are for the Living & Deceased Parishioners and for the Healing of Father Quinter

4:00 PM UC, 4:10 PM LC, 12 Midnight UC

December 25: Christmas Day

All Mass Intentions for Christmas Day are for the Living & Deceased Parishioners and for the Healing of Father Quinter

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 AM Upper Church

There are no other Mass on Christmas Day.

Tuesday, December 26: St. Stephen

8:00 AM UC +Josephine Griffin, 20th Anniver.

Wednesday, December 27: St. John

8:00 AM UC +Joseph F. Bamberger, 89th Ann.,
+William T. Bamberger, 19th Ann.

Thursday, December 28: The Holy Innocents

8:00 AM UC +Joseph W. Bernauer, Sr.,
27th Anniversary

Friday, December 29: St. Thomas Becket

8:00 AM UC +Brian Wittig

Saturday, December 30: 6th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of Our Lord

8:00 AM UC +John Braut

4:30 PM UC +Bella and Naples Family

Sunday, December 31: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 AM +Fr. Steven Wetzel, O.S.F.S.

9:30 AM +Carolyn Carroll

11:00 AM +Edward Durphy

12:30 PM Living and Deceased Parishioners and Benefactors

4 PM Vigil: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
(See page 5 for schedule).

+Denotes Deceased



CHRISTMAS DAY

*A holy day
has dawned
upon us.*

As we see the breaking of this day, we celebrate the dawning of a new period in salvation history. Jesus, the Word of God, is born and has come to bring fulfillment to what was promised to us throughout salvation history. He has come to show us the glory of God. A new day has come!



Prayer for the Eucharistic Revival

Come, Holy Spirit, fill us with love for the Holy Eucharist. Rekindle in our hearts a faith that believes Jesus is truly present. Make our hearts burn within us, as we, like the disciples, experience His Presence. May the nourishment we receive at Your table bear fruit in our daily lives. May we be bearers of Your love to a world in need of You. Amen.

Jesus is Calling Us Deeper!

He promises to restore and renew His people.

Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist.

The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.



Sanctuary Candle, Upper Church:

*In Loving Memory of
Josephine M. Griffin*

Sanctuary Candle, Lower Chapel:

*For the Living and Deceased
Members of the Venditti Family*

Sanctuary Candle, Rectory Chapel:

*For the Living and Deceased
Members of the Weinman Family*

Bread and Wine Offerings:

*In Thanksgiving for the
Healing of Mila Forster*

To participate in our Candles & Gifts Programs, call the Rectory at 215-673-8127.

**Pray for our deceased
Parishioners, the victims
of the Ukraine Invasion and
the conflict in the Holy Land,
that they may know God's
eternal love of Heaven.**



Prayers for Fr. Quinter

The Monday Night Rosary at 6:30 PM in the Lower Chapel is offered for the healing of Father Quinter as well as all other intentions.

PLEASE JOIN US!



Please offer your prayers to Blessed Carlo Acutis to intercede for the healing of Father Quinter.

We ask you God, Almighty Father in Heaven, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the healing of Father Quinter, through the intercession of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Thank you Most Holy Trinity for hearing our prayers!

Blessed Carlo Acutis, pray for Father Quinter and pray for all of us!



Christmas and New Year Holiday Schedule

**School is closed and resumes classes
Wednesday, January 3.**

**The Rectory Office is
closed on Monday, December 25,
and re-opens on Wednesday,
December 27, at 9 AM.**

**The Rectory Office is closed
on Monday, January 2.**

**See page 6 for SCRIP's
Holiday Schedule.**

Pope Francis Names Three Auxiliary Bishops for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia



Francis Appoints Three New Auxiliary Bishops for the Archdiocese of Phila

Pope Francis has named Reverend Keith J. Chylinski, Rector of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary; Reverend Christopher R. Cooke, Dean of Men in the School of Theology at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary; and Reverend Efren V. Esmilla, Pastor of Saint James and Saint Martin of Tours Parishes as Auxiliary Bishops to serve the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and her people. They will succeed recently retired Auxiliary Bishops Edward M. Deliman and Michael J. Fitzgerald as well as Bishop Timothy C. Senior who was appointed Bishop of Harrisburg this past summer.

The role of an auxiliary bishop is to assist the diocesan bishop by sharing in his pastoral and administrative work and to act in his name. Like all bishops, they are successors to the Apostles. Each new auxiliary bishop's specific duties will be defined in the coming weeks and months. During this time of transition, they will continue in their current priestly assignments.

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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER KEARNS

Prayer for All God's People

During this time of transition, we ask God, who is our refuge and strength, to draw us closer to Him. May God send His wisdom and love as we strive to strengthen our bonds of unity. May God send His peace upon all of us and so we pray:

***Heavenly Lord,
You desire that all people be saved.
Your loving plan for your families is
revealed to us so that we might
respond with strong faith to Your
merciful invitation. We ask that You
keep our hearts open every day so
that we will know how to serve Your
community in ways that are pleasing
to You. May the decisions of each
person reflect your Wisdom. Please
bless us with Patience and Insight as
we work to bring Your plan into our
daily lives. We ask this through
Christ our Lord. Amen.***

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All auxiliary bishops are also assigned as the Ordinary of a Titular See by the Holy Father. Titular Sees are dioceses that were once active but are now dormant. Bishop-elect Chylinski has been assigned the Titular See of Gunela. Bishop-elect Cooke has been assigned the Titular See of Malliana. Bishop-elect Esmilla has been assigned the Titular See of Ottana.

Please join in extending hearty congratulations to our new auxiliary bishops and in praying that the Holy Spirit will strengthen them as they prepare to take on this new role in service to the Church.

-Communications from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Bishop-elect Chylinski currently serves as the Rector of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Bishop-elect Cooke currently serves as the Dean of Men at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Bishop-elect Esmilla currently serves as the Pastor of St. James Parish in Elkins Park and St. Martin of Tours Parish. Bishop-elect Efren Esmilla served the people of Maternity B.V.M Parish from June 2001-June 2003.

The Mass of Episcopal Ordination will be celebrated on Thursday, March 7, 2024 in the Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul.

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2023-24 Holyday Mass Schedules

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL

Sunday, December 24

4 PM, Upper Church,
*Children's Liturgy with
Special Enactment of the
Christmas Story by the Children*

4:10 PM, Lower Chapel

Midnight Mass, Upper Church



CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25

8, 9:30, 11 AM
Masses,
Upper Church

Please note:
*There is no 12:30
or 7 PM Mass on
Christmas Day.*



Tuesday-Saturday, December 26-30: Only 8 AM Mass, Upper Church

Confessions will be heard on Saturday, December 30.

Normal daily schedule resumes on Tuesday, January 2.



ADORATION AND ROSARY

Adoration will not be held on
Mondays, December 25 and
January 1; the evening Rosary
will be prayed privately.

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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Sunday, December 31

8, 9:30, 11 AM, 12:30 PM
Masses, Upper Church

There is no 7 PM Mass.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

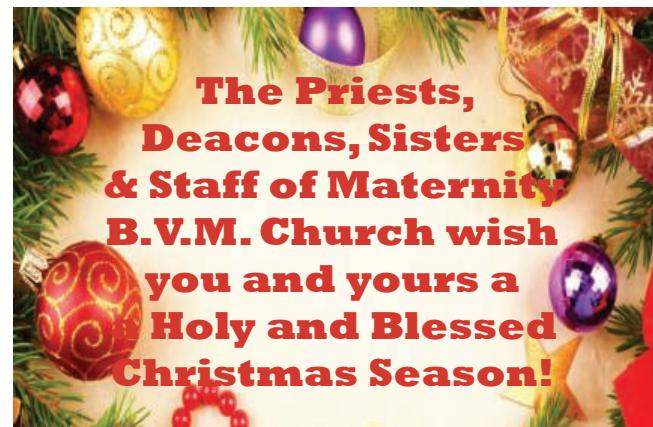


4 PM Vigil Mass in Upper Church
on December 31, 2023

NEW YEAR'S DAY, Monday, January 1, 2024

8 and 11 AM Masses,
Upper Church

**There are no other Masses
on New Year's Day.**



Your Good Stewardship Is Most Appreciated!

Special thanks to all who keep current with their Weekly Offerings each and every week of the year. Any extra help you can give would be deeply appreciated. If you are away on weekends, know too that you can also make contributions on line via our Parish Website:
[www.maternitybvmchurch.net.](http://www.maternitybvmchurch.net)

Weekend of December 16/17, 2023

Regular Collection	\$ 8,528
Second Collection	\$ 2,798
E-Giving Collection	<u>\$ 1,057</u>
Total Collection	\$12,383

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Please return PRAYER PETITIONS you may have and your FALL APPEAL GIFT as soon as possible. We are at the end of our Annual Appeal. You may place them in the Church Collection or send them to the Rectory. TY!

One day at a time with the Lord!



January 13, 2024

7-10 PM

Maternity BVM- Parish Hall
(Doors open at 6)

\$35 Per Ticket

Ticket includes: 12 games of Bingo
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Light Refreshments will be served!



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2024 ANNUAL RAFFLE

**Tickets are available
for only \$5.**

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**THERE ARE FOUR MORE
EARLY-BIRD SPECIALS!**

**These drawings are held on the
first Sunday of the Month.
Next drawing is January 7.**

**Many more Sellers are needed.
Please sign up and pick up your
Raffle Packet at the Main
Church Entrance or two
Front Side Entrances, or
come to the Rectory
during Office Hours.**



CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

**SCRIP is sold in
Rectory Meeting Room 1.**

Sunday: 8:45 AM-12:30 PM;

**Drop-off forms are available
for quicker pick-up;**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9-11 AM;

Thursday evening: 6:30-8 PM;

Friday: 8-11 AM;

Saturday: 9:30-11:30 AM.



HOLIDAY HOURS

SCRIP IS CLOSED:

DECEMBER 24, 25, 26.

SCRIP WILL RE-OPEN:

DECEMBER 27, 9-11 AM.

SCRIP IS CLOSED:

DECEMBER 31-JANUARY 2.

SCRIP WILL RE-OPEN:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 9-11.

Peacemakers of the Month: November, 2023

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Kindergarten	Mia Gulli Zoe Morency	Grade 5	Jojo Danquah Mason Torres
Grade 1	Jayleen Jaquez Casey Carroll	Grade 6	Ryan Esenwein Brooke Walton
Grade 2	Myra McCabe Isabella Delgado	Grade 7	Dominic DiSantis Sofia Mariquinhas
Grade 3	Isabella Gallagher Lillian Long	Grade 8	Christian Dean Lexi Di Pinto
Grade 4	James Collins Elijah Williams		



**Congratulations
Manuel Villegas and
Christian Dean!**

These Eighth-Grade Students have
been selected as Neumann Scholars.

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Four-year Scholarship to an
Archdiocesan High School.

PARISH POLICIES & PRACTICES FOR RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENTS

Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month at 1:30 PM in the Upper Church. Please make arrangements with the staff at the Rectory at least one month prior to the Baptism.

Pre-Jordan Program

After meeting with staff and prior to their child's Baptism, parents are required (Godparents are strongly encouraged) to attend this Session, held in the Rectory on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 PM.

Requirements for Godparents

1. A Godparent cannot be the mother or father of the one to be baptized.
2. A Godparent must be at least 16 years old, a Catholic who has received the Holy Eucharist and has been confirmed. If married, he/she must be validly married in the Church and must not be cohabitating.
3. Although one Godparent is required, there can be two Godparents: a man and a woman.
4. Non-Christians cannot be Godparents, but a non-Catholic Christian can serve as a Christian Witness to the Baptism.

Becoming A Godparent or Sponsor? You Will Need a Letter of Eligibility

A letter from your parish is required to become a Godparent for Baptism or a Sponsor for Confirmation. This letter indicates you are a practicing Catholic in good standing. It is therefore necessary to be a **registered member** of the Parish in order to establish eligibility. **All Godparents and Sponsors, even if they are from Maternity B.V.M. Church, must present a letter of eligibility issued by their parish.**

Holy Eucharist/Reconciliation

Children of the Parish, including those enrolled in the third grade of the Parish School, PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) and Private Catholic Academies, receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation (usually in the Fall) and First Eucharist (Spring) of each year. Children in Private Catholic Academies should contact the Parish School. Prior to receiving a sacrament, children in PREP must be in the program at least two years or come from a Catholic School or another PREP.

Confirmation

Children of the Parish, including those enrolled in the seventh/eighth grade of the Parish School and PREP, are invited to participate in a program of preparation 090 Maternity BVM

for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Prior to receiving the Sacrament, children in PREP must be in the program for at least two years or come from a Catholic School or another PREP. Parents of students from Private Catholic Academies and students in Grades 7 through 12 who have not as yet been confirmed, please contact the Parish School. Adults wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation must be involved in the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Program and are asked to please contact the Rectory.

Sponsors for Confirmation

Qualifications to be a Sponsor at Confirmation and to receive a Letter of Eligibility are the same as those of a Catholic Godparent at Baptism (see section under Baptism). Candidates for Confirmation choose a Sponsor other than a Parent.

Matrimony

Couples planning to marry in Maternity B.V.M. Church should notify one of the Parish Priests as early as possible, and no less than six months prior to the desired wedding date, so that appropriate assistance in marriage preparation may be provided. Please be sure to arrange a wedding date and time with the priest before making any commitment for your Reception. Visiting priests are welcome to officiate, but you must still contact one of the Parish Priests to officially set the parish date.

Pre-Cana Instructions

Each couple is required to attend a Pre-Cana Program of Marriage Preparation. Our Parish offers Pre-Cana Sessions in the Fall and Spring. Registration forms can be obtained at the Rectory. **Our next scheduled Pre-Cana Session will be held on Saturday, March 9.**

Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament is given to seriously ill Catholics by calling the Rectory and arranging for this by appointment or whenever there is an emergency. Parishioners scheduled to undergo surgery should contact one of the priests so that they may be anointed before their medical procedure. This can also be done at Church when you come to Mass.

Holy Orders

Those who think they may have a calling to the Priesthood can contact one of the Parish Priests in order to discuss this matter and receive appropriate direction for pursuing such a calling. They may also call directly to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, PA.



**Please pray for all sick parishioners
and benefactors, especially:**

Father Paul Quinter	Ryan Hayes, Jr.	Roberta Muscheck
Alessa Abruzzo	Bernice Hill	Richard Nathaniel
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Mary Beth Bareis	Albert Iannacone	Sarah-Jane Nedl
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Julia Buck	Joan & Pete Kelly	Cynthia Pinto
Christine Butler	Thomas Kelly	Jane Pinto
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Lisa Dillon	Noah Langan	Rich Scott
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Elizabeth Drobomick	Doris Londer	Debra Sokorai
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James Henkel	Deborah Miller	Brian West
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Nikki Harper	Joan Morris	Angela Wray
Raymond Harrison.	Charlotte Mroz	
Joann Hayes	Daniel Murphy	

**CONTACT PARISH CLERGY OR
OUR RECTORY OFFICE**

To leave a message for Rectory Staff:

Call 215-673-8127, 10#; or

VIA E-MAIL: www.church@maternitybvm.net.

**Visit our Parish Website:
maternitybvmchurch.net, and**

Join us on Facebook: [maternitybvmphilly](https://www.facebook.com/maternitybvmphilly).

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

School Website: www.maternitybvm.net;

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PARISH CLERGY

Fr. Paul S. Quinter, Pastor

Fr. Edward T. Kearns,

Parochial Administrator pro tem

Fr. Dominic Ishaq

Fr. Michael Shea, C.M., Weekend Assistant

Deacon Charles R. Lindsay

Deacon Joseph W. Bernauer, Jr.

Deacon Raymond Scipioni

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Rectory: 215-673-8127

School: 215-673-0235

Please contact the Rectory if you need to get in touch with any of the organizations listed below.

Adoration Society: Lety Apolinario

Altar Servers: Lesley Cavallo

Alumni Association: Cathy Boyle

Bereavement Group: Eileen Keenan,
Connie Terzyk, Joanne Peak

C.Y.O. H.S. (Gr. 9-12): Bob McGovern

C.Y.O. Jr. (Gr. 5-8): Maryellen Di Pinto

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors:

Eileen Costantino

Home & School: Maura Collins

Legion of Mary: Bridget DeVito

Liturgy Committee: Eileen Costantino

Music Director: Sonya Novak

Parish Rectory/Organizations Coordinator:

Colleen Du Beck

Parish Religious Education Director (PREP):

Sister Mary Beth Geraghty, R.S.M.

Respect-Life Committee: Ana Carvalho

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Linda Freeman

School Advancement Dir: Michael McDonough

School Principal: Sally Unger

Scouts (Boys, Troop 174): Joe Knuttle

Scouts (Cub Pack 174): Bryan Jones

Scouts (Girls): Nancy Smith

SCRIP: Nancy Smith and Leanne Goodwin

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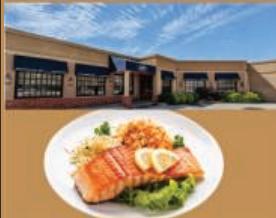
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